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Henkel:
Graduate Sales Engineer



AIP Welcomes New Corporate Partner iKONpack

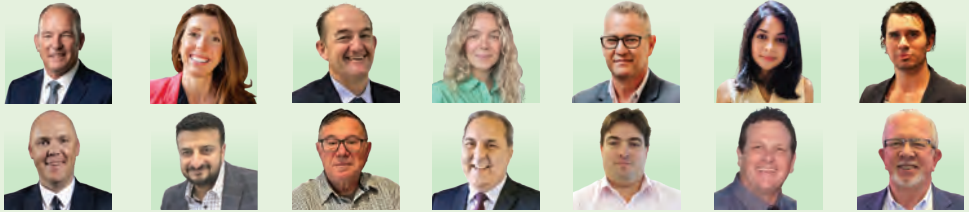
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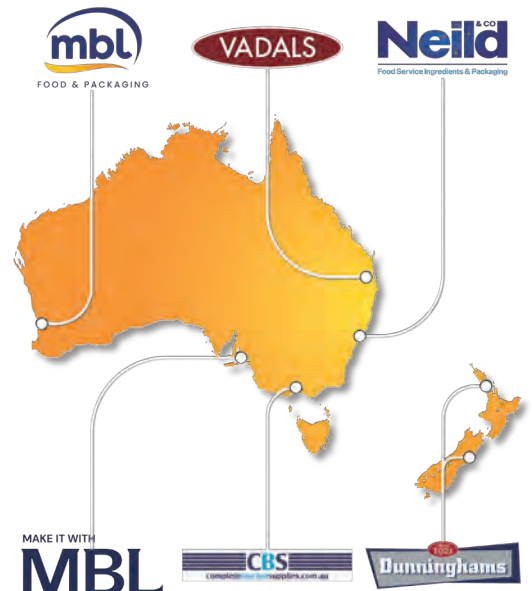
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“As leaders within the packaging industry, partnering with the Australian Institute of Packaging is a natural next step for iKONpack. This partnership creates valuable opportunities for greater collaboration, innovation, and professional development across our industry. We are committed to supporting best practice, advancing packaging solutions, and contributing to the ongoing growth and sustainability of the sector. Through our partnership with the Australian Institute of Packaging, we look forward to sharing knowledge, fostering innovation, and helping shape the future of packaging in Australia and New Zealand.”

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AIP joins AFGC as Member

The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is pleased to advise that the association has joined the Australian Food & Grocery Council (AFGC) as a Member.

The Australian Food & Grocery Council is the peak industry body representing Australia's food, beverage and grocery manufacturers, acting as a strong and trusted voice to government, retailers and key stakeholders. By advocating for better policy and trading conditions, as well as providing industry insight and capability building services, the AFGC brings Australia's FMCG industry together to champion growth.

According to Executive Director of the AIP, Nerida Kelton **"Joining the AFGC solidifies a long-standing and strong partnership that the two peak organisation have had for decades."**

"The AIP and AFGC have worked together for so long that we are proud to have formalised the partnership. We look forward to strengthening this relationship and supporting AFGC Members to be upskilled in all areas of technical packaging, sustainable packaging design, designing to be recycle ready, save food packaging and more."



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AIP joins AFGC

The AIP are proud to have become a new member of the AFGC



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We are here to help any AFGC Member that needs knowledge gaps filled within the packaging side of their business." she said.

Sarah Collier, Director - Sustainability & Membership at AFGC added **"Working with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) is an effective way to ensure practical, industry-led packaging solutions to some of the most complex problems our sector faces. Together, we can build capability, support sustainability outcomes and help manufacturers respond to packaging reform with confidence."**



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SAVE FOOD Forum

By Nerida Kelton FAIP

During interpack the **SAVE FOOD Forum** was held as a part of the **SAVE FOOD Initiative** that is coordinated by **Messe Dusseldorf, FAO, WPO and UNIDO.**

During the SAVE FOOD Forum two incredibly insightful panel discussions were held with Dr Johannes Bergmair MAIP, CPP, General Secretary of the WPO and myself as moderators. The panellists were Ivania Portillo-Elzer, Michael Schmidt, UNIDO, Myriam Annette, FAO, Andrea Eppert, Messe Düsseldorf, Dirk Urra, Kuehne+Nagel, Elsabe Matthee, Foundation FSSC, Sandra Hallaschka, SIG Group, Dr Jonathan Epple, MULTIVAC Group and I also joined a panel discussion.

What struck me during the discussions:

- A collaborative approach across multiple stakeholders is imperative to help create more sustainable food systems.
- It is time for more governments to look at measuring food loss and waste.

- Whilst there are already companies that make inspiring impact on the ground every day, such as those who were on the panel, to create even more impactful change in the world we need more companies that have this issue ingrained in the ethos of their business. Everyone has a role to play.
- We need to see more companies embedding the Save Food Packaging design principles in their businesses.
- We need to see more companies, like those who joined us, become Members of the SAVE FOOD initiative so we can collectively **BE THE CHANGE.**

Designing intuitive Save Food Packaging plays such an integral role in minimising food loss and waste and the WPO World Packaging Organisation and the AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging are proud to be a part of the SAVE FOOD initiative. I do hope you will join us.

I am also very proud to be on the working group for the SAVE FOOD Initiative.





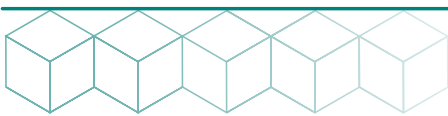
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200 people attend the Women in Packaging Forum at interpack

The fifth day of interpack started with the Global Women in Packaging forum that saw over 200 women attend from over 30 countries. The high level of attendance and engagement during the forum was a true testament to the importance of holding such events across the globe.

I was honoured to be able to moderate the panel discussion with Kerstin van Wijk (Henkel), Jillian Evanko (Duravant), Prof. Dr. Julia Hartmann (EBS University) and Luciana Pellegrino (WPO President), where we discussed gender equality, the difference between equity and equality, the important role of mentoring, finding your tribe, balancing work & family, generational diversity and more. The panel also shared some sage advice for the women in the room such as 'innovation doesn't wear a tie', everyone deserves a seat at the table and how to stay true to your authentic self.

