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AIP: PEAK PROFESSIONAL BODY FOR PACKAGING EDUCATION & TRAINING IN AUSTRALASIA

The AIP would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cyprian Mashego MAIP, CPP, Senior Packaging Technologist, Lactalis New Zealand, on successfully achieving the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation. The CPP program has been accepted as the global recognition as a packaging professional and therefore the CPP designation has now become the leading mark of excellence internationally and a must-have recognition of industry proficiency and achievement for packaging professionals.

We invited Cyprian to share with us what attaining the Certified Packaging Professional Designation means to him...



Cyprian Mashego MAIP, CPP
Senior Packaging Technologist
Lactalis New Zealand

1. How long have you been in the industry? What are your areas of expertise?

Cyprian: I have over 20 years of experience as a Packaging Technologist across multiple industries, including pet food, culinary sauces, confectionery, dairy, and alcohol. I also worked on the supplier side as a Product Development Specialist, developing bag-in-box solutions for both fresh and aseptic applications. This diverse experience has provided exposure to a wide range of packaging materials, technologies, and machinery. Based in New Zealand, my on-going professional interest is barrier packaging and shelf-life preservation through both material innovation and packaging equipment.

2. What made you apply for the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) Designation?

Cyprian: I pursued the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation to formally validate the knowledge and experience I have gained throughout

my career while strengthening my connection to the wider packaging profession. While much of my role focuses on solving day-to-day packaging challenges and delivering practical solutions, I wanted to broaden and test my understanding of packaging disciplines beyond my immediate area of expertise.

"Achieving the CPP designation recognises my professional capabilities and reflects my commitment to continuous learning, professional development, and maintaining high industry standards."

3. How important is attaining the CPP designation to you as an individual?

Cyprian: Attaining the CPP designation is important to me because it's a demonstration my commitment to continuous professional development and enhances my credibility as a packaging professional.



I believe it will help me contribute more effectively to strategic packaging initiatives while supporting my long-term career growth. It provides exposure to a growing number of CPP's available for knowledge sharing and industry best practice exchange.

4. How important is the CPP designation for the greater recognition of people in the packaging industry?

Cyprian: The CPP designation is important for raising the profile of the packaging profession. I believe it helps showcase the value packaging technologists bring and positions packaging as an attractive career for new talent. As a globally recognised credential, the CPP represents a strong commitment to technical excellence and professional development and gives every packaging technologist something to aspire to.

5. Were there any new learnings or takeaways that you gained from the experience?

Cyprian: Over the years, working with a wide range of materials and packaging technologies has given me valuable practical experience. The Fundamentals of Packaging Technology textbook

helped deepen my understanding of the science behind many challenges I have encountered and reinforced solutions I had successfully applied in practice. It also provided greater clarity on technical areas often managed by suppliers. By bringing together the fundamentals across a broad industry, the textbook connected concepts from different disciplines and highlighted the importance of a strong technical foundation in packaging.

6. What next for your career?

Cyprian: I look forward to continuing to contribute to my role through involvement in strategic packaging initiatives, particularly around sustainable packaging. As the industry continues to evolve, I remain committed to continuous learning and staying current with emerging technologies, regulations, and best practices.

"Achieving the CPP designation is an important milestone, and I plan to maintain my certification through ongoing professional development, with Lifetime Certification as a long-term goal."



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The AIP would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate Wilsen Kannan AAIP, CPP, Assistant Packaging Manager, Vinda Malaysia for attaining his re-certification for the Certified Packaging Professional designation...

1. Why is re-certifying for the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) Designation so important to you personally? What do you have to do to re-certify?

Wilsen: Recertifying is important to me as it shows you are passionate about packaging and not just a one-time off certificate for job opportunities.

"My end goal in recertifying is to attain the CPPL and to set an example for packaging professionals in Malaysia."

In order to recertify again; I would opt for the experience and resume option as you not only build packaging knowledge and connections but you also get to see different packaging technology and how to adapt to your own country. There are other options such as technical examinations but choose the one which fits your time and availability.

2. Would you recommend the Certified Packaging Professional program to other AIP Members and why?

Wilsen: I would definitely recommend the Certified Packaging Professional program to other AIP members because it shows that you have the capability to share packaging knowledge based on your competency level.

Knowledge is not only gained through work experience but the exposure to many technical experts around the world where the program gets you to explore.

The CPP program is a global standard of excellence and only those who have attained it and maintain it shows the industry that you are the go-to person to packaging related matters.

3. What is the value for packaging professionals all over the world to have a CPP designation?

Wilsen: CPP designation is a global standard of excellence in the packaging Industry. It is

recognised not only by AIP, but IoPP and WPO as well. The CPP is the flagship certification globally as a packaging professional. It opens up doors to many possibilities around the world for a packaging professional to explore.

"It is an investment that grows as you gain industry experience and knowledge whereby you are still in demand in every changing environment."

4. What next for your career?

Wilsen: Next in my career is to attain the CPPL title as well as to undergo the Diploma in Packaging Technology through the AIP.

If all goes well, would be able to attain both the CPPL title and complete the Diploma in Packaging Technology to be a packaging technologist who is skilled and trained by the AIP.



Wilsen Kannan AAIP, CPP
Assistant Packaging Manager
Vinda Malaysia



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AIP and Informa Markets expand their partnership across Asia



Informa Markets are proud to announce they are a new Platinum Plus Corporate Partner of the AIP.



The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) have confirmed that Informa Markets will become the Platinum Plus Partner of the association. This partnership will not only solidify the long-standing relationship between the two organisations but will also enable growth of the AIP educational offerings within the food, beverage, packaging and HoReCa shows in the Asian region.

For almost 14 years the AIP have proudly been providing the largest educational offerings of any peak professional body for packaging education and training in the Informa Market portfolio of ProPak Shows across Southeast

Asia. Over the last decade, the AIP and Informa have continued to strengthen the ProPak shows packaging educational offerings for the visitors and now each show offers an expansive offering including an annual packaging forum, workshops and training courses.

According to Nerida Kelton, Executive Director, AIP, "The AIP have proudly become the leading educational partner for the flagship show ProPak Asia in Thailand and support all of the ProPak shows in the Asian region. The ProPak portfolio now includes Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Hanoi, China, Middle East & Africa and India.





"Now it is time to expand our educational support to even more Informa shows within the HoReCa (Hotel, Restaurant, and Café/Catering) space, starting with supporting the 2027 Food & Hospitality Asia (FHA) that will be held on the 20-23 April 2027 in Singapore," Mrs Kelton said.

"Entering its 49th year, Food & Hospitality Asia has been cemented as the premier authority for the food and hospitality industries in Asia. Occupying all ten halls of the Singapore Expo centre, FHA 2027 will showcase the best in food & beverage, hotel, restaurant, café/catering, retail, and ProWine Singapore. FHA 2027 is set to host over 2,750 exhibitors and welcome 60,000 attendees from more than 100 countries and regions, reaffirming its status as the must-attend event for the global food and hospitality community," Mrs Kelton said.

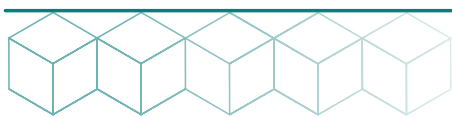
"The AIP looks forward to working with the team at Food & Hospitality Asia and helping to guide their packaging-related educational offerings for 2027. We also encourage AIP Members and industry colleagues to visit or exhibit at the show with the ever-expanding Australasian Delegation from Australia and New Zealand.

Ian Roberts, Senior Vice President – Asia, Informa Markets, added:

"Our partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) marks a significant milestone for Informa Markets as the organiser of the ProPak Series and Food & Hospitality Asia. By combining AIP's deep technical expertise in packaging education and training with our global platforms for trade, innovation, and growth, we are unlocking unparalleled opportunities to advance the packaging, as well as food and beverage industries in the region."

"This collaboration will deliver cutting-edge insights, foster sustainable solutions, and set new benchmarks for excellence, empowering professionals to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving market. Together, Informa Markets and AIP are not only shaping the future of these critical sectors, but also driving meaningful progress, innovation and business success." Mr Roberts said.

Should your company wish to exhibit, or visit any of the ProPak Asia shows, or the Food & Hospitality Asia please reach out to the AIP.





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AIP Welcomes New Corporate Partner tesa tape

tesa is a global leader in adhesive solutions, with over 125 years of expertise helping manufacturers improve product performance, production efficiency and packaging outcomes. tesa work across the packaging value chain to provide high-performance adhesive solutions for carton sealing, paper-based packaging, reinforcement, easy opening and more, supporting reliable manufacturing while meeting evolving sustainability requirements.

Beyond supplying products, tesa partner with brand owners, converters and packaging manufacturers to optimise packaging performance through technical expertise, application support and collaborative product development. tesa looks forward to working with AIP members to share knowledge and develop innovative packaging solutions together.

"We are pleased to partner with the Australian Institute of Packaging, an organisation that plays a vital role in advancing packaging knowledge and innovation across the industry. At tesa, we believe the best packaging solutions are developed through



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collaboration, and we look forward to sharing our adhesive expertise while working alongside AIP members to help solve packaging challenges and support the future of packaging in Australasia."

Clara Yeo, tesa tape



AIP Welcomes New Corporate Partner Meyer Seals

Meyer Seals Asia Ltd., part of Meyer Seals® – The SEALutions Company®, is a leading provider of closure sealing solutions for the packaging industry. Backed by nearly 150 years of expertise and innovation since the company's founding in Germany in 1879, Meyer Seals serves customers in nearly 100 countries worldwide and is recognised as the market leader for sealing liners.

The company's advanced sealing technologies support a wide range of industries, including food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, chemicals, cosmetics, lubricants, and household products. Meyer Seals solutions help protect product integrity, prevent leakage, provide tamper evidence, enhance consumer convenience, and support sustainability goals.

As the regional hub for Asia Pacific, Meyer Seals Asia works closely with brand owners, packaging manufacturers, fillers, and converters to deliver tailored sealing solutions that improve product safety, packaging performance, operational efficiency, and consumer confidence.

"As a Corporate Partner of the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), we are committed to sharing our technical expertise in induction sealing, vented seal liner, and closure sealing solution to help AIP members address packaging challenges and bring innovative products to market."

The graphic features the Meyer Seals logo at the top, followed by the text 'MEYER SEALS ASIA® LTD'. Below this is a circular emblem with 'PROUD AIP BRONZE CORPORATE PARTNER' around the perimeter and the AIP logo in the center. A QR code is positioned below the emblem. At the bottom, a text box states: 'Meyer Seals are proud to announce they are a new Bronze Corporate Partner of the AIP.'

The advertisement shows a hand opening a jar of coffee. Text includes 'MEYER seals', 'The Clean Sealable SEALution!', and 'Ultimately neat, clean appearance.' It features images of two jars labeled 'PAPRIKA' and 'ORGANIC' and a QR code. A list of benefits is provided: 'Hermetically sealed, customizable opening', 'Withstands warmer climatic conditions', 'Sustainably recyclable with ALKOseal™ glasSecure', 'Innovative brand recognition with ALKOseal™ pierce 'n' peel™', and 'Ideal seal for wide mouth closures'. Awards from WPO (Worldstar Winner 2025) and LIDER PACK (Ganador Edición 2024) are also displayed.



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"Meyer Seals is proud to partner with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), an organisation that plays a vital role in advancing packaging excellence through education, professional development, and industry collaboration. As a global leader in closure sealing solutions, we share AIP's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and continuous improvement across the packaging value chain. Through this partnership, we look forward to sharing our global expertise, supporting knowledge exchange, and helping AIP members develop packaging solutions that enhance product safety, consumer benefit, and packaging optimisation."

Thanakharn Suebsubhap (TK)
Managing Director
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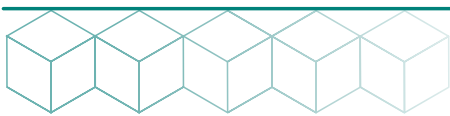
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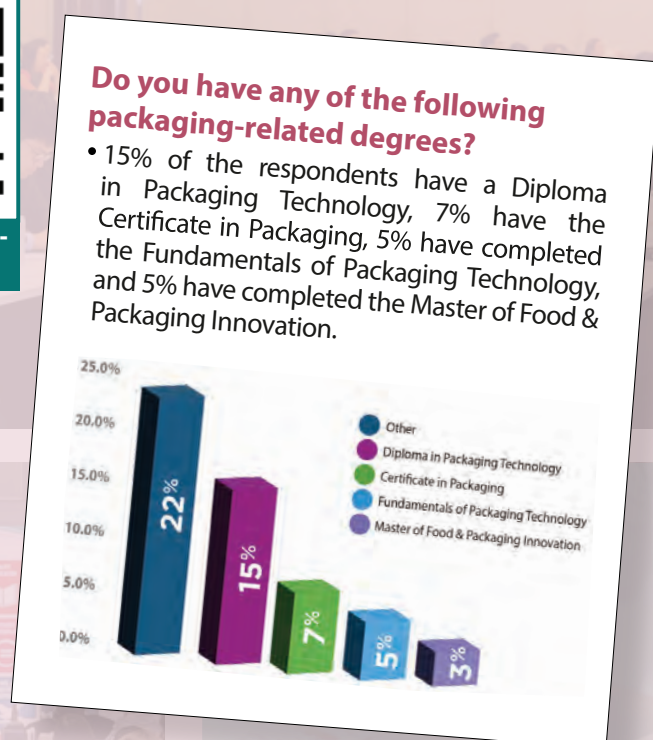
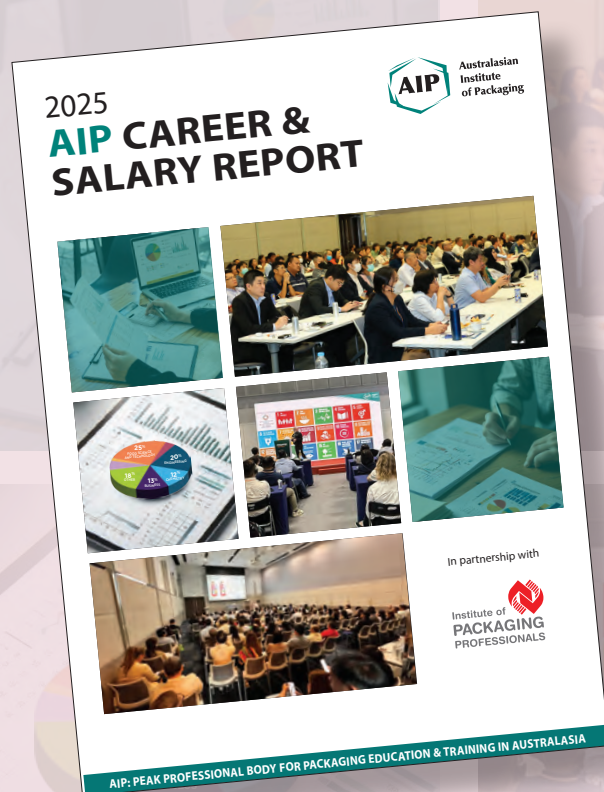


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2026 AIP CAREER & SALARY SURVEY

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If you are looking to better understand careers, salaries, employment & education of packaging professionals in Australasia then complete the 2026 survey today.



The AIP is pleased to advise that the 2026 Salary & Career Survey is now open for the Australasian Region; Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

This year's Salary Survey – the only survey in the Australasian Region dedicated exclusively to benchmarking salaries and employment trends within the packaging industry – will provide a clear look into roles, experience, education, career satisfaction, challenges and salaries of packaging professionals.

The AIP is seeking input from packaging professionals to ensure that we can develop a definitive resource for our industry for the region.

With just a few minutes of your time, your thoughtful responses to the survey's open-ended questions, will contribute to this important industry staple. The results from the survey will be made in to the 2026 AIP Salary & Career report and will cover roles, education, experience, career satisfaction, concerns and salaries. The report created from this survey does more than report your salary; it touches on your current employment status, educational factors, future career prospects and more.

Those who complete the confidential survey will receive the final 2026 report from the AIP for free.

The deadline to complete this survey is 18 September 2026

Thank you in advance for your valuable input and we look forward to the results. Please extend this invitation to all of your colleagues across the region.

To complete the confidential survey please click here:
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Kissel + Wolf GLOBAL PACKAGING EVENTS **2026**



**METPACK
2026**

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**FESPA Global
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Barcelona, Spain



**SinoCorrugated
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**CCE International
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interpack China Expands International Presence Through Partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging

interpack China has announced a strategic partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), further strengthening its engagement with the international packaging community ahead of the exhibition's 2026 edition. As Australia's peak professional packaging body, AIP represents a broad network of industry professionals across Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Evian Gu, General Manager of Messe Düsseldorf (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., stated: *"As a proud member of the interpack global alliance, since its launch in 2015, interpack China - formerly known as Shanghai World of Packaging (swop) - has carried the mission of advancing China's packaging industry. From its original vision to the established industry platform it is today, every stage of interpack China's development has been made possible by the continued support and partnership of the industry. Over the past decade, we have witnessed the growth of numerous*

packaging companies, rapid technological progress across the sector and constantly evolving market demands. Throughout this journey, interpack China has served as a bridge across the packaging value chain – fostering collaboration, creating business opportunities and contributing to the continued development of China's packaging industry.

"Looking ahead, we are delighted to strengthen this role through our partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging, a longstanding supporter and active advocate of the global SAVE FOOD Initiative. Together, we aim to advance practical solutions to reduce food loss and waste while promoting sustainable packaging across the Asia-Pacific region."

This partnership marks another step in interpack China's strategy to strengthen international collaboration and expand its global industry network.



Taking place from 16-18 November 2026 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC), interpack China will welcome around 970 exhibitors across 70,000 square metres, attracting more than 47,000 professional visitors. The exhibition will showcase the latest technologies in processing and packaging machinery, automation, intelligent manufacturing, sustainable materials, packaging design and digital solutions. Special feature areas dedicated to smart packaging, sustainable packaging and innovative materials highlight the industry's transition towards a more intelligent and sustainable future.

The exhibition will also feature leading international companies including INCOE, Langguth, Aasted, SUPER DRY, Earflap, KOCH, KYCZ, Waldner, Hansin, Multivac, Stora Enso, Sykell, and Lawer, alongside many of China's innovative manufacturers. Through its partnership with AIP, interpack China continues to expand its international visitor network and strengthen its position as a platform for business exchange and industry collaboration across the Asia-Pacific region.

Sustainability will once again be a key focus of the exhibition.

On the afternoon of 16 November 2026, the interpack SPOTLIGHT Forum will feature a special session dedicated to SAVE FOOD and sustainable packaging. As a long-standing partner of the SAVE FOOD initiative, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) has made significant contributions to advancing sustainable packaging through research, education and industry guidance. Its participation will once again bring valuable international expertise to the forum, reflecting the shared commitment of AIP and interpack China to promoting sustainable packaging and strengthening industry collaboration across the Asia-Pacific region.

