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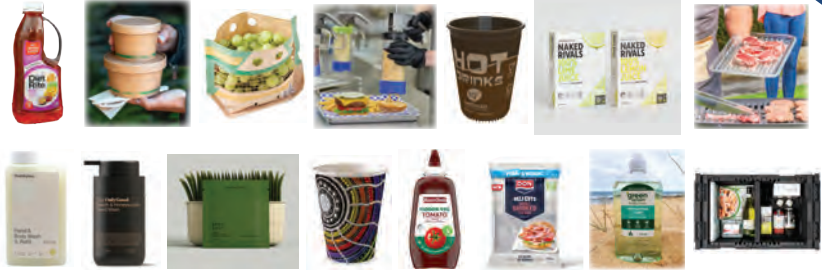


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## ANZ PIDA winners come FOURTH in the 2025 WorldStar Awards

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## 2025 Philippines Packaging Forum

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## REIMAGINE Packaging Design



Australasian Packaging Conference 6-7 May 2025 Sofitel Wentworth Sydney



25-26



Save THE Date 6 May 2025

2025 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS CEREMONY

Sofitel Wentworth Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

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## AIP Mini Training Courses x2

20-21

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Day 1 - Wednesday 12 February 2025 Mini Training Course 1. Introduction to Packaging Specifications

Day 3 - Friday 14 February 2025 Mini Training Course 2. Introduction to the Cold Supply Chain



## AIP Welcomes new Fundamentals in Packaging Technology Graduate

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Chengyun Liu MAIP Product Development Engineer Amcor Packaging Science Laboratory



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# ARL Marketplace

## Sustainable Packaging Made Easy Resources for small businesses to switch to sustainable packaging.

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## APCO: Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) Program Officer

### About APCO

The Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) is Australia's co-regulator for packaging and a not-for-profit organisation driving the development of a circular economy for packaging.

APCO is the entity in charge of managing and administering the Australian Packaging Covenant (the Covenant), which is a national regulatory framework under the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011 (NEPM). This framework defines the collective responsibility shared by governments and businesses across Australia in managing the environmental impact of packaging.

### The Role

As an ARL Program Officer, you will play a key administrative and support role in assisting APCO's members to implement the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) program. You will engage with members to provide exceptional guidance, ensuring they meet program requirements and contribute to sustainable packaging practices. The role involves both technical and member-facing elements: understanding recycling practices for consumer household packaging, utilising the Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP), and providing feedback to members on the recovery of their packaging. Your work will directly support APCO's mission of creating a circular economy for packaging in Australia.

### Key Responsibilities:

- **Member Support:** Provide timely and accurate responses to member and stakeholder inquiries regarding the ARL program through email, phone, and meetings.
- **Program Administration:** Assist in processing member submissions, tracking compliance milestones, and maintaining accurate records in APCO's CRM (Salesforce or similar).
- **Technical Insight:** Upskill to understand recycling practices for consumer household packaging, apply knowledge from PREP, and provide feedback to members on the recovery of their packaging.



### APCO are seeking someone with:

- A customer-focused approach, with proven ability to deliver professional and helpful responses to inquiries.
- Confidence in engaging with members, including managing discussions and addressing conflicts constructively.
- Exceptional organisational skills and attention to detail, ensuring accurate data entry and efficient record management.
- Clear and professional written and verbal communication skills.
- Problem-solving abilities, with a proactive attitude towards improving processes and resolving issues.
- Strong time management skills, with the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
- A collaborative mindset, working effectively with internal teams and external stakeholders.

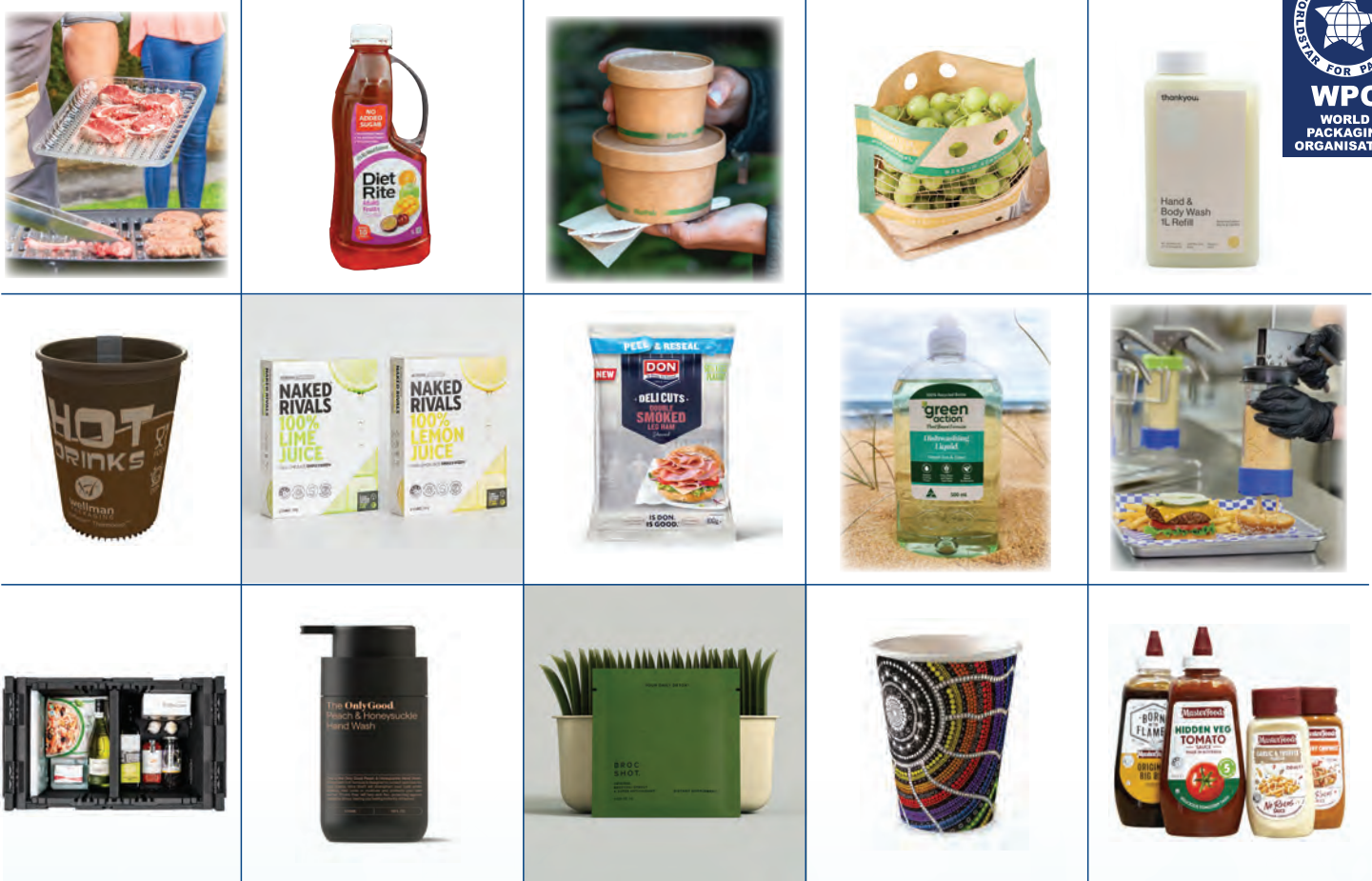
### You will be a great candidate if you have:

- Familiarity with CRM systems (Salesforce or similar tools) is desirable. with experience in a member-based organisation.
- Experience in an administrative, customer service, or program support role, ideally within a member-based organisation.
- Knowledge or interest in the packaging industry, sustainable practices, and the circular economy is a plus.
- Sustainability or environmentally related qualifications are advantageous.