The Networking hubs after the panel discussion were incredibly invaluable and also insightful into what barriers, gaps and challenges women in all corners of the globe are facing. I certainly learnt a lot from the attendees and listened to the challenges or barriers they face right now in their workplace.

Two that really stood out to me were challenges with pay gaps and also the repercussions of having a family in the middle of a career.

I realised that Australia is an exception for maternity & paternity leave, and for protecting someone's position to be there when they return from leave. The Nordic countries also seem to be more established in these areas.

An important takeaway for me is that we mustn't forget that not all women in the world have the same opportunities, equality, or equity. The lens is different across the world and events like the Global Women in Packaging Forum at interpack can make all the difference to help shape future changes in the industry, so that everyone has the same opportunities to grow, thrive and become the industry leaders of the future. If even one person walked away with an action for their own personal and professional development, then the forum was a success in my mind.



Some key takeaways from some of the attendees included:

- Jillian Evanko, CEO of Duravant, dropped some of the most grounded advice of the day: you can be a great executive and a great mother.
- Your career won't necessarily look exactly as you imagined – and that's okay.
- A practical hack that got a big laugh: if you find a blazer or a jumper you love, buy it in every colour, it makes what you wear to work easier.
- Engage men in the conversation. Gender equity isn't a women's issue, it's everyone's issue.
- Companies need to be more flexible with working hours for staff that have families; men and women.
- Have mentors. Both male and female. And keep them close. We need a community to thrive. Full stop.
- Never stop learning. The day you think you know enough is the day you stop growing.
- It was an engaging exchange of ideas on how we can collectively drive progress and empower the next generation of packaging professionals.
- Women need to support other women. Simple. Non-negotiable.

I am proud to be a part of the working group for the interpack Women in Packaging forum and look forward to contributing to the next one in 2029. Events like this forum are a reminder to me that whilst we have progressed significantly since I started in the industry almost 30 years ago, we still have areas that need improving to ensure that equity is offered to everyone.

Written by **Nerida Kelton FAIP**
Vice President Sustainability & Save Food, WPO





Women in Packaging Forum review



Shannon Doherty-Andall MAIP, CPP
Sustainability Manager
Australian Beverages Council



From my perspective, the Women in Packaging Forum at interpack was one of the most valuable parts of the week because it created a space that was both practical and genuinely energising.

It brought together women from across the global packaging value chain, making the discussion feel very grounded in real workplace experience. Rather than focusing only on high-level themes, the forum provided an opportunity to hear directly from women working through similar challenges in different markets, whether that was around innovation, leadership, visibility, confidence, technical capability or building influence in traditionally male-dominated spaces.

The hub discussions were a particular highlight because they allowed for more open and focused conversation in smaller groups. What stood out to me was how consistent many of the themes were, even among women from very different roles, countries and career stages.

There was strong discussion around the importance of networks, mentoring and sponsorship, but also around the need for women to be visible in technical and strategic conversations, not only in 'people-focused' or supporting roles. I also took away that progress is not just about encouraging individual women to be more confident, but about creating the structures, opportunities and workplace cultures that allow diverse voices to contribute meaningfully.

For me personally, the day was also a reminder of the value of showing up, sharing honestly and learning from others' experience. The hub format made it clear that many of the most useful insights come not from formal presentations, but from candid conversations about what is working, what remains difficult and how women can support each other to keep progressing. I left the forum feeling encouraged, but also with a stronger sense that the work of building inclusive leadership in packaging needs to be active, intentional and ongoing.





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ANZ PIDA winners receive their awards at the 2026 WorldStar Ceremony

The 2026 WorldStar Packaging Awards were held during interpack with some of the Australian winners joining us for the celebrations. Sadly not all of them could attend due to the current situation with travel from our part of the world.

Congratulations to all of the ANZ WorldStar winners but a special shout out to those who actually made the long journey to Germany Bunzl ANZ Hospitality Bunzl Australasia Amcor koor Flavour Makers Chris Cester Bryan McKay Jean-François Roiron Kenzo Okamoto Adrian Cester Francisco Morcillo Steve Gogos Laura Delapeyronnie.

AIP Education Director awarded the WPO Lifetime Achievement award winner

During the WorldStar awards it was also announced that the 2026 WPO Lifetime Achievement Award winner is our very own AIP Australasian Institute of Packaging Education Director Prof Pierre Pienaar FAIP, CPPL.

The AIP were proud to nominate Pierre for this pinnacle award for all that he does for the Institute, our industry and within the global community.

Nerida Kelton was asked to collect Pierre's medal for making such an incredibly significant difference in so many people's lives across all corners of the world. Please join the AIP in congratulating Pierre on this most deserving recognition.



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)

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



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▲ Amcor Flexibles receive their award.



▲ Jean-Francois Roiron from Koor receives award.



▲ Bunzl Australia & New Zealand receive their award.



▲ Flavour Makers & Cheer Pack Asia Pacific receive award.



▲ Nerida Kelton FAIP receives award on behalf of Zipform Packaging.





Pierre Pienaar receives the WPO Lifetime Achievement Award for 2026

“ I am truly humbled and certainly honoured to receive this prestigious World Packaging Organisation Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you to the organising committee as well as the international panel of judges for this recognition. This award is not only a reflection of my work, but of the extraordinary people that I have had the privilege to work with throughout this journey of over forty years in the packaging industry.

This award represents countless late nights, challenges overcome, and dreams chased together. I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to my family, in particular my dear wife Deanna whose unwavering support has been my rock. To my many peers and mentors in the IPSA, AIP and WPO who guided me along the way, my heartfelt thanks.



Looking back, I am reminded of the passion that started this journey.

This award is a testament to the power of perseverance, and I hope it inspires others to pursue their passions relentlessly. Thank you for this honour, I am forever grateful.”

Professor Pierre Pienaar
MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL



▲ Nerida Kelton accepts the award on behalf of Pierre Pienaar.





Zipform receives their 2026 WorldStar Trophy



▲ John Bigley MAIP, CEO of Zipform Packaging receives WorldStar Award.