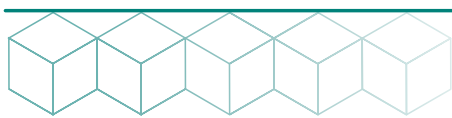


Nerida Kelton, Executive Director of the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), welcomed the new partnership:

"The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is delighted to welcome interpack China as our newest Corporate Partner. Our long-standing partnership with the SAVE FOOD initiative reflects our shared commitment to reducing food loss and waste through innovation, education and industry collaboration. We are proud to continue advancing this important dialogue at interpack China 2026 and look forward to building a long and successful partnership. We also encourage our members and industry colleagues to participate in the exhibition – whether as exhibitors or visitors – and experience the opportunities interpack China has to offer firsthand."

International Pavilion – A Dedicated Platform for International Exhibitors

International exhibitors can further enhance their participation through the International Pavilion – an all-inclusive offering by the interpack alliance that combines a premium exhibition presence with enhanced visibility. Exhibitors also benefit from targeted visitor guidance, directing key buyers and decision-makers straight to their stands. This creates an ideal platform for generating qualified business contacts and expanding into new markets.



For more information about interpack China 2026 or the International Pavilion, please contact:

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Visitor Pre-Registration Now Open

Visitor pre-registration for interpack China 2026 is now officially open. By registering in advance, visitors will receive the latest exhibition updates, enjoy priority access to target exhibitors, and benefit from a faster, more efficient on-site experience.

Companies planning to attend with colleagues or business partners are invited to register as a professional visitor group. Groups of five or more participants will receive a range of exclusive benefits. Claim your tickets!

With its growing international network, strong focus on innovation and sustainability, and the support of partners such as the Australasian Institute of Packaging, interpack China 2026 continues to strengthen its position as one of Asia's leading platforms for the processing and packaging industry.

About interpack China

As a member of the interpack alliance, interpack China showcases the latest developments in key industry fields, including artificial intelligence, intelligent, automated and digital packaging, sustainable, personalised and lightweight packaging, processing and packaging machinery, innovative materials and products, components, printed labels, and packaging design.

Covering more than 70,000 square metres, interpack China 2026 will bring together around 970 leading exhibitors from around the world, presenting the latest products, technologies and solutions on one integrated platform. The exhibition is expected to welcome more than 47,000 professional visitors from China and abroad, fostering business exchange and driving the packaging industry towards a more efficient, sustainable and intelligent future.





FSSC 22000 V7

now includes

Save Food Packaging Design Guidelines

Foundation FSSC, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) unite to introduce Save Food Packaging into FSSC 22000 V7.

Version 7 of the FSSC 22000 Certification Scheme now incorporates a new requirement under product design and development, which applies to all organisations that design primary packaging and packaging material.

The packaging design requirements included within FSSC 22000 V7 (Part 2, 2.5.13) were developed with the support of the WPO, of which FSSC is an affiliate member, and the AIP, is a Full Member. The design requirements in Version 7, are based on aspects of the AIP's Save Food Packaging Design Principles, which have been globalised the World Packaging Organisation (WPO).

Foundation FSSC now has over 40,000 Certified Organisations that are required to consider these packaging design principles, resulting in further support for the reduction of Food Loss and Waste.

The inclusion of aspects of the Save Food Packaging design guidelines in Version 7 will have a significant impact for tens of thousands of food and feed companies involved in the processing, handling, or distribution of food products across the world.



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AIP to Partner with Packaging Cockpit: One system for the entire supply chain

Supporting Australasian Companies who export to Europe to meet PPWR regulations

The European Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) is now binding for all EU member states, which, for many brands will require a rethink and new approaches to packaging development. For example, in terms of recyclability, recycle content or regulations to minimise packaging. The PPWR regulations does not apply only to Europe; it applies to any company that is selling into any European member state.

The PPWR will also require detailed data management, accurate and real-time Packaging specifications, Declarations of Conformity & Technical Documentation. The Packaging Cockpit can solve all of your data problems.

What is the Packaging Cockpit?

The AIP is pleased to introduce the Packaging Cockpit, a Global Packaging Specification Management Software. The Packaging Cockpit can intuitively manage your packaging worldwide, and most importantly the basic version is available

free of charge, which enables brands, packaging suppliers and manufacturers to able to build their datasets and digitalisation of their specifications, in readiness to be able to then undertake their reporting and regulatory requirements. Brands can work with their packaging suppliers to access their data through the Packaging Cockpit. The Packaging Cockpit is a tool that calculates the technical recyclability, as well as the life cycle assessment of packaging systems, scientific calculations, data interface with suppliers and brands. The goal with the tool is to make the recyclability of packaging systems transparent and help companies to make the right decisions when optimising their packaging portfolio.

The Packaging Cockpit is intended to be applied both internally within companies and to entire supply chains. The team integrates a scientific database and scientific methods into software that is suitable for mass data.





Helping to meet PPWR & EPR regulations

If you are exporting to Europe, or working with brands that are, and they need to fulfil the Declaration of Conformity for the Packaging & Packaging Waste (PPW) Regulations then this intuitive system will be the answer. Not only can the Packaging Cockpit fulfil PPWR regulations, but also other Extended Producer regulations across all corners of the globe. One System for the entire supply chain. The calculations can also be performed for different countries, allowing country-specific evaluations. In addition, further management functions of the packaging portfolio can be performed.

The Packaging Cockpit will:

- Support PPWR compliance.
- Help you to calculate recyclability and life cycle assessment.
- Help you to build a supplier platform for structured data exchange.
- Help you to create the Declaration of Conformity and Technical Documentation required under the PPWR.
- Help you to interface with your suppliers via the tool so that you can access real-time data.
- Teach you how to use the Packaging Cockpit to build packaging specifications across your company.

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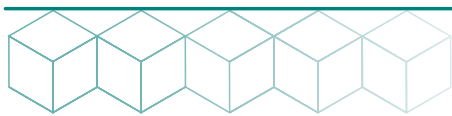
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2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS

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Winners announced for the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards



Winners for the 2026 round of the annual Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards have been announced at a gala awards evening that was held in front of 320 people on the 28th of July at The Aviary, on the rooftop of the Crown Complex in Melbourne, Victoria. The 2026 PIDA Awards coincided with foodpro.

Coordinated by the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), the PIDA awards are designed to recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field across Australia and New Zealand.

The 2026 Finalists come from the following PIDA categories:

1. Food Packaging Design
2. Beverage Packaging Design
3. Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging
4. Domestic & Household Packaging
5. Labelling & Decoration

6. Outside of the Box
7. Marketing
8. Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design
9. Save Food Packaging Design
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12. Industry Packaging Professional of the Year
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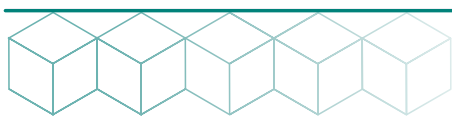
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“Congratulations to the AIP for once again delivering an outstanding PIDA Awards program and continually setting a high standard for the industry. It was wonderful to be there with the team, celebrate the achievements, and engage in such valuable conversations throughout the event. We sincerely appreciate all the hard work behind the scenes that makes the awards such a success.”



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2026 Food Packaging Design of the Year

The Food Packaging Design of the year award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, within food packaging and processing including fresh, frozen or other. This is a WorldStar General Award Category.

Gold Winner



The 2026 Food Packaging Design of the Year GOLD winner is **Primo Sliced Meats Peel & Reseal Pack: Primo Foods & Amcor Flexibles**.



The Primo Sliced Meats & Reseal Pack was a collaboration between Primo Foods and Amcor Flexibles Australia New Zealand and was designed to meet a consumer need for more functional packaging.

Primo Foods iconic sliced meats range has transitioned from a standard peel top film

to a peel and reseal top film, designed with consumers in mind.

The new pack is easy to open, resealable, offers a 10% reduction in plastic and now uses recycle ready mono material PET for the bottom film.



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DESIGN**
winning video here.



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Silver Winner



There was tie for the 2026 Food Packaging Design of the Year SILVER award.



The first silver winner is **Arctic Shield EPS Replacement: Opal ANZ.**



The second silver winner is **RePlay Returnables: Bonson Packaging.**



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Bronze Winner



The 2026 Food Packaging Design of the Year **BRONZE** winner is **Honey Squeeze Pack: Caps & Closures**.



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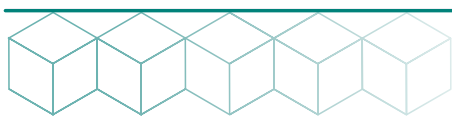
“The recognition means a lot and especially for the team that was the driving force behind this, never giving up when it got particularly challenging. It was fantastic to share the news today with the team, it has been a long Journey to develop this format and good to be able to recognise this new save food packaging.”



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2026 Beverage Packaging Design of the Year

The Beverage Packaging Design of the Year award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, within packaging and processing

for liquid or dry tea, coffee, water and soft drinks including wine, beer and spirits. This is a WorldStar General Award Category.

Gold Winner



The 2026 Beverage Packaging Design of the Year GOLD winner is **Asahi Carlton Dry 6x330ml Bottle Shrink Replacement Wrap: Graphic Packaging International & Asahi Beverages.**



The new pack moves away from the original six-pack beer format wrapped in plastic shrink, reducing single use plastic and transitioning to kerbside recyclable fibre-based packaging.

The rigid walls provide strong physical protection by absorbing shocks and preventing crushing during transport and the design is consumer-friendly, offering easy carrying & stacking. The locking tab-and-slot design eliminates the need for glue and significantly improves packing efficiency.

The Fibreboard Wrap fits tightly around the bottles, enhancing security and overall pack strength.

Tab insertions create stable partitions that hold the bottoms of the bottles firmly in place. In addition, features such as easy-access openings and finger holes for carrying ensure a user-friendly experience, making the packaging both practical and convenient.

Exposing the neck of the bottle shows the consumer the quality of the product and superior branding is also achieved through 360-degree, high-quality, full-colour printing that enhances marketing impact.



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WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

Silver Winner



The 2026 Beverage Packaging Design of the Year **SILVER** winner is **600ml Spring Water: Woolworths**.



Bronze Winner



The 2026 Beverage Packaging Design of the Year **BRONZE** winner is **capR: Interpack**.



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“There is a reason the AIP continues to go from strength to strength each year. Thank you for always making us feel so welcome and for hosting us with such warmth and generosity♥.”



2026 Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design of the Year

The Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design of the Year award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, within cosmetics, toiletries, personal hygiene, supplements, vitamins, perfumes, hair

body and oral care. This award also covers packaging of all medicines including over the counter medicines and medical equipment packaging. This is a WorldStar General Award Category.

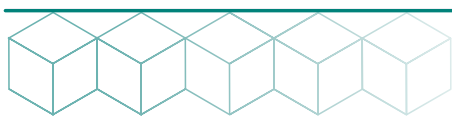
Gold Winner



The 2026 Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design of the Year award **GOLD** winner is **Mono material HDPE tube & cap range: Impact International.**

This innovative Australian manufactured mono material range replaces the difficult to recycle tube and cap, which are traditionally made of PE and PP. By replacing the PP resin in the flip top cap, Impact International can now offer a tube and flip top cap made using HDPE resins that is designed for the consumer to dispose of both the tube and the cap as one single item, at disposal. The new tube and cap range has been designed to end up in the HDPE recycling stream.

The tube is also manufactured using HDPE PCR resin, which is also made in Australia. The tube can contain between 30%-50% PCR recycled content, depending on the tube length required. The Australian made PCR HDPE material is located in the non-contact layer of the tube wall. This makes it easier for brand owners to incorporate the use of PCR HDPE in their tube packaging as there is no direct contact with PCR materials.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design of the year **SILVER** winner is **Libra Range Outer Packaging with 50% PCR LDPE: ProAmpac New Zealand.**



Bronze Winner



The 2026 Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design of the Year **BRONZE** winner is **Esmi Cleanser Butter Balm.**



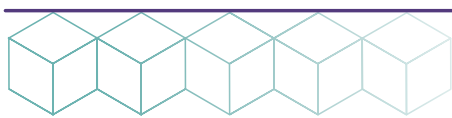
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2026 Domestic & Household Packaging Design of the Year

The Domestic & Household Packaging Design of the Year award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, packaging

within domestic and household items, toys, stationery, gifts, clothing, garden equipment and decorating. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.

Gold Winner



The 2026 Domestic & Household Packaging Design of the Year GOLD winner is **Click & Grow Garden Care System: Yates Group.**



Existing Do-it-yourself Garden care sprayers are either disposable and messy, or reusable but difficult to control. Users often handle chemicals directly, risking exposure and spills. The challenge was to create an intuitive, leak-proof sprayer that seamlessly connects to standard hoses, while offering controlled chemical dilution.

The new design needed to accommodate pre-mixed pouches ranging from 500ml to 1L and ensure easy operation with minimal instruction.

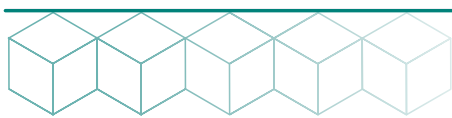
Click & Grow features a uniquely engineered venturi system that draws liquid from pre-mixed pouches into the water stream, with an intuitive dial to control mixture ratios. A thumb-activated shut-off valve enhances



safety and control, while multiple spray settings accommodate different garden care needs.

Designed for durability, the handset is made from UV-stabilised polymers to withstand outdoor conditions. It eliminates direct chemical handling, preventing spills and exposure.

The collar of the pouch has been modified to be filled on a standard pouch filler, whilst being able to incorporate the patented Pick Up Assembly (PUA) closure mechanism. The PUA is a wedge fit design with a series of internal valves and O-rings to ensure that the pouch only opens when clicked into the handset with the sprayer. This ensures that the pack format is truly contactless. Once the handset has been purchased, there are a range of 8 refill pouches.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Domestic & Household Packaging Design of the Year **SILVER** winner is **Tahwalhi Towable Bodyboard: Rebel Sports Australia.**



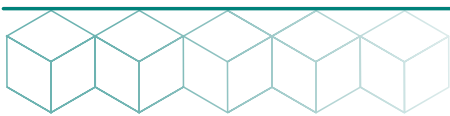
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WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT



2026 Labelling & Decoration Design of the Year

The Labelling & Decoration Design of the Year award is designed to recognise the addition of content to a pack which creates a unique or innovative appearance, function or communication. This may include labels,

sleeves, tags, coding/markings, etching, directly applied inks or by any other similar process. This is a WorldStar General Award Category.

Gold Winner

2026 Labelling & Decoration Design of the Year GOLD winner is RePlay Returnables: Bonson Packaging.



LABELLING & DECORATION GOLD WINNER

RePlay Returnables is a returnable container system by Bonson Packaging, designed specifically for food & deli services to not only replace single-use containers, but to also create a reusable system.

The system allows customers to buy deli goods in transparent reusable PP containers using a simple tap of their phone or debit card.

Each container features a dishwasher-resistant Variable Data IML label with a unique scannable code, enabling track-and-trace from purchase to return, through the cleaning cycle, and then back to reuse.

Customers use Tap to RePlay™ technology to link containers to their account, encouraging cleaning, returning, and reuse, supporting up to 50 cycles.

The pack has been designed with a soft-edged square shape that balances visual appeal with practical performance, improved spatial efficiency and is combined with a leak-resistant lid that provides the reassuring audible 'click' sound when sealed.



The large radiuses on the tub walls and bases offers easy scooping and serving and avoids food catchment areas. Avoiding food residue and moisture catchment areas in both the tub and lid designs was also critical to ensure efficient washing and drying during the sanitation process between uses.

The QRcode also allows Bonson to track the container throughout the borrow & return cycle, and to see how many times the container has been borrowed/returned.

Also, by scanning the QR code with their phone the consumer will be taken to the RePlay website which explains how the RePlay Returnable system works, and its benefits.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Labelling & Decoration Design of the Year **SILVER** winner is **Ecomark Natural Branding: Costa Group, Result Group & The Packaging Hippy.**



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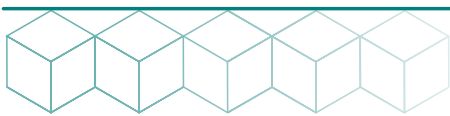
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Bronze Winner



2026 Labelling & Decoration Design of the Year **BRONZE** winner is **EL TORO Tequila Blanco Vok Beverages, Bickfords Australia: MCC Label Australia (Asia Pacific).**



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2026 Outside of the Box Design of the Year

The Outside of the Box Design of the Year Award has been established for miscellaneous packs and materials that are not included in any other category.

Gold Winner



OUTSIDE OF THE BOX GOLD WINNER



The Outside of the Box Design of the Year Award GOLD winner is **Milk Bottle Recycling System: Popit Recycling, Martogg & Procal Dairies.**

Australian company Popit Recycling has set new global standards in the recycling of HDPE plastic milk bottles. In partnership with Martogg and Procal Dairies, they have broken the long-standing barrier of recycled HDPE being prohibitively more expensive than virgin material. Milk processors can now switch from a virgin to a recycled HDPE bottle and generate net savings.

The Milk Bottle Recycling solution is a transformative system of post-consumer milk bottle recovery and recycling in a truly circular, closed-loop process.

Empty Bottle Takeback enables producers to 'take back' post-consumer HDPE bottles from their food-service customers, (in the original crates), and return them to site for recycling. On-Site Bottle Recycling recycles the returned PCR HDPE milk bottles on-site using the innovative machine, Popit. Popit is a small, modular hot-wash plant that was designed, engineered and manufactured right here in Australia.

It comprises two modules.

1. The Recovery Module that integrates with the producers existing crate wash infrastructure and it does two things; (1) automates the emptying of bottles from returned crates, and (2) scanning of bottles and removal of any contaminants.
2. The second module is the Wash Module; which is a fully enclosed unit that cuts the bottles into flakes, hot-caustic washes the flakes, purifies the flakes, dries the flakes, sorts the flakes, and then packages the flakes in bulk bags.

The key is making the economics of recycling on-site at milk processing plants work. **The major innovation that makes all of this possible is the small footprint and low cost of Popit. Popit is 10x smaller and 10x cheaper than conventional industrial-scale hot-wash systems.** The technology provides significant supply chain improvements in the areas of logistics, traceability, sustainability and cost.



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Silver Winner



The Outside of the Box Design of the Year Award **SILVER** winner is **Nally Folding MegaBin: Viscount**.



Bronze Winner



The Outside of the Box Design of the Year Award **BRONZE** winner is **Scaling Traceability: Result Group & Australian Table Grapes Association**.



Watch the **OUTSIDE OF THE BOX DESIGN** winning video here.



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2026 Marketing Design Special Award

Packaging can elicit emotional responses in consumers and should be seen as your best form of marketing. The right packaging design and eye-catching aesthetics can create emotional stimuli that ensures a brand is purchased. This can incorporate the functionality of the pack,

the aesthetic design and the outstanding visual appearance that makes the pack stand out on shelf, the premium and gifting style design, and/or unique and interactive communication tools on the pack. This is a WorldStar Packaging Award Special Category.

