

The Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is pleased to advise that the biennial National Technical Forum is moving alongside the annual Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards for Australia and New Zealand. Having served the industry for over two decades the AIP National Technical Forum brings together packaging technologists, designers, sales and marketing people from all industries to better understand the technical side of packaging design.

The 2019 AIP National Technical Forum will be designed to focus on showcasing best-practice and awardwinning Save Food & Sustainable Packaging Designs and Innovative packaging across Food, Beverage, Pharmaceutical and Domestic Household. This educational event will allow attendees the opportunity to be inspired by what other companies are already developing in key industries and markets. Walk away with new ideas and inspiration for your next packaging project.

# NEW MEMBERS

The AIP would like to welcome the following new Members.

NAME	STATE	GRADE
Darell Chung Paul Drakeford Natale Hawkins Petra Suelmann Peter Turcich	O'Seas VIC New Zealand VIC New Zealand	Member Member Associate Associate Member

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## INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DESIGN HALF-DAY TRAINING COURSE + VISY RECYCLING MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY VISIT

How do you work your way through the maze of demands to change packaging to meet environmental challenges? This course is designed to assist anyone who is responsible in their business to make packaging changes to meet 'War on Waste' questions, changes to retailer and consumer trends and behaviours; while not spending any more money at the end.

The course will provide attendees a better understanding of the practical guidelines and criteria needed to design and develop sustainable packaging including the Sustainability Hierarchy of Reduce, Reuse then Recycle and the Circular Economy approach to packaging and the environment.

Discussions will also cover Plastic, Glass and Metal packaging and their impact on the environment and whether the use of non-renewable resources, plant based bioplastics, compostable and recycled materials and various tools can assist their business to understand the full life of packaging. This will involve the impact of 'Food or Product Waste'.

Participants will be invited to bring with them a sample of their company's packaging materials to use as a case study.

As part of the course, attendees will visit the Visy Recycling Materials Recycling Facility to expose participants to the realities of a working MRF facilities, their equipment, limitation and material handling issues. The participants will get an understanding of what is and is not separated out for possible recycling, and why. This is followed by understanding the next stage of the recycling process after the MRF (i.e., the current five material beneficiation processes).



PROPAK ASIA, THAILANDWHEN:Wednesday 14 juneWHERE:BITEC, Bang Na, Bangkok 10260, Thailand

# QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIAWHEN:Wednesday 29 JulyWHERE:BCEC, South Brisbane



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Presenter will be: **Ralph Moyle FAIP, CPP** Education Coordinator Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP)

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#### 2019 AIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: WHERE:

**29 April** SOFITEL Wentworth Sydney





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#### WOMEN IN PACKAGING

WHAT: PKN Packaging News and Food & Drink Business will be hosting the 2019 Women in Packaging Forum during the Australian Institute of Packaging's biennial National Technical Forum. Hear from, and network with, influential and inspiring women working in the food, beverage and packaging industry. Then stay on to attend the 2019 AIP National Technical Forum and attend the gala awards dinner for the 2019 Packaging Innovation & Design Awards.

#### WHEN: 30 April

WHERE: SOFITEL Wentworth, Sydney

## 2019 AIP NATIONAL TECHNICAL FORUM



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#### WHEN: 30 April

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## 2019 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN AWARDS (PIDA)



**WHAT:** The 2019 Packaging Innovation & Design Awards (PIDA) are designed to recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field in Australia and New Zealand.

The PIDA Awards are the exclusive award program for all Australia and New Zealand entries into the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards.

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#### WHEN: 30 April

WHERE: SOFITEL Wentworth, Sydney

#### FOODTECH QLD



WHAT: Dedicated Event to Queensland's Food Manufacturing Industry

> FoodTech Qld will return to Brisbane in July 2019 following the successful inaugural event in June 2016. The event will bring the latest processing technology, packaging systems, ingredients and plant equipment to the door steps of Queensland's food and beverage manufacturers. The food sector continues to rely heavily on technology and new developments. Such developments are crucial to the food processing industry and FoodTech Qld is the place to go to get your finger on the pulse of what's now and what's next.

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#### WHEN: 28 July

WHERE: BCEC, South Brisbane





# TO BE HELD ALONGSIDE THE 2019 AIP NATIONAL TECHNICAL FORUM

The Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and Packaging New Zealand, are pleased to advise that submissions are now open for the 2019 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design Awards (PIDA) which recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field in Australia and New Zealand.