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PulPac signs Zipform Packaging to scale fibre trays



PulPac has signed Australian packaging company Zipform Packaging as a licensee of its Dry Molded Fibre technology, in a move aimed at accelerating the development of fibre-based solutions for demanding food packaging applications.

The agreement gives Zipform access to PulPac's patented process, enabling the company to develop and industrialise fibre-based packaging within its existing operations and customer base.

As part of the collaboration, Zipform is developing a dry moulded fibre meat tray designed for fresh food applications, supported by R&D funding from Meat & Livestock Australia and in partnership with PA Consulting. Early proof-of-concept trials with industry players have delivered positive results, with broader market validation and scale-up the next steps.

A key focus of the development is integrating functionality directly into the pack. Zipform is exploring built-in liquid (purge) management within the tray structure, which could reduce or eliminate the need for absorbent pads and simplify overall pack design.

Sanna Fager, chief commercial officer at PulPac, said the partnership reflects how the company's licensing model is intended to drive commercial adoption.

"This is exactly how we see Dry Molded Fibre scaling globally, through our licensees who take the technology into real applications," Fager said.

David Kilpatrick, R&D, technical, innovation and quality director at Zipform Packaging, said the technology opens new opportunities to rethink packaging design and production.

"We are always looking for smarter ways to solve packaging challenges, combining performance with cost efficiency," Kilpatrick said.

Mark Farrell, product innovation expert at PA Consulting, added that the project is about more than material substitution.

"It's about rethinking how packaging is designed, engineered and produced, so sustainability and performance evolve together," Farrell said.

For converters and brand owners, the development points to a broader shift from adding components to solve individual packaging requirements, to designing performance directly into the product.





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We are proud to be partnering with Mondi as they firmly into the spotlight as demand for sustainable packaging surges, unveiling a strengthened portfolio of recyclable barrier papers designed to replace plastics across a wide range of applications.



Why Barrier Papers Matter?

Barrier papers offer high-performance protection while enabling a move away from multi-material laminates that are difficult to recycle. Many solutions now run on existing form-fill-seal or thermoforming lines, making the transition operationally feasible for manufacturers. Fibre-based formats also support strong print quality, helping brands maintain shelf presence while improving sustainability credentials.

Mondi's latest barrier paper technologies demonstrate how fibre-based packaging can now deliver the performance once reserved for plastics and aluminium laminates.



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- Good printability
- Recyclable in paper or lightweight packaging streams.

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moisture and light protection, making it suitable for categories where shelf life and product integrity are non-negotiable. It offers:

- Tailored oxygen and water vapour barriers
- Sunlight protection
- More than 80% paper content
- Ideal for confectionery, nutritional supplements, pet food and premium dry goods.

Mondi's commitment to recyclability goes beyond product design. The company operates its own CEPI-aligned recycling lab, ensuring every barrier paper structure meets rigorous standards for yield, sheet adhesion and homogeneity. Certifications from PTS, Interseroh, CEREC and OPRL further validate the materials' recyclability across key markets. With barrier papers now running efficiently on VFFS and HFFS lines, Mondi is making the transition from plastic to paper both possible and practical.

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Precise cold glue spray application with Polaris

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With Polaris, Robatech launches a user-friendly spray head for solvent-free dispersion adhesives up to 4000 mPas. The electric cold glue spray head delivers precise swirl application with a consistent application width.

The high-quality application ensures clean gluing of the products and keeps the production line free of adhesive contamination — a feature that is particularly important in robot-assisted cold glue application or paper pallet wrapping.



Thanks to dry-out protection through nozzle closure technology, manual nozzle cleaning is not required during short production interruptions. Without dynamic seals and featuring an electric drive, Polaris joins Robatech's range of durable, low-maintenance cold glue application heads. The 24 VDC electric head is controlled via PLC or Robatech's Sirius control unit. The swirl application can be flexibly adjusted through spray air and adhesive pressure, viscosity, and the distance to the substrate.

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June 2026

2026 AIP Annual General Meeting

WHEN: 30 June 2026, 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm AEST

WHERE: On-line via Zoom.



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TUESDAY

30 JUN

6.00 PM - 7.30 PM AEST

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PROXIES: Each Financial Member is entitled to appoint a person as a proxy in case there is any voting required on the evening. Proxies may only be appointed by returning the attached Proxy document to the Executive Director at the Institute's registered office no later than 48 hours before the time of the Annual General Meeting. The proxy form must be signed by the Financial Member or an attorney duly authorised in writing.

NZIFST Conference

AIP to Speak

WHEN: 30 June - 2 July 2026

WHERE: MAUT North Shore Campus, 90 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland

WHAT: Why Growth ?

This year's Conference will explore the successes, the opportunities in our industry and then look forward to driving the growth our food industry needs. It is, after all, the foundation of our country's economy.

AIP to support the D2: Designing for growth: Smarter, safer, sustainable packaging session on the 30th of June.

D21: Regulatory & Sustainability Landscape: Where We Are Now and Where are we going? - Raewyn Bleakley (NZFGC).

D22: Smart Packaging & Digitised Labelling: QR/2D Codes and Beyond - Cameron Frith (GS1).

D23: Redefining Food Packaging Through Fibre-Based Materials - Josh Bruce (Detmold Group).



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AIP STATE OF INDUSTRY WEBINAR

