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**AIP Welcomes New Member Westland Milk Products**



**Priyavathana SK MAIP**  
Senior Packaging Technologist  
Westland Milk Products

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**AIP Welcomes New Certified Packaging Professional**

**Dheeraj Kumar MAIP, CPP**  
Group Packaging Manager  
TradeKings



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**AIP Congratulates Latest Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) Re-Certification Recipient**

**Dr Carol Kilcullen-Lawrence PhD FAIP CPP**  
Sustainability Specialist  
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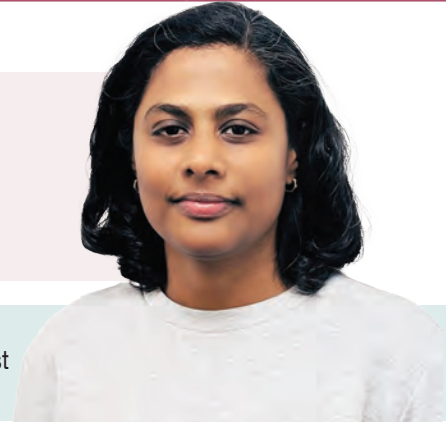


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The AIP would like to take this opportunity to welcome Priyavathana SK MAIP, Senior Packaging Technologist at Westland Milk Products to the Institute and share a little bit about who she is and what she does in the industry. Please join with us in welcoming Priyavathana to the AIP.



## 1. Why did you join the AIP? What benefits do you believe the AIP offers all their members?

I joined the AIP because I want to grow alongside a community that shares the same passion I have for packaging, innovation, and sustainability. Throughout my career, I've always looked for ways to improve, learn from others, and stay connected to the latest developments in our industry. Becoming an AIP member felt like the natural next step as I move into a more specialised role in New Zealand and focus strongly on sustainable packaging.

What I value most about the AIP is the sense of community and professional support it provides. The Institute brings together people with diverse expertise – from technical specialists to sustainability leaders – and creates an environment where knowledge is openly shared. The access to training, technical resources, and thought leadership helps members continuously build their capability. At the same time, the networking opportunities and industry events allow us to connect with people who inspire new ideas and challenge our thinking. I believe these benefits help all members stay relevant, confident, and empowered to drive positive change in their organisations.

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

I have been working in the packaging industry for over thirteen years, across multiple sectors including food, FMCG, tobacco, Automotive and consumer goods. Throughout my career, I have intentionally moved across different functions to gain a well-rounded understanding of packaging—from materials and manufacturing to quality, sustainability, and supply chain.

My expertise includes:

1. Packaging design and development across paper, board, flexible laminates, rigid plastics, tins, and corrugated formats.

**Priyavathana SK MAIP**  
Senior Packaging Technologist  
Westland Milk Products

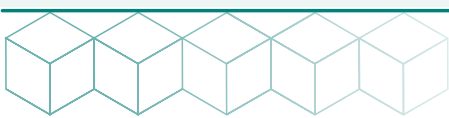
2. Sustainable packaging and optimisation, including LCA-focused improvements.
3. Technical problem solving, root cause analysis, and reduction of waste and rejections.
4. Packaging Regulatory compliance, quality systems, and specification governance.
5. Supplier development, material qualification, and project management.
6. Packaging lab operations, test methods, and equipment management.

## 3. What is your current job role and what are your responsibilities?

I am currently working as a Senior Packaging Technologist at Westland Milk Products in Christchurch, New Zealand. My role involves providing end-to-end technical expertise across all aspects of packaging for the business.

My key responsibilities include:

1. Packaging design, development, and optimisation for new and existing products.
2. Identifying the most suitable packaging solutions that meet performance, functionality, and cost expectations.
3. Driving sustainable packaging initiatives, including development of new materials to support environmental goals.
4. Optimising packaging across the supply chain to improve efficiency and reduce material usage and costs.
5. Ensuring regulatory and export-market compliance for all packaging materials.
6. Working closely with suppliers and cross-functional teams to support technical trials, specifications, and continuous improvement activities.





# Elevate your Packaging Career



## Do you have what it takes to become a Certified Packaging Professional?

The Certified Packaging Professional (CPP)<sup>®</sup> is the premier designation in the industry globally, signifying excellence as a packaging professional with the most recent IoPP salary survey revealing that CPPs<sup>®</sup> earn up to 10% more than their non-certified co-workers. Using the CPP<sup>®</sup> program to assess and evaluate one's professional competency validates you as internationally proficient as a packaging professional; a cut above your peers.

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The AIP would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dheeraj Kumar MAIP, CPP, Group Packaging Manager, TradeKings 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.



**Dheeraj Kumar MAIP, CPP**  
Group Packaging Manager  
TradeKings

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

Dheeraj: I have been working in the packaging industry for over 10 years, primarily in flexible packaging across FMCG and food sectors. My expertise includes quality management, lamination & extrusion processes, packaging material development, supplier audits, and troubleshooting production issues. I also focus on process improvement, customer complaint resolution, and shelf-life enhancement projects.

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

Dheeraj: I wanted to benchmark my knowledge against global packaging standards and gain an internationally recognised qualification. The CPP designation aligns with my goal of working in a structured, technical, and future-ready packaging environment. It was important for me to validate my experience and deepen my understanding of core packaging principles.

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

Dheeraj: Achieving the CPP designation is a major milestone in my career. It reinforces my commitment to professional excellence and continuous learning. Personally, it has boosted my confidence and positioned me strongly for global packaging opportunities. It also reflects the hard work and dedication I have invested in the industry.

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

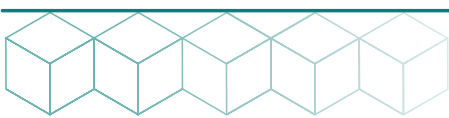
Dheeraj: CPP provides a credible, standardised way to recognise technical expertise in the packaging profession. It elevates the value of packaging specialists whose work is often behind the scenes but critical to product quality and safety. The designation helps raise the overall professional standing of packaging roles within manufacturing and brand organisations.

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

Dheeraj: The CPP content helped refresh and structure my existing knowledge while expanding my understanding of materials science, sustainability, and global packaging regulations. It strengthened my technical foundations and improved my decision-making in actual plant situations. I also gained a broader perspective on packaging beyond flexible materials.

## 6. What next for your career?

Dheeraj: I plan to continue advancing in packaging leadership roles and contributing to stronger quality systems and innovation projects. My next focus is to gain deeper expertise in sustainable packaging, food safety, and advanced barrier technologies. I want to contribute more to quality improvement, zero-defect performance, and technical innovation. CPP has motivated me to target higher technical and leadership roles in packaging.





The AIP would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate Dr Carol Kilcullen-Lawrence PhD FAIP CPP for attaining her re-certification for the Certified Packaging Professional designation...



“The Certified Packaging Professional designation is extremely important to me, as it has allowed me to gain experience and recognition within the wider packaging industry. In particular working with label sector, as the types of labels are as diverse as the range of packages they are adhered to it is really important to stay up to date with the latest developments and specifically ensure that the choice of label has no detrimental effect on downstream recycling outcomes. This is a global goal and aligns perfectly with the global recognition of the CPP.”

**Dr Carol Kilcullen-Lawrence PhD FAIP CPP**  
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## Monash University students win Gold and Silver at the 2025 PIDA Student Awards

Monash University are incredibly proud to celebrate two outstanding student teams from the Master of Food Science and Agribusiness program, whose innovative packaging concepts were recognised at this year's 2025 PIDA Australasian Packaging Innovation and Design STUDENT Awards, hosted by the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP).