**PLEASE APPLY TODAY**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**



The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is pleased to announce that in the latest round of the WorldStar Packaging Awards, Australian & New Zealand companies received the fourth highest amount of wins in the world behind Japan, Germany/Austria and India.

The 2025 round of WorldStar Packaging Awards attracted 560 entries from 40 countries, with 40 judges determining 230 winners.

According to Nerida Kelton, Executive Director of the AIP "This is the fifth year in a row that the ANZ region has maintained a top five spot against some very tough competition from extremely large countries.

What makes this global recognition even sweeter is that 50% of the packaging that was recognised was from first-time entrants into the WorldStar Packaging Award program including Naked Rivals which is a start-up, Only Good Hand & Body Wash (Apex Brands) from New Zealand, Green Action Dishwashing Liquid (Trendpac), bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group), Costa Group Premium Grapes paper bag (Costa Group & The Packaging Hippiie), IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics) and Don Deli Cuts (George Weston Foods)."

"We are extremely pleased that ANZ PIDA Winners have been internationally recognised with 18x awards across 8 x categories including: Packaging Materials & Components, Food, Household, Health & Personal Care, E-Commerce, Labelling & Decoration, Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Transit."

Three of the companies were recognised across multiple categories. Bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group), IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics) and Thankyou EzyPour + Refill (Caps & Closures).

In addition, two companies were recognised each for two separate products. Wellman Packaging for 1. The Masterfoods Squeezy rPET sauce bottles (Mars Foods & Wellman Packaging) and 2. Thermocup and BioPak for 1. The Art series and Indigenous art series BioCups and the Home Compostable Container range.



Nerida Kelton added, “As only winners from the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards are eligible to enter the prestigious global WorldStar Packaging awards, the global recognition is a testament to the strict criteria and judging process of our annual PIDA Awards program

and the supporting work undertaken by the AIP to ensure that our winners enter the WorldStar Packaging awards each year. We look forward to celebrating the winners on the 30th of May at the WorldStar Packaging Award ceremony which will be held alongside of Ipack Ima, Milan Italy.”

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ



The 2024 WorldStar Packaging Award winners for Australia and New Zealand are:

### Packaging Materials & Components



- Woolworths Pad-free rPET Meat Trays with 'Leave Attached' Film for kerbside recycling (Pact Group, Woolworths, Hilton Foods & Cleanaway)



- IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics)



- Home Compostable Container range (BioPak)

### Food



- Naked Rivals



- Costa Group Premium Grapes paper bag (Costa Group & The Packaging Hippie)



- Don Deli Cuts (George Weston Foods)



- Cryovac Flexprep Portion Dispensing Pouches for McDonald's Australia (Sealed Air)



- Masterfoods Squeezy rPET sauce bottles (Mars Foods & Wellman Packaging)

### Household



- Green Action Dishwashing Liquid (Trendpac)



- Thankyou EzyPour + Refill (Caps & Closures)

### Health & Personal Care



- Only Good Hand & Body Wash (Apex Brands) New Zealand



- Thankyou EzyPour + Refill (Caps & Closures)



- 100% Paper Packaging Film for Broc Shot (Close the Loop Group)

### E-Commerce



- bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group)

### Labelling & Decoration



- The Art series and Indigenous art series BioCups (BioPak)

### Non-Alcoholic Beverages



- Thermocup (Wellman Packaging)



- IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics)

### Transit



- bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group)

The full list of the 2025 WorldStar Packaging Award Winners are available.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ**

**CAPS & CLOSURES WINS 2X 2025 WORLDSTAR AWARDS**

**THANKYOU EZYPOUR + REFILL FOR THE HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD CATEGORIES**



“ Caps & Closures, in collaboration with Thankyou, is thrilled that we have won two prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards for our innovative EzyPour cap. This achievement showcases our dedication to developing sustainable, practical, and user-friendly packaging solutions that genuinely meet consumer needs. The thoughtful design of EzyPour allows for a smooth, controlled pour, minimising spills and enhancing the refilling experience for users.

It's intuitive features make it an ideal choice for household and personal care products, where convenience and reliability are essential. These awards reinforce Caps & Closures and Thankyou's shared vision to lead the industry in sustainable innovation. Together, we are committed to providing solutions that blend ease of use, sustainability, and top-notch performance. We take great pride in our role in shaping the future of refillable packaging. ”

Brendon Holmes, Managing Director, Caps & Closures

**INTEGRATED PLASTICS WINS 2X 2025 WORLDSTAR AWARDS**

**IMH PET INTEGRALLY MOULDED HANDLE FOR THE PACKAGING MATERIALS & COMPONENTS & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CATEGORIES**



“ Integrated Plastics recognised an opportunity to improve the sustainability and recyclability of handle bottles by developing a PET handle bottle alternative to existing products already well-established in global markets. IMH™ is a global first in packaging of this type, but due to our geographic isolation, we recognised the importance of the recognition gained from groups like the Australasian Institute of Packaging and the World Packaging Organisation and the global exposure their Awards offer to developing technologies like IMH™.

The Integrated Plastics team is thrilled to be Awarded three WPO Gold Star Awards for 2025. Two for 'Packaging Materials and Components' and one in the 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' category. Thank you, Nerida Kelton and the team at AIP, for your support. ”

Nick Mellen, Managing Director, Integrated Plastics





**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ**

**ICEE TECHNOLOGY GROUP WINS 2X 2025 WORLDSTAR AWARDS**

**BOUNCEE REUSABLE INSULATING CRATES FOR THE E-COMMERCE & TRANSIT CATEGORIES**



“ Winning two prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards is a tremendous honour for our company. Our aim with Bouncee is to significantly improve the efficiency, safety and sustainability of temperature-sensitive food and pharmaceutical deliveries. These awards are a fantastic reinforcement of our mission and a wonderful recognition of our team’s efforts. Thank you to the WPO and the AIP for their incredible support and the

opportunity to showcase our Australian reusable packaging innovations on the global stage. ”

Hamish Hingston, Chief Executive Officer, ICEE Technology Group

**BIOPAK**

**THE ART SERIES AND INDIGENOUS ART SERIES BIOCUPS FOR THE LABELLING & DECORATION CATEGORY**

“ We are absolutely thrilled to receive these two WorldStar Awards. It is a real boost for the whole BioPak team who put their hearts into creating innovative and sustainable packaging solutions. This recognition inspires us to keep pushing boundaries and leading the way towards a world without waste.



We truly appreciate both WorldStar and the ANZ PIDA awards for acknowledging the importance of sustainable design and for shining a light on our efforts. ”

Gary Smith, Managing Director, BioPak

**GEORGE WESTON FOODS**

**DON DELI CUTS FOR THE FOOD CATEGORY**



“ Don KRC are proud to have won a World Star Packaging Award for our Deli Cuts packaging. To be recognised at an international level is a great honour for the Don team as well as our packaging and machinery partners. This award means a great deal to us as we strive to meet our 2025 commitments as well as reducing material used. ”

Mark Kerr FAIP, Packaging Manager, Don KRC

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ

### SEALED AIR

## CRYOVAC FLEXPREP PORTION DISPENSING POUCHES FOR MCDONALD'S AUSTRALIA FOR THE FOOD CATEGORY



“ We are incredibly honoured to receive the 2025 WorldStar Packaging Award for Cryovac FlexPrep™ portion dispensing pouches. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit of our team, processors, and customers. Every step of the way has been a collaborative effort. This win validates our commitment to sustainability and motivates us to continue striving for excellence while adding value to our customers' operations.