The Design Innovation of the Year company awards will recognise organisations that have designed innovative packaging within each of these five manufacturing categories:

- 1. FOOD
- 2. BEVERAGE
- 3. HEALTH, BEAUTY & WELLNESS
- 4. DOMESTIC & HOUSEHOLD

#### 5. LABELLING & DECORATION \*NEW AWARD

There will be three special awards available:

- 1. SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DESIGN SPECIAL AWARD
- 2. SAVE FOOD PACKAGING DESIGN SPECIAL AWARD

#### 3. ACCESSIBLE PACKAGING DESIGN SPECIAL AWARD \*NEW AWARD

In addition there are three awards designed for people who have made specific contributions to the packaging industry.

These Individual Awards will include:

- 1. YOUNG PACKAGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.
- 2. INDUSTRY PACKAGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.
- 3. The PACKAGING NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP that will offer one person from New Zealand the opportunity to enrol in the Diploma in Packaging Technology course; an internationally recognised and accredited course.

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# 2019 PACKAGING NEW ZEALAND & APPMA SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSING SOON



2018 AUST Winner: Nathan Leong MAIP

2018 NZ Winner: Jaco Scheepers AAIP

2017 Winner: Michael Van Dord AAIP

The AIP is proud to collaborate with Packaging New Zealand and the APPMA to offer one scholarship each year for packaging technologists and designers in Australia and New Zealand. The Australian Scholarship is closing on the 22nd of February and the New Zealand scholarship on the 8 March.

The two annual Scholarships enable one lucky packaging technologist, designer or engineer in both Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to complete a Diploma in Packaging Technology to the value of \$9,000.

**WHO AM I?** Diploma in Packaging Technology students are from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines, and are typically experienced practitioners or managers in technical, sales/marketing, QA, purchasing, engineering or design.

**WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?** Completion of the Diploma in Packaging Technology demonstrates your commitment to your career and to the industry. Delegates who successfully complete the Diploma are equipping

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# PIDA AWARDS INTRODUCE NEW SPECIAL AWARD CATEGORY FOR ACCESSIBLE PACKAGING DESIGN



he Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and Packaging New Zealand are pleased to introduce a new Accessible Packaging Design category to the annual Packaging Innovation & Design Awards program. The Accessible Packaging Design Special Award is designed to recognise packaging that is accessible, intuitive, easy-to-open and innovative and is in partnership with Arthritis Australia and Arthritis New Zealand.

Packaging that is accessible and easy-to-open empowers consumers, provides convenience and allows you to grow your market share by meeting changing consumer needs. It is not only the ageing population that have issues with difficult to open packaging; it is also people with disabilities, arthritis sufferers and even children. Ease of Use design should be an integral part of your packaging.

According to Andrew Mills, Chief Executive Officer, Arthritis Australia 'Consumers living with arthritis have often described what the many different impacts of this chronic condition are, but interestingly, hardto-open packaging is one of the things that makes them feel disempowered.'

"The experience of struggling with difficultto-open packaging can be physically painful and emotionally draining to them, especially when trying to open the daily staples, such as milk, jam jars or yogurt tubs. Accessible packaging is vital to providing consumers with independence, who should be able to prepare meals for their families without a battle with packaging," Mr Mills said. "The Accessible Packaging Design Special Award is designed to recognise those manufactures and brand owners who go above and beyond with their packaging designs and who are improving lives through improved accessibility,"

"Although there is currently no cure for arthritis, both Arthritis Australia and Arthritis New Zealand know that packaging is something we can work with industry, to improve that will have a huge positive daily benefit for all consumers. We know that consumers in both our countries face many of the same struggles, so it's important to partner together on this important award initiative and we encourage everyone to enter." Mr Mills said.

Philip Kearney, Chief Executive Officer, Arthritis New Zealand added that 'We hear regularly, not just from people with arthritis, but from people of all ages and backgrounds that hard to open packaging makes them think twice about what they purchase, and this trend will only increase as more people are affected by arthritis.'

"As this number grows consumers will become more selective in their purchases and most will look for products that makes their day to day lives easier. From a brand perspective this is an important element for all manufacturers and suppliers to consider." Mr Kearney said.



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"Arthritis New Zealand wants to take constructive steps to encourage industry to make accessibility of packaging a must have and this has led us to co-sponsor the important award. Arthritis New Zealand will be actively promoting good packing design to the 670,000 people with arthritis in New Zealand." He said.