Gold Winner



MARKETING
GOLD WINNER

The 2026 Marketing Design of the Year GOLD winner is **RePlay Returnables: Bonson Packaging**. This is the **second Gold award** for the RePlay system in the 2026 round of the PIDA Awards.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Marketing Design of the Year **SILVER** winner is **Ecomark Natural Branding: Costa Group, Result Group & The Packaging Hippie.**



Bronze Winner



The 2026 Marketing Design of the Year **BRONZE** winner is **G'day Honey Anti Dust spray Propolis & Kakadu Plum: Pure Australia.**



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2026 Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design Special Award

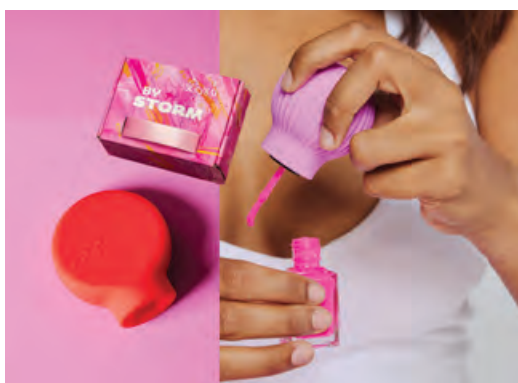
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Gold Winner



**ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE PACKAGING
GOLD WINNER**



The 2026 Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design of the Year **GOLD** winner is **Betty & Margie adaptive makeup tools & accessible mailer box: ByStorm Beauty.**



ByStorm Beauty is an Australian accessible beauty brand creating adaptive makeup tools designed with, and for, the disability community. Founder Storm Menzies was born with mild cerebral palsy, but it wasn't until she broke her dominant hand that she realised how inaccessible the world of beauty really was. In an industry built on confidence and self-expression, access is still treated like an afterthought, and too many people are left to improvise, struggle, or opt out.

Instead of waiting for the industry to catch up, Storm taught herself 3D modelling and prototyping to start designing solutions that actually work for hands that move differently. From the beginning, ByStorm Beauty has been shaped through co-design with people with disability, using real feedback to refine form, function, comfort, and usability. This disability-led approach is central to everything they create, from the product design to the packaging experience.



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ByStorm Beauty designs adaptive makeup tools that make everyday beauty products easier to use for people with disability and anyone with hands that work differently. Their first products, Betty and Margie, are the same product in two different shapes that support different movement patterns.

Betty is a rounded grip designed to sit comfortably in the palm and supports users who can curl their fingers. Margie is a flatter, paddle-style grip designed to support a more open-hand hold, offering stability for users who find finger curling or pinch-based control difficult.

Both grips are designed to fit a wide range of cylindrical beauty products, and ByStorm Beauty provides a product compatibility

checker to help customers confirm fit before purchase.

ByStorm's accessible mailer box has been designed so customers can open their order independently, without tools, or needing to ask someone else for help. The pack includes an easy-tear strip to reduce opening force and removes the need to peel tape or pick at edges.

The mailer box also includes a ribbon feature designed for an under-hand motion. Customers slide their hand under the ribbon and lift the lid, reducing the need for pinch grip and tightly curled fingers. The opening point is clear and intuitive, guided by the wording 'Tear into this beauty'.

Inside the box, an accessible insert includes braille indicating the QR code location (including a braille outline to help users locate it). The QR code links to audio and visual instructions and an Easy Read format, ensuring customers can access product information in the format that works best for them.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design of the Year SILVER winner is **Honey Squeeze Pack: Caps & Closures**.



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2026 Save Food Packaging Design Special Award

The Save Food Packaging Design special award is designed to recognise companies that are working to minimise or prevent food waste from paddock to plate using innovative and intuitive design features

that can contain and protect, preserve and extend shelf life; all the while meeting global sustainable packaging targets. This is a WorldStar Packaging Award Special Award category.

Gold Winner



SAVE FOOD PACKAGING
GOLD WINNER



The 2026 Save Food Packaging Design Special Award **GOLD** winner is **Birds Eye Frozen Single Vegetables 825g Range: Simplot.**



The 825g product range was launched with new packaging design that was a first in ANZ market for the frozen vegetables category. The design incorporates a 50% recycled content PE laminated block bottom bag with SealStrip's Peel&Seal resealable tape attached on the bag. The launch of the new packaging for Birds Eye core vegetables 825g range is the brand's first leading packaging design change over the last two decades.

The key driver was addressing the number one consumer packaging pain point for frozen vegetable ranges; product spillage for loose vegetables during consumption and storage, and household food waste.

The provision of block bottom bag and resealable tape formats are aimed to educate consumers to use the innovative Save Food Packaging design feature of resealable tape in portion control consumption.

The introduction of reseal tape allows consumers to reseal the opened bag for multiple servings and to protect product from spillage during storage.

By rolling the opened bag down as tight as possible to the leftover product and resealing the bag will ensure limited to no frozen product spilling onto freezer during storage and reducing risk of food waste.



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Silver Winner



SAVE FOOD PACKAGING SILVER WINNER



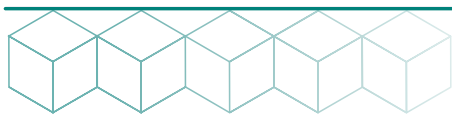
The 2026 Save Food Packaging Design Special Award **SILVER** winner is **AUSTLON SG Self Sealing Shrink Bag: IPE Pack and Technology.**



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Bronze Winner



SAVE FOOD PACKAGING BRONZE WINNER



The 2026 Save Food Packaging Design Special Award BRONZE winner is **Heinz Taste Tap Dispenser: Kraft Heinz Australia.**



High Commendation Winner



SAVE FOOD PACKAGING HIGH COMMENDATION



The 2026 Save Food Packaging Design Special Award HIGH COMMENDATION winner is **Paper Food Tub and Lid System: Pinnacle Packaging.**



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2026 Sustainable Packaging Design Special Award

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The award also considers all environmental impacts across the pack including meeting the 2025 National Packaging Targets, embedding the Australasian Recycling Label on pack, adhering to as many of the Sustainable Packaging Design Guidelines as possible and more. This is a WorldStar Packaging Award Special Category.



Due to the high number of entries across varying Sustainable Packaging Design principles the judges separated the winners into five subset activities. This year there are 5x gold Sustainable Packaging Design winners, 4x silver and 1 bronze.

The subset categories awarded are:

1. Resource Reduction
2. Reuse
3. Recycled Content
4. Design for Recovery
5. Innovations in Resource Recovery



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Gold Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Resource Reduction **GOLD** winner is **Ecomark Natural Branding: Costa Group, Result Group & The Packaging Hippie.**



This project was delivered in collaboration with Costa Group and was developed around a shared and practical question. Can seasonal communication be delivered without adding more packaging?

The project delivered this idea in a live retail environment, focusing on material reduction while maintaining operational fit, regulatory compliance and shopper acceptance.

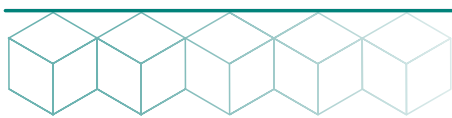
This project represents the starting point of Ecomark's journey in Australia, demonstrating that sustainability and effective marketing can be achieved together under real retail conditions. The project with Costa Group explored a packaging led approach to reducing material use in seasonal fresh produce campaigns.

Traditionally, seasonal marketing in fresh produce relies on additional packaging components such as promotional labels, sleeves or tags.

These elements are often produced for short periods and discarded soon after use, increasing material use and waste without changing the core packaging system.

For Costa's Easter 2025 avocado campaign, decoration was applied directly onto individual avocados using precision laser marking technology. The fruit itself became the communication surface, removing the need for additional promotional packaging elements. The laser interacts only with the outer layer of the avocado skin, creating a permanent, food safe mark without penetrating the fruit or affecting quality, shelf life or eating experience.

The Costa Group project validated that decorative and promotional communication can be delivered without increasing packaging material inputs, providing a clear pathway toward more material efficient fresh produce packaging systems.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Resource Reduction **SILVER** winner is **600ml Spring Water: Woolworths.**



Bronze Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Resource Reduction **BRONZE** winner is **Coles Antibacterial Handwash 250ml: TrendPac & Coles.**



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Gold Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Reuse GOLD winner is **RePlay Returnables: Bonson Packaging**. This is the **third Gold award** for the RePlay system and the most gold awards for any company in the 2026 round of the PIDA Awards.

Silver Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Reuse SILVER winner is **Nally Folding MegaBin: Viscount**.



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Gold Winner



A core capability of Thinkpac is the development of ReCree8® resin, a proprietary recycled polymer produced from 100% post-consumer soft plastic waste. All products in the range contain 50% ReCree8® post-consumer recycled (PCR) resin.

The ReCree8 PCR Pallet Wrap Range is designed for high-pressure industrial pallet wrapping applications, maintains load containment, elongation and recovery performance.

The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design Recycled Content GOLD winner is **ReCree8 PCR Pallet Wrap Range: thinkpac.**



The range is compatible with existing hand and machine wrapping equipment.

The mono-material PE film reduces the amount of virgin material uses in pallet wrap and supports recyclability in Australia, where soft plastics collection pathways exist. The range is designed for logistics and warehousing environments where pallet wrap is essential to product protection and transport efficiency.

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Gold Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Design for Recovery GOLD winner is **Honey Squeeze Pack: Caps & Closures**.



By weaving recycled materials and recovery-focused design into every possible product, Caps & Closures ensures their closures deliver leak resistance, shelf-life protection, less product waste, and easy dispensing.

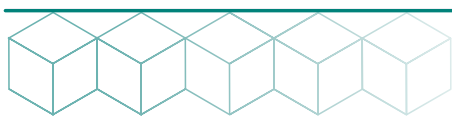
Designed for the Australian honey industry the Squeeze Pack blends precise dispensing, dependable leak resistance, and recycled-content materials into a single solution that advances the entire category. The pack adapts to Brand's needs, offering options with different levels of recycled content, including a 100% PCR version for bottle, cap and valve.

The Honey Squeeze Pack replaces silicone with a fully recyclable valve material, ensuring the entire cap is recyclable. This breakthrough strengthens the pack's recyclability.

The Honey Squeeze Pack brings together bottle, flip-top cap, and dispensing valve in perfect harmony. The dispensing valve is designed to support controlled flow and clean cut-off, helping reduce drips, mess and product waste during everyday use.

The design's real-world strengths include no leaks, precise squeezes, effortless one-handed use, accessible design, and minimal honey left behind. Intuitive, single-handed operation supports a broader range of users and use contexts, improving usability when grip strength or dexterity is limited.

This thoughtfully engineered pack ensures mess-free, precise pours of thick, golden honey, while championing sustainability with recycled materials and a design focused on responsible disposal.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Design for Recovery **SILVER** winner is **Mono material HDPE tube and cap range: Impact International.**



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Gold Winner



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design – Innovations in Resource Recovery **GOLD** winner is **Smart Circular Satchel: Australia Post, iQRenew, RollsPack & Signet.**



The Smart Circular Satchel is made from 100% Australian post-consumer recycled LDPE derived from Australian household soft plastics. Processing and manufacture were undertaken entirely onshore in Australia through a fully domestic, end-to-end chain, from pellets to film to finished satchel.

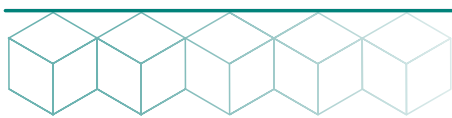
This is an Australian-first, multi-stakeholder coordinated onshore circular satchel made from Australian household soft plastics (LDPE). The mono-material LDPE structure uses 100% post-consumer recycled content and supports compatibility with established recycling processes.

The lightweight design improves transport efficiency and network performance, with

the satchel engineered to a film gauge of ~65 microns to minimise material use in production and recovery, while keeping total package weight to approximately 20g and meeting durability requirements for postal handling.

Australia Post has also included a tracking barcode and customer declaration via a QR code.

The satchel supports a controlled, closed-loop return pathway via Australia Post, rather than commingled disposal, helping keep the material stream clean and consistent so the LDPE can be more readily recycled, ultimately maximising recovery yield.



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Silver Winner



The 2026 Sustainable – Innovations in Resource Recovery **SILVER** winner is Milk Bottle Recycling System: **Popit Recycling, Martogg & Procal Dairies.**



All winners of the 2026 round of the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards are now eligible exclusively to enter the 2027 WorldStar Packaging Awards and represent Australia and New Zealand on a global level. Owned & Operated by the World Packaging Organisation, the WorldStar Packaging Awards is the pre-eminent awards program in the world.

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2026 Young Packaging Professional of the Year

The purpose of the Young Packaging Professional of the Year Award is to provide incentive and recognition to young professionals who are both currently working in and wish to continue their career path within the Packaging industry in both Australia and New Zealand.

This can be within any industries such as Food, Beverage, Health, Beauty & Wellness, Domestic & Household. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase young professionals within our great industry.

Gold Winner



The winner of the 2026 Young Packaging Professional of the Year is **Pooja Ganesh Nayak, Packaging Engineer, Coles.**



Since moving to Australia in 2018 to complete her master's in chemical engineering at Monash University, Pooja Ganesh Nayak has built a career that seamlessly integrates engineering principles with practical, retail scale packaging implementation.

Her academic grounding in areas such as process optimisation, continuous improvement, biomass and biorefineries, mass balance, and reaction engineering have provided her with a strong technical base – one she now applies every day as a packaging engineer. This background enables her to make evidence-driven decisions on recyclability, material performance, logistics efficiency and machinability, while also guiding and supporting growers as new packaging formats are tested across varying equipment.

In 2022, Pooja joined Coles Supermarkets as a Packaging Technologist and progressed to Packaging Engineer. She has become a key part of the packaging specialist team at Coles supporting the Own Brand Fresh Produce and Convenience business units to shift formats from non-recyclable to recyclable, in line with Coles' R3 Packaging Framework and the 2025 National Packaging Targets.

Over her four years at Coles, Pooja has contributed to further positioning sustainable packaging as a core priority that sits within 'Circularity'.



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She is recognised as a subject-matter expert across Fresh Produce and Fresh Convenience; she combines strong technical capability with supplier-focused engagement and structured project management. Her analytical and cross-functional leadership consistently delivers outcomes that advance the objectives of Coles' R3 Packaging Framework and key Sustainable Packaging Guideline (SPG) objectives.

Pooja Ganesh Nayak is a standout professional in sustainable packaging: a trusted expert to growers, and a results driven asset to

internal teams. Her portfolio demonstrates how thoughtful design, recycled materials, clear consumer information, and accessible formats can deliver substantial environmental outcomes at retail scale. With millions of plastic components removed, hundreds of tonnes of virgin plastic avoided, CO₂ emissions reduced, and recyclability advanced across categories, Pooja's work exemplifies the effect of passion applied with purpose: practical in execution, collaborative in approach, and transformative in impact.



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2026 Industry Packaging Professional of the Year

The Industry Packaging Professional of the Year Award is designed to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Packaging in both Australia and New Zealand. The judges were looking for individuals who have

demonstrated vision and leadership, shown innovation and were not afraid to take risks. Another criteria was the significant and continued contribution of an Individual to the packaging industry over a minimum period of 20 years.

Gold Winner



The winner of the 2026 Industry Packaging Professional of the Year is **David Kilpatrick MAIP, R&D, Quality & Innovation Director, Zipform Packaging.**



Starting his packaging career in 2002 with Dysons Packaging, David's packaging passion grew to the point that in 2010 he set up his own packaging business with partner Eddy Pahor. The business was called SOTA Packaging, the acronym being 'State of the Art', and their focus was on paper-based packaging. David's vision was for 'More Paper, less Plastic.' This business is known today as Zipform Packaging.

David's contribution to the industry far exceeds his work at Zipform Packaging. David is single-handedly responsible for introducing the linear-formed fibre technology into Australia in 2011 and paper-bottomed packs in 2016; long before sustainability was such a key driver for businesses.

His drive and vision have changed the world of liner-formed fibre technologies in the Southern Hemisphere. The new state-of-the-art manufacturing plant in Melbourne is a testament to his vision.

Representative of David's technical expertise, innovative mindset and industry standing, Zipform Packaging's linear formed packs have won 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze PIDA Awards and 2 WorldStar Awards in the period 2021 to 2026.



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David is also an Active Member of the AIP, sits on standards working groups for the Institute, presents whenever asked, represents Zipform on APCO working groups and was one of the consortium members of the AIP led Save Food Packaging Design guidelines project with RMIT University and End Food Waste Australia; which has now been globalised through the WPO, UNIDO and Foundation FSSC.

David continues to drive innovations in the fibre industry and has developed a paper bottle which combines multiple technologies (linear forming, dry moulded fibre and dispersion coatings) to deliver a bottle which

is widely kerbside recyclable, being > 95% fibre, has over 60% post-consumer recycled content, and, most critically is commercially scalable.

With the support of the Meat & Livestock Association of Australia, David has also completed Phase 1 trials of a dry moulded fibre meat tray which will be a world-first using this technology.

David has led the charge in progressing the use of fibre packaging and has made a huge personal and business, contribution to packaging advancement locally, regionally and globally.



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winning video here.



2026 Packaging Technologist of the Year

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

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

Gold Winner



PACKAGING TECHNOLOGIST WINNER

During his 20-year career with Flavour Makers, Christopher Cester has grown alongside the business. In two decades, the business has evolved from a simple dry-blending operation, into a sophisticated manufacturer with a diverse range of capabilities.

Christopher has led the design and implementation of every format Flavour Makers utilise - from dry goods and hot-fill to form-fill-seal and rigid plastics, re-designing many to meet modern sustainability standards.

As a packaging professional from a non-technical background, the AIP have been an invaluable partner in Christopher's journey. The AIP's technical and specialised courses

The winner of the 2026 Packaging Technologist of the Year is **Christopher Cester Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP, Senior Packaging Technologist, Flavour Makers.**



have been able to bridge his knowledge gaps and inspired him to 'level up' by undertaking the Diploma of Packaging Technology; of which he is now a graduate.

Beyond education, the AIP have encouraged Christopher to step outside of his comfort zone, providing a platform to present his incredible technically-advanced work at multiple events across the globe and help



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build his personal and professional confidence to keep growing and striving for excellence. In a packaging career, it is rare to work on projects underpinned by genuine world-first technical breakthroughs; Christopher has been fortunate to lead two such projects in the last 5 years.

The first during 2022–2023: the launch of The Australian Organic Food Co: Mono-Material Retort Pouch, the first mono-material pouch for retort sterilisation applications that is CEFLEX compliant. The innovation developed a barrier PP film that could maintain performance after enduring harsh retort temperatures. This project overcame a long-standing technical barrier to the circular economy and won a Bronze and a Gold PIDA

Award (2023) and a WorldStar Packaging Award (2024).

During 2023–2024, he faced an even greater challenge of bringing a mono-material retort spout pouch to market the Australian Organic Food Co: Mono-Material Retort Spout Pouch. This was a major technical feat that required overcoming an entirely new set of technical and collaborative hurdles. While the finished product may resemble a standard spout pouch, it represents a massive leap forward in mono-material innovation. This project was recognised as a World-first innovation and won both Silver and Gold PIDA Awards (2025), a WorldStar Packaging Award (2026) and an FPA (USA) award for excellence in flexible packaging.