WHEN: Thursday 9 July 2026

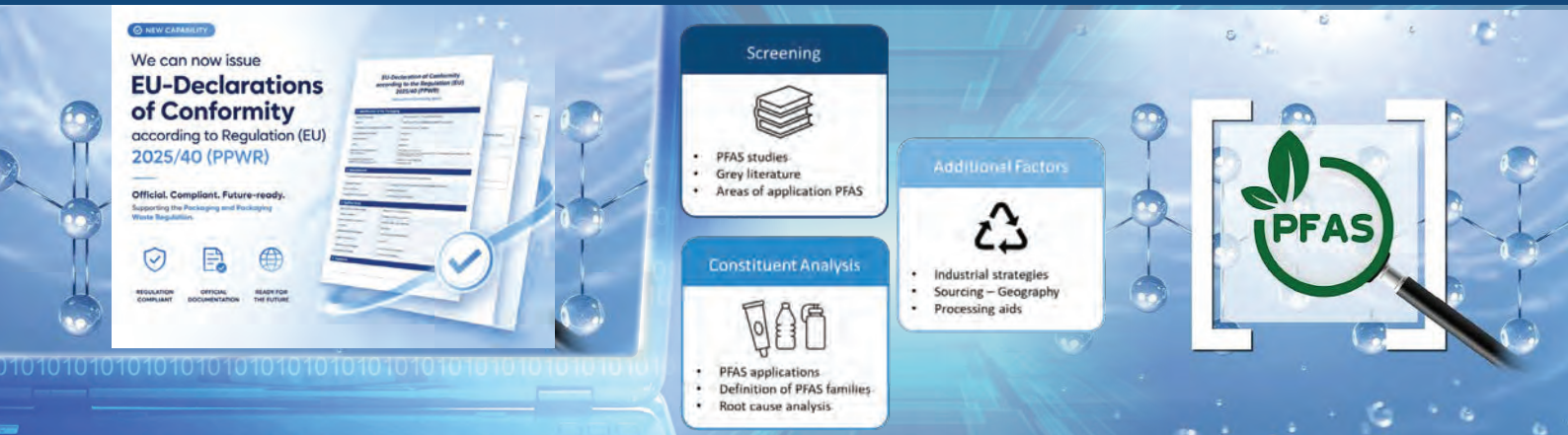
WHERE: On-Line Via Zoom

TIME: 10.00 am - 11.30 am

COST: FREE to AIP Members, Friends & Industry Colleagues

With the looming August deadline for the Packaging & Packaging Waste (PPWR) Regulation the AIP is offering the industry two webinars in one. The first part will cover the Declaration of Conformity, Technical Documentation and PFAS regulations and the second part will showcase the intuitive Packaging Cockpit and how this tool will enable you to complete all of your PPWR data with ease.

Understanding the EU Declaration of Conformity & PFAS Regulations



This AIP State of Industry Webinar will look at recent updates to the Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulations (PPWR) and will also help you to better understand the technical documentation required for the new regulations. The Declaration of Conformity (DOC) will be discussed and how this legally binding self-declaration will need to confirm that all components of the packaging sold into Europe meets the PPWR regulation. The experts will also talk to the technical documentation which is the clear evidence that verifies all of the claims made by the brand. Both the Declaration of Conformity (DOC) and the Technical Documentation are mandatory for every company that sells into Europe.

Participants will learn about:

- PPWR general requirements
- PPWR Economic Operators
- PFAS requirement in Focus
- PPWR Conformity Assessment Procedure (incl. Technical Documentation and Declaration of Conformity)

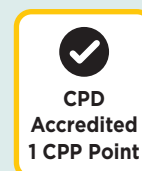
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Manfred Tucker
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The Packaging Cockpit is a tool that calculates the technical recyclability, as well as the life cycle assessment of packaging systems, scientific calculations, data interface with suppliers and brands.

Helping to meet PPWR & EPR regulations

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

This webinar will not only introduction the Packaging Cockpit but also:

- How Packaging Cockpit supports PPWR compliance
- How to calculate recyclability and life cycle assessment
- How to build a supplier platform for structured data exchange
- How to create the Declaration of Conformity and Technical Documentation required under the PPWR
- How to interface with your suppliers
- How to use the Packaging Cockpit to build packaging specifications across your company.

The AIP is bringing this system to all of our Members and Industry colleagues and this webinar will showcase the advantages of using this global system.

MEET THE SPEAKER



Mathias Egger

Senior Expert Packaging Management & SC Integration
Packaging Cockpit



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July 2026

foodpro 2026

AIP to Partner - Packaging Sessions, Training Courses & Stand



WHEN: 26 - 29 July 2026

WHERE: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

WHAT: **AIP elevates packaging discussing at foodpro 2026.**

foodpro, Australia's leading trade event for food processing, packaging and innovation, has announced a major new partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) – giving the industry even more reasons to gather in Melbourne from 26–29 July 2026.

Over four dynamic days, foodpro 2026 will bring together the full spectrum of food manufacturing and packaging with more than 400 exhibitors, cutting-edge displays, and hands-on learning opportunities for attendees. Including the chance to take part in AIP-led mini training courses and forums, covering key topics in food packaging innovations, sustainable packaging design and regulations, food waste and the intersection with packaging and more.

The AIP will also be hosting exclusive industry networking events and showcasing the finalists and winners of the 2026 Packaging Innovation & Design Awards (PIDA) across the four days of foodpro.

As one of the leading Association Partners for foodpro, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) has developed an action-packed week for anyone that is interested in learning more about packaging for the food and beverage industries.

During foodpro the AIP will be offering 6x educational sessions including 2x mini training courses, a walking tour of the show, a Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Award showcase with the winners being announced on the 28th of July, and the AIP will have an exhibition stand.



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July 2026

AIP Packaging Panel Discussions x4

WHEN: Monday 27 July 2026, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm
WHERE: Hospitality Suite 4, Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

On Monday the 27th of July the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) will be hosting 4x packaging panel discussions on the Innovation stage at foodpro.

The panel discussions will bring together a wide range of industry innovators including companies that entered the 2026 round of the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards. Come and hear about the latest trends in packaging designs, and what is shaping the changing face of Sustainable packaging, materials and systems.

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The panellists will discuss a broad range of topics including Extended Producer Responsibility regulations, the landscape for re-designing recycle ready packaging, moving towards kerbside recyclable alternatives, finding the balance between food & packaging waste, reduction of materials, reusable and refillable systems, the use of renewable materials such as sugarcane and dry moulded pulp, and more. The panellists will offer local, regional and global perspectives and will be showcasing some innovative new packaging coming out of the Australasian region.



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foodpro is the must-attend event for food and beverage manufacturing in the region. Across four dynamic days, experience cutting-edge processing technology, world-class packaging, breakthrough ingredients and sustainable solutions.

The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) will be in attendance and hosting training workshops, forums and presenting the PIDA Awards on the evening of Tuesday 28th July, making foodpro a true hub for packaging excellence.