Research from Arthritis Australia in 2018 shows that:

- All consumers struggle with packaging, but the growing ageing population, consumers with disabilities, arthritis sufferers and children are impacted the most.
- 44% of consumers struggle with packaging every day.
- 92% of consumers have spilt or damaged a product when trying to open the packaging.
- When consumers experience hard-to-open packaging: o 56% Look for the product but in a different type of packaging. o 21% Look at buying a competitor's product.
- 65% of consumers have had to wait for someone to come and open packaging for them.
- 1-in-2 Australians have injured themselves opening packaging including deep cuts and chipped teeth.
- 89% of consumers are currently feeling frustrated or furious with packaging.
- 67,000 people in the UK visited hospitals casualty departments every year due to an accident involving food and drink packaging.

Entries are now open for the 2019 inaugural Accessible Packaging Design Special Award and will close on the 8 March. Entry forms and criteria are available on http://aipack.com.au/education/ pida/2019-pida-submissions-and-criteria/

# Almost 50% of consumers struggle with packaging everyday.



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# **AIP WELCOMES NEW MEMBER**



The AIP would like to welcome our latest Member Darell John Chung AAIP, Senior Executive Marketing, Mitsui Chemicals Asia Pacific.



**Darell John Chung AAIP** Senior Executive Marketing Mitsui Chemicals Asia Pacific

# Q: WHY DID YOU JOIN THE AIP? WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU BELIEVE THE AIP OFFERS ALL THEIR MEMBERS?

I joined the AIP because I would like to attain the Certified Packaging Professional designation and also to improve my professional development.

# Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE INDUSTRY? WHAT ARE YOUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE?

I have been in the industry for 10 years now; excluding my education in polymer technology. I have expertise in areas around barrier packaging for food applications and areas such as Tie resins, barrier resins, barrier coatings, as well as to a lesser degree, resins for sealant films.

Applications I have worked on include snack foods, cup fruit, meat among others Countries I have been responsible with in my experience include ASEAN, ANZ and South Asia (excluding India) and Africa.

#### Q: WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT JOB ROLE AND WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

I am currently responsible for regional brand owner contact and discussions to introduce as well as understand the requirements for the development of new packaging material & technologies. I also look after the development of new business with new co-extrusion blown film line owners as well as working with other resin manufacturers and machine owners to ensure the satisfaction of our customers.



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- To initiate, manage and deliver NPD, cost reduction and quality improvements through sound packaging design and project management.
- To ensure that the quality and performance requirements of packaging materials are maintained through the use of
  effective packaging specifications.
- To provide critical technical support to Operations and Quality in order to resolve packaging related issues that relate to efficiency and food safety,
- To meet the company's obligations to the Australian Packaging Covenant and New Zealand Packaging Stewardship scheme.
- To provide leadership and on-going training to cross-functional colleagues in packaging technology and processes.
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- To support Head of R&D directly for all technical packaging activities and issues.
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- Initiate and lead packaging related projects for the purpose of NPD, Cost Reduction, quality or process improvement.
- Support Head of R&D as key link to packaging suppliers and to keep abreast of developments in industry and marketplace.
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   Provide training and guidance for Graduates and R&D team members.
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   Maintenance of packaging specifications and technical documents

## TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ROLE YOU MUST:

- Degree in Science, Technology or Engineering
- Experience in an FMCG company in a packaging or technical related field.
- Excellent project management skills.
- Expert problem solving and analytical skills.
- Strong technical understanding of packaging materials.
- Strong technical understanding of canning, bottle, glass and pouch materials and processes.
- Deep knowledge of the role packaging plays in food safety, shelf life, food interaction, transit and customer/consumer requirements.

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# PROPAK AIP HELPS EDUCATE PHILIPPINES PACKAGING COMMUNITY





he Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) recently ran 3x new educational seminars on packaging for over 600 people at the inaugural ProPak Philippines trade show. Powered by ProPak Asia, ProPak Philippines was truly the first-of-its-kind food, drink and pharmaceutical focused international trade exhibition for the regions rapidly expanding processing & packaging industries.

The AIP educational program was developed and run by Ralph Moyle, FAIP, CPP, in conjunction with the organisers, and was designed to help businesses in the region to better understand packaging and the important role it plays in their business.

The three sessions covered:

- 1. Understanding the value of Sustainable & Save Food Packaging to your business
- 2. Understanding Packaging Economics & Product Life Extension Seminar

3. A better understanding of the value and benefits to introducing new and innovative automated packaging systems into your business workshop.

