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## AIP Congratulates...

### The latest CPP Re-Certification recipient

Kailash Bajpai MAIP, CPP



### + Distinguished Service Award winner

Keith Chessell FAIP



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## AIP Welcomes New Member

### Brian Rodrigo Llagas MAIP

PhD Candidate at RMIT University,  
Member of the National Date Labelling &  
Storage Advice Project at End Food Waste Australia



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The AIP would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate **Kailash Bajpai MAIP, CPP** for attaining his re-certification for the Certified Packaging Professional designation...



**Kailash Bajpai MAIP, CPP**

## Keith Chessell receive his Distinguished Service Award

Unfortunately Keith Chessell was unable to join the AIP at the 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards this year and so AIP President, John Bigley MAIP and Education Coordinator, Ralph Moyle, FAIP, CPP visited Keith to formally present his plaque. No one deserves this award more than Keith. Please join with us in once again congratulating Keith for his outstanding work with the AIP, DCEEW and the wider industry.



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The AIP would like to take this opportunity to welcome Brian Rodrigo Llagas MAIP, PhD Candidate at RMIT University + Member of the National Date Labelling and Storage Advice Project at End Food Waste Australia to the Institute and share a little bit about who he is and what he does in the industry. Please join with us in welcoming Brian to the AIP.

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

**Brian:** I joined the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) because it connects my research and design practice with a broader community committed to responsible, future-focused packaging. As a PhD candidate working at the intersection of packaging design, consumer behaviour, and food waste, I wanted to be part of a network that values collaboration across industry and research.

I also joined so I'd have a platform to share my design research with industry—especially around how packaging can influence behaviour and help reduce food waste. The AIP offers members access to practical insights, professional development, and a chance to be part of important conversations shaping the future of packaging. For me, it's a space to both learn and contribute, and to help bridge the gap between research and real-world change.

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

**Brian:** I have been in the packaging and design industry for nearly two decades, working across brand and packaging design for some of Australia's most iconic FMCG brands—including Tim Tam, Jatz, Dairy Farmers, Arnott's, Sorbent, and Brown Brothers. Over the years, I've led design teams, built design systems, and worked closely with clients to create packaging that's not only visually strong but strategically effective.

Right now, I'm bringing that industry experience into my research. I'm currently undertaking a PhD at RMIT as part of the End Food Waste CRC and the 3C (Communication and Change Co-Lab), where I'm investigating how visual communication on packaging can reduce consumer confusion around date labels and food storage.



**Brian Rodrigo Llagas MAIP**  
PhD Candidate at RMIT University,  
Member of the National Date Labelling & Storage Advice  
Project at End Food Waste Australia

The goal is to help people make better-informed decisions and ultimately reduce household food waste.

My expertise spans brand and identity systems, packaging design and production, design management, and communication design. I'm particularly interested in how design intersects with behaviour change, sustainability, and semiotics.

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

**Brian:** I'm currently a PhD candidate at RMIT University, working on a research project that looks at how packaging design—specifically the visual communication of date labels and storage advice—can help reduce household food waste. The project is part of the National Date Labelling and Storage Advice initiative, supported by the End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre and the 3C (Communication and Change Co-Lab).

My role involves a mix of design research, stakeholder engagement, and co-design with consumers and industry partners. I draw on my background in branding and packaging to explore how we can make on-pack information clearer and more actionable, using design to support better everyday decision-making. Beyond the research itself, I also contribute to workshops, industry reports, and knowledge translation—ensuring the insights we uncover are accessible and usable in real-world packaging contexts.

## Kissel+Wolf Australia Powers Growth of AGP DTF Printer Range with Local Expertise and Industry Demand

Kissel+Wolf Australia is proud to announce the continued success of the AGP Direct to Film (DTF) range across Australia, with strong market uptake, repeat machine purchases, and increasing demand from forward-thinking garment decorators. Backed by nationwide technical support and a deep commitment to customer success, the AGP range is proving to be a vital solution in the evolving landscape of digital apparel decoration.



### CMYKhub Finds the Perfect DTF Match in Kissel+Wolf Australia

National Print Provider, CMYKhub, has added the AGP DTF 653 printer to its production lineup — empowering its trade partners with premium, ready-to-press DTF transfers.

*“We’ve been looking for the right opportunity to partner with Kissel + Wolf for several years, and the AGP DTF-T653 was the perfect piece of equipment to begin our textile printing journey. This printer really stood out to us as a robust, production-ready solution in a market that’s heavily saturated with low-budget machines. On top of that, having local service and support just five minutes from our new factory gives us even greater confidence. We pride ourselves on working closely with the best in the industry—and Kissel+Wolf are exactly that.”*

**Alan Nankervis, National Workflow Manager, CMYKhub**



### AGP DTF Adoption Accelerates Across the Industry

With multiple AGP DTF units already installed and performing strongly across the country, customers are reporting high-quality output, expanded colour capabilities, and exceptional reliability. In several cases, businesses have already invested in a second AGP machine to increase production and meet growing demand.

The technology is fully supported by Kissel+Wolf Australia’s experienced service and support teams across Australia and New Zealand, who work directly with customers to maintain, customise and optimise print workflows for maximum efficiency and output.

### AI-Powered Design Meets On-Demand Print

At PacPrint 2025, the AGP DTF 653 printer is gaining considerable attention on the Kissel+Wolf Australia stand, particularly when paired with the groundbreaking Printbox Masterpiece AI. This innovative integration allows users to generate full-colour textile designs from simple text prompts—creating an

end-to-end solution where artwork is designed and ready for production within minutes. This value-added capability is just the beginning of what Kissel+Wolf Australia is bringing to modern print businesses.

*“It’s been great to see how quickly the AGP DTF printers have taken off. What’s most exciting for us is seeing how our range of DTF printing solutions is helping our customers grow. Whether it’s improving turnaround times, expanding their capabilities, or giving them the confidence to take on more work, it’s making a real impact. We’re here to back them every step of the way—with local support, real industry know-how, and solutions that are built for their success.”*

**Jamie Weller, Managing Director, Kissel+Wolf Australia**

For more information or to see the AGP DTF range in action, visit Kissel+Wolf Australia at PacPrint 2025 in Sydney (Booth C76).



## LSINC Partners with Kissel & Wolf Australia to Expand Direct-to-Object Printing in Oceania



**LSINC® Corporation, a U.S.-based company and global leader in direct-to-object digital printing technology, is proud to announce its partnership with Kissel & Wolf Australia for the distribution and servicing of its printer range across Australia and New Zealand.**

This strategic partnership marks LSINC's official entry into the Oceania market, with the official launch taking place at PacPrint 2025 in Sydney. Visitors to the show will be able to experience LSINC's technology first-hand and view an impressive collection of samples that demonstrate the quality and versatility of LSINC's direct-to-object printers, engineered to print directly on cylindrical and tapered objects.

Kissel & Wolf Australia brings deep industry knowledge and a proven track record in digital printing, supported by a strong local technical sales and service team. With a thorough understanding of advanced print technologies, the company is well-positioned to support customers throughout the region in adopting LSINC's solutions.

*"We are excited to bring LSINC's direct-to-object printers to our market," said Jamie Weller, Managing Director of Kissel & Wolf Australia. "These machines represent a significant leap forward for promotional product decorators, premium beverage and spirits brands, and businesses looking to customise cylindrical and contoured objects."*

*"Partnering with Kissel & Wolf Australia marks an exciting milestone for LSINC as we expand into the Oceania market," said Alicia Ryan, CEO of LSINC. "Their unmatched expertise in digital print technologies and commitment to customer success make them the ideal partner to represent our innovative direct-to-object solutions. Together, we look forward to helping companies across Australia and New Zealand unlock new levels of creativity, customisation, and efficiency. This collaboration reflects our shared vision of delivering world-class technology backed by exceptional local support."*

LSINC's award-winning printer lineup includes:

- **PeriQ360™** – the fastest production unit in its class, capable of printing four cylindrical items simultaneously on both clear and opaque media.
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- **Perivallo360m®** – uniquely designed to print along the curves of contoured and tapered media.

### About LSINC®

LSINC® serves commercial and government clients across three core areas: engineering and product development, OEM direct-to-object specialty printers, and contract manufacturing. Known for a collaborative approach, LSINC helps organisations bring new products to life, expand printing capabilities, and integrate precision-engineered solutions built for performance and scale.

### About Kissel & Wolf Australia

At Kissel & Wolf Australia, we believe innovation, reliability, and customer partnership are the cornerstones of success. For over 35 years, we've proudly supported Australian and New Zealand businesses across screen, digital, textile, and industrial printing with world-class products and unmatched technical expertise.

Part of the global Kissel & Wolf Group, we bring the strength of international innovation with the agility of a local team. Our portfolio spans premium brands and technologies—from screen printing emulsions to cutting-edge digital inkjet systems, adhesives, cleaning solutions, and automation equipment.

What sets us apart? It's our people. With deep industry knowledge, a proactive service mindset, and a genuine desire to help our customers succeed, our team works alongside you every step of the way—whether you're prototyping, scaling up, or leading in your market.

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## Sealing the future with a new paper-based cap

A step toward the future of more sustainable packaging

**Could a new paper-based cap point to the future? Here's how the shift towards paper-based packaging is inspiring innovation.**

New regulations, increasing consumer expectations, and the global push to reduce plastic use are reshaping packaging as we know it.<sup>1</sup> The future belongs to renewable, recyclable materials – and paper is leading the way.

*"We're on a journey to deliver the world's most sustainable food package," says Aldo Fontana, Global Product Manager at Tetra Pak. "That means a carton fully made from renewable or recycled materials, responsibly sourced to reduce environmental impact. It also means designing for circularity and ensuring a package is easily recyclable and offers a high yield of recycled materials."*

Now, it's time for the next step in that journey: testing an industry-first paper-based cap.

The shift toward paperisation is transforming the industry. Manufacturers are replacing plastic components with fibre-based solutions to increase the share of renewable materials and promote recyclability. Consumer expectations are rising, too – 31% of consumers say they would recycle cartons more if they were made entirely of paperboard, while 21% want packaging made only from renewable materials.