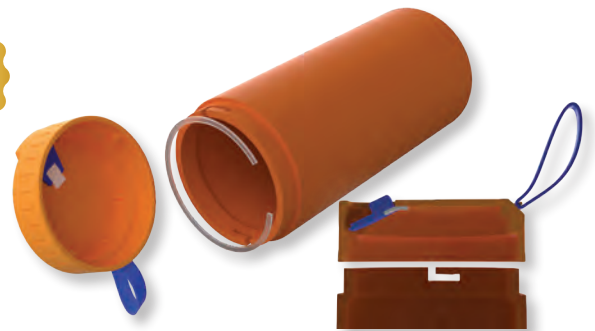
The 2025 Gold PIDA Student Award for Monash University was awarded to Chun Ming Tsang, Queenie Wu and Keith James for their ergonomically designed, accessibility-focused water bottle concept, Chun Accessible Water Bottle.

The 2025 Silver PIDA Student Award was awarded to Kevin Arulraj, Akshata Sukhtankar, Muniba Mehboob, Satakshi Darmwal, Suzanne Ngasseppam and Angela Jessica for Caneboost Functional Beverage, a biodegradable bagasse-based bottle transforming sugarcane by-products into a circular, sustainable packaging solution.

Both projects were developed within FSC5051 – Innovation, Consumer Behaviour and Food Marketing unit, supported by the AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging team and Monash Food Innovation's Design team.

A special thank you to Ralph Moyle CPP FAIP, Nerida Kelton FAIP, Prof Pierre Pienaar FAIP, CPPL and Brendon Holmes from the AIP for their contributions to the teaching program this year, through lecturing and judging the student designs.

These achievements highlight the creativity, technical prowess, and sustainability mindset of our emerging talent, as well as their potential to shape the future of packaging.



### Chun Accessible Water Bottle Chun Ming Tsang, Keith James, Qian Qian Wu

“Winning the Gold award for the Chun Accessible Water Bottle represents far more than a recognition of design—it reflects a way of thinking. Throughout the development journey, I realised how critical it is to identify a real problem, analyse it in depth, and pursue innovative solutions with persistence and curiosity. This achievement reinforces the importance of being attentive to details and continuously exploring new ideas that can improve user experience, motivating me to keep pushing boundaries and to design with purpose, empathy, and intention.”

Chun Ming Tsang

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## Caneboost Functional Beverage

Kevin Arulraj, Akshata Sukhtankar, Muniba Mehboob, Satakshi Darmwal,  
Suzanne Ngasseppam, Angela Jessica

“Winning a Silver Award in the 2025 PIDA Student Awards for CaneBoost is an incredibly meaningful milestone for us. This recognition validates the hard work, experimentation, and teamwork that went into creating a beverage and packaging solution that champions both health and sustainability. From the beginning, we set out to develop a product that genuinely reflects circular economy principles by using compostable bagasse packaging and rethinking how sugarcane, a widely available resource, could be transformed into something functional and future-focused.

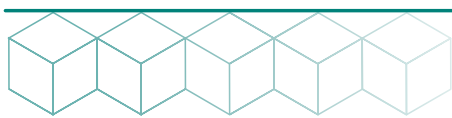
One of the most exciting elements of our project was integrating the innovative Mimica Labs freshness-indicating cap. This technology not only elevated the user experience but also aligned perfectly with our mission to reduce waste and improve food safety. It pushed us to think beyond traditional packaging and explore how smart design can positively influence everyday behaviour.

More than anything, this award highlights the power of collaboration. CaneBoost was shaped by diverse skills, perspectives, and a shared commitment to creating something impactful. We are incredibly grateful to Monash Food Innovation for believing in our idea, supporting our development journey, and putting us forward for this opportunity. We also thank the AIP for recognising our efforts and giving us a platform on the global stage. This achievement inspires us to keep pushing for sustainable, innovative solutions, and we can't wait to see what happens next.”

“The AIP has been an invaluable contributor to Monash University's Master of Food Science and Agribusiness course. An 'industry informed' unit within the masters, FSC5051 – Innovation, Consumer Behaviour and Food Marketing inspires students to bring a new food product to life inclusive of the all important pack design. AIP experts guest lecture in this unit and their expertise brings an essential government and industry perspective to the curriculum, providing students with up-to-date knowledge on packaging regulations, sustainability frameworks, and accurate on-pack communication. AIP's involvement strengthens Monash's ability to develop graduates who understand the complexities of modern packaging and the real-world challenges of commercialising innovative food and beverage products that can be 'better for earth'.

For Monash students, winning a PIDA Award is genuinely special. It shows that the work they created within a university unit meets national industry standards. It boosts their confidence, opens doors for their career development, and gives them recognition from the industry they aspire to join. For the students that are cited, it is also a stepping stone to the international WorldStar Student Awards, highlighting the global relevance of their achievements in innovative and sustainable packaging design.”

Rod Heath, General Manager Industry and Education, Monash Food Innovation



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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### The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is pleased to announce that 7x Australian & New Zealand companies have received 11x WorldStar Packaging Awards.

The latest round of WorldStar Packaging Awards attracted a record-breaking 481 entries from 36 countries across the globe and 234 were recognised with WorldStar Packaging Awards.

According to Nerida Kelton, Executive Director of the AIP 'With the tough global competition increasing every year receiving a coveted WorldStar Packaging Award is getting harder. The AIP are extremely proud that 7x ANZ PIDA Winners have been internationally recognised with 11x awards across 6x categories including Packaging Materials & Components, Food, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Other, Household, Labelling & Decoration,'

'As only winners from the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards are eligible to enter the WorldStar Packaging awards, the continued global recognition of Australian and New Zealand packaging designs is a testament to the strict criteria and judging process of our regional awards program.

We look forward to celebrating the ANZ winners in-person on the 8th of May 2026 at a gala awards ceremony which will be held inside of Interpack, Dusseldorf, Germany," she said.

**The full list of the 2026  
WorldStar Packaging Award  
Winners is now available.**



**Applications for the 2026 Australasian  
Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA)  
Awards are now open and will close on  
the 27th of February. The PIDA Awards  
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program for Australia & New  
Zealand for the WorldStar  
Packaging Awards.**





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ

The 2026 WorldStar Packaging Award winners for Australia and New Zealand are:

### Food



- Australian Organic Food Co Mono Material Spout Pouch (Flavour Makers + Cheer Pack Asia Pacific)



- Amprima recycle-ready packaging for shredded cheese (Amcor Flexibles Asia Pacific ANZ)



- Koor refillable system – Koor



- Katermaster Regen Reusable Food Container (Bunzl Australia & New Zealand)

### Fresh Fruit & Vegetables



- Opal Paper-based fresh produce punnet (Mountain Blue + Opal)

### Labelling & Decoration



- Carman's Gourmet Snack Mix – Zipform Packaging

### Household



- Koor refillable system – Koor (Close the Loop Group)

### Packaging Materials & Components



- Amprima recycle-ready packaging for shredded cheese (Amcor Flexibles Asia Pacific ANZ)



- Australian Organic Food Co Mono Material Spout Pouch (Flavour Makers + Cheer Pack Asia Pacific)



- Advantage 9um Pallet Wrap (Bunzl Australia & New Zealand)

### Other



- Reusable Ecommerce Tote (Woolworths Reuse Co +Viscount Reuse)

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## MOUNTAIN BLUE + OPAL

### OPAL PAPER-BASED FRESH PRODUCE PUNNET FOR THE FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES CATEGORY

“Winning a WorldStar Packaging Award reinforces our belief in the power of partnerships and collaboration in delivering truly meaningful changes in circularity and improved business outcomes. This win is a fantastic example of Viscount & Woolworths coming together to deliver a simplified solution for the Woolworth's ecommerce tote which not only reduces costs but delivers outstanding sustainability benefits.”