Through innovations like Cryovac FlexPrep™, which extends the shelf life of food products and maximizes

product yield, we are designing solutions that reduce food waste. This is a win-win for our customers and our planet. Thank you to the WorldStar Packaging Awards for this prestigious honour. ”

Katharina Lennie, Vice President Marketing ANZ, Sealed Air

### APEX BRANDS

## ONLY GOOD HAND & BODY WASH FOR THE HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE CATEGORY



“ We are incredibly honoured to have our 'Only Good' packaging recognised as a WorldStar 2025 winner in the Health and Personal Care category, and as this year's sole winner from New Zealand. This prestigious award from the World Packaging Organisation is a testament to Only Good's unwavering commitment to innovation, quality, and sustainability, reinforcing our philosophy of being 'Only Good, both inside and out.'

Being selected from over 550 global entries by a distinguished panel of judges makes this recognition even more meaningful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Apex Brands and The Beauty Lab Collective teams, our project partners at Studio South and Forward Plastics, the Australasian Institute of Packaging, and our customers, who continually inspire us to raise the bar. ”

Richard Vickers, General Manager, Apex Brands

**ONLY NEW ZEALAND WINNER**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ**

**TRENDPAC**

**GREEN ACTION DISHWASHING LIQUID FOR THE HOUSEHOLD CATEGORY**



“ Winning a WorldStar 2025 Award celebrates the heart of what we stand for at TrendPac, Innovate, Create and Deliver sustainably. This achievement highlights the progress we have made, including pioneering a 25% reduction in bottle weight and using 100% post-consumer rPET, which saves 12 metric tonnes of material each year. We continue to push boundaries by redesigning our bottles to enhance efficiency across handling, warehouse storage, and filling processes.

This award not only recognises our efforts as a team, but reinforces our commitment to exceeding targets and leading the way with sustainable, value driven packaging solutions that make a real impact in the retail space and beyond. It is a truly inspiring and proud moment for our team, helping us to continue shaping the future of sustainable packaging. ”

Kelly Taylor, Business Development Manager, TrendPac

**CLOSE THE LOOP GROUP**

**100% PAPER PACKAGING FILM FOR BROCSHOT FOR THE HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE CATEGORY**



“ Close the Loop are driven by our commitment to circularity, and believe that innovating in different areas of packaging from paper to plastics is how we can create a better tomorrow. We collaborate with brands across markets and regions world-wide to create solutions that are more sustainable for their products and aim to reduce waste to landfill. Our PFAS-free, plastic-free paper packaging film is one such solution, developed to meet the growing demand for sustainability in the consumer market while maintaining functionality and product safety.

Thank you to the WorldStar Packaging Awards for this recognition and for the AIP for ensuring we have the ANZ PIDA awards as the exclusive gateway! ”

Jessica O'Donnell AAIP, Marketing Manager, Close the Loop Group

# FUNDAMENTALS OF PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY

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OWN PACE**

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**27  
HOURS OF  
CONTENT**



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GAPS**

The internationally recognised on-line Fundamentals of Packaging Technology (FPT) bite-sized modules are available exclusively through the AIP in Australasia.

The FPT Course is set up for the convenience of busy working professionals, and the training platform is functionally intuitive. The beauty of the FPT course is that you only have to undertake lessons as you need to fill knowledge gaps so you can complete your training when your time allows, and at your own pace.



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The AIP would like to congratulate our latest Fundamentals of Packaging Technology Graduate, Chengyun Liu MAIP, CPP, Product Development Engineer, Amcor Packaging Science Laboratory. The internationally recognised on-line Fundamentals of Packaging Technology (FPT) course are available exclusively through the AIP in Australasia. The FPT Course is set up for the convenience of busy working professionals, and the training platform is functionally intuitive. Chengyun kindly shared with the AIP what he learnt during his studies...



**Chengyun Liu MAIP, CPP**  
Product Development Engineer  
Amcor Packaging Science Laboratory

**1. What is your current role? What are your areas of responsibility?**

Chengyun: Currently, I am product development engineer at the Amcor Packaging Science Laboratory. My mainly responsibility to design and produce plastic films according to customers' requirement.

**2. What made you select the Fundamentals of Packaging Technology course through the AIP?**

Chengyun: The Science behind packaging is very different from my previous studies so I wanted to fill my knowledge gaps. I selected the Fundamentals of Packaging Technology course so that it could offer me a much deeper understanding of packaging technology across all materials.

**3. What did you learn along the way? Any favourite areas or topics?**

Chengyun: I learned a lot from the course including the printing, paper based packaging and adhesive etc. The adhesive part is my favourite.

**4. What advice would you offer anyone looking to undertake the complete Fundamentals of Packaging Technology course?**

Chengyun: If you want to step into this field, the Fundamentals of Packaging Technology course, through the AIP, is a great way to start in this industry.

**5. Would you consider now completing the Certificate Packaging Professional designation as your next step?**

Chengyun: Yes, I am preparing to complete the Certificate Packaging Professional designation during 2025.

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**Our Asia Pacific sustainability strategy consists of four pillars. Each pillar illustrates our commitment and includes specific targets in areas where we have the most meaningful impact.**



## SUPPLY CHAIN

Embedding responsible and ethical practices

- Responsible sourcing
- Human rights and modern slavery
- Standards and certifications



## PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

Ensuring a culture where everyone counts

- Diversity and inclusion
- Health & safety
- Indigenous engagement
- Charitable giving



## PRODUCTS & CUSTOMERS

Transitioning to a circular economy

- Circular economy
- Product stewardship
- Innovation
- Transition planning



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Minimising our emissions and waste

- Energy and emissions
- Waste to landfill
- Plastic pollution



## RECENT AWARDS

**2023 FINALIST** in the Banksia Foundation Sustainability Awards.

**2023 WINNER** of the Packaging Innovation and Design Award (PIDA) for Ozharvest (supporting food waste & world hunger).



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**PROUD CORPORATE PARTNER**

**PEFC are proud to announce they are a new Corporate Partner of the AIP**

The AIP would like to welcome PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) as our latest Corporate Partner.

PEFC is the world’s leading forest certification system and a global alliance promoting sustainable forest management through independent third-party certification.

With members in 55 countries, PEFC works to ensure forests are managed responsibly. In Australia, Responsible Wood is PEFC’s national member, championing the forest certification scheme and ensuring Australian forests are managed in line with international sustainability standards, adapted to national contexts.

Together, PEFC and Responsible Wood provide a robust framework for sustainable supply chains for forest-derived products, such as packaging and more.

“PEFC and Responsible Wood offer valuable tools to help Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) members source PEFC-certified materials, ensuring that fibre-based packaging is responsibly sourced and aligns with global sustainability goals and consumer expectations.

By adopting PEFC-certified materials, AIP members can demonstrate their commitment to environmental responsibility while supporting the global effort to safeguard forests. Certification helps businesses meet the growing demand for sustainable products, providing a trusted label that connects consumers to sustainably managed forests.”

**Wikkie Netten - Marketing Manager PEFC Asia-Pacific**

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# PKN STAY CONNECTED

## PACKAGING NEWS

PKN Packaging News is Australia’s definitive packaging industry news source, providing in-depth coverage of industry and technology developments relevant to the entire packaging supply chain, including packaging end-users. Get the latest packaging industry news as it breaks, any time, on any device.