*"Consumers now see cartons as the most environmentally sound beverage packaging<sup>2</sup>," Aldo explains. "The paper-based cap builds on this momentum and supports our goal of maximising paper content in our solutions – while maintaining functionality and making the transition smooth for both food and beverage producers and consumers."*

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### Engineering the paper-based cap

For years, Tetra Pak has been investing in research and development to increase the share of paper-based content in carton packages – moving away from fossil-based plastic and working toward a simplified material structure.

Most recently, a paper-based barrier was introduced to replace the aluminium foil layer in aseptic cartons, which can increase the share of paper content to approximately 80%. When combined with plant-based polymers derived from sugarcane, this can help reduce the carbon footprint of aseptic food packaging by up to 33%.<sup>3</sup>

Developing a paper-based cap can take the number even higher – but it's an ambitious goal that requires carefully balancing package integrity, production line compatibility and consumer functionality.

*"Creating a cap from paper isn't as simple as swapping materials," explains Pietro Martini, Manager Solutions Scouting & Early Innovation at Tetra Pak. "It requires an entirely new approach to engineering, material science and production technology. That's why it's so important to test our innovations so we can see what consumers think of it and get data on how it performs before we move toward industrialisation and full-scale production."*

The test will provide valuable data on how the cap performs in real-world conditions: "This is not just a packaging tweak – it's a vertical innovation. Paper is traditionally used for packaging, not closures," says Pietro. "Adapting it for a cap changes everything, from raw material sourcing to supply chain adaptation, manufacturing and consumer interaction."

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### Collaborating on a real-world consumer test

There's no proper test without collective effort – and long-time customer Aneto from Spain is now introducing a first pilot batch of family packages. Aneto has consistently pushed boundaries to align packaging choices and values, so it made perfect sense for the company to put the industry-first cap on shelf for a commercial consumer test in Spain.





In 2021, Aneto introduced sugarcane-based polymers in both caps and packaging material coatings, increasing the share of renewable materials in their products. Testing a paper-based cap was the next natural step to becoming less reliant on fossil-based resources – and it has a real impact.

By replacing the plastic cap with a paper-based alternative, the paper content in the package increases by 3%, now representing approximately 73% of the total package share by weight. Together with plant-based polymers used in the packaging material coatings and the neck of the opening, the overall share of renewable content in the package is 87%.<sup>4</sup> That means consumers get a high share of renewable materials in their packaging, making it easier to make more sustainable choices without compromising on convenience.

*"Sustainability isn't just a commitment for us – it's a key part of our DNA and brand identity," says Joaquim Jiménez Santamaria, CEO & Managing Director at Aneto Natural. "We were among the first brands in Spain to use plant-based packaging, and we're always looking for ways to reduce our environmental impact."*

For the test, Aneto's vegetable broth was chosen. This product has steady, year-round demand, making it an ideal choice for a controlled test production run.

*"We're always open to testing innovations that align with our values," Joaquim explains. "We want to lead in sustainability while giving our customers the best possible experience."*

### What will consumers think of the new cap?

One of the biggest challenges in developing new packaging innovations is ensuring they work without causing disruption.

*"The test gives us an opportunity to see how consumers react," says Aldo. "And to make sure that what we've developed performs just as well as traditional caps."*

The cap needs to be able to handle moisture, temperature shifts, and transportation stress while maintaining product quality.

*"One of our top priorities is ensuring that the cap meets the same performance standards as plastic caps," says Pietro. "It has to be easy to open, resealable, and durable."*

To ensure this, the cap has been tested according to Tetra Pak standards and protocols to evaluate package integrity, material resilience, and recyclability.

Because as Pietro points out, this isn't just a little packaging tweak – it's a fundamental shift in closure technology.

*"As with any new innovation, production needs to scale over time," says Pietro. "As we refine the process and optimise manufacturing, the technology will become more accessible across the industry."*

### Paper holds the potential for an industry shift

The paper-based cap is part of a bigger movement – one that's rapidly gaining momentum.

*"The trend toward paper-based packaging is accelerating," says Aldo. "Every step makes a difference and helps move us closer to a low-carbon, fully renewable package. We sell more than 16 billion carton packages with caps in the EU alone. So, imagine the impact on plastic reduction if even a fraction of these transitioned to paper-based caps."*

For Aneto, this collaboration reinforces their leadership in sustainable packaging – a journey they've been on for years.

*"We're proud to be part of this," says Joaquim. "For us, it's about more than just innovation – it's about staying true to our values and showing what's possible."*

Aldo, Pietro and the rest of the team will keep rethinking materials – and rethinking the entire lifecycle of packaging.

*"Our focus is on creating solutions that are made solely from responsibly sourced renewable or recycled materials, and fully recyclable," says Aldo.*

The journey towards the world's most sustainable package continues. And while the cap might be small, its impact could turn out to be anything but.

Want to see the different ways we work with our materials and the latest paper-based innovation in aseptic packaging?

[Click here to find out more about the anatomy of Tetra Pak's carton packages.](#)



## Groundbreaking innovation for liquid sachet packaging

A step toward the future of more sustainable packaging

In recent years, small sachet formats have received a lot of attention in the media for the environmental challenges that they present. These small plastic envelopes are widely used to dispense condiments, sauces, personal care creams and many other liquid products. While they are convenient for the consumers, they are often highlighted for the issues that they create at the end of their life.

Estimates\* suggest that approximately 855 billion sachets were used globally in 2018. Most of these packs are produced with complex multi-layered packaging that can withstand the nature of the ingredients and preserve the products during the supply chain for their required shelf life. They are usually produced from 3-layer structures including layers of polyolefin, aluminium and often polyester, making the packs extremely difficult to recycle as the components of the laminate structure are incompatible for recycling and not easily separated. Their very small size and the fact that they often remain contaminated by foodstuff, further add to the difficulties in recycling.

Compostable film producer Futamura, flexible packaging converter Repaq and machine producer GK Sondermaschinenbau have worked together to produce a compostable solution for this market segment. This has been a difficult challenge to resolve, one that has been taken many attempts to perfect.

Today, they are delighted to launch a fully compostable solution based on NatureFlex™ technology for this application, capable of wrapping ingredients such as ketchup or mustard, cooking sauces or hand cream. The new compostable laminate includes a barrier cellulose film layer from Futamura as well as another biofilm to provide hermetic seals. The structures have been certified as compostable, both in an industrial and home settings.

The new compostable packaging structures have been proven to make effective sachet solutions, when produced on the newly designed GK Sondermaschinenbau machinery.



The demonstration packs delivered have confirmed the required shelf life and protection for a range of sauces. The machineability of the new liquid sachet packs have been repeatedly proven, at scale, by the first brands implementing the compostable structure. There was no difference in efficiency when using this structure compared to a conventional one. That has been reported for all GKS machinery, whether small, medium or large size. The first commercial sachets will enter the market shortly.

Sven Seevers, Technology Manager at Repaq, confirmed: *"It was very important for us to replace this non-recyclable packaging, which can pollute the environment, with a compostable solution. We succeeded after two years of development work with our great co-operation partners. Our packaging offers excellent product protection and significant ecological benefits at the same packing speeds. For liquids packaging we achieve an OTR of 0.5 at standard conditions of OTR: 23°C, 50% r.h with a shelf life of up to 12 months. In the long term, it is the best end-of-life scenario for this packaging and many others."*



Nico Merkel, Sales Director at GK Sondermaschinenbau, added: 'We are very pleased that our machinery has been involved in this project and shown to contribute to the production of these unusual and progressive packaging solutions. It has been a pleasure to produce samples in our facilities and participate in the extensive testing of these little packs, proving that they can withstand large pressure over long term. The tests on our machinery have certainly shown that almost no adjustments were required to use the solution supplied by Repaq.'

Joachim Janz, Regional Sales Manager at Futamura stated: 'This home compostable liquids sachet packaging is indeed a really exciting launch. Ultimately, it means a perfect match to the request for offering a full portfolio of demanding food and non-food items to be packed in compostable packaging choices. Small-portion sachets have always been the tricky ones for recycling, so this success in compostability is good news to be shared.'

\*Report from Future Market Insights



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## AUGUST 2025

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WHEN: 27 - 29 August 2025

WHERE: Jakarta, Indonesia.

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

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### Indonesian Packaging Forum #1

WHEN: 27 August 2025

WHERE: ProPak Indonesia, JIExpo Kemayoran, Jakarta.

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

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### Indonesian Packaging Forum #2

WHEN: 28 August 2025

WHERE: ProPak Indonesia, JIExpo Kemayoran, Jakarta



### JUST SOME OF THE SPEAKERS:



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Founder - First Packaging Asia  
Affiliate Board Member - WPO



**Ralph Moyle FAIP, CPP**  
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Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



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## SEPTEMBER 2025

### Foodtech Packtech 2025

WHEN: **2-4 September 2025**

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds.

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



Held only once every two years FTPT is a must attend event providing visitors with the opportunity to come face-to-face with the experts and discover the freshest ideas, latest technologies and the newest developments entering the F&B manufacturing and packaging technology industries.

Featuring the Materials Handling & Logistics Expo, the event will attract 250+ local and international exhibiting companies and some 4,500+ qualified visitors – a must attend event for anyone involved in one of New Zealand's fastest growing industry sectors.

**Looking to exhibit?** We are excited to announce you can now book your Foodtech Packtech exhibitor stand through the AIP. **Support the industry and AIP by contacting Nerida Kelton** +61 (0) 7 3278 4490 / [nerida@aipack.com.au](mailto:nerida@aipack.com.au)



### Foodtech Packtech 2025 Packaging Forum

WHEN: **2 September 2025**

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds.

WHAT: The AIP will be once again running the NZ Packaging Forum alongside of FoodTech PackTech on Day one of the show. This forum has been running for over 15 years and will bring together leading experts in all areas of packaging from across the Australasian region. The forum will be a free to attend full day of packaging sessions where attendees can come and listen all day, or just in the sessions they would like.