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2026 ABA Scholarships

The Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA), in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), is pleased to offer an annual Scholarship program for Australia and New Zealand. The Scholarship

program will enable one eligible candidate the opportunity to undertake a Diploma in Packaging Technology and a second person the opportunity to undertake a Certificate in Packaging.

ABA Certificate in Packaging Winner



The winner of the ABA Scholarship for a Certificate in Packaging is **Andrew Rennie AAIP, Sales Representative, Oji Fibre Solutions New Zealand.**



Over the past year, a great deal has changed for Andrew Rennie professionally and personally. He has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, completed three years as a Packaging Technologist at Synlait Milk Limited, and recently begun a new chapter as a Sales Representative for Oji Fibre Solutions. These experiences have shaped his skill set, but also his understanding of the career path he wants to pursue.

Andrew added “If you had asked me during university whether I imagined myself in the role I am in today, I would have said you were crazy. Entering the packaging industry has been a pivotal moment in my career, giving me the opportunity to demonstrate multiple facets of my character and capability. It has challenged me, shaped me, and ultimately confirmed that this is the industry in which I want to build my future,”

“Winning this scholarship represents the next step in that journey. It will allow me to further develop the skills that matter most in this field and position me to not only excel among my peers but also to contribute meaningful, long-lasting change to the industry,” he said. “What excites me most about the packaging industry is the ability to intersect science, design and process engineering to solve global problems.



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This is an industry where even the small changes can have significant impact on businesses and the environment. The evolving nature of this industry offers endless opportunities to innovate and drive progress which is one of the reasons I am so passionate,”

“Ultimately, I aspire to become a packaging manager within the industry. Someone who can make informed, balanced decisions that not only drives success within the organisation, but also supports sustainable, responsible solutions that benefit the wider global community. My long-term ambition is to help guide the industry toward practices that create lasting, positive impact.” he said.



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ABA Diploma in Packaging Technology Winner



The winner of the ABA Scholarship for the Diploma in Packaging Technology is **Ola Wicik AAIP, Packaging Engineer, Opal Fibre Packaging Australia.**



As a Packaging Engineer Ola sits at the intersection of technical packaging development, performance validation, compliance standards and customer communication. She plays a key technical and strategic role, bridging the gap between design, manufacturing and customer needs. Primarily her responsibility is to ensure that all packaging solutions, typically made from corrugated cardboard or fibreboard, are fit for purpose, cost-effective, sustainable and manufacturable at scale.

Ola is not simply executing tasks, but influencing decisions, validating specifications, evaluating risks and guiding people towards correct technical outcomes.

As Ola added 'Whilst I don't see myself as a teacher, I have developed a strong interest in educating colleagues across the business about the technical foundations of this industry: what makes paper strong versus weak? Why does one type of corrugation matter more than another? How can one box be so different from the next?'

"As my passion for materials and packaging has continued to grow from seeing the profound impact this industry has on society, I have become increasingly aware of a broader challenge: how can I amplify and elevate an industry that often operates outside the spotlight?"

"Winning this scholarship represents the next deliberate step in my personal and professional development and career. It will allow me to deepen my technical expertise, strengthen my career capability, and accelerate the impact I can have within the industry. With this opportunity, I will be positioned to translate knowledge into measurable improvements in engineering, design, sustainability, and stakeholder education over the next five years." she said.



2026 AIP President Scholarship

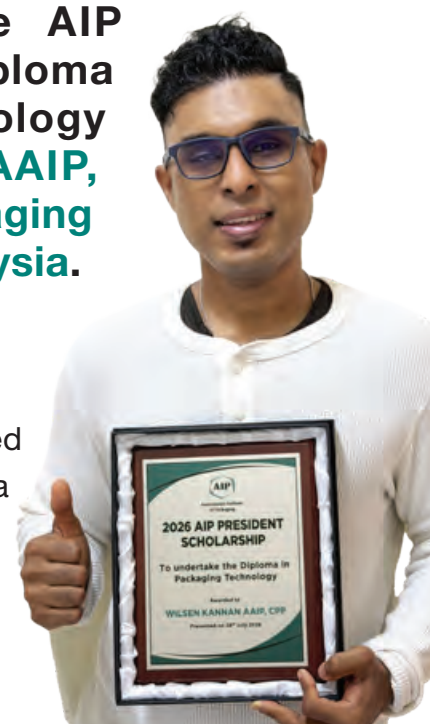
The AIP President Scholarship has been designed to work in collaboration with the ABA program to help one additional person undertake either a Certificate in Packaging or a Diploma in Packaging Technology,

should the judges deem an additional scholarship is deserved due to the quality of submissions. This scholarship was open to AIP Members that reside outside of Australia and New Zealand.

AIP President Scholarship Winner



The winner of the AIP Scholarship for a Diploma in Packaging Technology is **Wilsen Kannan AAIP, CPP, Assistant Packaging Manager, Vinda Malaysia.**



Wilsen Kannan has worked with Vinda Malaysia for almost 9 years and has been responsible for technical packaging, supply chain and logistics and sustainability. He has handled multiple projects within the business, from new machinery set up, installation and also the biggest of them all, the new Automated Storage Retrieval System Warehouse.

Wilsen does not see his job, as a job, but views it as something he loves doing. He sees challenges as a way to express himself to improve not only the things around him, but others as well.

In 2018 Wilsen decided he needed more technical packaging knowledge and discovered the AIP. He started by enrolling in the Certified Packaging Professional in Training (CPIT) program with the AIP.

He then followed by becoming a fully-fledged Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) and just this month re-certified his designation.

Wilsen's thirst for knowledge is at a level rarely seen by the AIP. He has attended webinars, on-line courses, participated in multiple tradeshow with the AIP, bought all of the textbooks and more recently joined the Australasian Delegation to ProPak Asia and for the first time this year he joined his first AIP forum as a panellist in Thailand.

Wilsen added 'The AIP has been a life changing experience for me. My goal is to be the youngest Certified Packaging Professional Lifetime in Asia.'



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“Winning this scholarship is a game changer for me as I will now be able to gain a better understanding of technical packaging from many different perspectives and not limited to only packaging in my country,”

“In the future I would like to be a change maker in the industry and hopefully can start my own packaging organisation in Malaysia.” Wilsen said.



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winning video here.

“As always, another amazing event last night. Thank you for everything you do to support our industry. Your commitment to bringing people together is genuinely appreciated. It's quite remarkable, and unique, to have such a diverse group of people from across every part of the supply chain in one room. The connections, conversations, and collaboration that these events foster are incredibly valuable.”



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AIP Special Awards

One of the core objectives of the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is to ensure that individuals are recognised for their significant contributions to the packaging industry.

AIP Special Awards are not given often and are designed to recognise inspirational individuals who have contributed significantly to the packaging industry over many years. The people who stand out for making a difference.

AIP LIFE Membership Recipient Ralph Moyle FAIP (Life), CPP

How does the AIP recognise someone who is already a Fellow of the AIP, an Industry Packaging Professional of the Year, a recipient of the AIP Founders Award, is a Certified Packaging Professional and a World Packaging Organisation Lifetime Achievement Award winner?

The answer is by recognising them with an AIP Special Award that has only ever been awarded seven times in 63 years, until the 28th of July 2026.

The recipient has become one of the most influential packaging educators in the Asian region. They have trained and mentored thousands of packaging professionals over their career and has been instrumental in advancing industry understanding of sustainable packaging design, the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL), PREP recyclability assessments, circular economy principles and Australia's National Packaging Targets.

This talented person stands among the most highly respected technical packaging professionals in Australasia. Combining deep technical expertise with a passion for education, sustainability, standards development and professional advancement, they have helped shape modern packaging practice across multiple industries. Their legacy extends beyond packaging innovation to the thousands of professionals they have trained, mentored and inspired throughout a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years.



Please join the Australasian Institute of Packaging in formally welcoming our new LIFE Member Ralph Moyle.



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AIP Fellowship Recipient Richard Fine FAIP

The grade of Fellow is the highest recognition to AIP members and is designed to recognise the significant and sustained contribution to the technology, science or application to packaging in the industry.

The 2026 AIP Fellow is one of Australia's most influential sustainability entrepreneurs and a recognised pioneer of compostable foodservice packaging. They have spent nearly two decades transforming the packaging industry by proving that environmental responsibility and commercial success can work hand in hand.

Their vision was to provide practical, commercially viable alternatives that could reduce dependence on fossil-fuel-based plastics while supporting the needs of businesses across the foodservice sector. Their commitment to innovation has driven the development and adoption of renewable, certified compostable packaging solutions that have helped reshape industry expectations and standards.

They were instrumental in the creation of Compost Connect, a not-for-profit initiative designed to connect businesses with commercial composting services, helping address one of the biggest barriers to compostable packaging adoption.

The initiative has become an important catalyst for circular economy outcomes and emissions reduction.

This person stands among the most influential sustainability leaders in the packaging industry. Combining entrepreneurial vision, technical



expertise and a commitment to environmental stewardship, they have helped transform compostable packaging from a niche concept into a mainstream business solution. Through the business they run with an incredible partner, Compost Connect and broader industry advocacy, this AIP Member has delivered lasting environmental, commercial and societal impact, leaving a significant legacy for future generations.

Please welcome AIP's newest Fellow, Richard Fine, Co-Founder & Sustainability Director, BioPak.



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We've created our **'We Believe in Better'** Sustainability Strategy to deliver world-class, sustainable supply-chain solutions while holding ourselves accountable.

Our **Asia Pacific Sustainability Strategy** focuses on four pillars with specific targets that drive meaningful impact and allows us to reflect on our commitment to a sustainable future.

Embedding ethical supply chains

- Social audits
- Social procurement
- Supplier engagement
- Eliminating modern slavery

Ensuring everyone counts

- Māori community engagement plan (NZ)
- Community support program
- Reconciliation Action Plan (AU)
- Employee health, safety and wellbeing
- Inspiring Women in Bunzl

Accelerating climate action

- Facility energy efficiency and renewables
- Fleet electrification
- Scope 3 emissions reduction
- Nature-related decision-making

Transitioning to circularity

- Packaging sustainability
- Product innovation and stewardship
- On-site waste reduction
- Sustainability Ambassadors

Recent Awards

2022 **WINNER** APCO Industry Engagement

2023 **FINALIST** Banksia Foundation Business Transformation

2023 **WINNER** Packaging Innovation and Design Award (PIDA)

2024 **WINNER** WorldStar Packaging

2024 **WINNER** Packaging Innovation and Design Award (PIDA)

2024 **FINALIST** APCO Sustainable Packaging

2025 **FINALIST** Packaging Innovation and Design Award (PIDA)

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▲ From left: Wade Leslie; Tetra Pak NZ; Francesca Goodman-Smith, End Food Waste CRC; Prof Simon Lockrey, RMIT and EFW CRC; Nerida Kelton, AIP; Flavia Vaz, Tetra Pak Australia; Michael Moran, APPMA.

SME Solution Centre open for business

The Food and Beverage SME Packaging & Machinery Solution Centre is officially open for business, following its launch at foodpro.

The national initiative will provide matched funding, independent technical expertise and access to research facilities to help food and beverage SMEs evaluate sustainable packaging, processing and machinery innovations before making commercial investment decisions.

Led by the End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre (EFW CRC) and RMIT University, the Centre has been established to help manufacturers transition to more sustainable packaging without increasing food loss and waste – a recognised risk when packaging formats change without adequate testing.

It aims to provide an independent source of technical advice beyond that available from suppliers or industry peers.

Launching the Centre, project leader Professor Simon Lockrey of RMIT University and the EFW CRC said it had been developed to address a gap in support for SMEs navigating packaging and processing change.

"It represents an idea... to come up with a mechanism which we saw as a real deficiency in cooperative research, where we are providing resources for SMEs to do stuff that they don't necessarily have the resources or the bandwidth to do," he said.



The Centre will offer dollar-for-dollar grants of between \$10,000 and \$20,000, enabling eligible SMEs to access one of 11 research laboratories across Australia to assess proposed packaging, processing or machinery changes. Projects will include functional testing, such as shelf life and product performance, together with environmental analysis using life cycle assessment or mass flow cost analysis to support informed investment decisions.

According to the Centre's framework, funded projects must contribute to circular packaging innovation, new processing or new machinery, while demonstrating that food loss and waste is reduced or, at minimum, not increased. Projects are expected to be completed within 12 months.

The initiative is a collaboration between the EFW CRC, RMIT University, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), the Australian Packaging and Processing Machinery Association (APPMA) and Tetra Pak, with support from APCO and the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC). Empauer has also provided support. Technical expertise will be drawn from industry and university networks, with research undertaken through the CRC's 11 research providers.

Lockrey thanked APPMA, Tetra Pak, AIP and the EFW CRC for their financial and in-kind support, saying the Centre would not have been possible without their backing. Expressions of interest are now open, with eligible SMEs required to match CRC funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis.



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AIP continues UOM MFPI internship program – Australian Paper-Based Packaging Alliance

As a part of the AIP partnership with the University of Melbourne students from across the Master of Food & Packaging Innovation and the Master of Food Science are able to apply for an industry-based internship.

In January 2026 Apurva Sunil Ramteke, who is a student of the Masters Degree In Food Science, undertook an internship program with Zipform Packaging and Tetra Pak working as a Research Associate.

The internship was established to support the Australian Paper-Based Packaging Alliance (APBPA) during its formative phase, particularly in the collection and analysis of industry data to inform the Alliance's strategic direction and priorities.

The placement comprised a minimum of 200 hours completed over a four-month period.

Representing the Australian Paper-Based Packaging Alliance (APBPA), John Bigley MAIP, Chief Executive Officer, Zipform Packaging and Flavia Vaz AAIP, Corporate Affairs Director, Tetra Pak Oceania, Japan & Korea, acted as Apurva's supervisors during the internship.

During the internship, Apurva contributed to projects focused on sustainable material recovery, packaging systems, and industry alliance coordination. Working at the intersection of research, stakeholder engagement, and sustainability, the internship provided valuable support to the Alliance while offering practical industry experience and professional development opportunities.



Key responsibilities and deliverables included:

- Conducting desktop research and data analysis on industry trends, market developments, and potential Alliance priority projects.
- Supporting the development of reports, presentations, and evidence-based strategic insights to inform Alliance activities and decision-making.
- Engaging and coordinating with external organisations, including founding Alliance members and industry stakeholders, to facilitate data collection and the timely delivery of research outcomes.

The internship delivered significant value to the Alliance by increasing its capacity to gather and analyse industry intelligence during a critical establishment period.

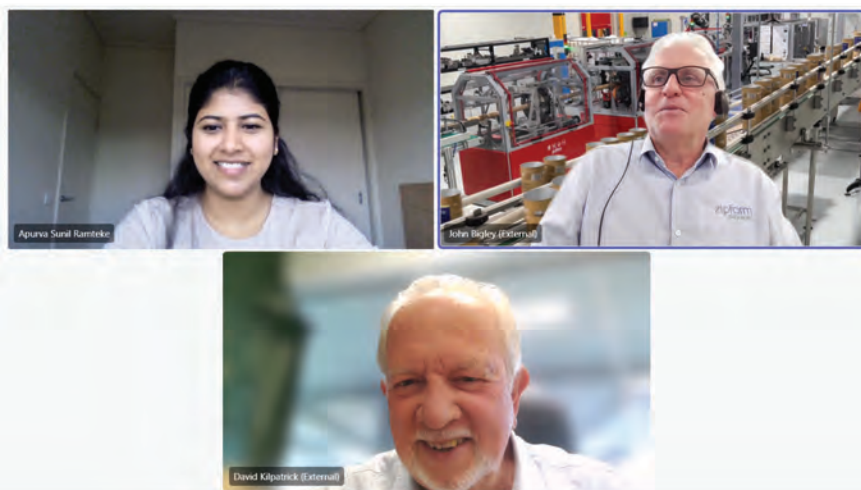
The research and stakeholder engagement activities undertaken contributed to building a stronger evidence base, supporting member engagement, and informing future initiatives aimed at improving the sustainability and circularity of paper-based packaging systems in Australia.

For Apurva, the internship provided hands-on experience in sustainability, industry research, stakeholder management, and project coordination.

It enabled the application of academic knowledge in a real-world setting while developing practical skills in data analysis, professional communications, and collaboration across multiple industry stakeholders. As a result, the internship offered meaningful learning outcomes while also advancing the objectives of an emerging industry alliance.

According to the internship supervisors ***“Throughout the internship, Apurva demonstrated a strong work ethic, excellent analytical skills, and a high level of professionalism. She worked effectively with a variety of stakeholders, showing initiative, adaptability, and a collaborative approach. Her engagement with senior leaders across the paper and packaging value chain was particularly noteworthy, helping build positive relationships and support Alliance activities,”***

“Apurva was a pleasure to work with, and the internship proved mutually beneficial. While the Alliance gained valuable research and project support during a critical growth phase, Apurva gained practical industry experience and applied her postgraduate studies in a real-world setting. Her contribution highlights the value of industry internships and the benefits they deliver to both students and organisations.”



Internship Reflection – by Apurva Ramteke

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my internship was the mentorship and support I received from both John and Flavia.

From the outset, John established a culture of trust, flexibility, and accountability. He was supportive of my hybrid working arrangement and always encouraged open communication, which helped me to realise that professionalism is not only about being physically present, but also being reliable, transparent and delivering meaningful outcomes. His openness to questions, helpful suggestions, and trusting me with real industry problems, helped build my confidence to take ownership of my work, whilst upholding a high standard of research integrity.

Flavia also helped me by providing clear guidance and helping me understand the bigger picture of the work. She was always generous and open with her knowledge, making sure I was aligned with the goals of the project and encouraging me to think critically about complex issues in the industry.

“John and Flavia led well by example, practicing patience, clarity and authentic mentorship. They showed me that good leaders create opportunities for learning, not just work to be done.”

It wasn't just a matter of their technical advice. I learned stronger professional communication, stakeholder awareness, time management, and to be confident in acknowledging uncertainty rather than overstating conclusions from their example.

“They taught me how to think in an evidence-based way, how to have honest discussions about limitations in data and how to reflect continuously, which fundamentally changed the way I approach research and problem-solving.”

Overall, this internship has been one of the most meaningful learning experiences of my educational career. John and Flavia have created a supportive environment that has enabled me to grow as a researcher and as a young professional. I leave the placement with a greater understanding of industry research, more confidence in my abilities and with genuine appreciation for their guidance, patience and encouragement throughout the internship.

“The investment they made in my development has had a lasting effect on how I will approach future professional opportunities.”

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September 2026

World Packaging Day

WHEN: 6 September 2026

WHAT: The World Packaging Organisation (WPO) has announced that they will officially recognise the 6th of September as World Packaging Day for the 66 Member countries. The date is the day the WPO was established in 1968.

One shared day to recognise how packaging enables modern life — and how we can advance it together.



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Packaging Day

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6 September 2026



AIP's 63rd Birthday

WHEN: 12 September 2026

WHAT: The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is celebrating 63 years as the peak professional body for packaging training and education in the region. As one of the oldest non-profit educational institutes for packaging education in the world the AIP stands out.