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## Conserving Beauty uses compostable NatureFlex™ films

**Australian-based Conserving Beauty has chosen renewable and compostable NatureFlex™ films to use within its sachet packaging for its cleansing wipes.**

Conserving Beauty are a skin-care brand known for their dissolvable and compostable skincare solutions including world-first dissolving cleansing wipes, sheet masks, and zit strips. Launched in November 2021, the company is making waves internationally and has won over 8 global industry awards in Australia, the UK and the USA. Conserving Beauty is on a mission to reduce the beauty industry's water footprint, carbon footprint and waste footprint through groundbreaking innovation alongside conservation research.

Their dissolvable cleansing wipes have taken the world by storm. Formulated with gentle plant oils and vitamins, they are hydrating and calming relief even for the most sensitive skins. Dry, eczema or even acne prone skins are well looked after within the skincare range, as proven by third party clinical testing with dermatologists.



Not only are the wipes amazing for the skin, but they are also produced with the planet in mind. The company continuously measures and tracks the footprint of all their products, aiming to reduce the impacts as much as possible.

In line with their sustainability values, Conserving Beauty has matched their products with a new compostable packaging sourced from Convex, the New Zealand converter.

The high-performance sachet material includes a layer of NatureFlex from Futamura, laminated to paper and another biofilm for hermeticity. NatureFlex™ films are produced from renewable wood pulp, harvested from responsibly managed plantations and meet all the relevant standards for industrial composting, including AS4736, EN13432 and ASTM D6400.

They are also certified for home composting according to the Australian home composting standard AS5810, to the French standard by Din Certo and to OK Compost Home protocol. NatureFlex provides an excellent barrier to aroma, gas, and moisture.

The new laminate structure meets all the technical requirements: it runs well on the sachet lines and efficiently wraps the wipes. With its excellent moisture barrier, it also effectively protects the product until it is used by the consumer.

Natassia Grace, founder and CEO of Conserving Beauty, confirmed, *"I am delighted to have found this packaging solution for our dissolving wipes and sheet masks. It was very important for me that the packaging matches the ethos of my brand. Product efficacy and sustainability initiatives remain very high in Conserving Beauty's priority and R&D investments."*



Natassia has been recognised for her hard unwavering commitment to championing innovation and sustainable business practices, winning several awards including Forbes Asia 30 Under 30 2024, Woman Of The Future 2022, and BOF - Business Of Beauty Inaugural Global Beauty Award.

Tamaki Kaga, Regional Sales Manager at Futamura, added, "We are very pleased that our NatureFlex film has been chosen to be part of this solution for Conserving Beauty."

"Conventional structures for this type of product would have used combinations of plastics and foil, rendering them unrecyclable. Our renewable and compostable films are a good choice for this type of application, enabling a valid end of life option."

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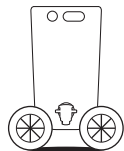
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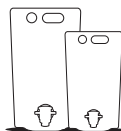
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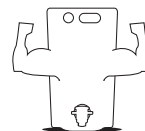
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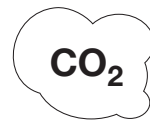
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## FEBRUARY 2025

### ProPak Philippines 2025

AIP to Partner - Philippines Packaging Forum, Training Courses & Stand



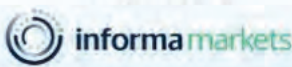
WHEN: 12-14 February 2025

WHERE: World Trade Centre Metro Manila, Pasay City.

WHAT: Now on its 5th edition, ProPak Philippines aims to deliver on the future of sustainable packaging by presenting leading suppliers of technology, machinery, equipment and suppliers at its trade show to drive packaging for the next generation that is connected, sustainable, inclusive, and cost-balanced. The leading trade event for packaging and processing in the Philippines will present over 250 exhibitors covering the latest in packaging for F&B, Pharmaceuticals, FMCG goods, and many more. At the forefront of change, the event will also host leading organisations and thought-leaders such as the World Packaging Organisation, Australasian Institute of Packaging, and Active and Intelligent Packaging Industry Association, that are committed to a sustainable future of packaging driven by a conscious consumer and aided by technology and AI.



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### Philippines Packaging Forum 2025

To be held alongside



WHEN: 13 February 2025

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Philippines, World Trade Centre Metro Manila, Pasay City.

WHAT: The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), in partnership with Informa Markets, will be holding the 5th edition of the annual Philippines Packaging Forum on Thursday the 13th of February, alongside of ProPak Philippines 2025 with over 16 speakers from across the globe. The Philippines Packaging Forum will bring together local, regional and global packaging experts that will discuss a wide array of packaging-related topics including sustainability, food packaging, regulations, trends and new innovations. Attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance and points towards the Certified Packaging Professional designation. Book your place today.



#### SPEAKERS:

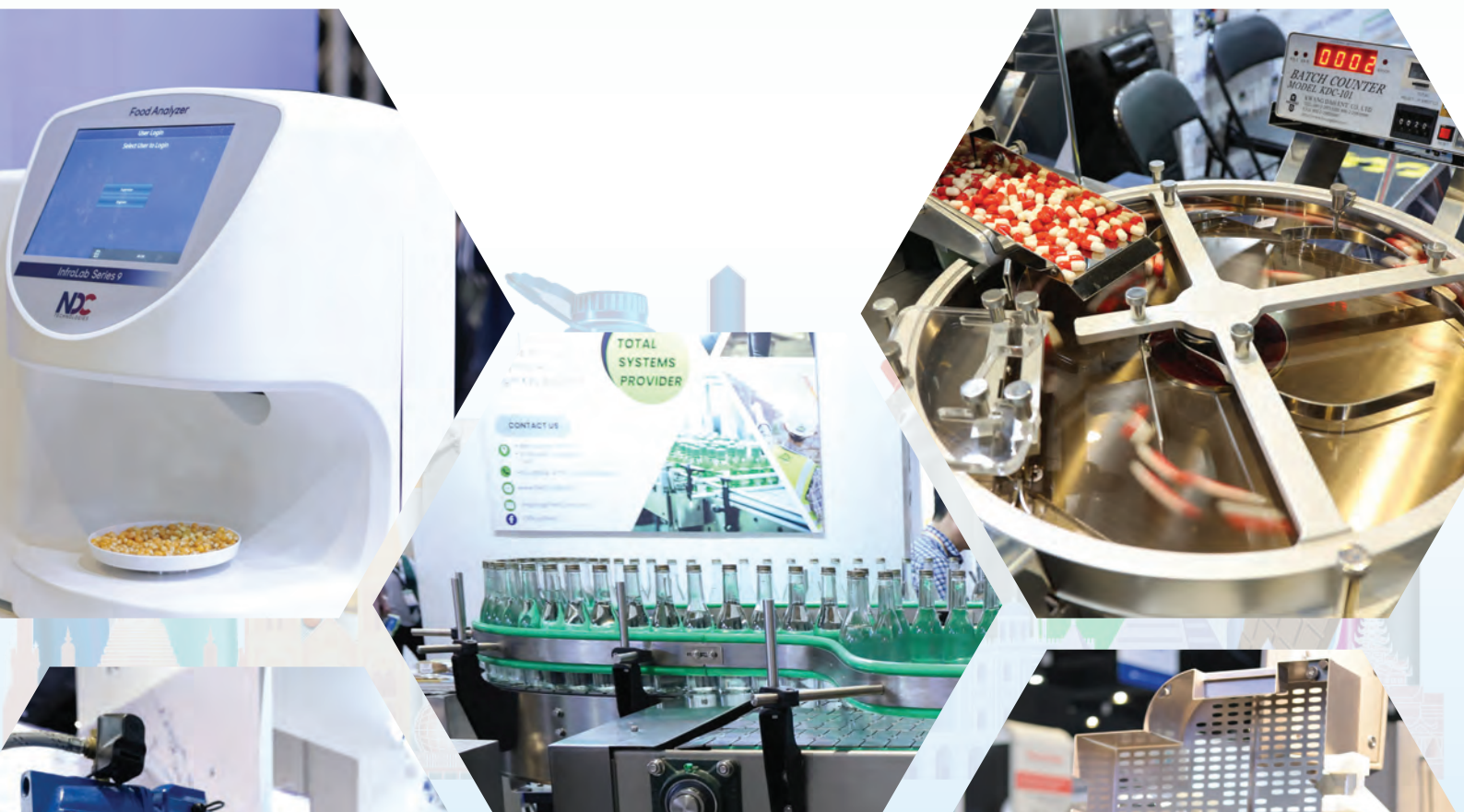


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**Thursday 13 February 2025**