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SEPTEMBER 2025

## 2x Mini Training courses heading to Foodtech Packtech 2025

WHEN: **4 September 2025**

WHERE: Auckland Showgrounds, New Zealand.

WHAT: **The AIP will be offering not one, but two globally recognised mini training courses at Foodtech Packtech New Zealand at the Auckland showgrounds. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance and also 6 points per course towards attaining the global Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation. Please book your place at either one, or both of the training courses. 1. Understanding the Fundamentals of Flexible Packaging or 2. The Future of Flexible Packaging Design.**

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### Mini Training Course 1: Understanding the Fundamentals of Flexible Packaging

WHEN: **4 September 2025:** 9.15 am arrival, 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

WHERE: Alongside Foodtech Packtech 2025, Auckland Showgrounds, NZ.

WHAT: The Understanding the Fundamentals of Flexible Packaging training course will cover the basic fundamentals of flexible packaging, its benefits, how you chose the specific structures to match the product, its performance, marketing challenges and how the packaging is manufactured.

Leading the way in packaging innovation, flexible packaging adds value and marketability to food and non-food products alike. From ensuring food safety and extending shelf life, to providing even heating, barrier protection, ease of use, resealability and superb printability, the industry continues to advance at an unprecedented rate.

The life cycle attributes of flexible packaging demonstrate many sustainable advantages. Innovation and technology have enabled flexible packaging manufacturers to use fewer natural resources in the creation of their packaging, and improvements in production processes have reduced water and energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compounds.

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

WHEN: **4 September 2025:** 12.45 pm arrival, 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm

WHERE: Alongside Foodtech Packtech 2025, Auckland Showgrounds, NZ.

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 the category 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 key tailwinds driving the flexible packaging industry and the relevant obligations of brand owners and packaging suppliers in the short-medium term.
- To understand the challenges and opportunities that exist with the recycling and processing of soft plastics.
- To discover the vast resources available to brand owners and suppliers to support them through the ever-changing landscape of flexible packaging.



#### LECTURER:

Joe Foster FAIP  
AIP Education Team





SEPTEMBER 2025

## AIP State of Industry Webinar Product Stewardship & Away from Home Collection

WHEN: 17 September 2025

WHERE: On-line via Zoom

WHAT: **The European Union Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) officially entered into force on 11 February 2025, replacing the Packaging Directive (Directive 94/62/EC).**

The Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) aims to:

- **Reduce packaging waste by 15% per person** in each Member State by 2040, compared to 2018 levels. This will be achieved, for example, by cutting down on unnecessary packaging, especially single-use and overpackaged items;
- **Make packaging fully recyclable by 2030**, with specific rules and criteria to enhance recyclability of different materials;
- **Promote reuse or refill** by requiring companies to offer a portion of their products, such as takeaway drinks and meals, in reusable or refillable packaging; and
- **Standardise packaging formats and improve labelling of reusable packaging** making it easier for consumers to make more sustainable choices.

In addition, there will be eco-modulated Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fees based on recyclability. These rules and targets apply to all packaged products sold in the EU.

If you export your products to Europe then you need to know about the PPWR.

**This webinar will provide an update on the PPWR and enable attendees to walk away with a basic toolkit for implementation and next steps. Circular Analytics are one of the leading experts in PPWR for packaging designers and technologists so this is a not-to-be-missed webinar.**

**By attending the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) Webinar you will:**

- Be introduced to the PPWR regulatory framework and its key provisions.
- Learn about the core objectives, timelines, and compliance milestones.
- Better understand how to adopt the PPWR – key actions for brands, suppliers, and manufacturers.
- Navigate reporting requirements.

SPEAKERS:



**Lina Wimmer**  
Senior Consultant  
Circular Analytics



**Charlotte Neumair**  
Team Lead Circularity  
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## OCTOBER 2025

### Japan Pack 2025

WHEN: 7-10 October 2025

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

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

By matching the various issues faced by stakeholders with solutions to those issues, we create new values, such as improved productivity and promotion of sustainability, as well as develop new business initiatives. As one of Japan's leading packaging trade shows, JAPAN PACK continues to be highly anticipated by the packaging and related industries.



JAPAN PACK<sup>2025</sup>



## NOVEMBER 2025

### swop2025

WHEN: 25-27 November 2025

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

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



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## DECEMBER 2025

### pacprocess 2025

WHEN: 9-11 December 2025

WHERE: Egypt International Exhibition Centre, Cairo, Egypt.

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

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## 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.

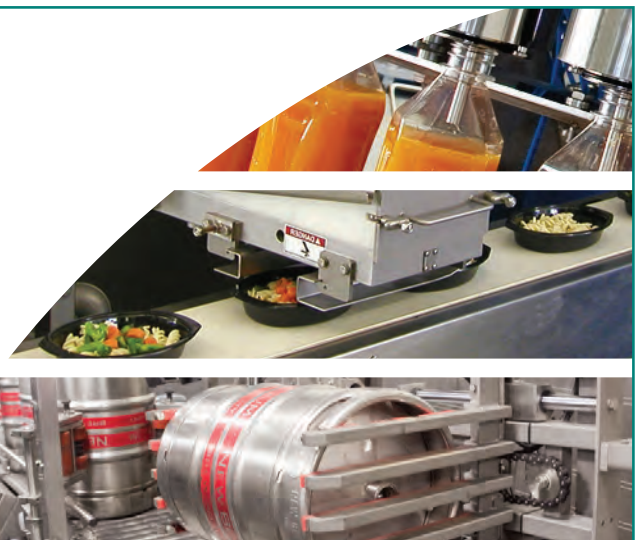
In 2026, interpack will return at full throttle with some 2,800 exhibitors plus professional visitors are expected from all around the world. Düsseldorf's trade fair premises will again be fully occupied.

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.



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## Australian Delegation joins 72,000 visitors at ProPak Asia 2025

2025 was a perfect year for the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) to take the first Australasian delegation to ProPak Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, as this edition saw the largest growth of visitors in its 32-year history with 72,000 people converging at BITEC across the four-day tradeshow.

The visitors also had the opportunity to see over 2,000 exhibitors from 42 countries utilising 55,000 square metres of space at BITEC; with the venue now at capacity.







## Message from AIP Education Director - Pierre Pienaar MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL

**ProPak Asia once again delivered which makes it an expo not to be missed and remains the largest packaging exhibition in the Southeast Asian region.**

What was once again evident is the yearning for learning as all the AIP events that were offered were very well attended and the Global Packaging Forum had a more than full house of 350 attendees at its opening session.

Our choice of training offerings met the needs of those attending ProPakAsia as did the two workshops that gave theoretical information backed up by meaningful practical applied examples. In addition, we had a strong, experienced team of AIP members manning the AIP stand here there was a constant stream of visitors. It is here that friendships were rekindled and certainly many more friendships and partnerships forged.

ProPakAsia just gets bigger and bigger with exhibitors up by 22% and attendees to the expo up by 20%. This is a significant increase in the expo market, so much so that the venue from 2026 will be moved to larger premises to accommodate this continual growth.

It is important that we continue our efforts and presence at this expo, we have become the training reference in packaging for the Southeast Asian region. This has taken 12 years to reap such benefits, which we plan to expand into other Southeast regions.









“What a fantastic experience attending ProPak Asia 2025 as part of the first-ever delegation of the AIP. The opportunity to meet up with fellow packaging colleagues was one of the many highlights. The Global Packaging Forum and associated AIP run workshops were excellent. Each speaker delivered relevant, practical insights that left us better informed and better equipped to tackle the challenges and opportunities within the packaging industry. The sessions were particularly well-executed; expertly managed within time constraints and enriched by thoughtful, well-directed questions that drew out valuable perspectives. The trade show itself was both enormous and impressive. Suppliers from around the globe showcased innovative products and services, and what stood out most was their openness, each one genuinely willing to share knowledge and engage meaningfully with attendees.”











## Message from George Ganzenmuller Dip.Pkg.Tech. FAIP, CPP - AIP Education Team

It was a great honour to be part of the AIP Education Team at this year's Global Packaging Forum and the 2025 edition of the ProPak Asia exhibition. Delegates from around the region responded enthusiastically to the numerous topics being discussed and presented in the AIP forums, training courses and workshops creating an atmosphere that was positive, creative and truly collaborative.

The AIP chose a targeted range of workshop topics which was certainly embraced by the delegates often completely filling the room, or us needing to find more chairs. Numerous countries were represented by delegates and yet packaging's challenges and opportunities united all in attendance with great networking and collaboration opportunities available.

A really great extension of the AIP 5x educational workshops, was the detailed showcase of just some of the 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) winners, that were highlighted on the AIP stand in the adjoining ProPak Asia exhibition. The combination of knowledge shared in training programs, plus the vast real world solutions showcased in the ProPak Asia exhibition, was a first class growth and success opportunity for individuals and organisations alike. Special thanks must go to the AIP and the organisers of ProPak Asia for an outstanding and successful experience.



“ 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.”

Wilsen Ambrose AAIP CPP







“ It was great to be part of the first Australasian Delegation, hosted by the AIP 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. ”







## Reflections on ProPak Asia 2025

**Victor Barichello**, Chief Executive Officer, Empauer

Attending ProPak Asia as part of the inaugural Australian delegation was an energising and valuable experience. The scale of the event was impressive, offering a clear view of how Southeast Asia is embracing innovation across the packaging and processing sectors. Walking the show floor, it was clear that automation, AI integration, and circular packaging solutions are no longer future aspirations: they're being deployed now, with real-world applications on display.

A key highlight was participating in the AIP educational events. The sessions struck a strong balance between practical insights and thought leadership. It was also encouraging to see the depth of regional collaboration and the appetite for cross-border partnerships in sustainability. The show served as a timely reminder that progress in this space is built on knowledge-sharing, local context, and genuine commercial application.



If you are interested in joining the 2026 Australasian Delegation; including Australians New Zealanders, AIP Members in the South East Asian region, please reach out to [info@aipack.com.au](mailto:info@aipack.com.au) to register your interest.