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September 2026

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW)

WHEN: 29 September 2026

WHAT: **The seventh observance of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) is approaching, now is the time for everyone to get involved and take action. How will you mark the day?**

Observed annually on September 29, the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is a global United Nations initiative. Co-convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), it highlights the urgent need to cut food waste, conserve natural resources, and fight global hunger.

Why It Matters

- About 14% of the world's food is lost after harvest
- Roughly 17% is wasted at retail and consumer levels
- Food loss and waste generate 8% to 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reducing waste supports Sustainable Development Goal Target 12.3, which aims to cut per capita global food waste in half by 2030.

The 2026 theme will focus on the "Transformative Potential of Reducing Food Loss and Waste". Tackling FLW, in fact, can generate a triple win: improving food security and nutrition, reducing pressure on natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing productivity and economic growth.

The world's population, currently at 8.2 billion, is expected to grow to close to 9.7 billion people by 2050 (UNDESA, 2024). Ensuring a food secure world – where current and future populations have access to sufficient nutritious food – crucially requires new ways of working, and concerted efforts to improve the sustainability and resilience of agrifood systems globally.

Reducing food loss and waste (FLW) helps to protect natural resources and biodiversity, reduce pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and maximise the use of food produced. It is therefore central to securing efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, and to improving food security, nutrition and health.



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Embracing innovation and fostering circular economy approaches in agrifood systems to prevent, reduce, reuse and repurpose FLW also serves to create new job opportunities, improve livelihoods and generate financial benefits for a range of stakeholders.

No single entity can solve the problem of FLW reduction. From government and civil society to businesses, consumers, and research and academia, a range of targeted approaches are required. Cross- food chain collaboration, network-building, awareness-raising, stakeholder dialogue, and the scaling up of tried and proven solutions to reduce food loss and food waste are all key.

Now is the time for everyone – from producers, investors, businesses and supply chain stakeholders to consumers of all ages, as well as academia and research, civil society, and the private and public sectors – to take urgent action to expand and strengthen efforts both individually and collectively, to reduce food loss and waste towards ensuring a food secure world – now and in the future. For the People and the Planet.





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29 September

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

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ProPak Hanoi

WHEN: 13 - 15 October 2026

WHERE: Vietnam Exhibition Centre (VEC), Dong Anh, Hanoi, Vietnam

Inheriting the proven success of ProPak Vietnam, ProPak Hanoi 2026 marks the first time the brand has launched in the North market, continuing to strengthen its position as the leading exhibition on processing and packaging technology in Vietnam.

Taking place in Hanoi – the political and industrial centre of the country – the continuation of the journey brings advanced technologies, extensive professional knowledge and opportunities to connect effective business.

Expanding coverage in the northern market

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October 2026

AIP Training Course 1: Steps to design Sustainable Packaging: Guidelines for primary, secondary & tertiary packaging

WHEN: **Tuesday 13 October 2026**
Day 1 ProPak Hanoi

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Hanoi 2026,
Vietnam Exhibition Centre (VEC) Dong Anh, Hanoi, Vietnam

TIME: 1.15 pm arrival, 1.30 pm start, 4.30 pm finish

WHAT: **Achieving the lowest possible environmental impact can sometimes be very challenging, particularly when balancing various environmental criteria with other functional and commercial considerations.**

The Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) have been established to assist the design and manufacture of primary, secondary and tertiary packaging that meets the sometimes-conflicting demands of the market, consumer protection, fit-for-purpose and functional packaging, shelf life, recycling and recovery and the overall environmental impacts.

Sustainable Packaging ultimately ensures that the design provides the lowest possible environmental impact compared to existing or conventional packaging and also takes into consideration trade-offs and un-intentional consequences through inadequate packaging design. Costs, price sensitivities, regional-focus, competitiveness of the country are all considerations that also need be discussed during this important training course run by the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP).

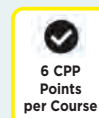
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AIP Training Course 2: Unboxing Accessibility: Easy to Open, Reclose, Grip & Handle Packaging

WHEN: **Wednesday 14 October 2026**
Day 2 ProPak Hanoi

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Hanoi 2026, Vietnam Exhibition Centre (VEC) Dong Anh, Hanoi, Vietnam

TIME: 9.15 am arrival, 9.30 am start, 12.30 pm finish

WHAT: **Is your packaging Easy to Open? Easy to close? Does your packaging need a knife to open?**

The AIP will be running a three-hour training course on Unboxing Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design: How to design better packaging that everyone can open, close, grip and handle and all of industry is invited to attend. The accessibility of a product essentially relates to the ease of use a consumer experience when interacting with a product.

Making a product accessible and easy-to-use or open adds value to a product for all. Accessibility is especially important for the independence of those with functional limitations such as reduced strength or dexterity. Groups particularly impacted are those with a disability, chronic pain, injury or illness, as well as the growing ageing population. For these groups inaccessible packaging and products become daily barriers to achieving everyday tasks like preparing a healthy meal and living independently.

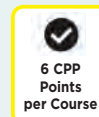
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October 2026

2026 Hanoi Packaging Forum

WHEN: 15 October 2026, Day 3 ProPak Hanoi
9.15 am arrival, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

WHERE: ProPak Room, Hall H Vietnam Exhibition Centre Dong Anh, Hanoi, Vietnam

The AIP will be working with Informa Markets to launch the inaugural Hanoi Packaging Forum at ProPak Hanoi. The forum will be built on Panel discussions that will bring a wide range of packaging experts from across the regional and the globe to Hanoi.

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October 2026

Pack Expo International 2026

WHEN: 18-21 October 2026

WHERE: McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Largest, Most Comprehensive Packaging and Processing Event in the Americas

At PACK EXPO International, innovation isn't only on display, it's happening in real time.

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This singular event brings the entire packaging and processing ecosystem together—2,600 exhibitors, 40+ industries and countless solutions under one roof. If you're looking for fresh ideas, new equipment, automation or digitalisation strategies that will give you a competitive edge, PACK EXPO International should be at the top of your list. Don't miss the opportunity to experience live machinery demos and evaluate products firsthand before making important decisions.



November 2026

interpack China

WHEN: 16 - 18 November 2026

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

WHAT: Messe Düsseldorf (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. and Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd. will join hands to present the interpack China (formerly known as 'Shanghai World of Packaging' from 16th to 18th November 2026 at Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC). In 2026, interpack China will celebrate its 11th anniversary milestone.

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- First Packaging Machines
Secondary Packaging Machines
Measurement and Testing Machines
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Food Processing Equipment
Ultrasonic Equipment
Parts & Components
- Green Power Pavilion
- Packaging Products & Materials

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Exhibitors

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February 2027

ProPak Philippines 2027

WHEN: **24-26 February 2027**

WHERE: World Trade Centre, Metro Manila,
Pasay City, Philippines

WHAT: ProPak Philippines is the leading international processing and packaging trade event for the Philippines. It is the perfect platform for market trends, investments and industry networking through product exchange and a variety of conferences, seminars and technical workshops offering sustainable solutions for the country's enterprises.

The event provides various industries with access to the latest development in packaging and processing machines and technology from leading companies across the globe. The exhibition delivers a brilliant industry-focused event connecting international suppliers to local and regional buyers in food, drink and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

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With supportive governance, the Philippines has forecasted strong and dynamic growth across its industries with the backdrop of rising incomes, expanding & changing consumer demands, and increasing export potential.



March 2027

ProPak Vietnam 2027

WHEN: **10-12 March 2027**

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

WHAT: The year 2027 marks a remarkable milestone – celebrating 20 years of ProPak Vietnam accompanying the industry in Vietnam, reaffirming its position as the leading exhibition for the processing and packaging sectors.

Over the past two decades, ProPak Vietnam has been a trusted partner in the growth of the manufacturing industry, actively contributing to the green transition and raising awareness of sustainable development.

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With a vision towards a circular economy, ProPak Vietnam serves not only as a platform to showcase cutting-edge technologies and solutions but also as a forum for knowledge exchange, inspiration, and collective action toward a more sustainable manufacturing future in Vietnam.



March 2027



APPEX 2027

WHEN: 16-19 March 2027

WHERE: MCEC, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

WHAT: APPEX was formed in 2024 on the 35-year foundation of the former AUSPACK event, taking what was previously a packaging-focussed event and combining it with the processing industry in what was a 50% larger event.



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APPEX is now every 3 years uniting the best in processing and packaging machinery as well as materials, packaging and ancillary equipment.

The APPEX event offers an education program as well as unique networking areas designed to allow visitors and exhibitors to connect, network and to enjoy their day at the event.

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April 2027

Food & Hospitality Asia (FHA) 2027

WHEN: 20-23 April 2027

WHERE: Singapore Expo, Changi Business Park

WHAT: **Food & Hospitality Asia (FHA)** has cemented its position as the premier authority and trendsetter for the food and hospitality industries in Asia. From its humble beginnings in a car park in 1978, FHA has grown into Asia's leading international trade event, renowned for its scale, influence, and industry impact.

In 2026, FHA returns as a mega event at Singapore Expo, occupying all ten halls and showcasing the best in food & beverage, hotel, restaurant, café/catering, retail, and ProWine Singapore. This iconic platform has consistently evolved with industry trends and emerging technologies, making it an essential event for professionals and businesses seeking brand exposure, innovation, market insights, business leads, and unparalleled networking opportunities.



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As FHA enters its 49th year, the upcoming FHA 2027 promises an extraordinary experience at Singapore Expo from April 20 to 23, 2027. The next edition will feature three exciting new launches—FHA Manufacturing, FHA Private Label, and FHA Travel Catering, designed to uncover fresh innovations, sourcing opportunities, and avenues for business growth. Additionally, the introduction of Chef Festival and Immersive Drinks will bring a new wave of business opportunities and event festivity. FHA 2027 is set to host over 2,750 exhibitors and welcome 60,000 attendees from more than 100 countries and regions, reaffirming its status as the must-attend event for the global food and hospitality community.



June 2027

Loupe Southeast Asia (formerly Labelexpo Southeast Asia)

WHEN: 9-11 June 2027

WHERE: IMPACT Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand

WHAT: **LOUPE Southeast Asia** is the region's largest event for label, mid-web flexible packaging, and inline folding carton converting where the world's leading suppliers showcase live demonstrations of the latest presses, substrates, and converting systems.

The event attracts the region's most influential buyers and decision makers, ready to invest in solutions that drive growth. It is a platform to connect with experts, compare technologies, and explore trends shaping the future of labels and packaging in Southeast Asia.



For anyone serious about competing in this fast-growing market, it is the place to be. Join us at ProPak Asia 2027 and stay on the forefront of the manufacturing industry.



ProPak Asia 2027

WHEN: 9-12 June 2027

WHERE: IMPACT Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand

WHAT: **Advancing Processing, Packaging & Manufacturing for a Smarter Future**

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insights, and global business opportunities across the entire processing and packaging ecosystem—bringing together manufacturers, brand owners, technology providers, and industry professionals from diverse sectors worldwide.

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9 > 12 June 2027

IMPACT, Muang Thong Thani, Thailand

Unlock your Asian market potential by joining the Australasian Delegation hosted by the AIP at ProPak Asia 2027

2027 Australasian Delegation to visit ProPak Asia



The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is pleased to invite AIP Members and Industry Colleagues and their teams to join their dedicated group delegation at the 2027 edition of ProPak Asia which will be held the 9 – 12 June in Bangkok, Thailand. ProPak Asia at the new venue; IMPACT MUANG THONG THANI, Thailand. ProPak Asia outgrew BITEC exhibition centre and in 2026 moved to the newer and larger venue in Muang Thong Thani.

Experience a week of unparalleled educational opportunities, network with like-minded packaging professionals and visit the largest packaging and processing show in the Southeast Asian region which saw almost 80,000 visitors in 2026.

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With the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) being the leading educational partner of ProPak Asia, anyone joining the Australasian Delegation will be able to attend, for free, the following activities coordinated by the Institute, in partnership with Informa Markets.

Free Educational Offerings during ProPak Asia:

- **9th June:** The 9th edition of the annual Global Packaging Forum; the pinnacle conference for ProPak Asia each year.
- **10th June:** 2x mini training courses to enhance your skills and knowledge.
- **11th June:** 2x workshops that will be discussing the trends and future of paper and fibre and the future roadmap for rigid and soft plastics.
- **12th June:** An AIP coordinated walking tour of the show.
- Experience a week of unparalleled educational opportunities, network with like-minded packaging professionals and visit the largest packaging and processing show in the Southeast Asian region.
- Join the Australasian Delegation to tour the show and meet with preferred exhibitors at the show exclusively.
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- Attain points towards the globally recognised Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation.
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What 2026 delegates said about ProPak Asia...

“Attending ProPak Asia was one of the most enlightening experiences in my journey of exploring the career path of becoming a packaging technologist. As someone who did not have many connections to the industry before starting my Master's at the University of Melbourne, I did not quite grasp the scale of the industry and community that has been created around packaging. I also have never met a group of people so eager to keep learning about new developments in packaging, regardless of position or seniority within the industry. The passion for sustainable packaging, shown by both presenters and attendees, was contagious.”



“It was awesome to attend this massive show. I learnt so much during the AIP sessions and trainings. Being part of the delegation is an amazing way to network. I made new contacts including a potential customer and a potential supplier!”



“Attending ProPak Asia as a part of the Australasian Delegation was a joyful experience with my new AIP network. Packaging is indeed a complex topic with different people from across the continent and across different subsets of the field.

I had the opportunity to not only meet people from my own specialty in plastic, but also from the paper industry. This opportunity was great as we all strive for sustainability goals within the industry, regardless from what perspective we might have.

Lastly, the most fun I had was the opportunity of networking without any seniority. In the AIP it doesn't matter if you are in CEO level, Worldwide association level, or student. Everyone shared their expertise without any social barriers and enjoyed ourselves to the fullest with our passion in the industry!”

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“Reflecting on my week at Propak Asia, it was truly inspiring to meet and to be surrounded by passionate packaging professionals who are friendly, open and willing to share their knowledge and expertise.”

“Beyond the technical insights, the networking opportunities and knowledge sharing across Australasia made this an incredibly invaluable experience. I look forward to continuing these connections and

would welcome the opportunity to participate in next year's delegation. Thank you once again to the AIP for your support and for making this opportunity possible.”

Join the 2027 Australasian Delegation
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August 2027

FoodTech Sydney 2027

WHEN: 17-18 August 2027

WHERE: ICC, Sydney

WHAT: FoodTech Sydney 2027 will be held on the 17 & 18 August and will bring together NSW food manufacturers, processors, technologists and R&D teams at the point where they are actively optimising lines, integrating new technology and building capacity.

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September 2027

Foodtech Packtech

WHEN: 21 - 23 September 2027

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds, North Island, New Zealand

WHAT: Foodtech Packtech (FTPT) and the Materials Handling & Logistics Expo (MHL) is New Zealand's premier trade event for the food manufacturing, packaging and processing technology, materials handling, warehousing and logistics industry. This collaboration offers exhibitors the opportunity to connect with over 4,500 registered industry professionals and

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decision-makers in the food and beverage manufacturing, packaging technology, and logistics sectors. With more than 250 exhibiting companies, a three-day educational program, special features, and interactive displays, this is the must-attend industry event.



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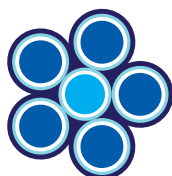
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▲ Caps & Closures MD Brendon Holmes: Flexibility to respond to supply changes.

Accessibility-led design is good packaging design

In packaging, usability is often overshadowed by shelf appeal, production efficiency and product protection. Yet for consumers, one of the most immediate tests of pack performance happens at the point of opening.

That opening moment matters more than it is sometimes given credit for. If a pack is difficult to grip, uncomfortable to twist, or hard to open with confidence, the user experience can quickly shift from convenience to frustration. For brand owners, that moment can influence not only satisfaction with the packaging, but perception of the product itself.

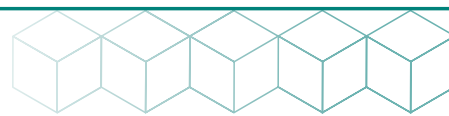
As packaging expectations continue to evolve, brands are under growing pressure to deliver solutions that perform not only in production and distribution, but also in real consumer use. That is one reason accessibility and ease of use are gaining greater attention across the industry.

Traditional metal lug caps are a familiar example. While widely used and well understood, they can also present challenges in everyday use, particularly for people with reduced hand strength, limited dexterity, or temporary physical limitations. What can appear to be a small packaging detail may, in practice, become a barrier to access.

"That is why accessibility-led design deserves greater attention across the packaging industry. Not as a niche consideration, but as part of good packaging design."

When a pack is easier and more comfortable to use, the benefit extends well beyond one user group. Older consumers, younger users, busy households, and anyone opening a jar under less-than-ideal conditions all benefit from improved physical interaction with the pack.

This thinking helped shape the development of EzyLug from Caps & Closures, a closure designed



to improve the traditional lug cap experience. The objective was straightforward: create a more user-friendly closure with improved grip and opening comfort, helping consumers apply turning force more effectively than they typically can with a smooth metal cap. In doing so, the closure addresses a familiar point of frustration with a practical design response.

The value of this kind of design goes beyond accessibility alone. Consumers may not describe packaging in technical terms, but they notice when it is unnecessarily difficult to use. Ease of opening, handling confidence and physical comfort all influence how a product is experienced, and in turn how a brand is perceived. In that sense, usability is not separate from commercial value. It is part of it.

There is also a broader shift underway. Across the packaging sector, accessibility and inclusivity are gaining recognition as meaningful markers of innovation rather than secondary considerations.

"As expectations around consumer experience continue to rise, packaging that is easier and more intuitive to use will increasingly be seen not as an optional extra, but as part of mainstream design practice."

Recognition of EzyLug at the 2024 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design Awards, where it received Silver in the Accessibility & Inclusive

category and a High Commendation in Domestic & Household, reflects that wider movement. It signals that accessibility is becoming a more visible and valued part of packaging innovation.

The lesson for the industry is clear. Accessibility-led design is not about adding complexity. It is about removing friction. It is about recognising that the user experience begins with physical interaction, and that even modest improvements in closure usability can make a meaningful difference.

When packaging is easier to open, more comfortable to handle, and more inclusive by design, that is not just better accessibility.

It is better packaging.