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July 2026

AIP 2x Mini Training Courses @ foodpro

WHEN: **Tuesday 28 July 2026**, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm

WHERE: Hospitality Suite 4, Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

WHAT: On the 28th of July the AIP will be running not one, but two, mini training courses which are designed for the micro and SME sector, as well as the multinationals.

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HOSPITALITY SUITE 4



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

WHEN: **Tuesday 28 July 2026**

WHERE: Alongside foodpro 2026, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

TIME: 10.15 am arrival, 10.30 am start, 1.00 pm finish

ROOM: Hospitality Suite 4

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.

LECTURERS:



Nerida Kelton FAIP
Executive Director – AIP

Vice President Sustainability & Save Food - WPO



Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc FAIP, FIPSA, CPPL
Education Director - AIP

Immediate Past President - WPO

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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Mini Training Course 2: Future of Soft Plastics & Flexible Packaging: Sustainable Trends & Innovations

WHEN: **Tuesday 28 July 2026**

WHERE: Alongside foodpro 2026, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

TIME: 1.15 arrival, 1.30 pm start, 4.00 pm finish

ROOM: Hospitality Suite 4

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:

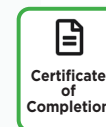
- To understand the important role that flexible packaging plays in the supply chain.
- To learn about the various flexible packaging materials that can be utilised for more sustainable outcomes.
- To understand the challenges and opportunities that exist with the recycling and processing of soft plastics.
- 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.



LECTURER:



Joe Foster FAIP
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July 2026

AIP expert walking tour for foodpro

WHEN: **Wednesday 29 July 2026**

WHERE: Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

WHAT: The AIP will have an expansive Education team attending foodpro so they will be taking Walking Tours of the show for AIP Members and industry colleagues, as well as for all of the students that the AIP has across the Diploma in Packaging Technology, the Certificate in Packaging, the Fundamentals of Packaging Technology course and the Master of Food & Packaging Innovation degree. Anyone is welcome to join the walk tour with the AIP experts, visit AIP member stands and discuss key trends and innovations that are being showcased. This walking tour will also include the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) showcase and announce the winners of the 2026 round.

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November 2026

interpack China



WHEN: 16 - 18 November 2026

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

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

and packaging machinery, innovative materials and products, components, printed labels, and packaging design. With a scale of over 70,000 square meters, interpack China 2026 will present innovative products and technologies from approximately 970+ global leading enterprises in a one-stop platform. It is expected to bring together over 47,000 professional visitors from home and abroad, jointly driving the packaging industry toward an efficient, green, and intelligent future!

As a member of the interpack alliance, interpack China deeply explores cutting-edge fields such as artificial intelligence, intelligent/automated/digital packaging, sustainable/personalised/lightweight packaging, processing



March 2027

APPEX 2027



WHEN: 16-19 March 2027

WHERE: MCEC, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

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

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

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

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Behaviour change doesn't happen by accident - it's designed.

I was lucky enough to be asked to speak at the Sustainable Plastics Conference in South Korea last year, where I heard a speaker from the UAE talk candidly about their national ambition. They rely heavily on tourism. They want to be seen as the most sustainable country in the world.

Don't we all?

The difference is this: they have innovation — and capital — on their side. "Money is no object", he casually said. So, they're using both to design systems that make the right behaviour the easy behaviour for end of life waste decisions.

I mentioned this briefly in a post last year, but this still stays with me, and I so wish we could do this here! Now being trialled in Abu Dhabi is the use of smart waste bins that require users to scan to open the lid. The system records the type of waste and helps reduce contamination while improving recovery rates. As the article notes, these bins are designed to generate real time data and “encourage better waste habits through technology-enabled accountability” (Mashable Middle East).



This is an important shift – because sustainability is not just a materials problem.

It's a behaviour problem.

People don't wake up intending to contaminate recycling or compost streams. Most of the time, they're confused, rushed, or unsure. Technology like this removes friction, reinforces correct actions, and quietly reshapes habits through design.

This is where bioplastics, compostable materials, and certification enter the conversation.



ABA CEO UPDATE

Certified compostable products only deliver environmental benefit when they are recognised, separated and processed correctly.

Without systems that support people at the point of disposal, even the best materials fall short. Smart infrastructure, clear signals, and trusted certification working together is how circularity moves from theory to practice.

At the ABA, we talk often about systems. The UAE example shows what's possible when behaviour change and technology are developed side by side — and when sustainability is treated as a whole of system challenge, not just a product choice.

Because the future of sustainable materials won't be won by innovation alone.

It will be won by how well we design for the humans using them.



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Kenyan female entrepreneur awarded SAVE FOOD Project Competition Prize

During the 6th day of interpack at the **SAVE FOOD** forum, a Kenyan start up business called **Trueways Enterprises**, founded by **Irene Kalondu Mumo**, was awarded the **SAVE FOOD Project competition**.

Irene Kalondu Mumo is a female entrepreneur gaining global recognition for transforming surplus fruit into edible packaging solutions.

She received the award for her project titled 'Edible Primary Packaging Innovation Pilot', which transforms surplus and cosmetically rejected fruit into edible packaging solutions designed to reduce both plastic pollution and food waste.

Irene's innovation journey gained momentum with the International Trade Centre (ITC) SheTrades Initiative under the United Kingdom (UK)-funded SheTrades Commonwealth+ Programme, through which she participated in packaging systems training and coaching sessions focused on packaging improvement, design, labelling, and market readiness.

Although the programme initially focused on improving existing packaging labels, Irene continued engaging with her packaging coach, overseen by ITC packaging expert Frederic Couty, as her ideas evolved.

In early 2026, while experimenting with overripe fruits from her organic farm, she developed a dehydrated fruit snack concept intended as a natural energy snack for people on the go.

After sharing photos and videos of the prototype with her coach, the concept immediately sparked interest. During their discussions, the coach recalled an earlier communication about the SAVE FOOD Project Competition via the World Packaging Organisation Member IOPKK and realised submissions were still open.



▲ Irene Kalondu Mumo





Reflecting on the journey, Irene said:

“I shared the product concept with my coach for feedback, and through the continued guidance, mentorship and packaging support, I was encouraged to develop and submit the project to the SAVE FOOD Challenge.”