According to Ralph Moyle 'The attendance was so high that the room was expanded twice on the first day and the seminar and workshop relocated to a larger room on the second day. Such a high-level of interest in the sessions was a true indicator that the local Philippines packaging community is eager for knowledge and training,'

"I was so pleased to see such a higher percentage of attendees were female which is a true reflection of the diversity within the packaging industry in The Philippines. I also found that the nature of questions we received over the three days was the same as we are asked from packaging technologists and designers over in Australia or New Zealand. Questions around how to design Fit-for-Purpose packaging, how to move to sustainable packaging, trying to understand the recycling side of packaging design within their country regulations, how to extend shelf life and to ensure that food isn't wasted were high on everyone's agenda. It is important to note that not one of these issues are limited to The Philippines and it is evident that the AIP must continue to provide education on these topics across the ASEAN Region, as these are global issues that we must continue to discuss collectively."



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"We were also pleasantly surprised at how much interest there was in The Philippines for all of the AIP's other educational offerings and there is a thirst for knowledge in the region that is extremely encouraging. The Institute has a responsibility now to ensure that we work with the local packaging organisations to develop a strong educational program that meets the industries needs in the future," Mr Moyle said.

"To be able to assist with upskilling the Food and Beverage industries over there, train more packaging technologists and encourage people to consider attaining their Certified Packaging Professional designation would be a great achievement for the AIP in the region." he said.

When asked what they were hoping to learn from the AIP program the majority of attendees indicated that they wanted to...

"Improve their level of packaging knowledge"

"Gain access to global packaging trends"

"Understand more about the fundamentals of packaging"

"Improve their understanding of what is needed to design Sustainable and Save Food Packaging"

"Achieve a better understanding of how to improve shelf life extension for their products"

"Access to packaging training and knowledge from a globally recognised association like the AIP"

"Please allow me to congratulate you and your team for the wonderful courses you have prepared. Not only are they very relatable, they are such an eye opener for better approaches for various industries. I hope that we will see more educational activities such as these from the AIP in the future in The Philippines. Thank you and more power to AIP!"

The AIP looks forward to developing more educational offerings for The Philippines and will also be working with the organisers of ProPak Philippines to develop a new educational program for the 2020 trade show. ProPak Philippines 2020 is scheduled for 6 to 8 February.

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# **Reclose call**

With packaging taking a beating on the environmental front at present, it's timely to be reminded of the important role it can play in protecting products and reducing food waste. Michael Dossor expounds on the merits of resealability, citing examples of solutions supplied by his company.

**ANY** studies have proven packaging to be an environmentally advantageous and costeffective strategy to reduce in-home and in-store food waste. While there's a great deal of media attention focused on profile of the challenges posed by plastics packaging waste, food loss and waste are an even bigger environmental problem than the perceived problem of plastics used in packaging.

One of the very useful features available in modern packaging is resealable packaging. While not new, resealable packaging has become a most effective tool in reducing food waste. Attention to shelf-life extension and reducing waste while showcasing produce at its best has led to the development of various types of resealable packaging formats. The design challenge is building a reclose feature into the pack to protect the product from spoilage after multi-use occasions, while doing it without adding more packaging material, specifically plastics. Although zip-lock closures are relatively widely used for resealability, depending on the application, there are other options to consider, as the following examples attest.

#### **RESEALABLE LIDDING FILMS**

Grape N' Go is an innovation in shelf ready packaging for fresh fruit snacks, which extends shelf life without the addition of any preservatives or additives.

The Grape N' Go product is packed under controlled atmosphere in the punnet. The structure of the lidding material (branded as Fresh Lid) comprises two laminated layers with perforated laser holes on the surface of the lid to allow for optimal oxygen permeability. These holes (invisible to the naked eye) allow product respiration and support an extended shelf life.

The lidding material employs a special, uncured adhesive layer that is exposed when the consumer first opens the multilayered reclosable lid. Once exposed, the layer maintains its adhesive properties for up to 20 uses, even under challenging cold conditions of refrigerated storage. This resealable function enables the grapes to stay fresh twice as long as they would in a standard open-pouch bag format, leading to less waste.

#### **RESEALABLE TAPES AND LABELS**

The SunRice Pour and Seal and Mission Foods Wraps packs are examples of clever packaging designs that deliver maximum effect to the consumer via a re-closable packaging format that enables portion control.