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## 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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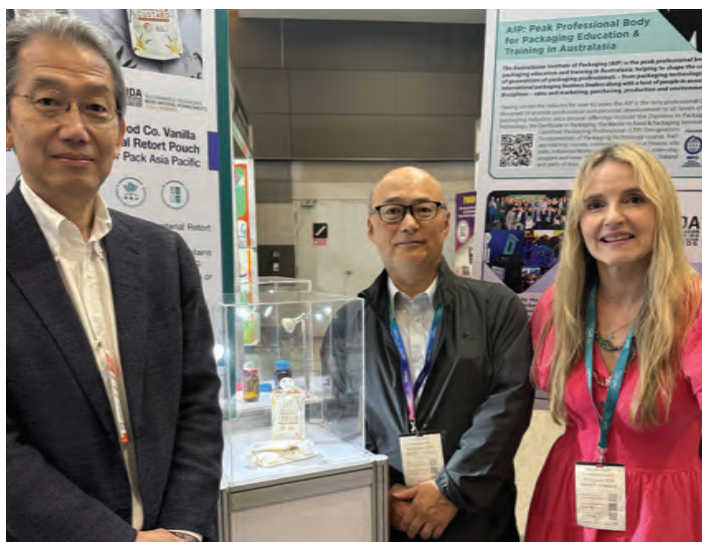
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This year the AIP merged their stand with the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards showcase area which this year included brand new 2025 winners, 2025 ANZ winners of the WorldStar Awards and also Student Awards winners. The showcase area was extremely busy every day and everyone was keen to learn more about the innovative sustainable packaging coming out of Australia and New Zealand.



▲ Nerida meets the CheerPack Team

▲ Expensive blueberries purchased in Thailand.





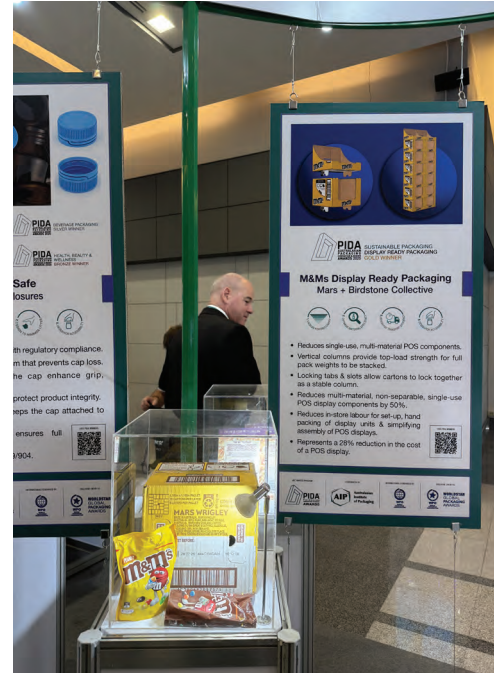
▲ Mark catching up with Member from the Philippines



▲ Chocolate koalas purchased in Thailand





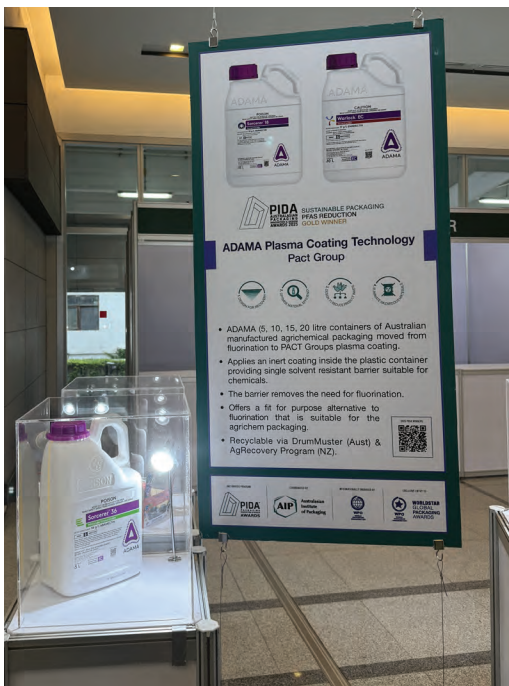


▲ Catching up with Interpack & UNIDO.





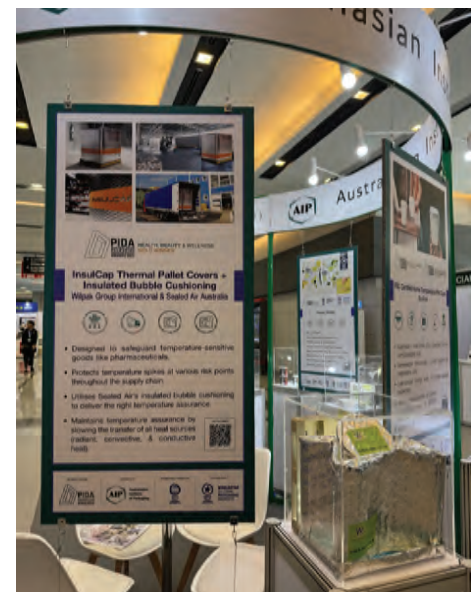
“ Thank you so much AIP for organising the first-ever Australian Delegation and for the invitation for us to attend. Propak Asia was such a great show, fantastic exhibitors, very well run, the AIP stand featuring all the PIDA winners was amazing, and the organisation of the delegation, dinners, and getting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



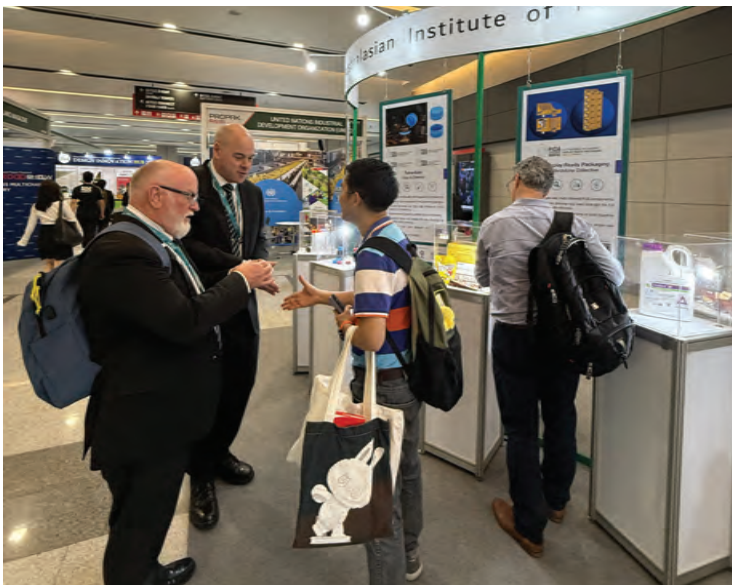
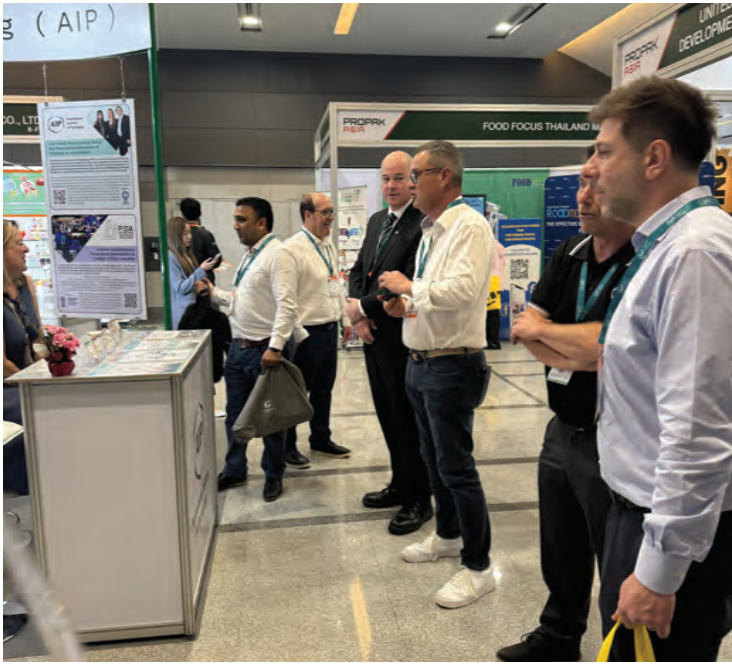