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**10:15 am arrival**

**Session One — 10:30 am to 11:45 am**



**Nerida Kelton FAIP**  
Vice President Sustainability & Save Food  
World Packaging Organisation (WPO)



**LTC Joseph Ross Jocson**  
President  
Asian Packaging Federation (APF)



**Stefano Paolo Bunag**  
Board Member  
Philippines Institute of Packaging (PIP)



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc, FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL**  
Education Director  
Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)

**Session Two — 11:50 am to 1:05 pm**



**Wikkie Netten**  
APAC Marketing Manager  
PEFC Asia-Pacific



**Tamaki Kaga**  
Sales & Marketing Manager, Australia & New Zealand  
Futamura Australia



**Colin Lee**  
Country Manager, Malaysia & Philippines  
UPM Raflatac



**Jayant R. Kadu**  
Manager (Marketing) Functional Materials Division  
Mitsui Chemicals

**LUNCH 1:10 pm to 2:00 pm**

**Session Three — 2:00 pm to 3:10 pm**



**Teddy Monroy**  
Country Representative in the Philippines  
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)



**Nerida Kelton FAIP**  
Executive Director  
Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



**Albert Del Fonso**  
Packaging Portfolio Director, Tetra Pak Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines & Indonesia  
Tetra Pak



**Phoebe Aisleen Valdez**  
R&D Manager  
Amcor Flexible Philippines Corporation

**Session Four — 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm**



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc, FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL**  
Education Director - Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)  
Immediate Past President - World Packaging Organisation (WPO)



**Richel Plata**  
Technical Junior Manager  
GS1 Philippines



**Eunice Joy Ison AAIP**  
Founder & Design Director  
Eu.Nik Design Solutions



**Ron Adrian Dionaldo MAIP, CPP**  
Faculty  
Central Philippine University

**Session Five — 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



**Ryan D. Corpuz, PhD**  
Founder & CEO  
Nanolabs LRC Co. Ltd.



**Vikas Jain**  
Founder & CEO  
Acviss Technologies



**Surendra Soni**  
Sector Marketing Director, Asia Pacific  
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FEBRUARY 2025

Mini Training Course #1

WHEN: **Wednesday 12 February 2025**  
 WHERE: Alongside ProPak Philippines, World Trade Centre, Metro Manila, Pasay City.

To be held alongside  
**PROPAK PHILIPPINES** 5<sup>th</sup> Edition



Mini Training Course #1: Introduction to Packaging Specifications

WHEN: **Day 1 - Wednesday 12 February 2025**  
 TIME: 1:15 pm arrival & registration, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm  
 WHAT: The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) are presenting a training course dealing with the role and preparation of specifications across a range of packaging materials. Specifications detail not only the physical details but also those aspects concerned with the performance of packaging materials. It is important that specifications are written in clear unambiguous language and identify the key requirements in recognised units and acknowledgement of established standards. A specification is a legal document between supplier and user and is necessarily comprehensive in terms of detail, physical characteristics, material composition but also performance in the packaging process and subsequently to the final point of receipt (i.e. the end user). Key factors in the preparation of specifications are the use of language and appropriate technical terminology and mensuration. Appropriate reference should also be made to recognised procedures (e.g. ISO) standards for the assessment and performance of packaging materials.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The course will cover basic specifications to the more complex requirements associated with the performance of packaging within the packaging line.

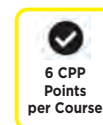
**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

The course is designed for those persons charged with the responsibility of the preparation (or monitoring) of specifications e.g. purchasing officers, packaging technologists and designers, production personnel etc. It will address the clear and correct use of language and terminology in the preparation of specifications.

LECTURER:



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL**  
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### FEBRUARY 2025

#### Mini Training Course #2

WHEN: **Friday 14 February 2025**

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Philippines, World Trade Centre, Metro Manila, Pasay City.

To be held alongside

**PROPAK PHILIPPINES** 5<sup>th</sup> Edition



#### Mini Training Course #2: Introduction to the Cold Supply Chain

WHEN: **Day 3 - Friday 14 February 2025**

TIME: 1:15 pm arrival & registration, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

WHAT: We need to build a better reputation of managing fresh food supply and delivery, at all levels of the cold chain. Cold chain integrity is somewhat lacking, excessive food losses are common. Improving the cold supply chain can halve food loss & waste by 2030.

Preliminary and conservative estimates put the cost of food waste within the cold food chain at \$3.8 billion at farm gate values. We need to gain an understanding of the extent and the costs of food waste in the cold chain and set up systems for opportunities for improvement. Lack of understanding of the importance of temperature is one of the main reasons for food wastage. With the greatest risks for perishable food occurring during transportation and handling between mobile and stationary refrigeration points. There are sometimes significant temperature variations between truck or trailer, loading docks and storage facilities.

Become familiar with the causes of food wastage in the cold chain, to help improve cold chain processes and standards. Those of us that are involved in packaging need to work towards a universally adopted code to help all cold chain practitioners lift their compliance record.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the mechanisms and need for a suitable cold supply chain.
- Understand the design and implementation of a good workable cold supply chain system.
- Gain insights as to why cold supply chain is important and how best to rectify current shortfalls.
- Obtain an understanding of the part that packaging people play in the cold supply chain.
- Into the future you will need to have knowledge of the cold supply chain so as to make the right decision to avoid huge food loss & waste.

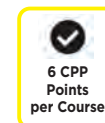
#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Retailers, manufacturers, businesses interested or involved in cold supply chains.
- Any business in packaging looking to enact change to avoid food wastage in the cold supply chain.
- Anyone who work in Supply Chain & Logistics, Transport & Distribution, Packaging, Procurement and Operations.

LECTURER:



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL**  
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MARCH 2025

**ProPak Vietnam 2025**

**AIP to Partner - Vietnam Packaging Forum, Training Courses & Stand**

WHEN: 18 - 20 March 2025

WHERE: Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre (SECC)  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

WHAT: ProPak Vietnam 2025 is the most dedicated and international trade event for the rapidly expanding processing and packaging industries in Vietnam and beyond. This annual event is dedicated to technology suppliers involving in the food, drink and pharmaceutical processing and packaging, plus the printing and labelling industries, bringing together thousands of industry leaders and professionals from all segments of the supply chain under one roof. In 2024, ProPak Vietnam 2025 will feature a special zone dedicated on DRINK TECHNOLOGY which will showcase the most innovative technologies, equipment, machinery by our international and domestic suppliers.

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**Vietnam Packaging Forum 2025**

To be held alongside

**PROPAK VIETNAM**



WHEN: 19 March 2025

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Vietnam,  
Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre,  
Ho Chi Minh City.

WHAT: Informa Markets, in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), is pleased to advise that it will be launching the inaugural Vietnam Packaging Forum alongside of ProPak Vietnam in 2025.



