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2026 PACKAGING TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR - NEW CATEGORY CRITERIA

The Packaging Technologist of the Year Award is designed to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Packaging industry across Australia, New Zealand & Asia.

The judges will be looking for packaging technologists, engineers, specialists, designers who have demonstrated advanced technical packaging skills and competencies through projects, initiatives and unique packaging designs.

The individual must be an AIP Member, have been working in the industry for a minimum of 5 years and be working in a technical packaging role.

The individual needs to have proven results within the business they work in through their packaging designs.

The judges will be wanting to also hear about the packaging education that the individual has undertaken, the education and training undertaken to elevate their core competencies in the fundamentals of packaging and future goals for advancing their training and knowledge.

The judges will be looking for examples of projects led and driven by the individual and supporting documentation from the business.

A virtual interview will be undertaken with the finalists as a part of the judging. All finalists are expected to make time to be available for the virtual interview.

There will be one winner from Australia, New Zealand & Asia.



CRITERIA:

The nominee must provide up to a 1000 word citation that covers all of the following criteria.

The nominee must have contributed to packaging technology, packaging design and unique and innovate projects in the following manner:

- The nominee has taken the lead on packaging projects and new packaging designs.
- The citation should highlight and articulate the candidate's achievements and impact upon packaging in their country or world region.
- Describe your/or the nominee career path to date. Please include Degrees, areas of expertise, years in the industry and any patents.
- What are the top two major packaging designs or packaging projects that you/or the nominee have attained over their career? Please provide detail.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Nominees must be AIP Members.
- ✓ Nominees must have been working in packaging technology, engineering, design for a minimum of five years.
- ✓ Nominees to have one reference or supporting letter from the company mentioning the projects and packaging designs that have been developed.
- ✓ Nominees must show examples of the initiatives, designs and projects.
- ✓ Nominees must reside and work in Australia, New Zealand, and Asia.

SUBMISSIONS *UPDATED:

All nominations for awards must be submitted via the online platform <https://pida.awardsplatform.com>. Once you have created a user account in the competition platform, simply fill in the submission form.

A 300 dpi jpeg portrait photograph of the nominee must be included in the submission. With the on-line platform you can save your entry and finish it later.

Don't forget to complete all sections of the form by the 27 February 2026.

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Winners will be announced at the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards ceremony on the Tuesday 28 July, Aviary, Crown Complex, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

RECOGNITION:

1. A trophy will be awarded to the Winner. Finalists will receive a Certificate.
2. The winner and the finalists will be recognised within the AIP Newsletter, website and communication channels, as well as within the wider packaging and processing industry trade magazines and websites.
3. The winner will receive a PIDA Award winner logo for use within their marketing material and promotions.
4. The winner will be invited to attend the 2026 PIDA Awards Ceremony on the 27 of February to receive their award.





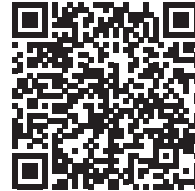
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