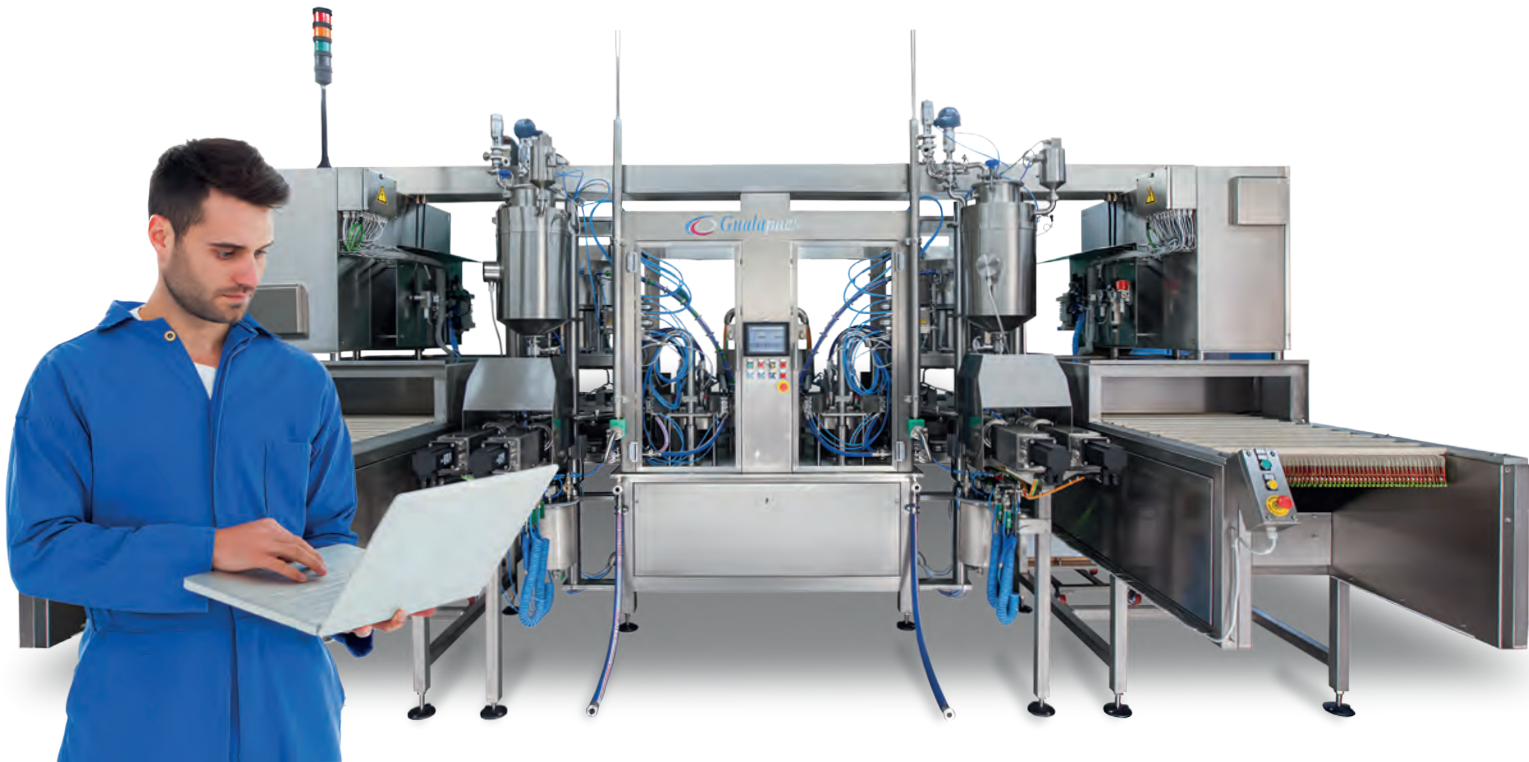




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The 2025 7th edition of the Global Packaging Forum brought together 33 speakers from across 12 countries and saw standing room only for many of the sessions. The AIP, coordinates this annual event annually in partnership with Informa Markets and it has grown to be the pinnacle conference at ProPak Asia. The AIP recognises the time and effort from all of the talented speakers to come and join this wonderful event.











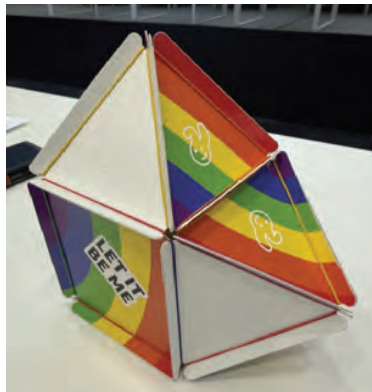












“ The AIP has enjoyed a great relationship with Informa Markets, who run the ProPak events around the region for many years. This relationship continues to grow as Informa invites the AIP to participate in more events around the Asian region (Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia).

Informa approached the AIP to invite more of its members to ProPak Asia and when offered to AIP members, the response was so positive. AIP members recognise the value of attending ProPak Asia. There were so many positives from bringing this group of AIP members together. Many had not met each other before but all had a common interest in packaging. It is fair to say many friendships developed during the week as well as developing relationships with exhibitors.

Informa were very impressed with the interest the AIP delegates showed in all aspects of ProPak Asia. To AIP members, please register your interest early for our trip to ProPak Asia in 2026. You will regret it if you don't join us.”

Ralph Moyle FAIP, CPP  
Education Coordinator  
Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



**The AIP hosted two mini training courses during ProPak Asia which covered Sustainable Packaging Design Guidelines and Introduction to Corrugated Packaging. Over 200 people attended the SPG course and 100 for the Corrugated course. The SPG course had to sadly turn people away do to room capacity.**











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The AIP ran two workshops on the third day of the show with over 20 expert technical speakers discussing plastics alternatives, paperisation, trends and innovations in plastics - rigid and soft and of course sustainability. The AIP would like to thank all of the incredible speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to actively engage with the attendees and allow open dialogue and conversation about this very important topics.











“ ProPak Asia, Thailand 2025 was a great experience for me especially meeting old and new faces from the packaging industry. It has always been THE SHOW for the packaging industry at Asia, offering many programs, seminars and exhibitors from all over the world displaying the latest technology and trends. The educational events organised by AIP are great way for us to learn and share our thoughts. We have all these debates on sustainability on packaging material vs sustaining a business. Getting speakers to engage in tricky fun questions. Most importantly getting people to voice out opinions or to ask questions, breaking the ice is important for a lively learning session.

As for the exhibitors this year, new technology that is being taken from the initial last year to commercialisation. Few distinct companies are developing solutions that were not mature compared to last year. More demand this time around. Being part of the delegation, was a great experience because we advocate for packaging and we would like to see more professionals standing and supporting the packaging industry as it grows. We need brand owners to understand that packaging is not only the brand part of it but it is also technical related and it plays a huge role on what we need.

Overall a great show and looking forward for more interesting topics throughout the Propak series of shows across Asia, not only Thailand. ”



















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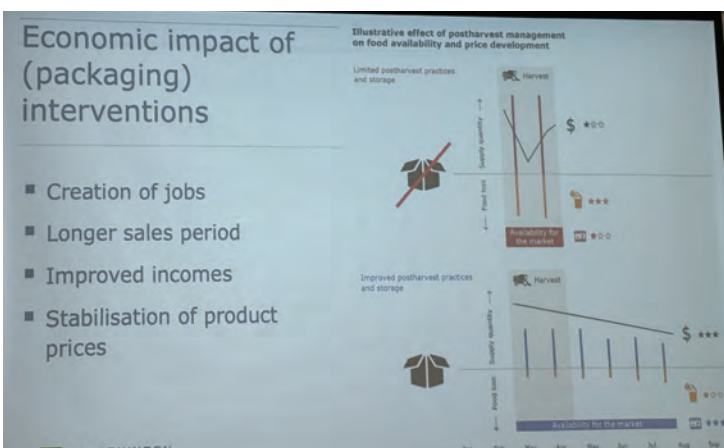
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During ProPak Asia 2025 the AIP once again participated in the annual Asian Sustainable Packaging roundtable that is coordinated by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and the Asian Packaging Federation (APF)

The second edition of the Asia Sustainable Packaging Roundtable Discussion was entitled “Accelerating Sustainable Industrial Development of the Food Packaging Industry in Asia: A Methodology-Driven Approach to Reducing Food Loss and Waste through Sustainable Food Packaging and Strengthening Food Security.” Attended by over 30 representatives from the Asian region including Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand the annual roundtable event aims to foster regional dialogue, share innovative practices, and explore opportunities for collaborative action across the packaging industry and policy landscape.











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AIP Executive Director, Nerida Kelton FAIP, was invited to speak as the keynote speaker at the 2025 edition of the Asian Packaging Federation Asia Star Awards. During the awards the AIP also received their Executive Membership to the Asian Packaging Federation.



▲ AIP receives their Executive Membership to the Asian Packaging Federation.





AIP Executive Director, Nerida Kelton was also invited to speak as the VP Sustainability & Save Food at a small WPO seminar that was held during ProPak Asia. Nerida discussed the true role that packaging can play in minimising food loss and waste and showcases new 2025 WorldStar Award winners in the Save Food Packaging special award that were recently announced.



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ProPak Asia 2026 marks a bold step into a new era of boundless growth, with the goal of becoming the premier processing and packaging exhibition in Asia-Pacific by 2027 and a World-Class event by 2028. Already, 95% of the space for ProPak Asia 2026 was pre-booked during ProPak Asia 2025, reaffirming industry confidence. The event will continue to showcase the latest technologies and innovations, connecting exhibitors, businesses, agencies, and attendees through ProPak Connect—a digital hub integrating global ProPak events, fostering collaboration across every dimension of the industry ecosystem.



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## ANZ PIDA winners header to Italy in May to receive their 2025 WorldStar Packaging Awards.

During the evening two of our winners took out 3x additional WorldStar Special awards making the ANZ total of award wins even higher. Congratulations to everyone who received a WorldStar award.

### The AIP congratulates the 2x ANZ WorldStar Packaging Special Award Winners

#### Don Deli Cuts (George Weston Foods)

**Don Deli Cuts** (George Weston Foods) is a winner in two separate award categories

1. Accessible Packaging Design special award and
2. Packaging that Saves Food special award.



#### Naked Rivals

**Naked Rivals** is also a winner in the Packaging that **Saves Food** special award.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 WORLDSTAR WINNERS FROM ANZ

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- IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics)



- Home Compostable Container range (BioPak)

### Food



- Naked Rivals



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



- Don Deli Cuts (George Weston Foods)



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



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

### Household



- Green Action Dishwashing Liquid (Trendpac)



- Thankyou EzyPour + Refill (Caps & Closures)

### Health & Personal Care



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



- Thankyou EzyPour + Refill (Caps & Closures)



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

### E-Commerce



- bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group)

### Labelling & Decoration



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

### Non-Alcoholic Beverages



- Thermocup (Wellman Packaging)



- IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle (Integrated Plastics)

### Transit



- bouncee Reusable Insulating crates (ICEE Technology Group)

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



WORLDSTAR WINNER 2025







▲ Green Action Dishwashing Liquid, Trendpac.



▲ Thankyou EzyPour + Refill, (Caps & Closures).



▲ IMH PET Integrally Moulded Handle, (Integrated Plastics).



▲ Cryovac Flexprep Portion Dispensing Pouches for McDonald's Australia, (Sealed Air).



▲ Nerida Kelton FAIP accepts on behalf of Apex Brands New Zealand for Only Good Hand & Body Wash.