The innovation demonstrates how packaging can become part of the food system itself by transforming fruit that would otherwise go to waste into edible primary packaging materials, helping address post-harvest losses while advancing circular packaging solutions.

Unfortunately, Irene was unable to attend the SAVE FOOD forum but in her own words, ***“Winning this award is a powerful validation of our vision to rethink packaging at its source.”***

Through our edible fruit-based packaging innovation, we are addressing two critical challenges at once – food waste and plastic pollution. By converting surplus and cosmetically rejected fruit into edible packaging, we extend shelf life, reduce post-harvest losses, and make it possible to consume fruit in new, innovative and creative forms throughout the year.”

“This support enables us to move from concept to validated solution – advancing a traceable, circular and sustainable food system that strengthens broken food value chains while eliminating waste at both the processing and consumption stages. Ultimately, we are not just packaging food—we are creating packaging that is food.”

The achievement marks an important milestone for Kenya’s emerging sustainable packaging sector and for African female innovators driving circular solutions for the future.

It also highlights the growing impact of the International Trade Centre’s packaging support programmes, currently among the few initiatives in the East African region providing specialised packaging training, coaching, and market readiness support to MSMEs and women-led businesses.

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SAVE FOOD Initiative Award Winners announced at interpack 2026

On Day 6 of interpack the winners of the inaugural SAVE FOOD Initiative global award competition were announced. This was the first time that the SAVE FOOD Initiative created a global competition to be added to the two regional programs already in China and Middle East & Africa.

The global SAVE FOOD awards have been designed to recognise interpack exhibitors that are developing innovations, materials, packaging and technologies that are looking at minimising environmental impacts, improving sustainability, and reducing food loss & waste.

The competition saw 100 entries for its first year which is a testament to the incredible work that is being undertaken within packaging, processing and machinery across the world.

The competition offered two award categories **1. SAVE FOOD Design** and **2. Sustainability**, which are two priority areas for the SAVE FOOD Initiative and its Partners.

2026 SAVE FOOD Design Award Winners

The SAVE FOOD Design Awards recognise solutions that reduce food waste and loss – from materials and technologies to all-round end-to-end concepts.

The SAVE FOOD Design Gold winner is Grupo Lantera (Spain) for the ReKeepEat.



Developed as an innovative Save Food Packaging solution from Coexpan and Emsur, companies within the Lantero Group and developed at the Grupo Lantero's Innotech centre, ReKeepEat stood out as the Gold winner of the 2026 awards.



ReKeepEat is ideally suited for sliced meats, ready meals and fresh meat and has been thoughtfully designed to find the balance between packaging and food waste and to offer the lowest environmental impact.

The innovative solution preserves freshness, reduces food waste and extends shelf life and has been designed to be resealable and easily openable. Developed with advanced resealing technology ReKeepEat ensures that the consumer can open and close the pack multiple times without losing functionality.

The design is offered in either a Vacuum pack or a Modified Atmosphere pack to ensure that it is flexible and adaptable to the needs of each brand. Finding the balance with environmental impacts the pack is also a Mono Material PET tray and lid that is designed for recyclability at end of life. ReKeepEat was also awarded a 2026 WorldStar Packaging Award during interpack.

The SAVE FOOD Design Silver winner is Greiner Packaging (Germany) for the Click-In Sealing lid.



Designed as a Mono Material Click in Sealing Lid that sits inside the rim of the tub, the pack is intuitive, tactile and offers an audible 'click' mechanism. Compared to traditional sealing lids, the Click In lid requires only a small inward embossing on the cup to stay securely in place.

Once clicked on, it stays put and reliably protects the contents – even if the cup is accidentally tipped over. A particularly practical feature when re-closing the cup, users hear a clear 'click', confirming the lid is securely in place and the product is preserved and protected.

The Click-In Sealing Lid also looks at the balance between food and packaging waste and eliminated the separate foil lid. This simple design significantly reduces material usage and carbon footprint of the packaging. The pack can be produced from the same material as the cup (e.g. PP), enhancing recyclability and contributing to more sustainable packaging solutions for the brands.

The Click in Lid was also awarded two 2026 WorldStar Packaging Awards during interpack.



The SAVE FOOD Design Bronze winner is Innoscentia (Sweden) for SpoilGuard Real-Time Spoilage Detection.



Innoscentia's SpoilGuard sensor reveals food freshness in real time and detects spoilage for consumers.

The SpoilGuard sensor does not detect temperature history or pH, but rather the measures the food itself across the full value chain. There is a visual colour change that occurs on the pack and detects spoilage.

All of the SAVE FOOD award-winning solutions address various points in the value chain – from the more effective protection of sensitive products through the extension of shelf life to the reduction of spoilage via the application of innovative packaging concepts and technologies.



2026 Sustainability Design award Winners

The Sustainability Design Awards recognise products, machines, systems and services that make a positive environmental impact and have a reduced CO₂ footprint – for example through material efficiency, recyclability or innovative system solutions. The focus of the awards is on solutions that specifically reduce the use of materials and environmental impact while meeting functional specifications at the same time. The solutions include resource-efficient packaging systems, recyclable materials and new approaches to flexible packaging that combine ecological and economic demands.

The 2026 Sustainability Design Gold winner is ALFA Machine Kourtoglou (Greece) for its form-fill-seal packaging technology.



The **ALFA Machine** is the next generation of Form-Fill-Seal (FFS) technology that has been designed as 100% mono material PP. This means the cup, lidding film and in-mould label are all made from the same material to ensure improved recyclability in the same recycling stream.

The system can manufacture single packs and multipacks and can be offered in a broad range of cup and tub shapes and prioritises recyclability and to offer a lower environmental impact for the brands.

The technology integrates advanced in-mould labelling applied from a reel, using BOPP labels that decorate all sides of the cup during production while maintaining full material compatibility.

The packaging is designed to perform under both cold & hot-fill conditions and is suitable for a wide range of food applications including yogurt, desserts, cream cheese, tomato paste, fruit purées, sauces and processed foods.

The 2026 Sustainability Design Silver winner is Irplast (TOPPAN).



The 100% mono material recyclable pouch is a new pouch developed by combining IRPLAST's special thermostable films with TOPPAN's GL BARRIER film technology.