David Smith, CEO, Viscount



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ

### BUNZL AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

#### KATERMASTER REGEN REUSABLE FOOD CONTAINER FOR THE FOOD CATEGORY

“Winning a WorldStar Packaging Award is a proud milestone for us. It recognises our work on a global stage and validates our commitment to delivering innovative, sustainable and practical packaging solutions. Competing against leading businesses worldwide, this independent recognition reinforces the quality of our solutions, builds confidence with our customers, and reflects the strong collaboration across our teams, suppliers and partners. Most importantly, it strengthens our momentum for the future, driving continued innovation and improvement. Thanks to all of those in our team who helped make these products a reality.”



Mark Phelan, Managing Director, Bunzl

### MOUNTAIN BLUE + OPAL

#### OPAL PAPER-BASED FRESH PRODUCE PUNNET FOR THE FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES CATEGORY



“We are delighted to win such a prestigious award. Opal prides itself on sustainable packaging innovation and being at the forefront of customer and consumer needs. This award recognises Opal's market-leading paper punnet solution, developed in collaboration with Mountain Blue, replacing traditional plastic punnets with a high-performing, paper-based alternative.”

David Pointer, General Manager, Corporate Business, Opal

### KOOR WINS 2X 2026 WORLDSTAR AWARDS

#### KOOR REFILLABLE SYSTEM FOR THE FOR THE FOOD & HOUSEHOLD CATEGORIES

“Winning two WorldStar Packaging Awards is an incredible milestone for us. It gives our invention the best possible global visibility and meaningful recognition from the packaging industry. What began as a 'weird idea' now feels validated on the world stage, and these awards reinforce that our solution can genuinely contribute to the refill transition and drive meaningful change.” Jean-Francois Roiron - CEO and inventor of koor.

Jean-Francois Roiron, Founder & Inventor, koor





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ

### ZIPFORM PACKAGING

#### CARMAN'S GOURMET SNACK MIX FOR THE LABELLING & DECORATION CATEGORY

“Winning a WorldStar Packaging Award is a great achievement for a privately owned Australian packaging business such as Zipform Packaging. We do pride ourselves on our innovations but to be globally recognised makes all that hard work even more worthwhile. Collaborating with brand owners on packaging design is key and we are so pleased that this Carman's Gourmet Snack Mix pack design was recognised firstly through the 2025 ANZ PIDA Awards, and then at the recently announced 2026 WorldStars.

Our congratulations go out to all the other Australia & New Zealand winners and with the region winning 11 WorldStars, it is a great achievement for our industry, demonstrating that we still 'punch above our weight' in packaging innovation. I encourage all businesses involved in packaging in the region to enter the 2026 PIDA Awards, providing that unique pathway to WorldStar success and join us in showcasing Australasian packaging innovation.”

John Bigley MAIP, CEO, Zipform Packaging



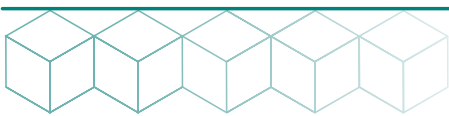
## FLAVOUR MAKERS + CHEER PACK ASIA PACIFIC WINS 2X 2026 WORLDSTAR AWARDS

### AUSTRALIAN ORGANIC FOOD CO MONO MATERIAL SPOUT POUCH FOR THE FOOD & PACKAGING MATERIALS & COMPONENTS CATEGORIES



“Flavour Makers are thrilled to have won a WorldStar Packaging Award in collaboration with our project partners, Cheer Pack Asia Pacific, for the development of our mono-material retort spout pouches. To be recognised at a global level, and winning in multiple categories is a huge honour for both companies and we are immensely proud and grateful to all involved. The project has been years in the making so this industry recognition means a great deal to us. Winning both a gold and silver ANZ PIDA in 2025, and now this is enormously rewarding and keeps us motivated with our on-going initiatives.”

Christopher Cester MAIP, Packaging Specialist, Flavour Makers



The AIP would like to take this opportunity to congratulate AIP Members that have achieved 25 and 40 year Anniversaries with the Institute.

### 25 Years

Raymond Tan MAIP  
Phillip Rolls FAIP  
Joanne Cockerill Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP CPP  
Ross McDonnell MAIP  
Jason Fields BSc FAIP CPP  
Craig Wellman FAIP

### 40 Years

Ian Aldersea MAIP  
Julie Liston Dip.Pkg.Tech. FAIP  
Terry Waterson FAIP (Life)  
James Byron Thompson MAIP

### 50 Years

Rodney Duncan MAIP

40  
years

“Becoming involved in the AIP was such an important part of my development as a Packaging Professional. I came to the industry fresh from university with a degree in Materials Science and absolutely no knowledge of how the materials I had studied were used to package everything we consume. The one-day AIP seminars and completion of the Diploma of Packaging Technology course really accelerated my learning in my very first packaging position with AstraPak, a flexible packaging supplier.

The knowledge gained from the courses and the Diploma gave me the confidence to move to a packaging role with Unilever who use almost the full range of packaging types. It was a privilege to be able to give back to the AIP by lecturing at several AIP courses and to serve with the NSW branch of the AIP, both on the committee and then as secretary. I was very honoured to be made a Fellow in 2010. I have been impressed by the growth of the AIP's education programs, not just in Australasia but in New Zealand and Asia. It is wonderful to see the AIP supporting the industry as it navigates the very complex pathway to more sustainable packaging options. Education is key in this area, not only in the advances in technology, but also in managing expectations of stakeholders and end users. I have no doubt that the AIP is in a great position to fulfil this need. I look forward to seeing where the AIP will be in the next 40 years! ”



Julie Liston Dip.Pkg.Tech. FAIP

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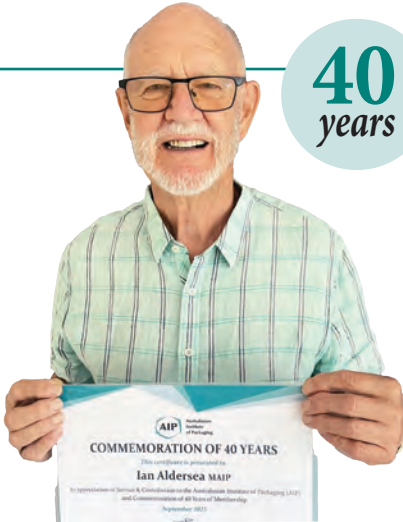


Terry Waterson FAIP (Life)

“Experiencing 40 years in the growth of the AIP to be an internationally recognised organisation has been quite extraordinary. The Boards and Directors contribution over that period have been a backbone to the success but special recognition must go to the Educators who are delivering the mandate of the AIP for Packaging education opportunities to packaging, food, pharmaceutical and related industries. The profile of AIP members in 2025 is impressive. ”





40  
years**Ilan Aldersea MAIP**

“ I have been retired for over 20 years now, but have kept up my interest in the substantial developments in food and soft drink packaging since that time.

My involvement in packaging commenced when, after completing my Master's Degree at Monash University, I took up a Research Officer position at ACI Technical Centre in 1968. My responsibilities were for the development and commercialisation of coatings and PVC Plastisol gasket compositions for tinplate food- and aluminium soft drink- closures. During that time, ACI Closures set up a small manufacturing unit for these products. (They also were, in the early 1970's, the first suppliers of the now widely-used Stelvin wine closure, used then by Pewsey Vale).