▲ Lindy Hughson MAIP accepts on behalf of Biopak for Home Compostable Container range & The Art series and Indigenous art series BioCups.



















The trophies for those ANZ winners that were unable too attend the physical 2025 WorldStar Packaging Awards in May have now arrived an are on the way to the winners. The AIP will be covering all of the winning companies once they receive their awards.





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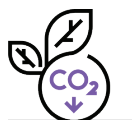
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As a part of the WorldStar Packaging Awards in May the three overall student winners were also recognised. Gold was a team from Sweden, Silver was a student from South Africa and Bronze was an Australian-first a team of Industrial Design students from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Cameron Campbell, Nadia De Fazio and Cynthia Mullaly who took out a Bronze Overall and a Silver in the Food Packaging category.

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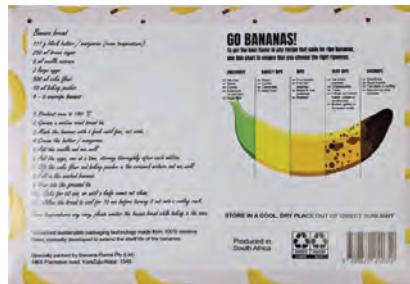
**SILVER AWARD WINNER (2ND OVERALL) + SUSTAINABILITY GOLD + SAVE FOOD SILVER + FOOD GOLD AWARDS**

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**ENTERED BY: LOUISA JOUBERT**



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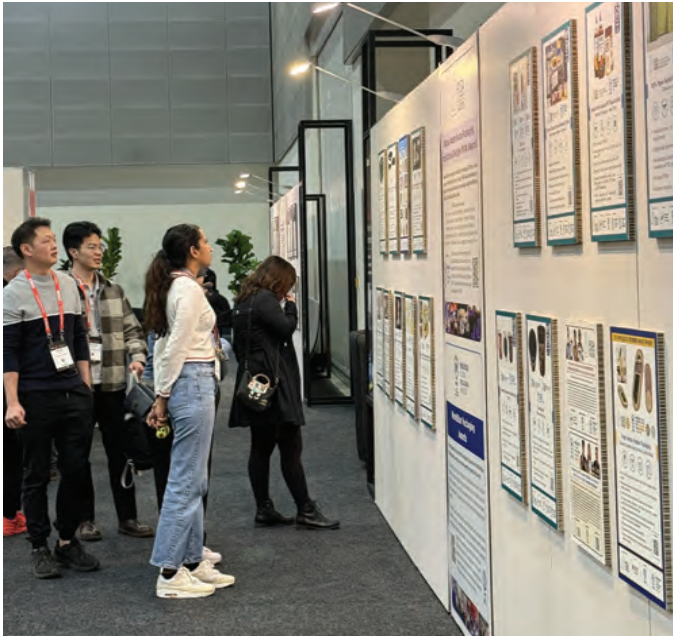
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As an Association Partner of the FoodTech Queensland tradeshow that is only held every three years, the Institute had a stand, a PIDA showcase area, two training courses and three packaging sessions. The AIP stand saw heavy traffic, as did the PIDA Awards showcase area and we look forward to working with the organisers again for the 2028 edition.







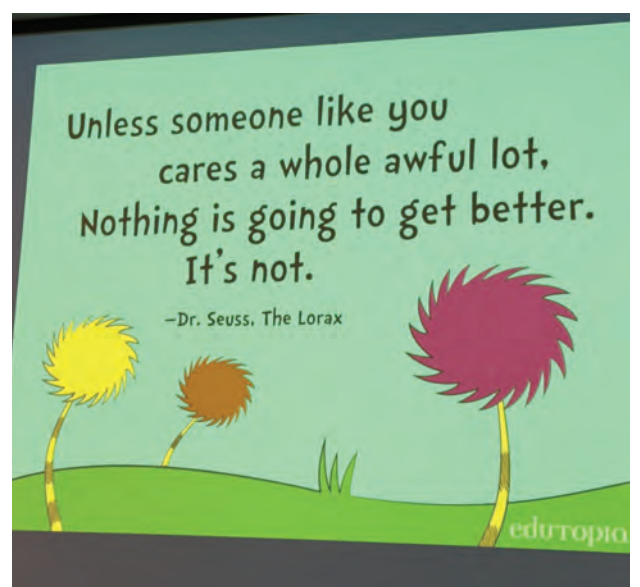
















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## AIP supports 'Monash Business School

“ While we are wrapping up our first semester, 2025 at the Monash Business School, I would like to take the opportunity to THANK Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and Nerida especially without whose continuous support the semester would not be so engaging.

We were honoured to have the award winning experts such as Mark Kerr from DON, Jean-Francois from Koor, John Bigley from Zipform, Nicholas Campbell from Wellman Packaging, Bryan McKay from Woolworths and Nerida Kelton throughout the semester to talk to our postgraduate business students about different sustainability topics such as packaging, food supply chain, food waste, circular economy, cold chain and ESG. Our students not only learned valuable insights from these experts, but they also worked on the industry-based challenges/projects kindly shared by the experts.

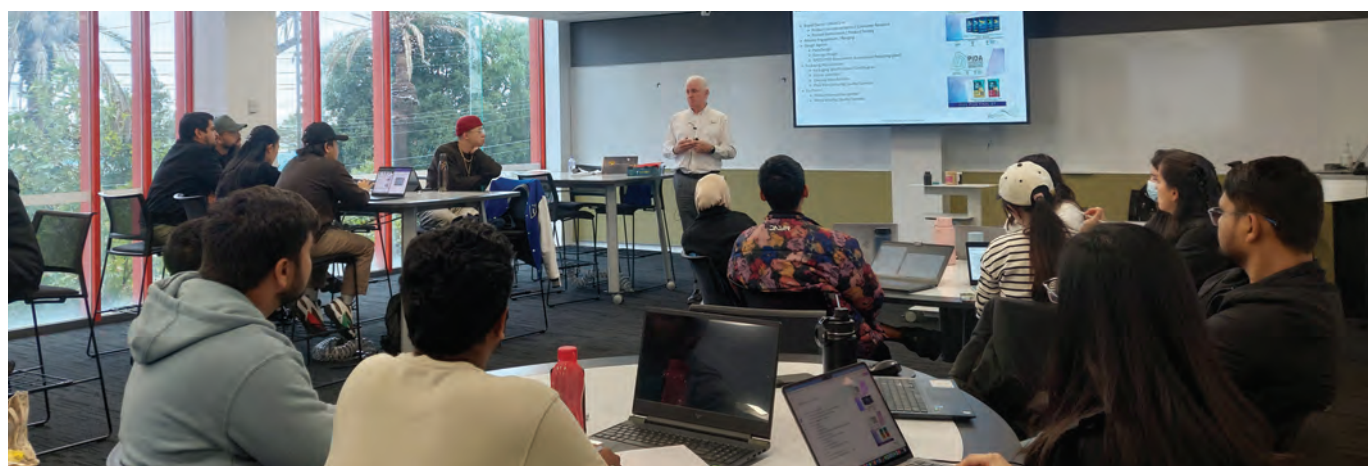
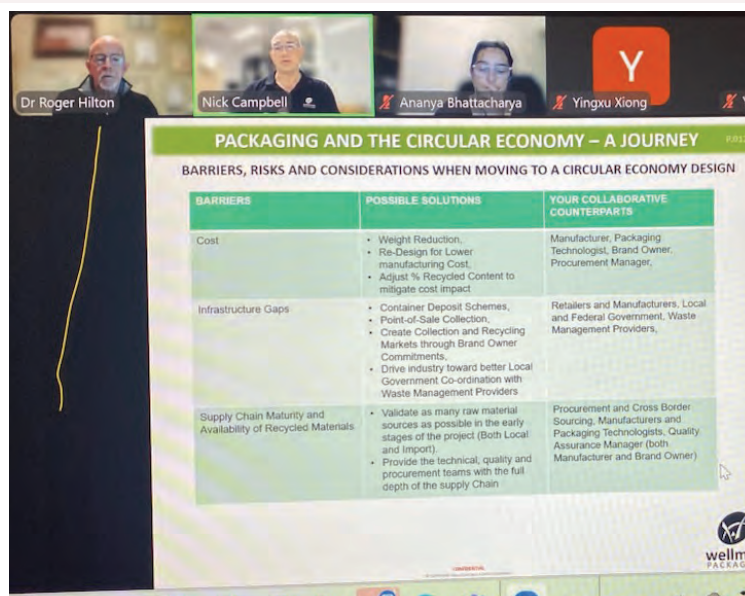
AIP provides our students with a wealth of knowledge from different industries and give them the opportunity to look beyond the classroom. I would like to thank Nerida Kelton for organising the experts, helping us build the connection between academic and business world and catering for a diverse group of students with different experience level every year. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the speakers for their time and interest in developing students' awareness about how a business operates in the sustainability space, which I refer as 'reality check'.

Thank you all on behalf of our students too. ”

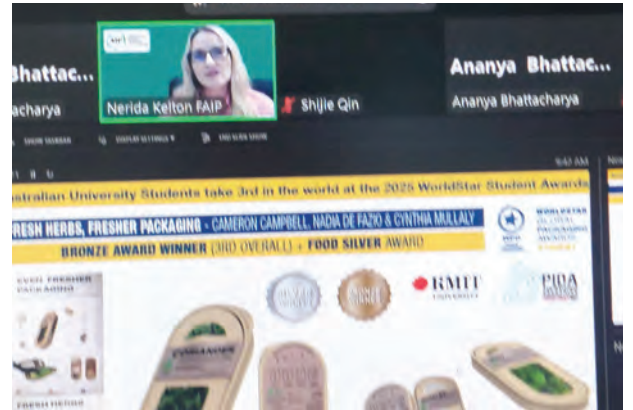
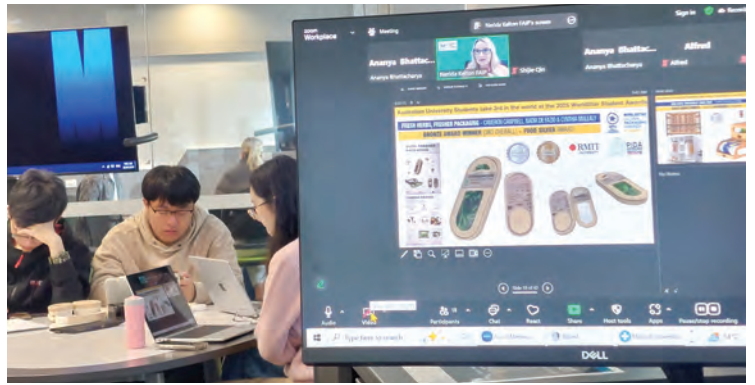
**Ananya Bhattacharya**

Deputy Director (Education)

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## AIP supports 'Monash Food Masters' house

“It was great have Ralph Moyle, Education Coordinator for the AIP, in the 'Monash Food Masters' house and the students really appreciated his expertise on many topics, not in the least a deep understanding of packaging, an empathy and some guidance of potential careers, global perspectives on being better into the future and a willingness to personally critique ideas for students completing their group assignments.