▲ The objective of creating the EzyLug closure (left) was straightforward: improved grip and opening comfort, helping consumers apply turning force more effectively than they typically can with a smooth metal cap,

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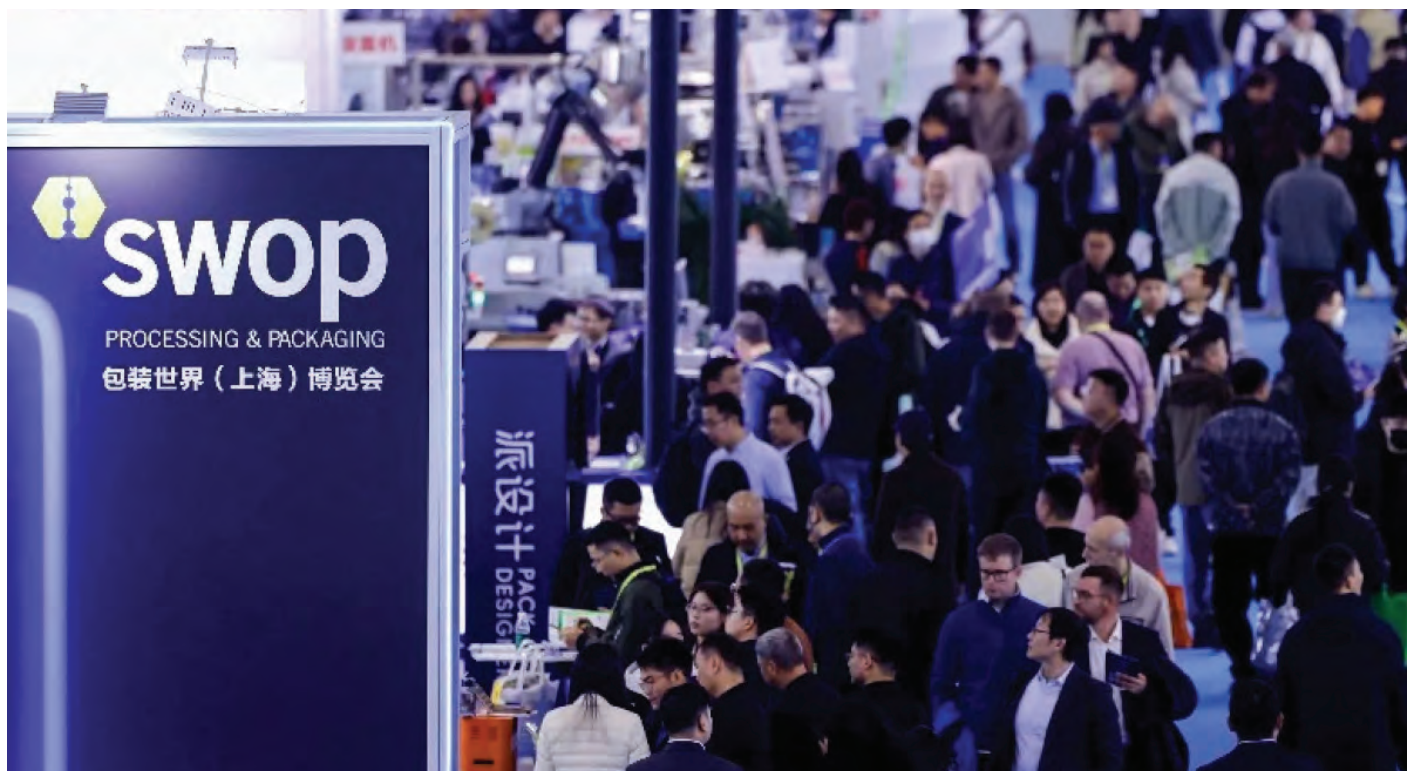
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Interpack China 2026 Hits 970 Exhibitors, Shaping the Future of Packaging in November



As a member of the interpack alliance, the trade fair (formerly known as swop) has reached a new milestone. Formally evolving into interpack China 2026, this strategic rebranding marks a significant upgrade in the event's scale and influence. interpack China 2026 will return to the Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC) from November 16–18. Set to occupy a massive 70,000-square-meter floor space, the trade fair will host over 970 domestic and international exhibitors and is expected to attract more than 47,000 attendees.

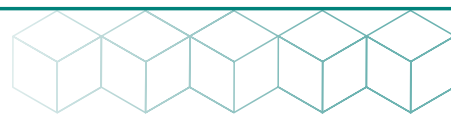
interpack China 2026 covers the entire packaging value chain, including processing and packaging machinery, packaging materials and containers, innovative packaging materials and products, printing, labelling, and packaging design. It is the ultimate platform for brand owners, manufacturers,

and export-oriented enterprises looking for reliable, high-efficiency solutions.

A decade of excellence: global resources empowering China's packaging industry

Since entering the Chinese market in 2015, swop has grown alongside the nation's rapid packaging evolution, establishing itself as a highly influential platform for processing and packaging sectors. swop 2025 welcomed 43,090 trade visitors from 122 countries and regions with a 97% satisfaction rate, providing a robust audience foundation for the 2026 edition. Renowned brands, such as Totole, Master Kong, Coca-Cola, Chi Forest, Kao, 3M, and Nippon Paint, utilise the event for their sourcing needs.

The upgraded interpack China 2026 marks a new milestone for swop's tenth anniversary in China. By leveraging the vast resources of the interpack



alliance, it will serve as an innovation bridge connecting the Chinese packaging industry to the world. Numerous leading companies have already confirmed their participation, preparing to debut cutting-edge packaging solutions and innovative technologies.

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Multidimensional zones: mapping the future of packaging trends

interpack China 2026 offers an immersive panorama of the entire value chain. The event integrates technology, trend analysis, and end-to-end solutions into a high-impact experience.

[Intelligent Packaging, Defining the Future]

- interpack China 2026 spotlights the synergy between innovation and intelligence, featuring a comprehensive display of smart packaging equipment—ranging from components to integrated solutions. The dedicated "Intelligent Packaging Zone" will showcase a full spectrum of frontier technologies, including IoT, AI-driven automation, and flexible production lines. By prioritising the development of efficient, traceable, and sustainable "Smart Factories," this zone provides manufacturers with a definitive roadmap for cost optimisation and operational excellence.

[Green Power] - As global demand for environmental protection and sustainability intensifies, achieving circularity and sustainability in packaging has become a paramount industry focus. interpack China 2026 will launch the GREEN POWER zone to showcase emerging packaging materials, products, and technologies, supporting the industry's "dual transformation" toward digitalisation and green development.

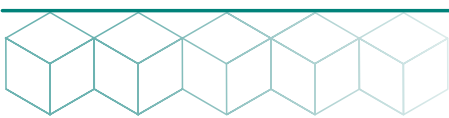
[Packaging Products & Materials Hall] - To meet the supply chain requirements of leading FMCG brands, the "Packaging Products & Materials Hall" will be reintroduced, providing a comprehensive ecosystem that features innovative packaging products, cutting-edge materials, and full-value-chain solutions. This platform facilitates strategic matchmaking between material suppliers and brands, driving the innovation and upgrading of packaging products.

[interpack SPOTLIGHT Forum] - On the afternoon of November 16, 2026, interpack SPOTLIGHT Forum, formerly known as the Save Food (China) Forum, will take centre stage at the exhibition. Government officials, research institutions, food processors, and supply chain representatives will convene to discuss measurable, proven innovations in processing and packaging. They will explore how improved packaging technologies and advanced materials can effectively mitigate food loss and waste.



Pre-register Now: Group Registrations Unlock Multiple VIP Perks

The visitor pre-registration for interpack China 2026 is available. By pre-registering, you will be the first to receive the latest exhibition updates, gain priority access to target exhibitors, and save time on-site for an efficient visit.



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foodpro 2026 saw over 10,000 visitors

The 2026 edition of foodpro delivered record engagement across four days at MCEC, with 500+ exhibitors and more than 10,000 visitors on the show floor.

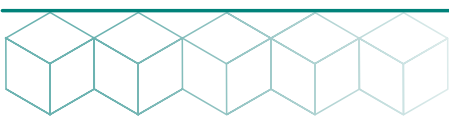
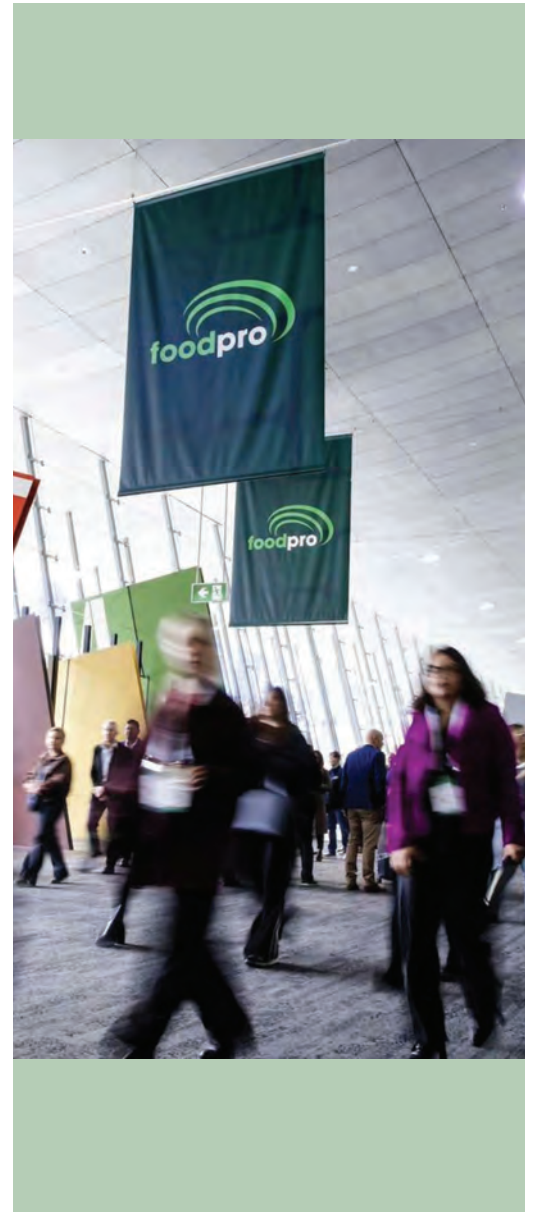
With one in five visitors returning across multiple days, foodpro 2026 recorded strong dwell time and repeat engagement, as attendees moved between live equipment demonstrations at the Demo Exchange, the Innovation Stage, the Business Lounge and Industry Hub feature area to evaluate technology, meet suppliers and build relationships that will shape purchasing decisions well beyond the show.

The show floor was further elevated by a program of co-located industry events, including the

Australasian Institute of Packaging's (AIP) two training courses, a packed room for the 4x packaging forums, the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards showcase area inside foodpro, a walking tour of the show which saw over 50 people in attendance, a treasure hunt to find PIDA finalists and AIP Corporate Partners, the AIP stand and the AIP also held for the first time the 2026 PIDA Awards Gala Dinner alongside the show with a full room.

The AIP see foodpro as the pinnacle food and packaging tradeshow in Australia and would like to acknowledge Louise Brooks for strengthening this important partnership. The AIP looks forward to the 2029 edition of foodpro.







The AIP had a showcase of finalists from the 2026 round of the PIDA Australasian Packaging Innovation and Design Awards on display at foodpro. The AIP also showcased our PIDA student winners that were recently recognised in the WorldStar student awards and some of our WorldStar winners.

It was great to see the high numbers of visitors stopping by to learn more about Australia and New Zealand companies who are making significant step changes to their packaging designs. Thank you to the team at Diversified Australia who helped to design such a great PIDA showcase area and to all of the finalists who kindly provided samples for the display area.

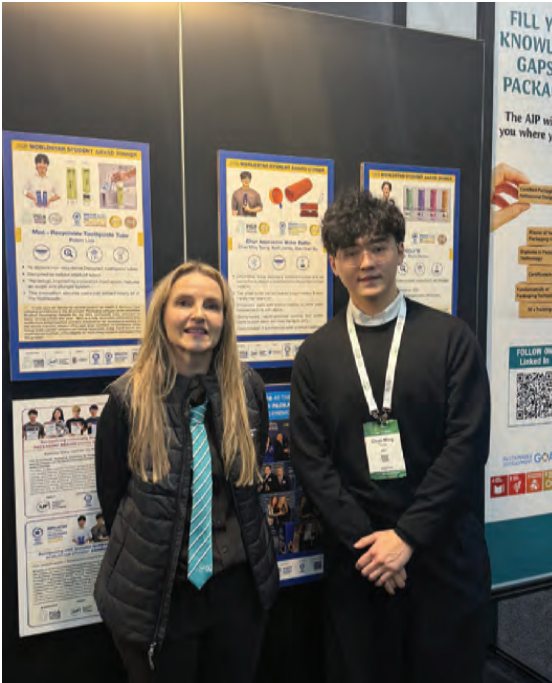


▲ 2026 PIDA Finalist: Caps & Closures.



▲ 2026 PIDA Finalists: Sealed Air & Result Group.

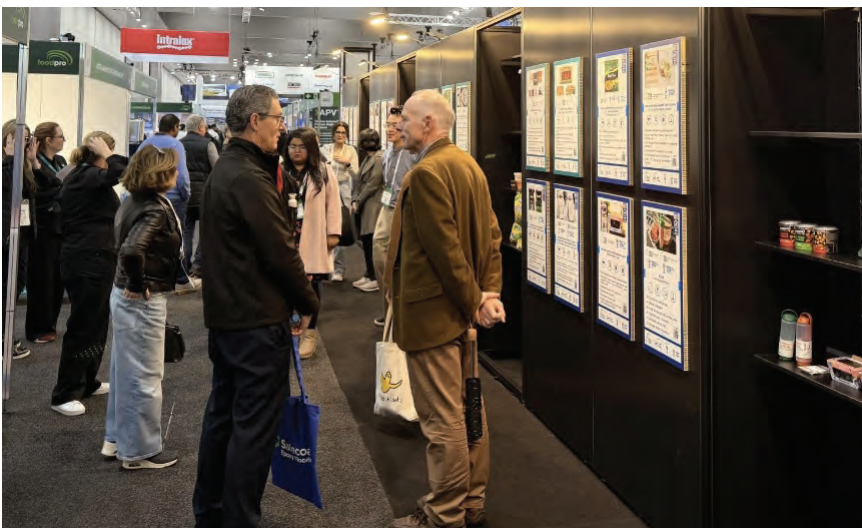


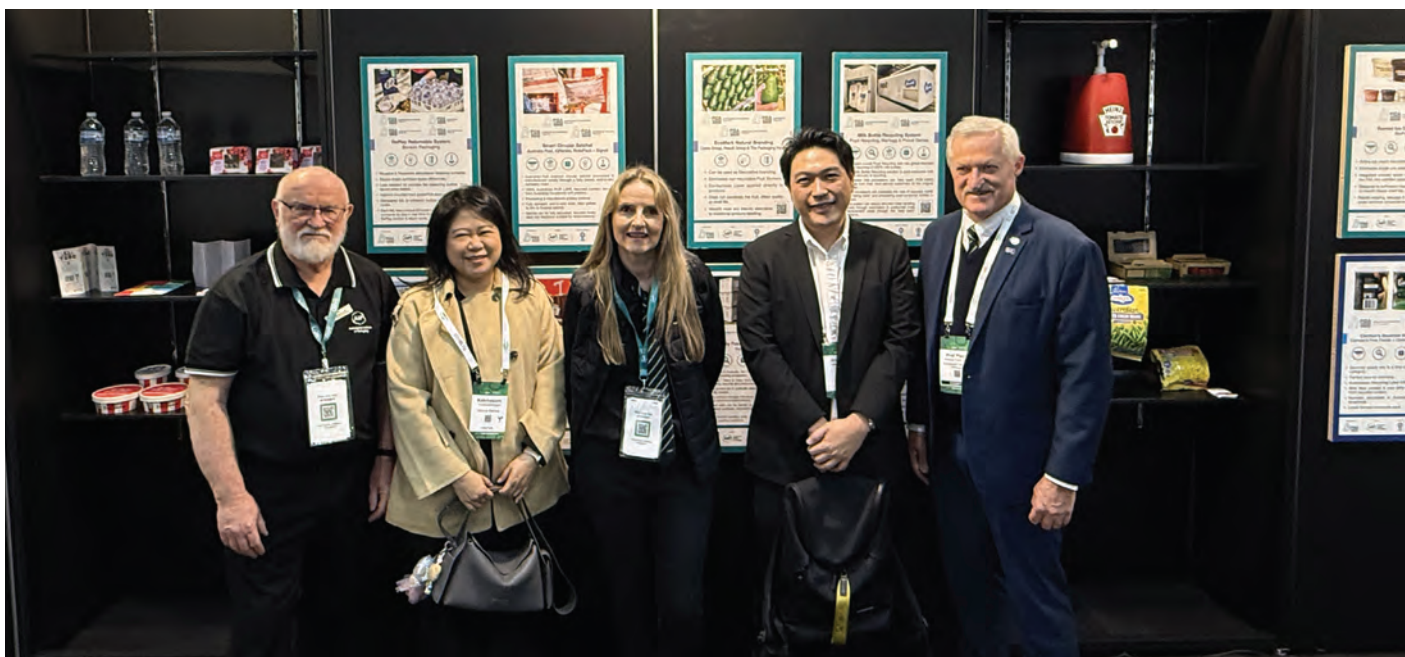


▲ Chun Ming Tsang took out the GOLD Accessible WorldStar STUDENT Award for his innovative water bottle.



▲ 2026 PIDA Finalist: The Packaging Hippy.



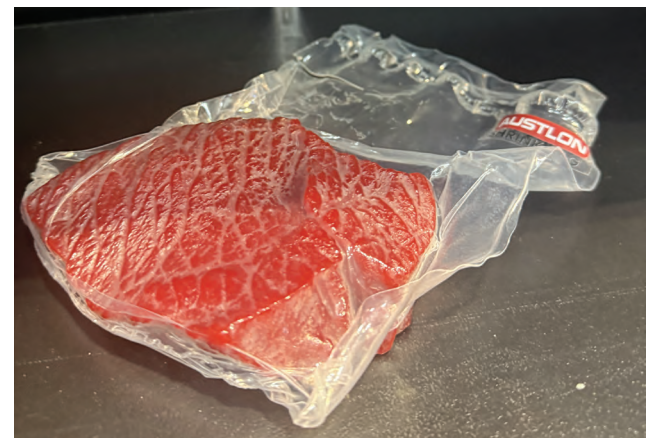


▲ Informa Markets joined the AIP at foodpro.





▲ The Hon. Colin Brooks MP, Minister for Industry & Advanced Manufacturing, Victoria visits the 2026 PIDA Showcase and the AIP.