In 1984 I took up a Packaging Engineering position with the South Pacific Division of the The Coca-Cola Company, and was responsible for the testing, approval and supplier authorisation of new packaging for Coca-Cola's NRTD products. These included the various PET bottle designs for the carbonated soft drink and hot-fill Powerade flavours, the introduction of the DWI and necked-in aluminium can and easy-open can end and NR glass bottle designs.

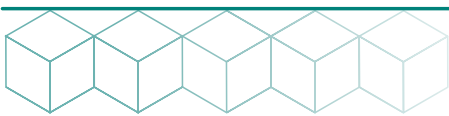
I retired in 2004, and one regret I have, is that I did not involve myself more in the institute's activities, as I consider the AIP to be a a very professional and well-run organisation. ”

25  
years**Phillip Rolls FAIP**

“ Thank you for your kind words and acknowledgement of 25 years membership of the Australasian Institute of Packaging. I have enjoyed my membership, and the good work you all do for our Industry. I shall aim for the next 25 years. ”

**Joanne Cockerill Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP CPP**

“ It is an absolute honour to have been a member of the AIP for 25 years. I have met some amazing people, made great friends and been lucky enough to have even been the AIP President during that time. The highlight would have to be working with some amazing people, Pierre Pienaar, George Ganzenmuller, Nerida Kelton, Ralph Moyle, Mark Kelton and Johnn Bigley to name but a few. I was also very lucky enough to have been able to sit down and chat to the father of the AIP the late Emeritus Harry Lovell, FAIP, OAM, a number of times. ”

**Jason Fields FAIP**





**PIDA**  
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INNOVATION & DESIGN  
AWARDS 2026



## ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS - CLOSES 27 FEBRUARY

Entries are now open for the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards for Australia and New Zealand.

Coordinated by the AIP, the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards are designed to recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field in Australia and New Zealand.

### 2026 PIDA Categories include:

- Food • Beverage • Health, Beauty & Wellness • Domestic & Household
- Labelling & Decoration • Outside of the Box • Sustainable Packaging Design
- Save Food Packaging Design • Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design
- Marketing • Young Packaging Professional of the Year
- Industry Packaging Professional of the Year
- ABA Diploma Scholarship • ABA Certificate Scholarship
- Packaging Technologist of the Year • AIP President Award

The PIDA Awards are the exclusive award program for all Australia and New Zealand entries into the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards, which are coordinated by the World Packaging Organisation (WPO).



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## 2026 Packaging Scholarship Program Now Open for Australasia: Applications Close 27 February 2026

Applications are now open for the annual Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA) packaging scholarship program that is run in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP).

The Packaging 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. Eligible Candidates will come from across the entire packaging industry in Australia and New Zealand. *In addition, the AIP will provide the winning candidates complimentary attendance at 3x training courses from the Institute's education portfolio.*

### Scholarship 1 \*For ANZ

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### Scholarship 2 \*For ANZ

**CERTIFICATE IN PACKAGING: The ideal first qualification for those working in the packaging industry.**

The Certificate in Packaging Technology is an introduction to the industry for those starting out on an exciting career in packaging. The Certificate in Packaging is a Level 3 PIABC course that is recognised as giving an excellent foundation in, and introduction to, the packaging industry. The course provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses.

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### Scholarship 3 \*Australasia

**AIP PRESIDENT AWARD \*FOR ALL AIP MEMBERS ACROSS ASIA AND ANZ**

The AIP President Award 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 each year. The Scholarship program will enable one eligible candidate the opportunity to undertake a Diploma in Packaging Technology or a Certificate in Packaging. The AIP scholarship judging committee will also consider applications from AIP Members from across Asia to be eligible for a third scholarship, sponsored by the AIP. Simply apply using the ABA Scholarship Criteria and entry form.

The annual Scholarship program is a part of the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards, with winners announced at the gala awards ceremony on the 28th of July, at the Aviary Crown, during FoodPro.

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## foodpro returns in 2026



After three years away, foodpro returns in 2026 to the MCEC, Melbourne from 26-29 July - bringing the industry together once again to connect, collaborate and innovate all under one roof.

### AIP joins foodpro

The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is now an official Association Partner, AND the PIDA Awards Gala Dinner is moving to Melbourne for the first time. The AIP will not only have a stand, but they will be running 3x packaging sessions for free, 2x training courses and have a PIDA showcase area and will be running a walking tour with their education team for anyone who is interested. **BOOK the whole week and come and join the AIP!**

### AIFST26 Conference taking place alongside foodpro

The AIFST26 Conference will bring together food science and technology professionals, researchers, regulators and industry leaders - all alongside Australia's food & beverage manufacturing and processing community in Melbourne.

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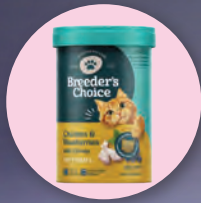


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## MARCH 2026

### AIP State of Industry Webinar Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) Part 3: Data Management



WHEN: **Wednesday 18 March, 10.00 AEDT / 9.00 am AEST**

WHERE: On-line via Zoom

WHAT: The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) will be running the third State of Industry Webinar discussing the EU Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) on Wednesday the 18th of March 2026 for all of industry to attend. The third webinar in the PPWR series will be discussing Data Management.

As the Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) is now in effect, companies face an unprecedented need to manage, analyse, and report large volumes of packaging data.

In the final webinar in the three-part series, we will explore the essential components of a successful PPWR data management strategy, including:

- The key building blocks for reliable and scalable PPWR data systems.
- The types of data required to ensure full regulatory compliance.
- Best practices to maintain a constant flow of high-quality data.
- How to use data-management tools to streamline data handling and Optimisation.

The PPWR expert will be Pia Buchmayr, Team lead Research, Packaging Cockpit and the AIP will also have local experts available to answer questions during the webinar.

Book your place today and share this link with your network as everyone is invited to attend. Attendees will also receive point towards the Certified Packaging Professional designation from attending the webinar.



SPEAKER:



**Pia Buchmayr**  
Team lead Research  
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## MARCH - APRIL 2026

### ProPak Vietnam 2026

WHEN: **31 March - 2 April 2026**

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

WHAT: ProPak Vietnam is poised to showcase the latest advancements in the Processing, Packaging, and Packaging Technology sectors, solidifying its status as the 18th International Exhibition and Conference dedicated to these industries in Vietnam. Organised by Informa Markets - Vietnam, this tradeshow will take place at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center, a prominent venue located in Ho Chi Minh City. The exhibition is not just a display of technology but an engaging platform for industry professionals to explore cutting-edge solutions tailored to enhance operational efficiency and product quality in the manufacturing and processing sectors.



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### 2026 DrinkTech Conference

WHEN: **Tuesday 31 March 2026**  
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Vietnam,  
DrinkTech Room, Hall B1, Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre (SECC)

WHAT: The DrinkTech Conference is a dedicated industry forum focusing on innovation in the beverage sector, with an emphasis on policies, technology, and sustainable packaging. Taking place within the framework of ProPak Vietnam, the conference will bring together industry leaders, and brand owners to share practical insights and strategic perspectives shaping the future of the beverage industry.

The program will discuss key topics such as sustainable packaging innovations, recycle content, container deposit schemes, recycling and regulations, new packaging designs and trends in the beverage industry, labelling, materials advancements and more.