Ralph you continue to be a precious resource for our emerging Food Masters and we acknowledge AIP's commitment to sharing you with us, as well as the 2025 PIDA awards which we would like to submit entries for, a little further down the track.”

**Rod Heath**

General Manager Industry and Education  
Monash Food Innovation





## 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.



### How can I get involved?

- Complete the online 'Expression of Interest' form [www.empauer.com/lca-program/](http://www.empauer.com/lca-program/) and the brief questionnaire and then submit to Empauer.
- Upon submission, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your interest.
- The LCA will require you to provide some basic data about the packaging options being assessed. You will be provided access to a 'Data Collection Sheet' and a video with instructions by a follow-up email to help you provide the data.
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## Getting product stewardship right: Metrics and markets matter!



**Australia's transition to a circular economy relies on product stewardship schemes that go beyond promises to deliver real, measurable outcomes.**

Product stewardship and extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes can be powerful tools to increase recycling rates, reduce environmental harm, and encourage better product design. However, as outlined in ACOR's *Resource recovery and recycling metrics for transparent and effective EPR and product stewardship*, their effectiveness depends on clear rules, consistent and robust metrics, and—critically—functioning markets that generate real demand for recycled materials. Without these elements, such schemes risk becoming greenwash—appearing successful while failing to deliver meaningful environmental benefits.

### Key principles for effective stewardship:

#### 1. Transparent, comparable metrics

Product stewardship schemes must report publicly and consistently on:

- How much material is reaching end-of-use
- What is being collected
- What is actually recycled
- Whether there are viable end markets for recovered materials
- How stakeholders are involved in governance

#### 2. End Markets: the engine room of circularity

Recycling doesn't close the loop without reliable end markets: market demand for recycled content is the single most important driver for genuine recycling outcomes. It is essential for schemes to:

- Track demand for recycled content using standardised, robust, and scheme-aligned metrics
- Support end markets that drive demand for high-quality, high-margin solutions
- Invest in R&D or product testing that leads to commercially tangible and viable market uptake
- Ensure that metrics distinguish between scheme-led and recycler-driven demand creation

#### 3. Better Governance = Better Outcomes

To ensure scheme integrity, robust governance should ensure:

- Full supply chain involvement (including recyclers)
- Transparent reporting and scheme reviews
- Export arrangements for unprocessed material are verified and legal
- Recycler audits are rigorous and standardised

#### 4. Don't undermine what's working

New schemes should target market gaps rather than mature recycling systems. Poorly designed schemes can damage investment confidence and disrupt local processing. Government must be clear about when and where it will intervene through the development of a 'Trigger Framework'.

### Bottom Line

Recycling begins at collection—but it doesn't end there. To close the loop, we need good governance, visibility through the recycling value chain and strong markets for Australian recycled materials.

ACOR calls for all product stewardship schemes to:

- Report transparently on uniform key performance metrics
- Prioritise end markets for domestically processed recycled materials
- Embed the full supply chain—including recyclers—in scheme design and governance
- Avoid distorting or displacing established recycling systems





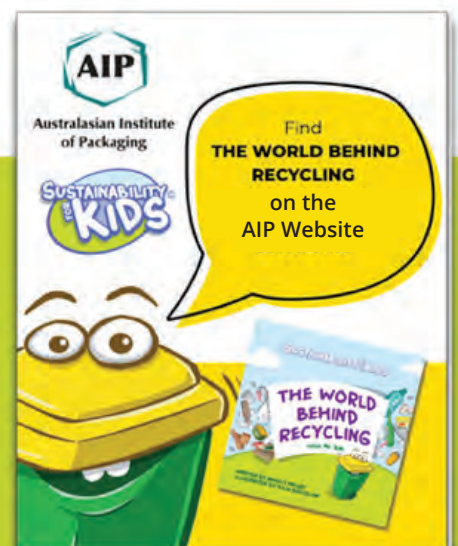
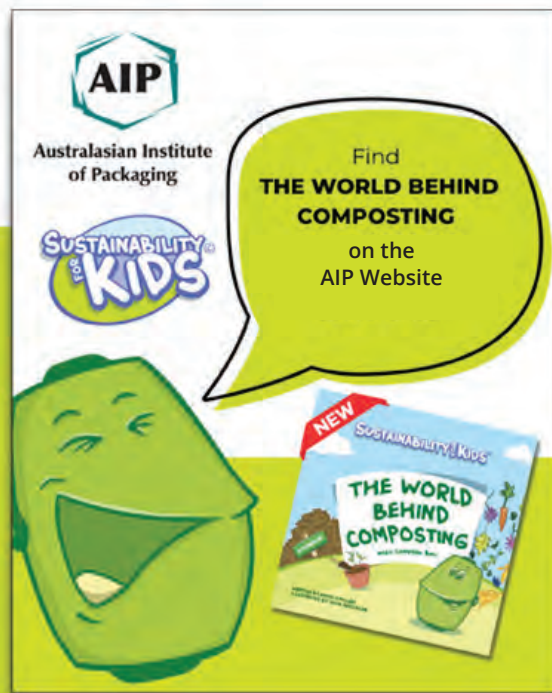
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## Call for action on smarter food labels to prevent waste

**Effective packaging with clear, consistent date labelling and storage advice plays a crucial role in reducing food waste. However, the current systems for storage advice and date labelling in Australia are unclear and contribute significantly to household food waste, according to a new research study released today (11 June) by RMIT University and End Food Waste Australia.**

Each year, Australians waste 7.6 million tonnes of food, much of it still safe to eat. The study showed that confusing food labels and inconsistent packaging were key reasons for consumers throwing out some perfectly edible food, which could cost the average household up to \$2500 annually.

The lead author of the study, RMIT's Associate Professor Lukas Parker, said shoppers are *"being let down by labels that don't give them the information they need to make the right call"* and he's calling for a clearer, smarter system.

End Food Waste Australia CEO Tristan Butt said cutting food waste through smarter labels will only happen if government, retailers and food producers work together.

*"Clear, consistent date labelling is one of the most cost-effective and scalable ways to reduce household food waste, but it won't happen without industry-wide collaboration,"* he said.

*"This single change could prevent nearly a million tonnes of food waste by 2030."*

*"The UK's retail sector has already proven this change is possible, without compromising food safety. It's time we did the same."*

'Date Labelling and Storage Advice Collective Intelligence Workshops: Position Paper', co-authored by Lukas Parker, Linda Brennan, Simon Lockrey, Bruno Schivinski, Brian Rodrigo Llagas, Eva L Jenkins and Nhat Tram Phan-Le, is published by RMIT University and End Food Waste Australia.

The report presents findings from seven Collective Intelligence Workshops conducted with Consumer and Stakeholder groups as part of the End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre (EFW CRC) Project 1.2.4, National Date Labelling and Storage Advice (Phase 1). Pilot design concepts for date labels and storage advice were one of the main research stimuli for the workshops.

The next phase of this project will bring together supermarkets, food brands and government to co-design, test and roll out a national framework for date labelling and storage advice.



▲ An example of storage advice pilot design concepts sorted into three phases.



## Check out the latest ARL updates, including:

- **Program Updates:** Recyclability and Consumer Behaviour Submissions on Hold (AUS & NZ); Strengthening Governance & Transparency (AUS & NZ); New Zealand Input into the ARL (NZ only); New Zealand Kerbside Standardisation Survey Extension (NZ only).
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The ARL Team committed to keeping you updated and supported every step of the way. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the ARL team at [arl@apco.org.au](mailto:arl@apco.org.au)

## Program Updates

### *Temporary Pause on Recyclability and Consumer Behaviour Submissions (AUS & NZ)*

As part of APCO's commitment to maintaining a credible, evidence-based ARL Program, they are temporarily placing the following submission pathways on hold:

- Recyclability Evaluation Submissions (AUS only)
- Consumer Behaviour Submissions (AUS & NZ)

This pause has been approved by the ARL Program's Internal Review Committee (IRC) and is expected to remain in effect for the duration of the 2025 calendar year.

### **Why pause Recyclability Evaluation Submissions?**

The decision is driven by two key priorities:

#### **1. Alignment with emerging national policy frameworks.**

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is currently developing the Design for Kerbside Recyclability Grading Framework, which will set national standards for packaging recyclability. Temporarily pausing submissions will ensure ARL Program processes remain consistent with these future policy directions.

#### **2. Strengthening the evidence base through a national MRF study.**

APCO is leading a comprehensive review of size and sortation thresholds used in recyclability assessments. This includes fieldwork at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) and consultation with industry experts. Holding submissions during this period allows them to integrate the latest findings into future decisions and ensure the program reflects real-world recycling capabilities across Australia.

### **Why pause Consumer Behaviour Submissions?**

Consumer Behaviour Submissions, typically used to demonstrate that a Not Recycle ARL should be overridden based on consumer compliance with a behaviour, are also being paused. This allows APCO to:

- Reassess the role of consumer behaviour evidence in ARL decision-making.
- Strengthen the framework for providing clear, accurate instructions to households on conditionally recyclable packaging formats.
- Ensure future use of these pathways is underpinned by robust behavioural insights and consistent criteria.