The SunRice Pour and Seal rice packs are enabled with a peel and reseal 'tab', which can be opened and reclosed without affecting product quality. The resealability function prevents the rice from

spilling once the bag has been opened. The structural function is a perforated die-cut placed into the flexible packaging and a self-adhesive label applied over the tamper-evident opening. The label is applied just like any other label but has been developed to open and close without removal from the pack. It's a simple and easy-to-use system that can be delivered either on the wrapping machine or offline and pre-applied as a raw material input.

In the case of the Mission Food packs, the consumer simply peels back the tape strip, removes the number of wraps required, and presses the tape back down. The package can be returned to the pantry or fridge, and the wraps will remain fresh and ready to be used at a later time. Delivery to pack is done by fitting a device to the wrapper that places perforated slits to act as an opening in the film and then applies a finger-lift tape directly over that created opening. In effect, it's like an adhesive 'zipper' without the additional waste of the plastic extension (pull tabs) above it. In fact, by switching from a zipper to resealable tape, a 68 per cent reduction in plastic can be achieved.

Ultimately, smart reseatable packaging formats that address the management of food spoilage and the resulting food waste can substantially and successfully reduce in-store and in-home food waste while reducing the environmental footprint for the brand owner.

Resealable packs are now an important the Save Food Packaging design guidelines that need to be considered by all food manufacturers to assist in minimising food spoilage and the resulting food waste.



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The resealable tab on the Mission pack acts like an adhesive zipper.

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# Four ANZ companies star on world stage

**THREE** Australian companies, and one from New Zealand, have picked up nods in the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards. Caps and Closures won in the Domestic & Household category for Precise Pour; ILNAM Estate in Beverage for 8 Kangaroos; Lactote in Beverage for Polatote; and Radix Nutrition in Food for its Foil Packaging Breakfast Pouch. This is the first time a New Zealand company has won in the food category.

The WorldStar wins follow on from successes in the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and Packaging New Zealand's 2018 Packaging Innovation and Design Awards (PIDA).

AIP executive director Nerida Kelton had high praise for each winner. She called the Precise Pour (see page 48 of this issue) a leap forward in the functionality of the simple tap. "It is simple to apply, intuitive to use, hard to damage and performs unlike any other tap on the market."

8 Kangaroos' kangaroo-shaped bottle design is unique and innovative, says Kelton. "All raw materials were chosen for their ability to be recycled and there was extensive thought and consideration in the development of transport packaging to suit the shape of the bottle. The bottle's distinctive shape makes it unlikely that it will be thrown away after initial use."

Polatote, an off-the-shelf beverage multipack that doubles as an ice cooler, eliminates the need for an ice bucket or Esky to keep drinks cold. "Polatote has been fully redesigned as a highly functional shrinkfilm multipack with global influence and appeal. It is an ice cooler, or more accurately, a method for controlling the temperature of beverages indoors and out," Kelton said.

Lastly, Kelton commended the Radix breakfast pouch for being a simple and accessible solution that preserves nutrients and reduces food waste. "The packaging needed to be durable, yet lightweight as the brand owner didn't want to create difficulties for the product's users – sporting enthusiasts or others who enjoy outdoor pursuits," she said.

The trophies will be presented at the 2019 WorldStar Packaging Awards in Prague, Czech Republic, on 15 May. ■



## **2019 PIDA ENTRIES OPEN**

With 2018 in the rear-vision mirror, the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) has opened up entries for the 2019 Packaging Innovation and Design Awards.

2019 sees two new categories join the awards: Labelling and Decoration in Design Innovation of the Year, and a special award for Accessible Packaging Design.

Nerida Kelton, executive director of the AIP, encourages groundbreaking companies and people to put themselves forward for the awards. "The 2019 Packaging Innovation and Design Awards (PIDA) recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field in Australia and New Zealand," she said.

"The PIDA Awards are the exclusive award program for all Australia and New Zealand entries into the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards."

Entries are open until 8 March 2019. For more information on categories and criteria, visit http://aipack.com.au/education/pida/ or email pida@aipack.com.au.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Material difference: Metalprint MD Bernard Waterson shows off the new DON pouch with oxygen scavenging properties.

Shaped pouch adds shelf appeal.

# Metalprint flexes pouch-making muscle

Flexible packaging specialist Metalprint has to date kept a low public profile, yet is making significant headway in establishing itself as a key supplier to major brands. PKN spoke to managing director Bernard Waterson about some of the company's recent projects.

**\$** flexible pouches continue their upwards trajectory as the fastest growing packaging format in the Asia Pacific region, Metalprint, together with affiliate company Auspouch, is finding opportunities to bring

innovation to end-users in the Australian and New Zealand market. Just last year the company was instrumental in fruit processor SPC's launch of its new fruit puree range, supplying the turnkey solution including the Gualapack filling line and the Cheerpack pouches for packaging the products.