The conference will be created with global, regional and local content and will be moderated as deep-dive panel discussions. Companies that will be providing panellists are Tomra, MCC Label, SIG, UPM Adhesive Materials, Super Aqua, Meyer Seals Asia, Bericap, Henkel, the World Packaging Organisation and the Australasian Institute of Packaging. The conference also provides a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and networking, enabling participants to connect with peers and experts while gaining actionable insights to drive innovation and sustainable growth in the beverage industry.

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General Manager, Super Aqua  
Former Honorary Advisor to the Taiwan Functional Water Association



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Senior Sales Manager  
UPM Adhesive Materials



**Devaki Rajendren MAIP**  
APAC Sustainability Manager  
MCC Label



### APRIL 2026

#### 2026 Vietnam Packaging Forum

**WHEN:** Wednesday 1st April 2026 - (Day 2 of PPKV)  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** Alongside ProPak Vietnam,  
DrinkTech Room, Hall B1,  
Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre (SECC)

**WHAT:** 2026 Vietnam Packaging Forum planning underway

Informa Markets, in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), is pleased to advise that the planning for the second Vietnam Packaging Forum, that will be held alongside of ProPak Vietnam in 2026, is underway.

The second edition of the Vietnam Packaging Forum will be held on the 1st of April and speakers will be both global, regional and local and will cover a broad range of topics within the realm of packaging. Topics planned will include the latest in packaging design, materials advancements, packaging and recycling regulations, how to design to be Recycle-Ready, how to understand how country-based regulations will affect design moving forward, digitalisation, packaging research, the latest trends and innovations in sustainable packaging design, sustainable food systems, best practice examples from across the globe and more.

The Vietnam Packaging Forum is being created with global, regional and local content and will be moderated as deep-dive panel discussions. Companies thus far that have confirmed panellist National Plastics Action Partnerships Program - United Nations Development Program, Acviss Technologies, the Australasian Institute of Packaging, the World Packaging Organisation, Mitsui Chemicals, PEFC, with more to come.

The one-day Vietnam Packaging Forum will have simultaneous translation – English & Vietnamese. All attendees will attain a Certificate of Attendance and points towards the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation. Make sure that you have saved the date the 1st of April marked in your calendar for this not-to-be-missed forum for the region.

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#### SPEAKERS:



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



**Darell Chung MAP, CPP**  
Marketing Manager, Functional Materials Div  
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## Mini Training Course #1

WHEN: **Thursday 2 April 2026**

9.00 am arrival - 9.30 am start to 12.30 pm

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Vietnam,  
DrinkTech Room, Hall B1,  
Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre (SECC)

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## Mini Training Course #1: Unboxing Accessibility: Easy to Open, Reclose, Grip & Handle Packaging

**WHAT:** **Is your packaging Easy to Open? Easy to close? Does your packaging need a knife to open?** The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) will be running a three-hour training course on **UNBOXING ACCESSIBILITY: 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.

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

### THIS COURSE WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND:

- The required design requirements for Accessible & Inclusive Packaging design.
- What bad packaging really looks like and how it can impact the lives of many.
- How to use Ease-of-Use packaging design tools which including examples from around the world.
- Best Practice award-winning examples of what good Accessible Packaging should look like.
- Case studies, checklists and guides to help you to design better packaging that everyone can open, close, handle and grip.
- Consumer struggles and victories with daily use products and how it impacts their every day to encourage more inclusive designs.
- Accessible & Inclusive packaging design guidelines and how to embed them into your packaging design.

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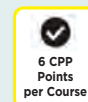


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Education Director - AIP  
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**Nerida Kelton FAIP**  
Vice President Sustainability & Save Food - WPO  
Executive Director - AIP

All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion, points towards the globally-recognised Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation and access to guidelines and resources that will change how they design their packaging to be more openable and accessible for everyone to use. The Training course will have simultaneous translation – English & Vietnamese.



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## Mini Training Course #2

WHEN: **Thursday 2 April 2026**

1.00 pm arrival - 1.30 pm start to 4.30 pm

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Vietnam,

DrinkTech Room, Hall B1,

Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre

To be held alongside

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## Mini Training Course #2: Future of Flexible Packaging

WHAT: **With global focus still pointed heavily at curbing plastic waste (and plastic packaging waste in particular), the future of flexible packaging is multi-faceted and diverse- just like this mini course.**

Attendees will be presented with an overview of the industry and what is driving changes in soft plastics and flexible packaging both locally and abroad, including considerations surrounding food waste, emissions, legislation, and on-pack labelling requirements.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the important role that flexible packaging plays in the supply chain.
- To learn about the various flexible packaging materials that can be utilised for more sustainable outcomes.
- To understand the challenges and opportunities that exist with the recycling and processing of soft plastics.
- To understand the key tailwinds driving the flexible packaging industry and the relevant obligations of brand owners and packaging suppliers in the short-medium term.
- To discover the vast resources available to brand owners and suppliers to support them through the ever-changing landscape of flexible packaging.

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

LECTURERS:



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL**  
Education Director - AIP  
Immediate Past President - WPO



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## MAY 2026

### interpack 2026

WHEN: 7 - 13 May 2026

WHERE: Düsseldorf, Germany.

WHAT: Only held every three years, interpack gathers together the world's processing & packaging sector in Düsseldorf for one week. Its focus: packaging solutions and packaging materials; packaging machines and the related process technology for the food, beverages, confectionery, baked goods, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, non-food and industrial goods sectors. As an internationally leading trade fair, it draws experts from across the world to exchange ideas about the latest technologies and solutions and provides impetuses for the sector's future topics. The next interpack will take place in Düsseldorf from 7 to 13 May 2026. Around 2,800 exhibitors from around the world are expected.

In 2026, interpack will return at full throttle with some 2,800 exhibitors plus professional visitors are expected from all around the world. Düsseldorf's trade fair premises will again be fully occupied.

The planning provides for a focus on interpack's eight main visitor target groups: exhibitors offering solutions for the food, beverages, confectionery, baked goods, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, non-food and industrial goods sectors can be found in their own respective areas, which makes orientation easier. And the expansive section at the heart of interpack – packaging materials and packaging goods – along with machines for labelling and marking, production of packaging material and integrated packaging printing, are brought together in their own halls as well. On top of this, there is the accompanying suppliers' trade fair 'components', with two halls of its own for the first time.

**The AIP will be supporting Interpack once again through our membership in the World Packaging Organisation and will keep you posted as to activities that will be available during the show. Our very own Executive Director is already working with Messe Dusseldorf on the Save Food Org initiatives and the Women in Packaging program that will happen at interpack, so we will keep you posted on more information once available. In addition, the WorldStar Packaging Awards will be held at Interpack 2026 so the AIP anticipates to have tables of winners joining the show. Closer to the event the AIP will reach out to find out who is attending and how we can meet up with as many AIP Members as possible during the show.**



### 2026 WorldStar Global Packaging Awards Ceremony

WHEN: 8 May 2026

WHERE: interpack, Dusseldorf, Germany.

WHAT: The WorldStar Award Ceremony for 2026 will be held on 8 May 2026 in Dusseldorf, Germany during interpack. At the same occasion, WPO will announce the winners for the special categories – President's Award, Sustainability, Marketing, and Packaging that Saves Food.