APCO appreciate your understanding as they undertake this important work to improve recyclability assessments and maintain trust in the ARL Program. Further updates will be shared as the review progresses.

### *Strengthening Governance & Transparency (AUS & NZ)*

At the ARL Program, they are committed to continuous improvement to ensure clarity, transparency, and trust in their processes. As part of this commitment, they have recently updated several key internal process documents:

- ARL Program Manual – 2025 update
- Updated Internal Review Committee (IRC) Charter
- ARL Program Compliance Process – 2025 update



## What's New?

- Enhanced governance structure – Strengthening IRC decision-making through targeted consultations with industry experts and stakeholders.
- Independent Third-Party Review – Ensuring greater transparency and accountability in the complaint resolution process.
- Simplified, more accessible documents – Making policies more straightforward and easier to navigate.

These updates reinforce their dedication to providing clear guidance and maintaining the integrity of the ARL Program.

### *New Zealand Input into the ARL (NZ only)*

The Recycling Leadership Forum (RLF) has taken over responsibility for coordinating New Zealand's input into the ARL, a role previously held by the New Zealand Food and Grocery Council (NZFGC). This transition follows a recommendation made in February 2025 by key stakeholders across the packaging and recycling supply chain, including the NZFGC.

This shift is intended to enhance stakeholder representation and ensure ongoing support for the ARL in Aotearoa. Current ARL Program users in New Zealand can expect no change in how they engage with the Program.

### *New Zealand Kerbside Standardisation Survey Extended to 30 June (NZ only)*

APCO thanks everyone who has participated in the survey so far. Due to limited attendance, APCO are extending the deadline to **30 June 2025** to allow more members the opportunity to share their insights.

APCO are seeking your participation in a detailed survey to track the progress of updating on-pack recyclability claims in alignment with the kerbside standardisation changes that took effect in New Zealand on 1 February 2024. Your responses will help identify specific challenges you have faced during this transition, enabling them to better support your ongoing efforts. Insights gathered will also contribute to communications with the Commerce Commission and inform the guidance provided to ARL members.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

## Program Submissions

### *Foiling Threshold on Fibre Packaging (Aus only)*

To ensure recyclability assessments remain evidence-based and aligned with real-world outcomes, APCO has reviewed its proposed threshold for foiling on fibre packaging.

In January, they proposed a preliminary threshold of:

- 1% by total packaging weight, and
- 20% coverage of the external surface.

Following this review, the original requirement remains in place for now: any amount of foiling on fibre packaging still requires pulpability testing.

This outcome follows feedback that testing evidence is required to substantiate an update. While initially planned as a standalone trial, this work will now be deferred to align with broader testing priorities. A grouped assessment, covering multiple parameters, is expected in the second half of 2025.

APCO appreciate your ongoing engagement and look forward to sharing the outcomes of this work as they continue to strengthen the technical rigour of the ARL Program.

## ARL Reporting and Compliance

### *ARL Reporting Overdue (AUS & NZ)*

A reminder that the ARL Annual Reports were due by 31 March 2025. This is the final chance you can submit the ARL Annual Report if you haven't completed yours yet. Please log in to the APCO Member Centre and navigate to the 'Australasian Recycling Label Reporting' section to finalise your submission. Failure to report will result in your withdrawal from the ARL Program. The Compliance Team will begin deactivating the PREP and ARL access from 2 June 2025. To avoid the deactivation, please submit the ARL Annual Report as soon as possible.

### Key Reporting Notes:

- No ARL Used in 2024? – You still need to submit a report. Simply select 'None' in response to the SKUs in market question.
- Report SKUs, Not Sales Data – Only report the number of SKUs carrying the ARL, not sales figures.
- New Question This Year – We're now asking for the number of SKUs featuring the new Check Locally logo.



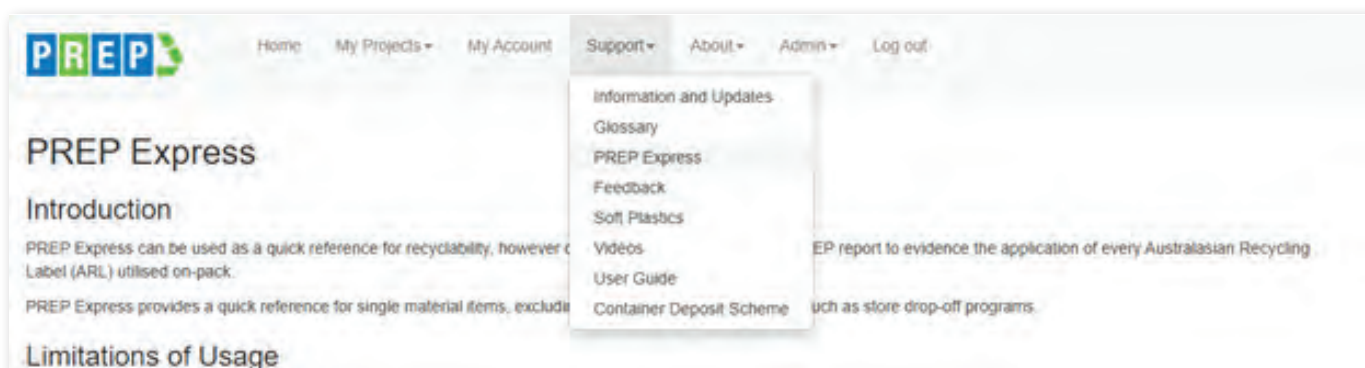
## PREP Updates

### **PREP Express Page Hidden (AUS & NZ)**

As part of APCO's ongoing improvements to the PREP platform, the PREP Express page has been hidden for the Support tab of PREP.

#### **What is PREP Express?**

PREP Express is a simplified reference tool that provides high level recyclability guidance, however, is not designed to replace a full PREP assessment.



#### **Why has it been hidden?**

This change follows findings from our recent ARL Compliance Audit, which revealed that some users were incorrectly using this page as a substitute for a complete PREP assessment. Additionally, member feedback indicated that the purpose and limitations of this page were unclear, creating confusion.

## **APCO will not introduce an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fee model in FY27**

**APCO will not introduce the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fee model in FY27, following consultation with members and stakeholders in early 2025. While there's strong support for the intent of EPR, feedback highlighted the need for regulation certainty, transparency and governance. APCO will work with industry and government to refine the model and ensure it is fair, practical and well-designed for future implementation.**

APCO has acknowledged all members and stakeholders who provided feedback on APCO's proposed industry-led Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) approach for packaging. APCO heard from almost 220 member organisations, along with external stakeholders from across the packaging value chain. Overall, there was strong support for the intent behind an EPR approach to packaging and a recognition that additional investment in collection, sorting, and reprocessing is required. However, many members and stakeholders expressed the need for greater regulatory certainty and free rider management.

Additionally, APCO members want more detail on how fees would be used, how fairness and transparency would be maintained, and how governance and oversight mechanisms would support accountability.

Recognising this, the EPR fee model will not be introduced in FY27. This means the new proposed model of 'base fee' plus 'EPR fee' will not be activated next year, and APCO fees for FY27 will continue to be charged using the current turnover-based method. APCO will continue to consider adjustments in line with CPI and other cost recovery needs.

#### **Feedback highlighted the following priorities:**

- **Industry needs regulatory certainty and a pathway that avoids duplication and confusion.** Industry told APCO that acting now, without clarity about packaging's future regulatory framework, risks misalignment. There's strong support for national consistency, but concerns remain about overlapping obligations and unclear roles. Until the government confirms its position, industry have asked APCO to focus on building the foundations for an industry-led response.



- **Industry supports the intent of EPR but wants a model that's practical, fair and delivers results.**

Industry told APCO that a strengthened EPR system must go beyond intent. While many support the principle of producers taking greater responsibility, there's clear concern that ambition must be matched by clarity, capability and commitment across the entire system, not just from those already doing the right thing.

- **Industry wants a fee model that's proportionate and reflects real-world packaging realities.**

Industry told APCO that significant fee increases need to be backed by a clear value proposition. If industry is asked to invest more, there must be transparency on how funds are used in the system and confidence that costs are being shared equitably. Many businesses have invested in upgrading packaging despite working on thin margins and want to see this recognised in the fee design.

- **Industry wants meaningful governance.**

Industry told APCO that transparency and clear integrity matters. If members are contributing significant new funding, they want confidence in how it's spent. Clear governance, regular reporting, and a defined process for member input are essential to building trust and driving outcomes.

- **Industry wants reporting that's efficient, not onerous and support to build capability.**

Industry told APCO that packaging data requirements are already complex, and increasing the burden without adequate support could backfire. Assurance requirements, in particular, need to be fit-for-purpose and proportionate.

- **Industry wants a model that reflects the realities of each sector.**

Industry told APCO that different sectors face different challenges. Whether it's food safety, therapeutic goods, compostables, or existing stewardship schemes, a one-size-fits-all approach won't work. Although applicable to a minority of situations, a few members want APCO to explore how exemptions, discounts, and special conditions can be applied in a way that's fair, evidence-based, and aligned with national goals.

- **Industry needs time to prepare and a transition that sets the system up for success.**

Industry told APCO that businesses need time to plan, budget, and adapt systems. Many are already making 2027 decisions today. A phased approach, longer lead times, and clearer milestones are needed to get the timing right.

APCO would like to thank all members and stakeholders who took the time to share their views. The consultation has provided clear direction for APCO's next phase of work, and we remain committed to transparency, fairness and refining a strong, collaborative approach to packaging stewardship in Australia.

**In the next few months, APCO will share a full consultation summary and more information on next steps to refine a model that is fit for purpose to achieve our packaging sustainability goals.**

APCO are committed to delivering a model informed by industry that works and lasts. That means not rushing the process, and ensuring you have clarity and confidence in the approach.

You can find out the latest on the consultation and next steps: [here](https://apco.org.au/consultation)

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