The combination allows the solution to endure retort processing while offering the same level of protection as traditional multi-layer pouches. The ultra-thin transparent barrier helps preserve the packaging performance without compromising compatibility with plastic recycling processes.

The outer layer, barrier layer and sealing layer of the pouch are all made of polypropylene, making the solution compatible with the PP recycling stream. Moving from multi-layer, multi-material structures to a mono-PP solution represents a concrete step towards more circular packaging models, in line with the future requirements of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR).



The 2026 Sustainability Design Bronze winner is AeroFlexx Packaging (USA) for revolutionising the liquid packaging industry.



The AeroFlexx Pak has been designed as a flexible pack that acts like a rigid bottle; combining the best qualities of both materials in a single solution, to offer a new form of liquid packaging to the world.

The pack can eliminate up to 85% of virgin plastic compared to a traditional rigid bottle, cap, and label, made possible by reducing plastics by 70% and it also incorporates up to 50% recycled content. The new solution is kerbside recyclable where plastic bottles are accepted.

The AeroFlexx Pak a revolutionary step towards supporting a circular economy for packaging and has been recognised for recyclability through the Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR).



With these new global awards, the SAVE FOOD Initiative strengthens its role as an international platform for innovation and cooperation. The award-winning projects and solutions demonstrate the interplay between packaging, processing, logistics and new business models.

About the SAVE FOOD Initiative

The SAVE FOOD Initiative is a collaborative partnership between Messe Düsseldorf, interpack, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). As a global alliance, SAVE FOOD is committed to reducing food loss and waste in line with UN Sustainable Development Goal 12.3.

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2025 WPO Sustainability Country Perspectives report is available

During the WPO Sustainability & Save Food working group meeting at interpack, WPO Vice President, Nerida Kelton officially announced that the 2025 WPO Sustainability Country Perspectives report is now available on the WPO website.

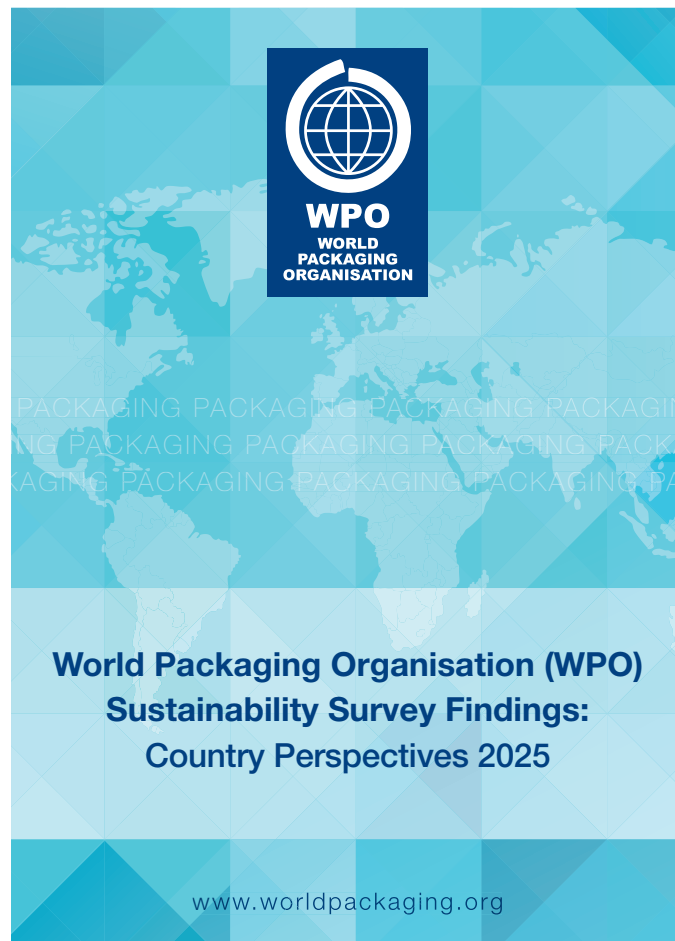


According to Nerida Kelton, the 2025 WPO Sustainability Country Perspectives report was extremely well-supported by WPO Members across the globe and provides a comprehensive overview of global sustainability efforts in packaging and waste management, emphasising the critical role of packaging in reducing food waste and the barriers and challenges that the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) Members face across the world when looking at recycling, reprocessing and overall sustainability programs and regulations.

The report highlights the initiatives undertaken by the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) member countries to promote sustainable practices, including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), recycling programs, single-use plastics regulations, and certified compostable packaging standards.

Key discussions points within the report include:

- **Global Collaboration:** Through its membership the WPO connects the packaging community worldwide to share knowledge, develop guidelines, and promote sustainable practices.
- **Country-Specific Efforts:** Insights into sustainability goals, recycling programs, and challenges faced by various countries.
- **Food Waste vs Packaging Waste:** The intersection between packaging design and food waste reduction, emphasising the need for balance between functionality and environmental impact.



The report also outlines global barriers to achieving collection, sortation, recycling and reprocessing goals:

- **Lack of Infrastructure:** Many countries lack adequate facilities for waste collection, sorting, and recycling, making it difficult to process recyclable materials effectively.
- **Funding Challenges:** Insufficient financial support from governments and industries to develop recycling programs and facilities.
- **Human Behaviour:** Consumer apathy, lack of awareness, and improper disposal habits hinder recycling efforts.
- **Weak Government Regulations:** Inconsistent or poorly enforced laws and policies related to recycling create obstacles for achieving sustainability goals.



- **Collaboration Issues:** Limited cooperation across the supply chain, including manufacturers, retailers, and waste management organisations, affects the efficiency of recycling systems.
- **Economic Constraints:** Recycling programs often face financial challenges, especially in regions with struggling economies.
- **Technological Gaps:** Lack of advanced recycling technologies to process complex materials, such as soft plastics and multi-layer packaging.
- **Education and Awareness:** Limited public education about the importance of recycling and how to do it correctly.

Addressing these barriers requires coordinated efforts across governments, industries, and communities, including infrastructure development, public education, policy enforcement, and technological innovation.