### JUNE 2026

#### ProPak Asia 2026

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

# PROPAK ASIA

**WHEN: 10 - 13 June 2026**

**WHERE:** IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Challenger Halls 1-3), Bangkok, Thailand.

**WHAT:** Looking Ahead: ProPak Asia 2026 - A New Chapter Begins

In 2026, ProPak Asia will move to IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Challenger Halls 1-3), Thailand reflecting our shared ambition to expand, evolve, and serve the growing needs of our stakeholders. The new venue will offer improved access, enhanced space, and world-class facilities to elevate the show experience and welcome even more innovations and participants.

AIP Event information and registration details coming soon...

The AIP are pleased to continue our strong partnership with ProPak Asia and help celebrate their 33rd show in 2026. The AIP will once again be running the Global Packaging Forum in partnership with Informa Markets, running 2x mini training courses and workshops. (All AIP educational forums and workshops will be free for everyone to attend.) In 2026 the AIP will also be organising an "Australasian delegation" with the possibility of complimentary accommodation, complimentary airport pick-up and drop-off services and complimentary BTS Skytrain tickets with unlimited daily usage during the show. Contact us now to register your interest.



**Ask the AIP about how you can join the 2026 Australasian Delegation**

#### 8th edition Annual Global Packaging Forum

**WHEN: 10 June 2026**

**WHERE:** Alongside ProPak Asia, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Challenger Halls 1-3), Bangkok, Thailand.

**WHAT:**



#### 2x AIP Mini Training Courses @ Propak Asia

**WHEN: 11 June 2026**

**WHERE:** Alongside ProPak Asia, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Challenger Halls 1-3), Bangkok, Thailand.



#### 2x AIP workshops on plastics - rigid and flexible and paper and renewable @ Propak Asia

**WHEN: 12 June 2026**

**WHERE:** Alongside ProPak Asia, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Challenger Halls 1-3), Bangkok, Thailand.





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*"Thank you so much AIP for organising the first-ever Australian Delegation and for the invitation for us to attend. Propak Asia was such a great show, fantastic exhibitors, very well run, the AIP stand featuring all the PIDA winners was amazing, and the organisation of the delegation, dinners, and getting in and out of the show was seamless. Can't wait to do it all again. Many thanks."*

*"It was great to be part of the first Australasian Delegation, hosted by the Australasian Institute of Packaging, at ProPak Asia 2025. ProPak Asia is thriving, with strong industry engagement and many returning exhibitors. AIP's training sessions and workshops drew strong interest, and the AIP PIDA showcase was a standout."*



*"Another year at ProPak Asia but this time around I was there as AIP Australasian delegate. Thank you to the AIP for the continuous support for those AIP Members outside of Australia. Your continuous effort in organising events and upskilling packaging professionals around Asia is commendable. I was also very lucky to gain knowledge from Ralph Moyle and Prof Pierre Pienaar during the four days. Their experience and efforts to share knowledge to people of all different levels is quite remarkable."*

## JULY 2026

### foodpro 2026

WHEN: 26 - 29 July 2026

WHERE: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

WHAT: **Australia's Leading Trade Event for Food Processing, Packaging and Innovation**

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Foodpro returns in 2026 to the MCEC as Australia's leading event for the food processing and manufacturing industry.

The AIP will be once-again partnering with foodpro with an exhibition stand, some packaging sessions and training courses. Stay tuned for more information.



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WHEN: 27 July 2026

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### AIP Mini Training Courses x2

WHEN: 28 July 2026

WHERE: Alongside foodpro,  
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WHEN: 29 July 2026

WHERE: Alongside foodpro, Melbourne  
Convention and Exhibition Centre



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NOVEMBER 2026

## interpack China

**WHEN: 16 - 18 November 2026**

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

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





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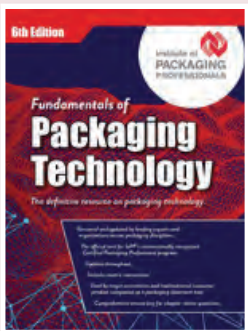
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## CRYOVAC® Brand Food Packaging Marks 85 Years of Innovation, Performance and Customer Service

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Sealed Air Corporation (NYSE: SEE) today begins a yearlong 85th anniversary celebration of CRYOVAC® brand food packaging, honoring the innovation, service and collaboration that has defined its food packaging legacy.

Since the trademark was filed in 1941, the CRYOVAC® brand has been an instrumental pioneer of technologies and methods that are now standard practices across meat processing channels, and retail and food service operations.

The CRYOVAC® name comes from 'cryogenic vacuum', which refers to the process of vacuum-sealing food before using cold air to shrink the packaging. This process revolutionised the way meat was packaged and paved the way for the mass availability of fresh proteins to a growing consumer base.

Today, the CRYOVAC® brand includes a range of packaging solutions, from shrink bags, vacuum skin packaging and rollstock films, to best-in-class equipment including rotary vacuum chamber systems and vertical form-fill-seal systems.

*"The legacy and future of CRYOVAC® is centered on the people who make it possible — our employees, customers and partners," said Sealed Air President and CEO Dustin Semach. "Together, we will continue to advance food packaging solutions that combine the best of our materials, equipment and service, representing the pride of the CRYOVAC® brand."*



CRYOVAC® brand milestones from the past 85 years include:

- Developing technologies that expanded access to proteins and reshaped liquid food product packaging, creating new ways that processors, retailers and food service operators do business.
- Building one of the most experienced technical service teams in the industry, with an average tenure of 11 years working on CRYOVAC® equipment.
- Installing more than 4,000 rotary vacuum chamber systems, continuing the legacy of excellence in food packaging.



*"CRYOVAC® has a long-standing reputation for hands-on collaboration with customers and building lasting relationships," said Russell Grissett, Sealed Air Global Food President. "We look forward to preserving this tradition of partnership and innovation as we continue to pioneer the future of food packaging together."*

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## Aotearoa New Zealand's food waste now has a baseline

**The Ministry for Environment have published New Zealand's first baseline measure of food loss and waste, providing a nationwide snapshot across the entire food supply chain – from production to where food ultimately ends up (landfill, compost, animal feed, and more).**

This report, developed by the Otago University's School of Human Nutrition, reveals the findings of the food loss and waste baseline project. It provides insights into the extent and distribution of food loss and waste across the country. This research is a critical step toward understanding and reducing food loss and waste. It establishes a baseline for future measures, informs policy development, and highlights where more work is needed to close data gaps.

The baseline measure project is the first of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand. The research measures food loss and waste throughout the food supply chain, and where it ends up (e.g., landfill, compost, animal feed).

The findings of the New Zealand food waste baseline project provide insights into the extent and distribution of food loss and waste across the country.

Around 30 million tonnes of food enters the supply chain (production and imports) in New Zealand annually, and of this, around 1 million tonnes are lost or wasted, or 237 kilograms (kg) per capita per year. Taking into consideration that data for some stages of the food supply chain is limited or unavailable, it is estimated that between 5-10% of food entering the food supply chain in New Zealand is lost or wasted.

The majority of annual food loss and waste in New Zealand occurs at three stages of the food supply chain: primary production (0.46 million tonnes (37%)), processing (0.33 million tonnes (27%)), and households (0.37 million tonnes (30%)). This report discusses these numbers in more detail, including analysis of specific food groups and final food destinations. In addition to the 1.22 million tonnes of food that is lost or wasted, an estimated 2.26 million tonnes are reused in some way, and is not considered waste. Of the total 3.48 million tonnes of food that is not consumed as originally intended, 0.63 million tonnes (18%) is used as animal feed, 1.5 million tonnes (42%) goes to bioprocessing, and 0.62 million tonnes (18%) is sent to landfill.