To be held on the 19th of March the Vietnam Packaging Forum will feature local, regional and global speakers to discuss the current state of industry for packaging. The sessions will be discussing Extended Producer Responsibility, Global Packaging Design Standards, Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulations (PPWR), Global Best Practices in Sustainable Packaging & Save Food Packaging, new advancements in recyclable materials and technologies, how to design to be recycle ready, fibre packaging alternatives, mono material design and more. The one day Vietnam Packaging Forum will have simultaneous translation – English & Vietnamese – and all attendees will attain a Certificate of Attendance and points towards the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation. Make sure that you have saved the date the 19th of March in your calendar for this not-to-be-missed forum for the region.

SOME OF THE SPEAKERS:



### MARCH 2025

#### AIP ProPak Vietnam 2025 Mini Training Courses x2

**WHEN:** 20 March 2025

**WHERE:** ProPak Vietnam, Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

**WHAT:** The AIP will be offering not one, but two globally recognised mini training courses at ProPak Vietnam. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance and also 6 CPD points towards attaining the global Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation.

**FEATURING:**  
Simultaneous  
Translation -  
Vietnamese  
& English

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#### Mini Training Course 1: Sustainable Packaging Design Guidelines

**FREE TO ATTEND**

**WHEN:** 20 March 2025, 10.30 am to 1.00 pm

**WHERE:** ProPak Vietnam, Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

**WHAT:** The introduction to Sustainable Packaging Design Guidelines will enable companies to delve into their existing and new packaging development processes to ensure that the business is reducing the environmental footprint of all packaging where possible, and at the same time meeting global and local food waste and packaging waste targets.

The Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) have been established to assist the design and manufacture of packaging that meets the sometimes conflicting demands of the market, consumer protection and the environment. Sustainable Packaging ultimately ensures that the design provides the lowest possible environmental impact compared to existing or conventional packaging. Sometimes achieving the lowest possible environmental impact can be challenging, particularly when balancing various environmental criteria with other functional and commercial considerations. The mini training course will work through the 10 Sustainable Packaging Guidelines and showcase award-winning best practice examples from across the globe.

**LECTURER:**



**Ralph Moyle FAIP, CPP**  
Education Coordinator  
AIP



#### Mini Training Course 2: Sustainable Food Packaging Design Guidelines

**FREE TO ATTEND**

**WHEN:** 20 March 2025, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

**WHERE:** ProPak Vietnam, Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

**WHAT:** Does your business actively design packaging to minimise food loss & waste? What design criteria are your packaging engineers and designers using? This mini training course will not only help set the scene on food waste globally and locally, but it will also help you to redesign your packaging to minimise food loss & waste.

The Sustainable Food Packaging design training course will provide the detailed guidelines, criteria, research and checklists to arm packaging technologists, designers, innovation teams, sustainability & environmental teams, sales, business development, design agencies, consultants, procurement and marketing & communications departments with the tools to integrate the roadmap into their product-packaging design. The outcomes from this course will include more innovative and intuitive packaging that can minimise food loss and waste all the way to the household and ultimately lower environmental impacts across the value chain.

**LECTURER:**



**Nerida Kelton FAIP**  
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## MAY 2025

### 2025 AIP Annual General Meeting - Hybrid

WHEN: 5 May 2025, 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm AEDT

WHERE: In person at the Sofitel Wentworth Sydney, NSW, Australia or On-line via Zoom.

WHAT: Register your attendance at the 2024 Australian Institute of Packaging Annual General Meeting no later than 29th of April.

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The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is currently at the planning stage of the 2025 AIP Australasian Packaging Conference that will be held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, New South Wales on the 6th & 7th of May 2025.

The 2025 AIP Australasian Packaging Conference will be designed to deliver a two-day educational program that will cover a broad range of topics relating to the theme Reimagine Packaging Design. Having served the industry for over 3 decades this two-day event is the only industry-led packaging conference that has been tailored to bring together packaging professionals from across Australia and New Zealand.

The Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards will also be held alongside of the conference on the 6th of May.



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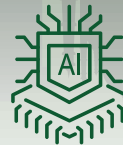
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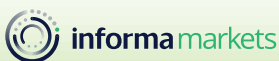
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2025 WorldStar Global Packaging Awards Ceremony

WHEN: 30 May 2025

WHERE: I-Pack Ima, Milan Italy.

WHAT: Australia and New Zealand winners will be attending the 2025 WorldStar Packaging award ceremony on 30 May 2025 in Milano Italy during the IPACK IMA Packaging Show. At the same occasion, WPO will announce the winners for the special categories – President’s Award, Sustainability, Marketing, and Packaging that Saves Food.

18 ANZ WorldStar Awards to be collected



JUNE 2025

ProPak Asia 2025

WHEN: 11 - 14 June 2025

WHERE: Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: ProPak Asia is Asia's Number One international trade event for Processing & Packaging Technology. ProPak Asia truly is the 'Must-Attend' industry event in Asia for Asia, as quality and variety of products increase and expand, and productivity of operations and manufacturing standards are driven higher by consumer demands and new automation and technological advances, which will be presented at the show.

AIP to Partner - Global Packaging Forum, Training Courses, Workshops, PIDA showcase & Stand



2025 Global Packaging Forum: 7th edition

WHEN: 11 June 2025

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia 2024, Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: The AIP, in conjunction with Informa Markets, will be running the seventh Global Packaging Forum as an in-person event during ProPak Asia 2024.



AIP 2x Mini Training Courses

WHEN: 12 June 2025

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia 2024, Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: 1. Introduction to Corrugate and Cartonboard  
2. TBA



AIP Workshops

WHEN: 13 June 2025

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia 2024, Bangkok, Thailand.



FoodTech QLD 2025

WHEN: 19 - 20 June 2025

WHERE: Gold Coast, Queensland.

WHAT: In 2025, FoodTech Qld will bring together the most innovative food manufacturing solutions into one destination event on the beautiful Gold Coast. Explore new food processing equipment, discover latest advancements in packaging machinery and be inspired by leading industry experts.

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AIP 2x Mini Training Courses

WHEN: 19 June 2025

WHERE: Alongside FoodTech Qld, Gold Coast, Queensland.

WHAT: 1. Introduction to Corrugate & Cartonboard  
2. NEW: Designing for the Future of flexibles & Soft plastic



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AUGUST 2025

**ProPak Indonesia 2025**

WHEN: 27 - 29 August 2025

WHERE: Jakarta, Indonesia.

WHAT: ProPak Indonesia is the leading international processing and packaging trade event in Indonesia for Processing & Packaging technologies. Powered by ProPak Asia, ProPak Indonesia is part of the event series taking part in the region showcasing a comprehensive array of innovative products to a thriving and expanding local market in Indonesia. It is the centerpiece where market trends converge, and industry networking evolve to valuable customer insight. ProPak Indonesia is the 'must-attend' processing and packaging event in Indonesia delivering an industry-focused platform connecting worldwide suppliers to both local and regional buyers in the food & beverage, consumer & personal goods, and pharmaceutical industrial sectors.



**AIP to Partner - Indonesian Packaging Forum & Stand**

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**Indonesian Packaging Forum #1**

WHEN: 27 August 2025

WHERE: ProPak Indonesia, JIExpo Kemayoran, Jakarta.

WHAT: The AIP will be running the 2nd Indonesian Packaging Forum in partnership with Pamerindo over two days. This forum will bring together global and local speakers to discuss a wide range of packaging topics.



**Indonesian Packaging Forum #2**

WHEN: 28 August 2025

WHERE: ProPak Indonesia, JIExpo Kemayoran, Jakarta



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SEPTEMBER 2025

**Foodtech Packtech 2025**

WHEN: 2-4 September 2025

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds.