"This was an exciting project to get behind, as it represented SPC's foray into a new 'premium fruit' product category packed in spouted pouches for the first time," MD Bernard Waterson tells *PKN*.

Another eye-catching innovation was the limited edition promotional pouch that yoghurt market leader Chobani brought out for Halloween.

"Chobani took the opportunity to work with its retail customers to create an engaging consumer promotion, and we supported the collaboration by supplying a special shaped pouch," Waterson says.

Just out on retail shelves from the Metalprint stable is a pouch for smallgoods brand DON's new 'Meals Made Easy' sliced meats range. Waterson explains that this is the first time this particular pouch technology has emerged outside of the Japanese market.

"What makes this pouch unique is the oxygen scavenging properties of the material, which enables the extension of shelf life and thus the potential reduction in food waste. And by preventing oxidation, the pouch keeps the food looking fresh, which made the project viable," he says. "I see this opening doors to new markets for brand owners, because of the extended shelf life – up to 70 days in the case of DON's Meals Made Easy range."

Metalprint is probably best known as the supplier of the now ubiquitous Cheerpack spouted pouches – a market disruptor when launched in the baby food category in 2006, and not too long after the yoghurt category. Waterson says Cheerpack is a mature technology, but it's now in its next wave of evolution, finding application in new categories and developing sustainability credentials and features like anti-spill valves integrated into the closure, high barrier and oxygen scavenging materials.

"The evolution is also happening in the filling line infrastructure that supports the technology," he adds, "with both filling speeds and line flexibility really stepping up."

While Cheerpack has been Metalprint's core business for over two decades, under the Auspouch banner the company also supplies flexible packaging for processed foods, dry goods, and fresh produce. On the equipment side, the company supplies a full range of end-to-end solutions for the full production line.

Commenting on the resilience of food packaging as a sector, Waterson says, "Food packaging remains robust because, quite simply, all food needs to be packaged in some form or other. Of course, demand is tempered to some extent by the push for sustainability, so our challenge as an industry is to find solutions that fit with the waste agenda."

He believes the future of packaging lies in developing materials that meet recycling requirements but have high functional performance in the important areas of shelf life extension, barrier protection, and matching process (like retort fill, hot fill) to performance.

"And some of these materials we're leading with in this market through R&D collaborations with our partners in Japan, the US and Europe," Waterson says. ■

# Why every gram counts

# Pro Technical Plastic Manufacturing Solutions director, **Stephen Barter**, explains why removing one gram of HDPE from a bottle can help the environment.

n my 30 years of HDPE plastic bottle manufacturing, I have become an expert in every aspect of this business. And this is not by chance, but a lot of hard work.

As I focus my efforts on the finite resource that is HDPE, I want to make the world aware of an important point: full-loop recycling is hard, and it is capital intensive. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't recycle – in fact, we absolutely must. It is a priority in my world.

I believe one of the easiest and simplest ways to lessen waste is to reduce the weight of HDPE bottles by one gram. In many cases, a brand owner and a manufacturer can just agree to reduce the weight of HDPE plastic bottles by changing the specification with no resulting impact on the integrity of the bottle. It is just a change in documentation. If that is a little concerning, or for some reason makes you nervous, then go with half a gram – every bit will count in the end.

Success in weight reduction comes in the form of predictable results from known process inputs, and more importantly, having those known inputs in control.

The products that go inside the bottles are made using strict recipes and quality controls. For the HDPE bottle manufacturing process – extrusion blow moulding – it is the same.

Plastic bottles are made from a range of materials, and are an engineered part of the bottle - they must be seen as this until the day they are consumed and tossed into the recycling bin. Bottles that are produced with a high degree of repeatability and are proven on the filling line build confidence in the people who fill them. This confidence will be the trigger to a successful weight reduction project. And this may also build the confidence in brand owners to reduce the weight by even more than one gram.

Without the confidence of the team filling the bottles, anything that can potentially change the bottles performance characteristics will be fought against hard, and the end goal of reducing the weight by one gram won't work.

Considering the billions of HDPE bottles that are made each year of just one gram of HDPE plastic is removed from even half of them, then we will have saved an extraordinary amount of energy to produce this plastic in the first place.

And let us not forget the extraordinary amount of product that will be saved from landfill, or the effort having to recycle it afterwards.



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