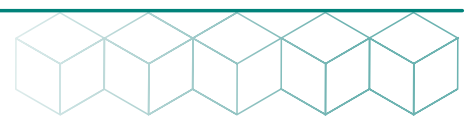


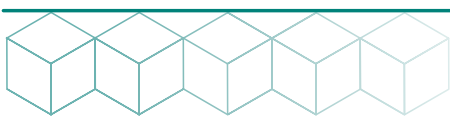
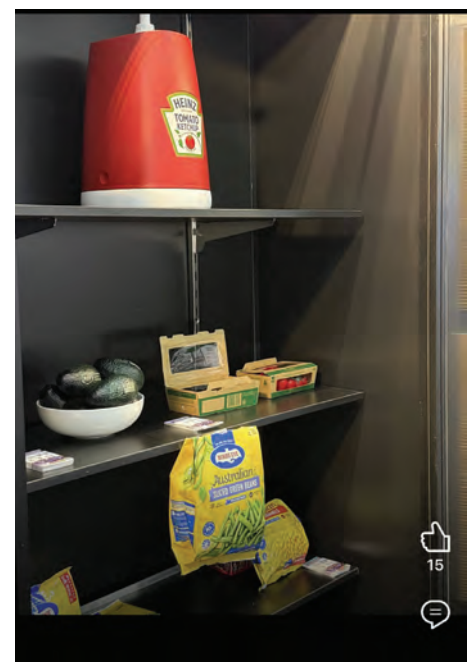
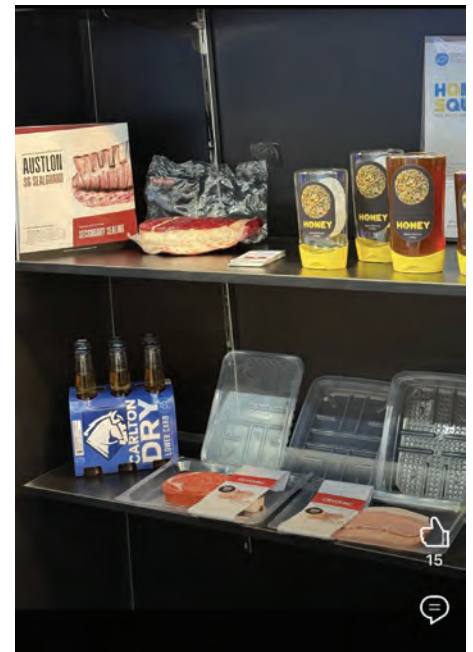
▲ 2026 PIDA Finalist: Result Group.





▲ 2026 PIDA Finalist: Bonson Packaging.

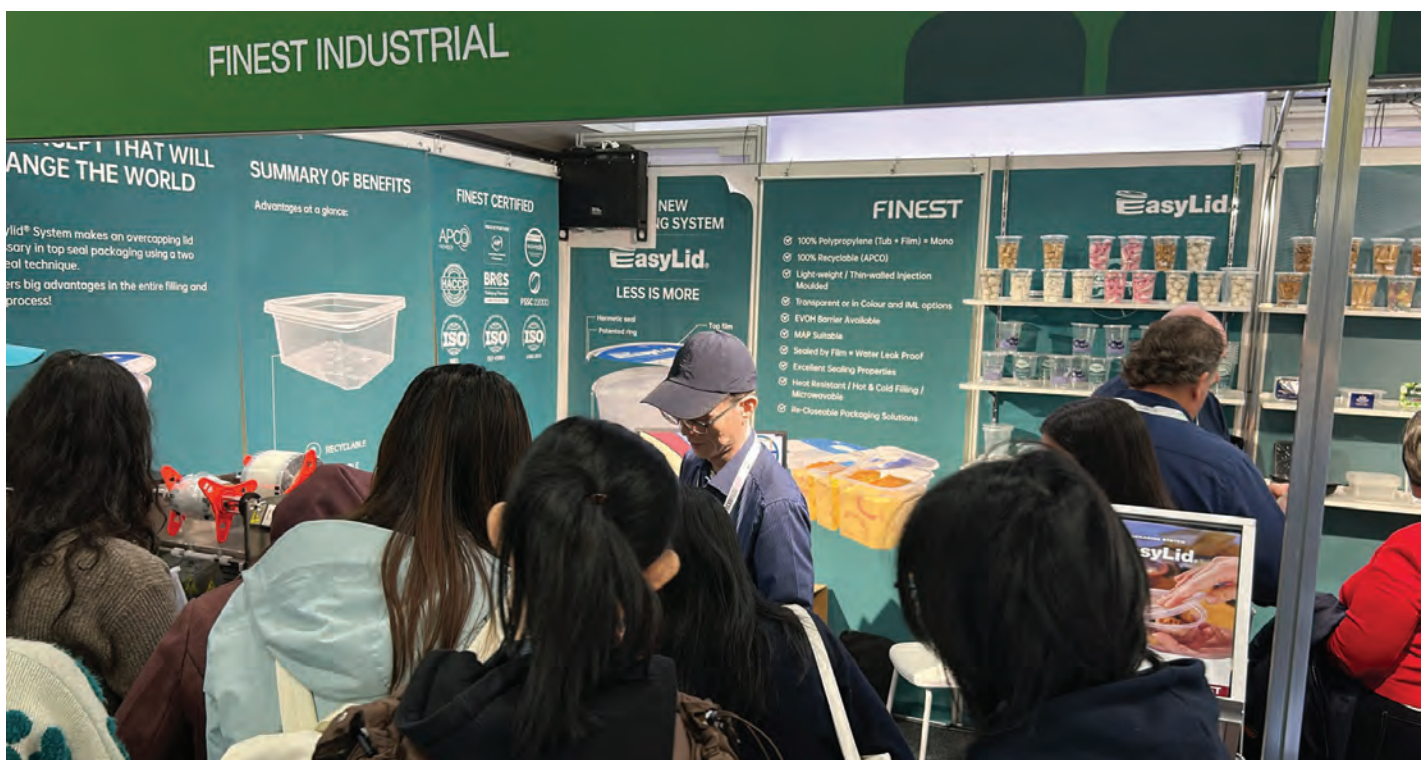


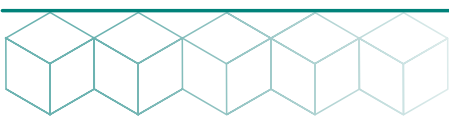
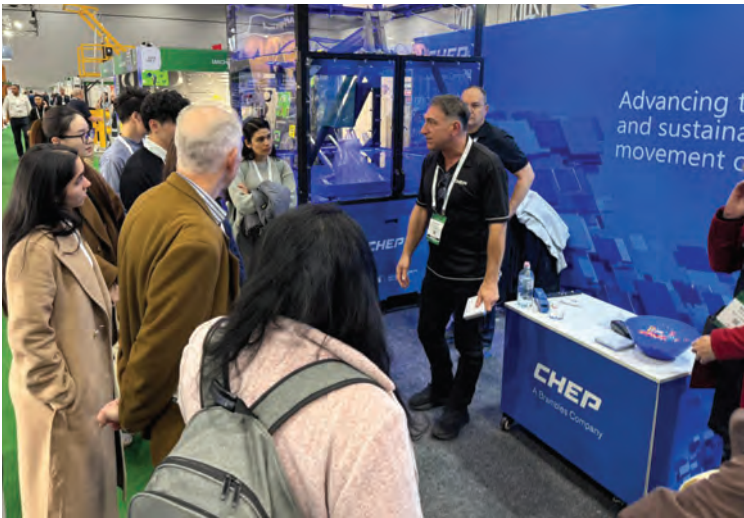


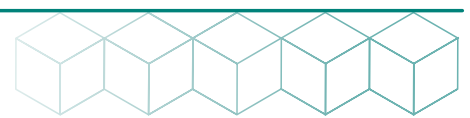
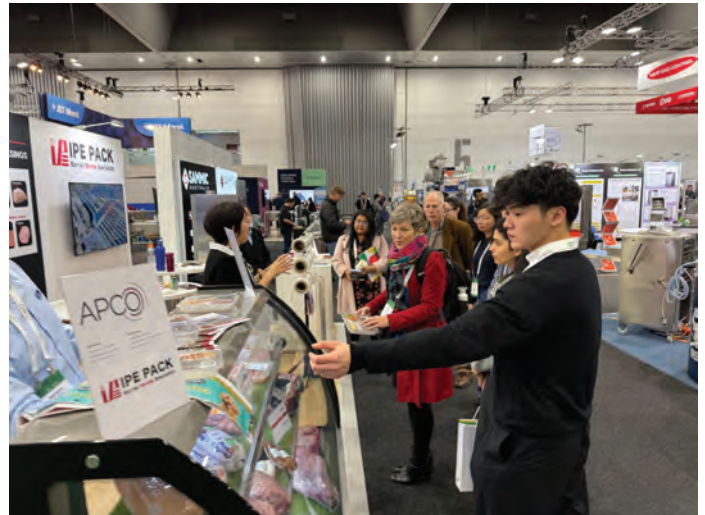


The AIP would like to thank all of our Members and Corporate Partners that participated in our first-ever walking tour at foodpro including Bunzl ANZ Processor & Industry, CHEP, FINEST, IPE Pack, MCC Label Asia Pacific, Pac Food Pty Ltd, Result Group, Sealed Air Corporation, WML Paperboard & Viscount.

Thank you for taking time to share your products and systems with over 50 walking tour members, including AIP Members and some of our University students, during foodpro. What a great way to finish the week. The AIP wanted to create a unique experience with our new walking tour concept and it was a huge success! We look forward to adding this to the key tradeshow that we partner with in the future.









“This past week I had the opportunity to visit foodpro and learn first handed about the different opportunities and industries within my master’s program. With AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging treasure hunt, my peers and I were able to explore the expo more closely. It was a very eye opening and informative experience!”

Master of Food & Packaging Innovation student





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*Meet new people.
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- ☐ **1** Find 2x AIP Corporate Partners that are exhibiting. Introduce yourself and take a photo with them.
- ☐ **2** Introduce yourself to 2x AIP Members you have never met. They may be visiting the show, exhibiting, or attending one of the 6x AIP educational events. Introduce yourself and then take a photo with them.
- ☐ **3** Find a WorldStar Packaging Award trophy or logo on an exhibitor stand. Take a photo with the trophy.
- ☐ **4** Find a Green PIDA trophy on an exhibitor's stand. Take a photo with the trophy.
- ☐ **5** Find the new AIP President and take a photo with them.
- ☐ **6** Visit the AIP stand and take a photo of yourself on the stand. Bonus points for encouraging other AIP Members to join the photo.
- ☐ **7** Find 4x AIP education team members and take photos with them. Bonus points if you can get 3x AIP Education team members in one photo with you.
- ☐ **8** Visit the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards showcase and take a photo of yourself on the stand. Bonus points if you can find someone from one of the winning companies and take a photo with them.
- ☐ **9** Bonus points if you attend one AIP Packaging Panel discussion and take a photo of yourself at the event.
- ☐ **10** Find 2x exhibitors that are 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Award Finalists. Take a photo with the staff and the packaging that was a finalist.

Once completed please visit the AIP stand and provide the evidence. Each day the AIP will announce a new winner of the Treasure Hunt. Please tag the AIP on LinkedIn as well if you wish to share your Treasure Hunt journey.





Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend Foodpro 2026 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. It was inspiring to see how sustainability is becoming increasingly embedded in food processing and packaging innovation.

“A particular highlight was the guided tour organised by the AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), which offered valuable insights into the latest packaging innovations showcased at FoodPro. Seeing practical examples of circular economy principles in action, from recyclable mono-material packaging and reusable container systems to digital traceability solutions and award-winning sustainable packaging designs, was especially inspiring.”

It was encouraging to see so many organisations focusing not only on improving recyclability, but also on reducing material use, designing for recovery, and exploring reusable packaging models. Events like FoodPro are a valuable reminder that achieving a circular economy requires collaboration across the entire value chain, manufacturers, packaging designers, recyclers, stewardship organisations, policymakers, and researchers all have an important role to play.

phD Candidate Monash University





AIP Packaging's future took the spotlight at foodpro 2026

The AIP's sessions on the Innovation Stage covered it all - from save-food packaging and date labelling, to recyclable fibre and sustainable design, right through to the rise of refillable, reusable and compostable solutions for hospitality.

"We don't have to wait for regulations, we should already be designing to those standards now"

Nerida Kelton, Vice President Sustainability & Save Food.

A huge thank you to our speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise across these sessions.



▲ Fibre-focused panel (L-R): David Kilpatrick of Zipform Packaging; Ola Wicik of Opal; Mark Rohrlach of Detpak; and moderator Keith Chessell, of AIP.



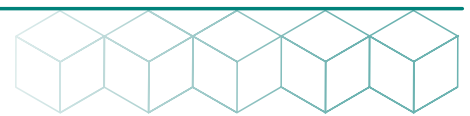


Back from a great trip to Melbourne for client FY27 kick-offs, site visits, foodpro and the PIDA Australasian Packaging Innovation and Design Awards. It was great to contribute to one of AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging's panels with Saurabh Narula, Craig Walker and Devaki Rajendran MAIP, moderated by Ralph Moyle CPP FAIP, (AIP's latest Life Member Award winner- wit wool!). We covered recycle-ready materials, adhesives, sustainable packaging design- but the real theme was packaging's future is circular, and getting there takes collaboration, innovation and sustainability built into every part of the value chain, not bolted on afterwards- challenge the status quo and ask harder questions at the brief.

"It was great to talk with the many suppliers exhibiting, and celebrated some brilliant work at the PIDA Awards sharing the winning table with Australia Post, part of the team behind the Smart Circular Satchel developed in partnership with iQRenew, RollsPack and Signet, a true example of collaboration to unlock circular outcomes."

Pippa Corry MAIP







Food systems thinking, circularity and efficiency. foodpro 2026

- We know packaging is essential for protecting products, extending shelf life and maintaining quality through fit for purpose solutions - the focus is shifting to total system outcomes and the enormous opportunity to address the global food waste challenge.
- Innovation in fibre packaging is accelerating, in particular replacing hard to recycle materials. Ola Wicik talked to Opal EPS replacement innovation, which was recognised in the 2026 PIDA Australasian Packaging Innovation and Design Awards design AWARDS.

- The biggest opportunities continue lie in collaboration. Better outcomes will come from bringing retailers, brand owners, packaging manufacturers, material suppliers and equipment providers together earlier in the process.

“I appreciated the opportunity to connect with industry peers and customers this week. Thanks to the AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging for the showcase sessions bringing the value chain together.”

Minja Podvorac MAIP, OPAL





Honoured to represent McCormick, Australia at FoodPro 2026 in Melbourne as a panellist.

“It was a privilege to be part of such an important industry forum, sharing the stage with passionate professionals and thought leaders from across the food and packaging sectors.”

The discussion was a great reminder that the future of packaging will be shaped by purposeful innovation, sustainability, collaboration, and a shared commitment to creating solutions that deliver value for people, business, and the planet. A sincere thank you to Nerida Kelton FAIP and the AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging for the opportunity to contribute to the conversation. Great conversations do not just reflect the future, they help create it.”

Saurabh Narula MAIP, CPP



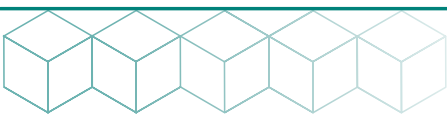


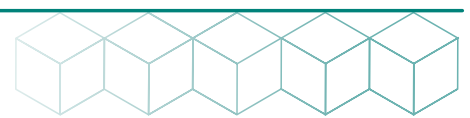
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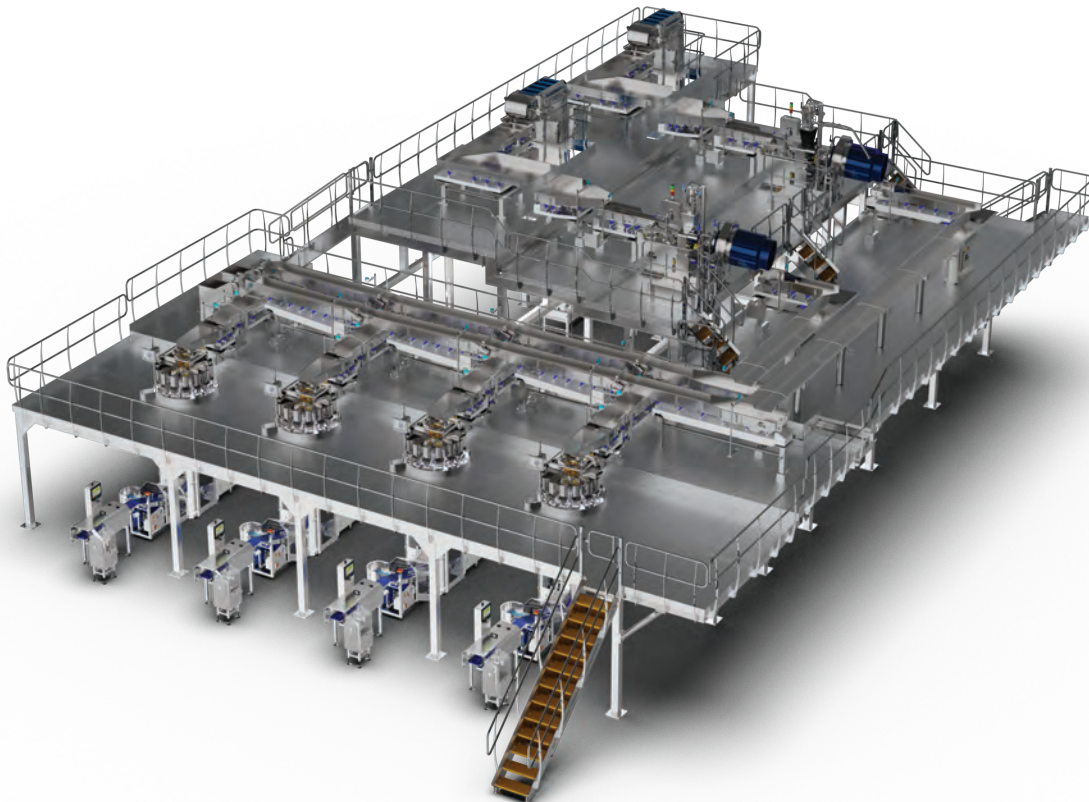


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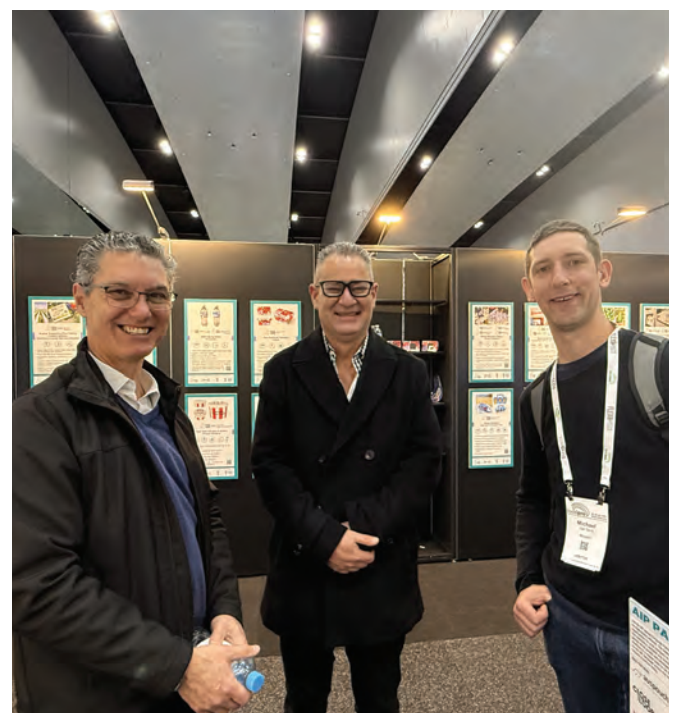
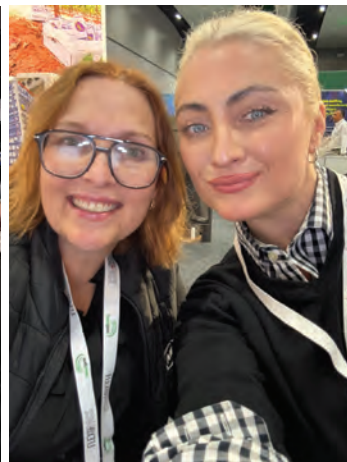
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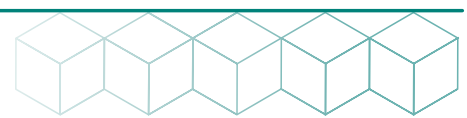
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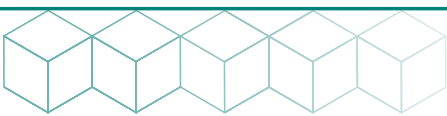
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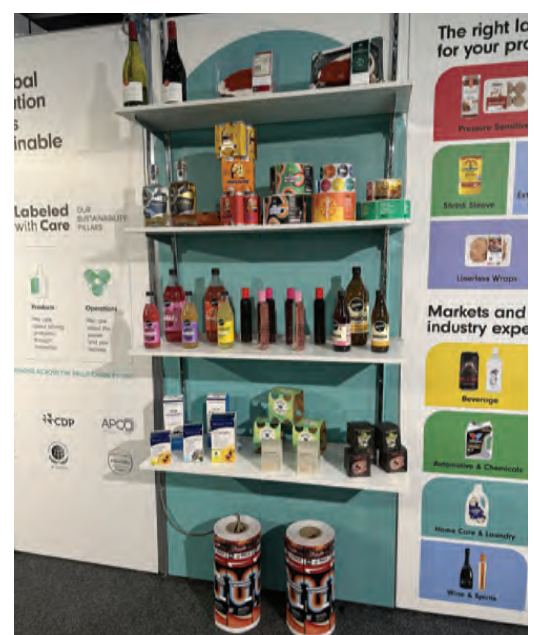


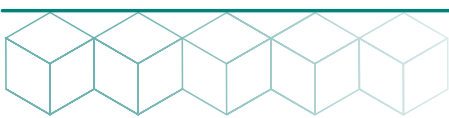


“Our team is always passionate about sharing our knowledge and helping advance the packaging industry. During Foodpro 2026, we were proud to partner with the Australian Institute of Packaging to participate in guided exhibition walking tours and panel discussions on the Innovation Stage.”