[Read the full report](#)



## EU takes steps to simplify implementation of PPWR

**The European Commission published its Environment Omnibus Communication, outlining key support actions for the implementation of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR).**

As part of this effort, the Commission will issue a Commission Notice and FAQ to provide practical guidance on the most frequently raised topics, including:

- Testing requirements for PFAS
- Application dates of PPWR provisions
- Labelling requirements
- Reuse targets

This guidance will be informed by input from the recent Call for Evidence and bilateral exchanges with stakeholders. It will also feed into the development of implementing measures scheduled for adoption in 2026 and 2027.



You can find the document here.





## Victoria's FOGO Rollout paves the way for a Circular Future

**Victoria is taking decisive steps towards a circular economy through its state-wide rollout of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collections. Under the Recycling Victoria policy and the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, all Victorian councils are required to provide access to FOGO or a local composting alternative by 2030. This marks a major shift in how Victorians manage organic waste, transforming food scraps and garden clippings into valuable compost that supports local agriculture and landscaping.**

To support households through the transition, the Victorian Government is encouraging residents to make small everyday changes that have lasting environmental benefits. One of its key messages, Keep rubbish out of your food and garden organics bin, underscores the importance of correct bin use to ensure high-quality compost output. The initiative aims not only to reduce landfill waste but also to build a culture of shared responsibility and practical climate action across communities.

Victoria is making significant progress in scaling up kerbside food organics and garden organics (FOGO) services, targeting 80% waste diversion by 2030, and halving the amount of organic material sent to landfill. The state government's strategy includes key targets for councils and investment in new infrastructure, positioning Victoria as a leader in organic resource recovery.

Early adopters, including the City of Port Phillip, Wyndham City Council, Manningham Council, Whitehorse Council, and Macedon Ranges Shire Council, are already seeing strong participation rates. Of the 3.1 million tonnes of organic waste generated in 2022–23, Victoria recorded a recovery rate of 49%. These councils show that when communities are supported with education and improved FOGO access, composting becomes second nature.

### Victoria's Vision for Organics Recycling

The Victorian Government's *Recycling Victoria: A new economy* strategy sets ambitious waste reduction targets, including halving the amount of organic material sent to landfill by 2030, with an interim target of 20% by 2025. To achieve this, the state is investing in FOGO infrastructure, education, and processing capacity.

Part of this strategy is an \$84 million grant funding, \$254 million private infrastructure investment, and \$40 million Commonwealth funding, to help councils introduce or expand services. According to the Investment Prospectus 2024, Victoria generated over 3.1 million tonnes of organic waste in 2022–23 with a recovery rate of 49%. Expanding FOGO services is expected to significantly increase this figure, supplying local composting facilities with the feedstock needed to create nutrient-rich compost.

The push for a four-bin recycling system (glass, mixed recycling, general waste, and FOGO) aims to make councils (Victorian Government). By 2030, every Victorian household will have access to a green-lid FOGO bin, marking a major step toward a state where organic waste is seen as a resource, not rubbish.

## Victoria's FOGO Rollout Paves the Way for a Circular Future





## Improving shelf life of blueberries with upcycled edible coating

A team of chemical engineers from UNSW Sydney are turning what was once waste into a protective film that could help extend the expiry date of Australia's delicate summer fruits — such as blueberries, which are known to perish quickly.

As described in the journal *Food and Bioprocess Technology*, the researchers have developed an edible film made from coffee waste that could help preserve the freshness of delicate fruits by reducing how much water seeps in or out. The new formulation was created and tested in their lab, making sure it could be applied directly to food. The next step is to test this as a coating in real-life environments, before scaling it up to commercial production.

By upcycling spent coffee grounds, the research offers a two-for-one environmental win: reducing food-industry waste while creating a biodegradable product. Preliminary tests also suggest the oil-containing films could help inhibit bacterial growth on the film's surface. This opens the door to a further antimicrobial function.

*"We've created a polysaccharide-based coating to improve the fruit's water-vapour barrier,"* said UNSW lead author and PhD candidate Lilah Saidi.

*"The coating contains cellulose nanofibres (CNFs) — derived from used coffee grounds — and grapeseed oil."*

Current polysaccharide films made from other plant cellulose fibres or starches are already widely studied for use as edible coatings because they are biocompatible, biodegradable and food-safe. But they are not effective at protecting fresh produce from moisture.

*"Polysaccharides are excellent biopolymers for films, but their major disadvantage is their high water affinity,"* Saidi said.

*"Our innovation lies in repurposing spent coffee grounds. These are an abundant waste product from cafes that can serve as both nano-fillers and stabilisers in the coating."*

Saidi said nanofibres from the coffee grounds help create a tighter, more interconnected network, making it harder for water molecules to migrate through. The grapeseed oil, being water-repellent, further reduces the film's affinity for moisture.

*"This leads to a food film that is still clear and see-through while also having an improved mechanical strength. The nanofibres from coffee grounds make it tougher and more flexible — and are also safe to eat."*



Saidi said the new formulation provides a gentle, edible 'skin' in the form of a spray coating or a packaging film that preserves freshness, reducing the reliance on synthetic plastics.

*"These properties are especially well-suited to barrier coatings, potentially slowing dehydration, or moisture absorption, in those more highly perishable fruits like blueberries."*

### Challenges ahead

Professor Cordelia Selomulya, Saidi's PhD supervisor, said while the research is helping improve polysaccharide-based films, turning this innovation into a solution for large-scale commercial fruit production remains a challenge.

*"Translating laboratory films into a commercially viable fruit coating is no easy process,"* Selomulya said.

This means testing the coating on fruit beyond the lab under real-world storage and transport conditions, while exploring application methods and regulatory approvals.

The team's next study will investigate a new source of cellulose nanofibres that can be produced differently and offers further unique properties — paving the way for even more advanced and versatile coatings.

For now, they've filed a provisional patent for this discovery and are open to collaborations with commercial fruit producers.

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## AWA Alexander Watson Associates Acquires AIPIA: A Strategic Expansion in Active & Intelligent Packaging & Labelling Information & Networking



**AWA Alexander Watson Associates (AWA), a leading global market intelligence and market insights firm specialised in the packaging, converting, materials, labelling, and specialty papers sectors, is pleased to announce the acquisition of AIPIA (the Active & Intelligent Packaging Industry Association). This strategic acquisition marks a significant milestone in AWA's ongoing mission to expand its reach in the growing field of smart and intelligent packaging and labeling solutions. It will also help to strengthen the position of users and technology suppliers across the value chain in this new era of consumer engagement, sustainability and innovation.**

Founded in 2011, AIPIA is recognised globally as a pioneer in advocating the development and adoption of innovative connected and smart packaging solutions. Through its extensive network, events, and industry collaborations, AIPIA has consistently driven forward the conversation about the intersection of packaging innovation with cutting-edge technology.

By integrating AIPIA into its portfolio, AWA aims to harness synergies that will enhance its market intelligence and advisory capabilities, and broaden the scope of services offered to clients.

The acquisition will facilitate the convergence of AWA's comprehensive market insights and analytical capabilities with AIPIA's industry-leading expertise in active and intelligent packaging, and continue to grow and expand the AIPIA & AWA Global Congress.

*"We are excited to welcome AIPIA into the AWA family," said Corey M Reardon, President & CEO of AWA Alexander Watson Associates. "The active and intelligent packaging sector is at the forefront of technological advancement, and this acquisition reflects our commitment to providing our clients with unparalleled access to the latest information, trends and insights. With AIPIA's extensive network and know-how, we are set to lead the way in guiding the future as an information source to the packaging and labeling industry."*

The collaboration will strengthen both entities' capabilities in offering enhanced business intelligence, networking opportunities, and expert-driven events that address the needs of stakeholders across the value chain.