WHAT: Foodtech Packtech (FTPT) is New Zealand's largest food manufacturing, packaging and processing technology trade show. Running strong for over 20 years this free to attend event brings industry professionals and decision makers together providing a forum for education, discussion and the sharing of knowledge and expertise, critical in the sustainability and growth of the industry.

AIP to Partner - Packaging Forum, Training Course & Stand



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**Foodtech Packtech 2025 Packaging Forum**

WHEN: 2 September 2025

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds.

WHAT: The AIP will be running a series of packaging sessions which will be designed as panel discussions covering a broad range of topics.

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WHEN: 4 September 2025

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds.

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OCTOBER 2025

Japan Pack 2025

WHEN: 7-10 October 2025

WHERE: Tokyo Big Sight East Exhibition Hall (Koto-ku, Tokyo).

WHAT: JAPAN PACK is Japan's leading biennial packaging industry exhibition, which has been held 34 times since the first exhibition was held in 1964. The latest solutions, innovations, and trends related to production lines from major Japanese packaging machinery manufacturers and companies from Japan and abroad will be gathered under one roof.

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JAPAN PACK 2025



NOVEMBER 2025

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WHEN: 25-27 November 2025

WHERE: Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC), China

WHAT: swop is the essential event for the food, beverage, confectionery, bakery, pharmaceutical, cosmetics, non-food and industrial goods sectors. No other trade fair in China represents the entire supply chain. And at no other trade fair in China does the packaging industry provide all industry sectors with tailored solutions and innovative designs based on such a variety of materials.



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DECEMBER 2025

pacprocess 2025

WHEN: 9-11 December 2025

WHERE: Egypt International Exhibition Centre, Cairo, Egypt.

WHAT: The International Exhibition for Processing & Packaging in the Middle East and Africa.

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So, are you doing your part to be bin smart?



Take this quick quiz to test your FOGO knowledge and discover if your council accepts compostable packaging.



**1. Do you know if your council has a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection service?**

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**2. If yes, do you know what's accepted in your council-provided FOGO bin?**

Here's a hint: it's on the [same page as answer 1.](#) But it's always a good idea to check with your council directly, as rules for materials and items can vary and change.



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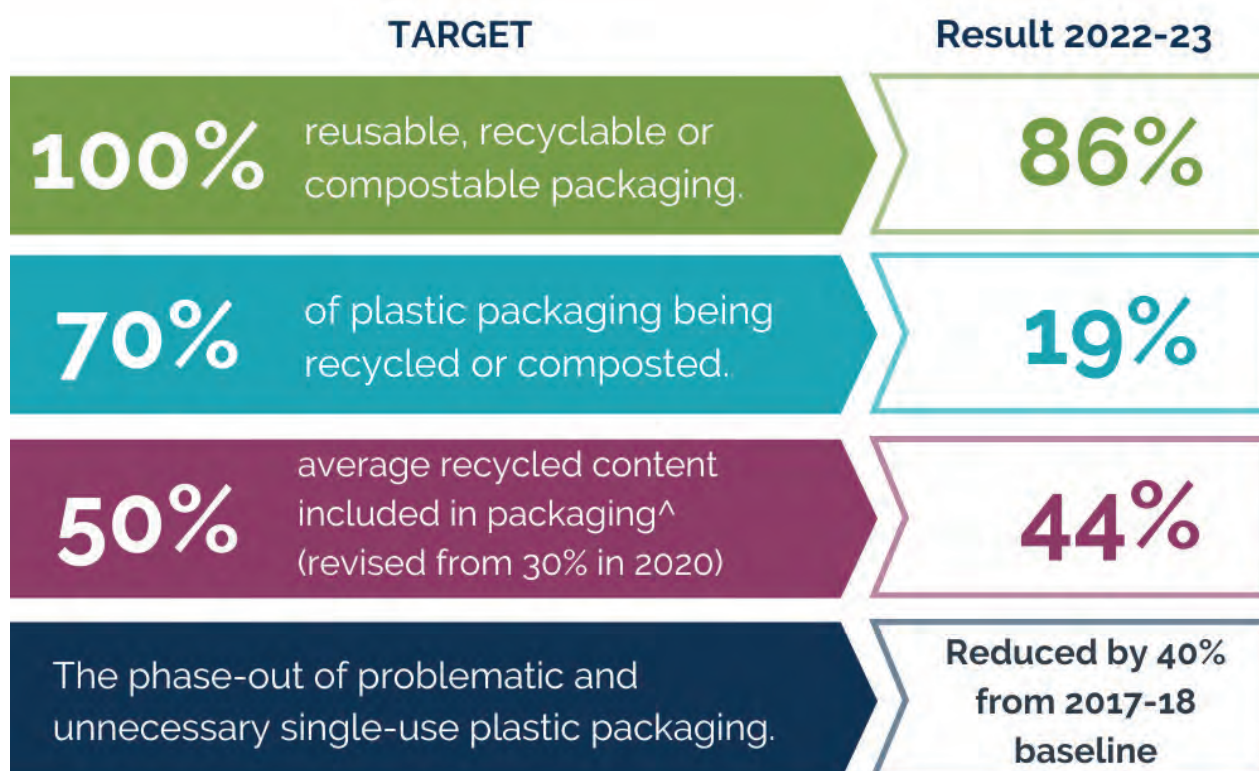




## 2022 -2023 Australian Consumption and Recovery Data Report

### Report highlights

- In 2022-23, half of all glass placed on the market was from post-consumer recycled content, making it the first material group to meet the 2025 material-specific target for post-consumer recycled content.
- The average Australian consumer uses 146kg of packaging per year, with 111kg consumed in the home and 35kg consumed away from home. Business to business consumption (116kg/person) and other/unknown consumption (2kg/person) takes total consumption 264kg per capita.
- Domestic reprocessing capacity has nearly doubled since 2018-19, from 1.85MT to 3.45MT.
- Paper and Paperboard represents over 50% of all packaging placed on market and has a high recovery rate of 73%. Even so, more remains to be done, as there are still 1.3 million tonnes of this valuable material going to landfill.
- Container Deposit Scheme recovery via depots and reverse vending machines have almost doubled between 2018-19 and 2022-23 across the country.
- Some problematic and single-use plastics have almost disappeared from Australian packaging, with 31,000 tonnes of single-use HDPE shopping bags being almost entirely eliminated, PVC halving from 20,000 tonnes to 10,000 tonnes, and 1,500 tonnes of oxo-degradable plastics being reduced to almost 0.
- Progress versus the targets has not moved significantly since the 2022 Review of the National Packaging Targets, which determined that national targets would not be met by 2025.



### Material highlights

- **Paper and paperboard:** Despite 94% of paper and paperboard packaging placed on market (POM) receiving a 'good recycling potential' rating, only 65% of paper and paperboard was collected throughout 2022-23. This is a slight drop on the 2021-22 recovery rate of 68%.
- **Rigid plastics:** The recovery rate of rigid plastic has exceeded the growth of rigid plastic POM since 2018-19. Post-consumer recycled content has also grown from 10% to 14% (as a proportion of POM), with an additional 32,000 tonnes of post-consumer recycled content used vs 2021-22 levels.
- **Flexible plastics:** Low domestic reprocessing capacity for flexible plastic content limit the uptake of domestic recycled content in new flexible plastic packaging placed on market. Over the next five years, flexible plastic reprocessing capacity is projected to increase by 287,000 tonnes, bringing reprocessing capacity to 54% of POM in 2027-28, compared to just 10% in 2022-23.
- **Glass:** Glass is the first material to reach the 2025 material-specific recycled content target for 2025, with post-consumer recycled content rates in glass improving from 41% in 2021-22 to 50% in 2022-23.
- **Metal:** Metal recovery has improved slightly between 2021-22 (51%) and 2022-23 (52%), but still remains lower than the 56% recovery rate in 2018-19.
- **Wood:** Wood is typically used in B2B contexts for highly durable applications, making it well suited to reuse systems. In 2021-22, 4.5 million tonnes of wood were avoided through the use of qualified reusable packaging systems.