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with industry professionals, discuss the latest innovations in food packaging, and share insights into how advanced barrier packaging solutions are helping improve food safety, extend shelf life, and reduce food waste. A big thank you to everyone who joined the sessions and visited us throughout the exhibition. We look forward to continuing the conversation and driving innovation together.
Warwick Armstrong MAIP, IPE Pack









“Right Choice of Label Enables Circular Packaging. On behalf of MCC Label Asia Pacific, we thank Nerida Kelton FAIP, Prof Pierre Pienaar, AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging once again for the opportunity to have MCC Label participate in foodpro Melbourne 2026.”

"It was a privilege to share how labels play a critical role in enabling the recyclability and circularity of packaging with experienced panellists Saurabh Narula and Pippa Corry moderated by Ralph Moyle CPP FAIP. At MCC Label, we are committed to advancing circular packaging solutions.

Beyond designing labels that support recycling, we also provide innovative solutions that give used release liners a new life by repurposing them domestically in Australia, helping to divert waste from landfill and supporting a more circular economy.

We appreciate the opportunity to engage with industry leaders and brand owners, and look forward to work towards the Right Choice of Label Enables Circular Packaging.”

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Fibre innovation shifts from replacement to systems thinking

Replacing plastic is no longer the end goal for fibre packaging. At foodpro's Innovation Stage, panellists argued the next generation of fibre solutions will be defined by systems thinking – balancing product protection, automation, recyclability and commercial reality.

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Fibre packaging innovation is evolving beyond the search for alternatives to plastic, with Australia's leading developers now focused on designing solutions that work across the entire packaging system.

That message emerged throughout an Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) panel discussion at foodpro, where moderator Keith Chessell guided a conversation exploring the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of fibre-based packaging.



▲ Mark Rohrlach and Keith Chessell discuss the value of involving packaging suppliers much earlier in the design process.

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Bringing together Mark Rohrlach, regional manager – Asia & Australasia at Detpak; Ola Wicik, packaging engineer at Opal; and David Kilpatrick, managing director of Zipform Packaging, the discussion highlighted how advances in fibre technology are increasingly being driven by collaboration across the supply chain rather than by materials innovation alone.

Throughout the session, Chessell returned to the importance of designing packaging as part of a broader system, challenging panellists to explain not only how their products perform, but how they integrate with existing production lines, logistics networks, recycling systems and consumer expectations.

That systems approach was evident across each of the innovations discussed.

For Detpak, fibre innovation in fresh produce has centred on helping growers reduce their reliance on plastic while maintaining the speed and efficiency of automated packing lines. Rohrlach said new solutions must meet sustainability expectations without compromising food protection or operational performance.

“The packaging development team has to deliver options that also survive the supply chain, survive all the existing filling lines, and also present the product that's going into it exceptionally well,” he said.

Detpak's fibre tomato punnet, developed in collaboration with Perfection Fresh, illustrates that philosophy. Rather than simply replacing an existing plastic pack, the project required modifications to automated equipment, multiple production trials and close collaboration between engineering teams before reaching supermarket shelves.



▲ Ola Wicik: Expectations are shifting beyond simple substitution.

“When you've got somebody that wants to make that change, it's a far easier journey because they're willing to accept those challenges as they come along. All part of the new product development journey,” Rohrlach said.

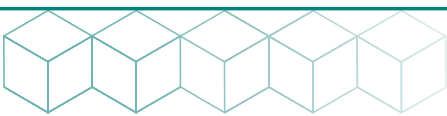
Opal's Arctic Shield insulated fibre carton reflects a similarly holistic approach. Originally developed as an alternative to expanded polystyrene for seafood and other cold chain applications, the latest generation has been redesigned to meet more demanding transport requirements, including longer cold chain performance and leak-proof construction.

Wicik said customer expectations had shifted beyond simple material substitution.

“We had to really reconsider the entire packaging system and redesign what we already had, but redesign it to be fit for purpose for those new restrictions,” she said.

Looking ahead, she suggested corrugated packaging's future will depend less on breakthrough materials than on smarter engineering, lightweighting and optimising packaging throughout the supply chain.

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▲ David Kilpatrick: Dry moulded fibre offers significant benefits.

"We don't want to make corrugated work harder. We want it to work a lot smarter," Wicik said.

The broader theme of collaboration also featured strongly throughout the discussion.

Wicik argued that packaging is too often considered at the end of product development, despite influencing manufacturing, automation, transport, retail handling and the consumer experience.

"The greatest success from our customers will be those who really understand that packaging is a part of their entire system, not just an afterthought," she said.

Chessell reinforced the point, drawing on decades of experience in packaging development to encourage brand owners to involve packaging suppliers much earlier in the design process. Better outcomes, he said, come when packaging, equipment and product development teams work together from the outset.

Innovation is also being driven by advances in fibre converting technologies. Kilpatrick outlined Zipform's work in linear forming and its recent partnership with PulPac to develop dry moulded fibre applications, including high-barrier meat trays without a separate plastic layer – technology PKN has previously reported on.

"Comparing dry moulded fibre to conventional wet moulding, Kilpatrick said,

"It offers a lot of benefits, but first and foremost, it's much less energy intensive and much less water-use intensive, and much faster... and it offers greater design flexibility."

Recyclability, recycled content and evolving PFAS requirements also featured prominently during the session, with panellists emphasising that sustainability outcomes depend on balancing fibre recovery, food safety, barrier performance and practical manufacturing considerations.

While the innovations showcased differed in application – from fresh produce and seafood to meat packaging and paper bottles – they shared a common direction.

The discussion made clear that fibre innovation is no longer about replacing one material with another. Future success will depend on designing packaging as part of a complete system that balances product performance, manufacturing efficiency, recyclability and commercial viability.



▲ Mark Rohrlach: New solutions must meet sustainability expectations without compromising food protection or operational performance.

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Tackling Food Loss and Waste across the agrifood systems: New self-paced open access

FAO has launched a new self-paced, open-access virtual learning course on tackling food loss and waste (FLW) across the agrifood system.

A new course from the Virtual Learning Center of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) focuses on these choices. “Tackling Food Loss and Waste across the Agrifood Systems,” now available in an open-access format, examines how food loss and waste occur and what can be done to prevent and reduce it.

Developed by the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, in collaboration with the International Food Waste Coalition programme under WRAP Europe, the course follows the path of food through production, processing, retail and food service. At each stage, it asks a set of questions: Where does loss occur, what drives it, and what can be changed without remaking the system entirely?

In primary production, losses often reflect timing and shifts in market demand. In processing, they frequently result from specifications that reject edible food. In retail and hospitality, they often stem from forecasting, storage and portioning.

“The development of this course has been a journey of collaboration and learning, bringing together partners and practitioners from across the region. It combines technical expertise, field experience, and regional perspectives. Reducing food loss and waste starts with measurement, but it does not stop there,” said Raimund Jehle, FAO Regional Programme Leader.

“This course was designed to support practitioners in moving from data to action: identifying root causes, implementing solutions, and tracking progress over time. Its aim is to turn knowledge into action by equipping stakeholders with the tools to reduce food loss and waste in a practical and measurable way.”

The course reflects a broader shift in how the issue is understood and addressed. It is framed as something that can be measured, compared and managed, drawing on methodologies developed by FAO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as the Food Loss and Waste Accounting and Reporting Standard, and approaches such as Target-Measure-Act.



The six-module course emphasises application throughout: it provides measurement tools, case studies and examples of real-world interventions tailored to each stage of the food supply chain: primary production, processing, retail/wholesale, and hotels, restaurants and catering (HoReCa). It is designed to support practitioners in measuring and monitoring losses within their own operations, identifying root causes, developing responses and assessing both economic and environmental outcomes. The course also features a technical webinar on consumer food waste, including a presentation by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE).

Course features:

- Six comprehensive modules (core and elective).
- Flexible, self-paced format allows learners to engage at their convenience.
- Accessible via computer, tablet or smartphone.
- Can be used as a quick-reference tool at any time.
- Free and available worldwide.
- Certificate awarded upon completion.

Target audience is representatives from sectoral associations (farmers, processors, retailers, etc.) extension services, and employees of food companies across the agrifood systems (including processing, wholesale and retail and HoReCa).

This group encompasses professionals involved in performance management, waste management, corporate social responsibility, or marketing, as well as those, interested in understanding the costs and impacts of FLW and exploring potential solutions.

The course is accessible at any time after registering on the FAO Virtual Learning Centers website.

The course was co-developed with partners and peer-reviewed by multiple technical experts to ensure both technical accuracy and practical relevance.

The course pilot was delivered with instructors in early 2025, bringing together 171 participants from 11 countries across Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia and Türkiye. Participants came from across the food system – farmers, processors, retailers, civil society and policymakers – with different constraints but similar questions about where losses occur and how they can be reduced.

The course is free and available worldwide. It can be taken in sequence or consulted as needed. It does not promise a one-size-fits-all solution. Instead, it offers tools to measure losses, trace their causes and reduce them, step by step.



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As EU packaging rules took effect August 12th, global bioplastics leaders united behind a shared push for recognition

As the European Union's new Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) took effect on Wednesday, August 12 – reshaping the rules for compostable and bio-based packaging entering the EU market – bioplastics associations from across the globe have agreed to strengthen their collaboration, sharing knowledge and working together to win greater recognition for the sector's role in the circular economy.

The commitment on 10 August followed a meeting of global bioplastics peak-body leaders in Incheon, South Korea on Friday, 7 August,

where Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA) CEO Martine Poulain represented Australia and New Zealand. The meeting, convened by Dr In-Joo Chin, President of the Korean Bioplastics Association, followed the 2026 Global Conference on Sustainable Plastics at Songdo Convensia. ABA has been a founding member of the alliance since 2016, alongside associations from Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam and Thailand. Members agreed to retain the alliance's current governance structure under a single president, and will now meet twice a year, with the next online meeting set for 10 March 2027. The next Global Conference on Sustainable Plastics has already been confirmed for Incheon in September 2027.



▲ The Pan Pacific Bioplastics Alliance leadership meeting in Incheon, August 2026. Pictured, L-R: Yunxuan Weng (Secretary General, CPPIA), Sangyong Kim (Vice President, KBPA), Akio Nakaishi (Chairman, JBPA), Lorenza Romanese (Secretary General, European Bioplastics), Dong-Ku Kang (Dean, Incheon National University), In-Joo Chin (President, KBPA), Hideo Yamada (Secretary General, JBPA), Martine Poulain (CEO, ABA), Tommy Tjiptadaja (Chairman, PASTI), Margaret Eldridge (Certification Director, BPI), Chanon Phantusintu (President, TBIA), Vikram Bhanushali (President, ICPA).



The timing is pointed for Australia, where inconsistent rules and public confusion over what “compostable” actually means have long held the sector back. South Australia introduced mandatory labelling requirements for certified compostable items earlier this year, giving consumers and processors a clearer way to identify genuine, certified products — the kind of consistency industry leaders say is needed more broadly, both within Australia and internationally.

With regulatory frameworks diverging by market both internationally and within Australia, industry leaders agreed that no single association can solve this alone, and committed to working more closely together. Leaders committed to:

- **A joint advocacy framework**, sharing resources and aligning messaging so each member association is better equipped to make the case for certified bioplastics in its own market.
- **A shared communications initiative**, equipping member associations to correct misinformation and reinforce, consistently, where bioplastics fit within circularity.
- **An infrastructure knowledge-sharing network**, exchanging successful international models for composting, organics collection and biogasification.

“The EU’s new packaging rules landing this same week are a reminder of how fast the regulatory landscape is moving, market by market — and we see the same fragmentation here at home, state by state. Certified bioplastics only deliver on their promise as part of a genuine circular system. What changed on Friday is that we’re no longer working this out on our own here in Australia. We now have every major bioplastics association across the region and beyond sharing what’s working and backing each other up.”

Martine Poulain, CEO, ABA

For an industry that has too often worked out its answers alone, country by country, that collaboration is the real story. As regulation accelerates in Europe and infrastructure expands here at home, ABA and its international counterparts are no longer solving these problems in isolation — they’re sharing what works and solving them together.

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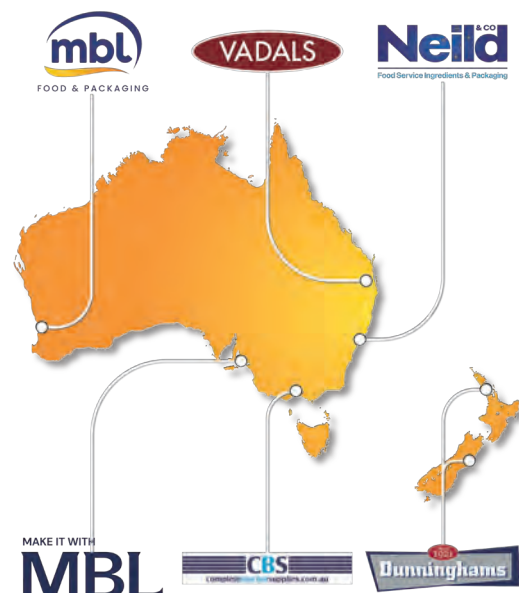
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Australasian Institute of Packaging makes strong showing at Interpack

The AIP had a busy week at Interpack 2026 in Düsseldorf as it was speaking at several panel discussions and catching up with exhibitors at the show

The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) had a busy and productive week at the recent Interpack 2026 tradeshow, with representatives participating in several industry panels and reconnecting with exhibitors from across the global packaging sector.

Throughout the event, the team engaged in discussions around innovation, sustainability, and the future of packaging, while also strengthening relationships with industry peers and suppliers on the show floor.

The packed schedule highlighted the organisation's ongoing commitment to industry collaboration, knowledge sharing, and in keeping Australasian packaging professionals connected to the latest international trends and technologies shaping the sector.

Here are some photo highlights from the institute's time at the event in Düsseldorf, as captured by AIP's executive director Nerida Kelton. **PP**





Nerida Kelton (far right) with the tna Solutions team on their stand at Interpack 2026



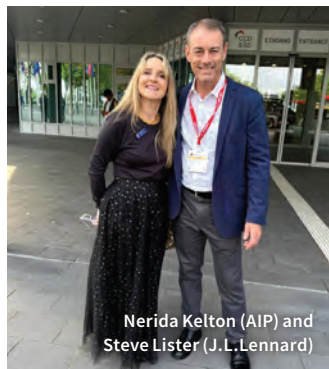
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Nerida Kelton (AIP) and Jean Francois-Rolron (Koor Australia)



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Shannon Doherty-Andall (AIP) was one of the topic hub leaders for the Women in Packaging Forum



Nerida Kelton (AIP) also champions the save food initiative as the WPO's vice-president of sustainability and save food



Nerida Kelton and Shannon Doherty-Andall from AIP were involved in several panel discussions at Interpack 2026, including Women in Packaging



Tamaki Kaga (Futamura) - second from left - with Kenzo Okamoto (CheerPack) in the middle and Nerida Kelton (AIP) - second from right - with the rest of the Futamura team on its stand



Nerida Kelton (far right) with the Heat and Control team at Interpack 2026



Nerida Kelton (AIP) - far left - moderating the Women in Packaging panel

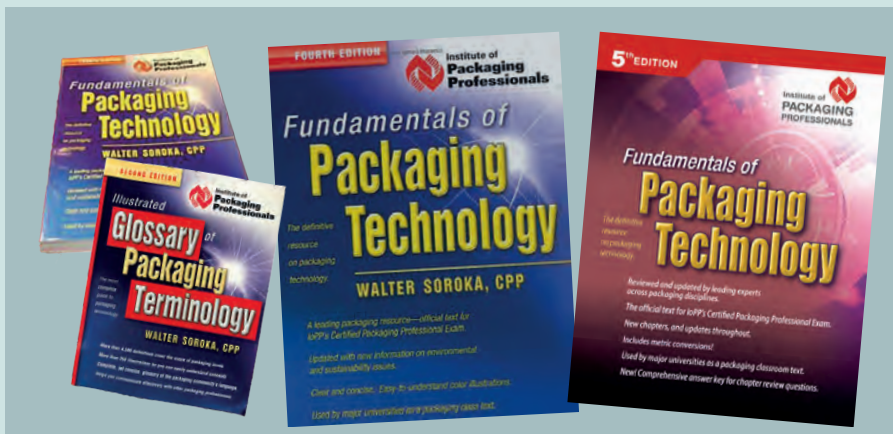


Nerida Kelton (AIP) - on the far left - with other panel speakers discussing the topic of how consumer choices will evolve by 2030

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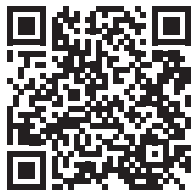
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