*"Joining forces with AWA presents an exciting opportunity for AIPIA," said Eef de Ferrante, AIPIA Managing Director. "Together, we are poised to elevate our impact in the active and intelligent packaging domain, delivering exceptional value as an information and networking hub."*

## Food & Beverage INDUSTRY NEWS

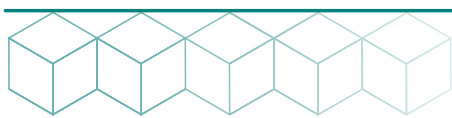
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### Urgent Government action needed to protect Australia's plastic packaging recycling future



**The Albanese Government must urgently introduce packaging reforms or risk the collapse of Australia's plastic recycling sector and face millions of tonnes of plastic waste continuing to pollute the environment.**

Australia uses more than 1.3 million tonnes of plastic packaging each year—most of it imported—yet more than 1 million tonnes end up landfilled or littered. That's the equivalent of about 100,000 garbage trucks full of plastic, forming a continuous line from Melbourne that stretches past Sydney.

Although Australian recyclers have the capability to process recyclable plastic, limited demand for locally recycled plastic packaging is placing facilities at risk of scaling back or closing. This would mean more plastic waste, greater reliance on imported plastics, the loss of thousands of local jobs and greater adverse climate impacts. In effect, the convoy of plastic waste would continue to grow, stretching from coast to coast while recycling capacity lies idle.

An economic analysis undertaken by Rennie Advisory for the Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR) and the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) determined that reform to ensure all packaging meets strict design standards, is made with recycled materials and is recyclable or reusable can help build a stronger, cleaner, more self-reliant economy. It would also give Australian businesses the certainty they need to keep investing in packaging that meets best-practice design standards.

The analysis, outlined in the Securing Australia's Plastic Recycling Future report, determined that introducing a fee-based Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme, whereby brand owners and producers take responsibility for what happens to their plastic packaging after it's disposed of, would have a negligible cost impact, adding just 0.1% to product costs. Properly designed, such a scheme would level the playing field, ensuring companies that have already invested in better packaging are recognised and supported, and that laggards are brought up to the same standard.

If implemented within the current term of government, the analysis found packaging reforms could deliver the following benefits over the next five years:

- Reduce the amount of plastic waste polluting the environment by 370,000 tonnes a year.
- Increase economic activity in Australia by \$2.5 billion in gross value-add.
- Spur additional investment of \$220 million in private capital.
- Create almost 20,000 new jobs.
- Reduce CO2 emissions from plastic by 700,000 tonnes a year.

The development of National Packaging Laws was agreed to by the Australian Government in 2023, in response to low rate of plastic recycling rates and the need to shift Australia from a "take, make, waste" model to a sustainable circular economy.

Currently, most of the plastic packaging sold in Australia is made from imported, low-cost, fossil fuel-based plastics, and only 8% of packaging is made using recycled plastic. This is despite significant government supported investment in domestic recycling infrastructure and substantial efforts by many brand owners to redesign packaging for recyclability and recycled content.

Without regulatory reform, the analysis forecast that utilisation of existing Australian plastic recycling facilities could fall to just 32% within the next five years, resulting in facility closures, job losses and a stalling of investment in the circular economy.

There would also be a dramatic increase in plastic waste, with the cumulative cost to the environment projected to exceed \$32 billion by 2050, while imported virgin plastics continue to increase.

To deliver meaningful environmental and economic benefits, the analysis found that packaging regulations must include measures that prioritise the use of Australian-made recycled plastics over imported products.



Read the full story here





## New Resource: What Are Packaging Components?

APCO have recently released a practical guide to help identify packaging components for annual reporting. This resource provides a comprehensive list and descriptions of packaging components, making it easier to determine what counts as packaging.

Use it alongside the Optional Calculator Tool (OCT), which breaks down SKUs into individual packaging components. The new guide includes descriptions for the items in the OCT's drop-down list, giving you clarity and confidence in your reporting.

AIP Member and recent Certificate in Packaging graduate, Antonio Maranon AAIP was the author behind this work.



Access the guide here  
and streamline your  
reporting process

## Association News - Packaging Forum NZ

### Packaging Forum CEO Update: Govt to introduce legislation to modernise waste and litter management

**The Government has confirmed it will introduce new legislation to modernise how New Zealand manages waste and litter.**

The proposed legislation will focus on five key areas:

- Changing how the waste levy is allocated to territorial authorities and what it can be spent on. This gives local government more flexibility on how they use the funding, while also recognising the costs faced by smaller councils.
- Creating a framework for extended producer responsibility, ensuring producers remain accountable for their products throughout their lifecycle.
- Strengthening the tools available to monitor and enforce waste legislation and regulations.
- Enabling more effective controls for littering and mismanaged waste, including illegal dumping.
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities across central government, local government and the waste sector.

**The Government intends to enact the new legislation before the general election in 2026.**



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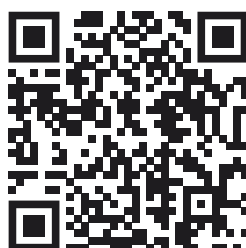


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The World Packaging Organisation Newsletter is now available and includes an article on two of the 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) award winners; the Tethersafe caps from Caps & Closures and the Blueberry Punnet from Opal. The WPO newsletter provides a global view of the world of packaging across all of the Member countries.

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## World Packaging Organisation on navigating the food waste and packaging reduction paradox

Packaging Insights recently spoke with Nerida Kelton, Vice President of Sustainability and Save food at the World Packaging Organisation (WPO), about how the industry can balance food waste and packaging impact reduction. The interview explores a recent WPO position paper which delves into the subtleties of this sustainability paradox and assess potential solutions.





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## AIP & Empauer launch new LCA Decision Package for SME's Register your interest today

The AIP has joined forces with leading sustainability software company Empauer, to offer a comprehensive and cost effective LCA Decision Package for Small to Medium Enterprises (SME's). AIP and Empauer have entered into an exclusive MOU, providing Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) to SME's to ensure that they are making informed and science-based decisions when selecting packaging materials. The driving force behind this collaboration is recognition of the challenges faced by SMEs. The AIP, through its SME training programs, identified a pressing need for affordable and customised LCA solutions that simplify the often-complex process of undertaking sustainability assessments for packaging design.

The report part of the package can then be utilised for internal decisions including selection of packaging materials, components and the shift towards more sustainable alternatives within the business.

This innovative LCA Decision Package will enable businesses to make informed and sustainable decisions when it comes to the packaging design they utilise and choices in selecting the most appropriate packaging material format. It will provide AIP Members and the wider industry, with access to the latest tools and expertise, enabling them to reduce their environmental footprint and make responsible choices in line with global sustainability goals.

The main benefit to SMEs in using the AIP / Empauer LCA Decision Package means you don't have to understand all the complexities of LCAs, as you will be provided with the comparison information and assistance to understand from your selected LCA parameters the environmental impact for each packaging material choice.

The LCA Decision Package for SME's provides four easy steps to complete your own Streamlined Lifecycle Assessment:

**Step 1:** Choose your packaging

**Step 2:** Choose your environmental indicators

**Step 3:** Data Collection

**Step 4:** Use the results for internal decisions including selection of packaging materials, components and the shift towards more sustainable alternatives within the business.

The AIP & Empauer LCA Decision Package for SMEs provides the information for sustainable packaging design decisions.



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**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
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**12 RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION**



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