[Download the full report here](#)

## Phase out of APCO methodology & acceptance of Australian Standard AS 1301.220:2024 Test for Pulpability (AUS only)

**We will be transitioning to the Australian Standard AS 1301.220:2024 Test for Pulpability (AS method) as the approved testing methodology for fibre submissions, phasing out APCO's Standardised Test Method for Repulpability Assessment (APCO method). This change follows endorsement by the Pulpability Sub-Group and Fibre Material Stewardship Committee (MSC).**

APCO initially developed its method due to a lack of recognised testing in Australia but acknowledges that maintaining a proprietary testing standard is outside its core competencies. The AS method, built upon the APCO method, aligns with recognised frameworks like the Capi Recyclability Test Method Version 2 and reduces potential confusion from dual methodologies.

Additionally, the AS method provides more comprehensive data, including visual impurities and sheet adhesion tests not covered by the APCO method.

### Hand Sheet Testing for Alternative Fibres

Hand sheet evaluations, such as burst and tensile strength testing, remain essential for alternative fibre packaging. These tests must be included in pulpability reports using the AS or Capi method to address the paper industry's limited data on alternative fibres and their impact on board quality.

### Phase-Out Timeline

1. **January 2025:** Official communication of the phase-out.
2. **July 2025:** APCO method no longer accepted for ARL fibre submissions.
3. **July 2027:** All previous APCO submissions will expire, requiring re-submission with AS or Capi testing.

Note: Fibre submissions have a two-year expiry, allowing time for applicants to retest and update ARL outcomes accordingly



## WPO congratulates Winner of the 2024 SAVE FOOD Award – Tomato Jos in Nigeria



The World Packaging Organisation (WPO) is pleased to advise that the global SAVE FOOD project competition annual award winner for 2024 is Tomato Jos Farming and Processing Limited from Nigeria.

Through a global alliance, the SAVE FOOD Initiative, which was founded by Messe Düsseldorf and interpack, is promoting a more responsible use of resources along the entire food supply chain and actively contributing to the reduction of food loss and waste. Save Food Org follows UN SDG 12.3, fighting for a reduction of food loss and waste.

As a part of the initiative the Save Food Org team have developed an annual project competition that actively seeks smart agricultural practices and logistics solutions and/or innovative processing and packaging ideas that could support minimising food loss and/or waste across the value chain.

Judged by an esteemed panel of experts from the World Packaging Organisation (WPO), UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation), and FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations), the judging panel were on the lookout for projects that make a significant impact in reducing food loss and waste with the winning project awarded a grant of € 10,000.



### 2024 winner Tomato Jos Nigeria

For the 2024 Project competition Tomato Jos was recognised for its groundbreaking efforts to combat post-harvest loss, empower small farmers and promote sustainability in Nigeria's agricultural sector.

Through innovative solutions such as large-capacity crates, training programs and modern farming techniques, Tomato Jos is empowering over 350 small farmers, creating over 4.000 jobs and reducing dependency on imported tomato products. Their inspiring work addresses one of the most critical issues in Nigeria's agricultural sector - post-harvest loss of tomatoes, which affects 45% of the crop annually.

Mira Mehta, the visionary behind Tomato Jos, is proving that practical, sustainable solutions can transform communities. From improving transport infrastructure to developing climate-friendly agricultural practices, their mission goes beyond food waste - it's about creating opportunities and securing livelihoods.

### Between surplus and imports

Nigeria is the largest producer of tomatoes in Africa south of the Sahara. Despite this, the country imports tomato products worth millions of US dollars per year. Why? Almost half of the crop yield spoils due to a lack of cold chains, poor storage and transport facilities and high temperatures and humidity, which is an economic disaster for the small farmers.

Tomato Jos, founded in 2014 by Mira Mehta, runs farms, creates jobs and produces its own brand of tomato paste in Kaduna.



Training programmes teach small farmers modern cultivation methods while high-quality seeds, fertiliser and technologies ensure higher yields. An innovative credit system facilitates establishing productive operations and reinforces the farmers' financial independence. "Among other things, we provide small farmers with knowledge about when to ideally harvest tomatoes and how to best sort and package them", says CEO Mira Mehta.

### **Transport packaging is the key to success**

One of Tomato Jos' pragmatic solutions is the use of large-capacity crates. These sustainable packaging solutions significantly reduce damage to the tomatoes compared to the woven baskets that are traditionally used.

They protect the fruit during transport and are easy to stack thanks to their uniform design. The available space in lorries is used optimally, reducing transport cost per unit. Additional training for the transport personnel in handling the tomatoes when loading and unloading is also having a positive effect.

The Save Food Org Team and the judging panel would like to congratulate Mira Mehta and the Tomato Jos team for their commitment to sustainability and innovation. The €10.000 prize will help them expand training programs, improve packaging systems and scale up their impactful initiative.

Together, let's continue to inspire change and build a future with less food waste and greater food security.

**If your company or organisation is interested in becoming a member of SAVE FOOD, or wants to know more about the annual SAVE FOOD project competition please contact - Ivania Portillo-Elzer: [PortilloI@messe-duesseldorf.de](mailto:PortilloI@messe-duesseldorf.de)**





# Sustainable Linerless Labelling



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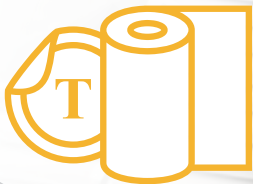
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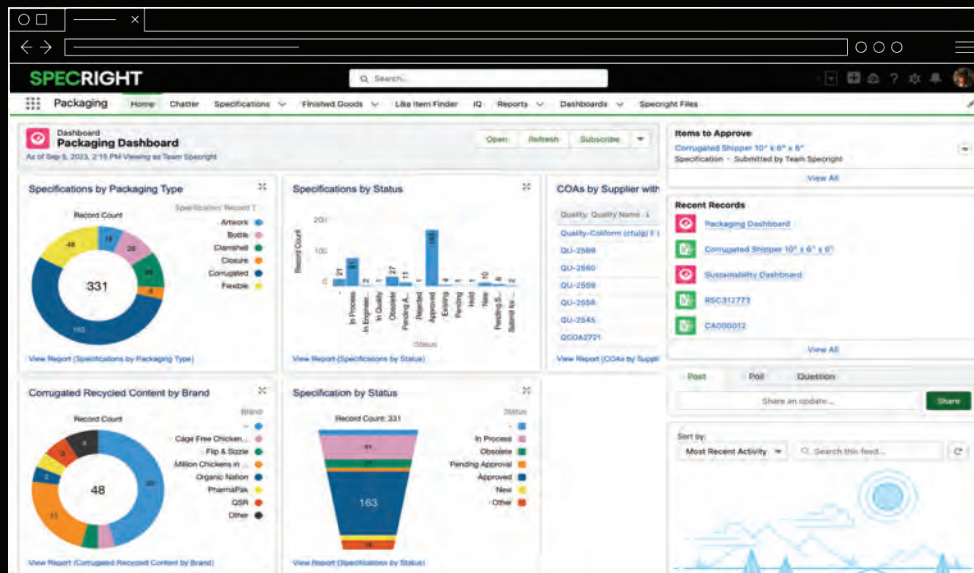


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- Less raw materials required



Image: Recycled roads made from cups in Penrith City Council

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