Nerida added that **"The WPO aims to bridge these gaps by supporting Members across the globe to have access to updated resources, position papers, reports, training and education, best practice examples and case studies, the Global Packaging Design for Recycling Guide, waste stream mapping tools and access to training in food waste and save food packaging design and reports like this one,"**

"The Sustainability Survey is an important resource for not only WPO Members, but also the wider industry across the world. The results will assist global discussions and to also better understand the lens of each of our Member countries." Nerida Kelton said. The WPO would also like to formally acknowledge Jenna Savin, who designed the survey questionnaire through an internship program with the AIP. This questionnaire was undertaken during her Bachelor of Business Management with a major in Sustainability Studies from the University of Queensland, Australia.

Executive Summary

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WPO releases new WorldStar Best Practice case studies

During the WPO Sustainability & Save Food working group meeting at interpack, WPO Vice President, Nerida Kelton announced that the latest round of WorldStar award-winning Best Practice case studies are now available on the WPO website.

According to Nerida Kelton *“The case studies have been developed by the WPO to showcase global award-winning best practice in the areas of Sustainability, Save Food and Accessible packaging design.”*

“In this round we have 7 new case studies from Respray refill from Hungary (Tubex), Miguel Anton, Spin Jug, Safe & Green Punnets (Smurfit Westrock), Don Deli Cuts, (Don Smallgoods), Resource Recycling Project (Shionogi Pharma) and All PP refill (Samhwa Co Ltd). We encourage everyone to read about their globally recognised award-winning packaging designs and be inspired by their journeys.” she said.

The WPO have a broad range of case studies available on the website and release new ones each year.



WINS 2025 WORLDSTAR SUSTAINABILITY SPECIAL AWARD

ALL-PP REFILL CARTRIDGE STICK
SAMHWA Co., Ltd.

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Refillable Deodorant in mono material 100% post-consumer recycled (PCR) PP
- ★ Minimises single use plastic.
- ★ Designed with easily separable components for recycling.
- ★ Artistic roll cartridge composed of minimal parts.

SAMHWA SAMHWA Co., Ltd. is a leading company in the global cosmetics packaging industry, growing on the foundation of research, development, and quality innovation. They develop original packaging solutions that combine functionality with design, collaborating with over 200 clients worldwide. In particular, as K-beauty has gained global recognition, SAMHWA has established itself as a trusted partner for both major international beauty brands and emerging indie brands through reliable production capabilities and differentiated packaging technologies.

SAMHWA's research philosophy is embodied in the word "Co-Art". It represents the fusion of Creativity and Art, exploring not only product development but also a holistic view that embraces technology, aesthetics, and sustainability. Guided by this philosophy, SAMHWA continuously invests in R&D to deliver packaging that is not only functionally advanced but also aesthetically inspiring. At the same time, they are expanding sustainable solutions by utilizing eco-friendly materials, promoting mono-material design, and creating recyclable packaging systems, aligning with global sustainability trends. Looking ahead, Samhwa will continue to pioneer the future of the global beauty industry with creative and sustainable packaging innovations.

WINS 2025 WORLDSTAR SUSTAINABILITY SPECIAL AWARD

DON DELI CUTS
DON SMALLGOODS

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Multi-use flow wrapped envelope packs with reseal functionality.
- ★ Secondary seal and reseal functionality is secured on the reverse.
- ★ Reclosable with clear instructions on how to open and close.
- ★ Does not compromise food quality and freshness.
- ★ Removes the need to decant.
- ★ Uses 50% less plastic.
- ★ Australasian Recycling Labels (ARL) for easy disposal (Check locally recyclability).

Since 1947, the DON® name has been synonymous with ham, bacon, and Smealgoods Australia-wide. This recognition stems from a passion and dedication to quality, first instilled by Australian butcher R.J. Gibberman. Out of a small Esplanade store he began producing a range of processed meats that stayed true to the curing tradition of Smealgoods found in Europe, and through this steadfast commitment to quality his business became one of the biggest names in the Australian food landscape. DON®, today DON® is one of Australia's largest Smealgoods manufacturers, proudly producing our award-winning ham, bacon, salami, frankie, and continental from their Castlemaine site in Victoria. DON® is a leading regional employer and proud of their long heritage and enduring commitment to the tradition of the Smealgoods they produce.

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REFILL BY RESPRAY SOLUTIONS KFT
TUBEX

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Hungarian Start Up.
- ★ Designed to reduce product waste.
- ★ Refillable Solution at point of sale.
- ★ Refillable by using air instead of propellant gas to fill the aerosol cans.
- ★ This method makes it possible to safely refill a deodorant.

The TUBEX Group is a market-leading manufacturer of aluminium packaging and provider of contract manufacturing and filling services. With over 75 years of experience, TUBEX supplies containers with award-winning aluminium aerosol cans, tubes and bottles for the cosmetics, food, pharmaceutical and technical industries. A strong commitment to innovation and the environment provides ongoing inspiration for designing pioneering packaging that protects both its contents and the planet.

Respray Solutions Kft. is a Hungarian startup founded in 2020 by Andor Réti and Gergely Zoltán. The specialists are in the production of refillable spray products. The company developed an innovative system that allows consumers to refill spray deodorant cans at in-store refill stations, significantly reducing single-use packaging and CO₂ emissions.

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SAFE AND GREEN PUNNETS
Smurfit Westrock

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Mono Material Recyclable carton.
- ★ 100% fibre based carton with a lid.
- ★ Compatible with automatic filling machines.
- ★ Allows efficient ventilation to prevent the accumulation of ethylene inside.
- ★ Controls shelf life & Prevents food waste.
- ★ Lid is resealable, stackable enabling reuse and storage.
- ★ Moisture-resistant and can include ethylene absorbers to help delay product spoiling.

Smurfit Westrock, a global leader in sustainable paper and packaging, operates in 40 countries with over 500 packaging converting operations and 69 paper mills.

They offer an unparalleled portfolio of innovative packaging solutions ranging from compact and consumer packaging to Big-in-Bag® packaging and point-of-sale displays.

With the circular economy at the core of their business, they are renewable, recyclable and recycled materials to create sustainable packaging solutions.

WINS 2025 WORLDSTAR SUSTAINABILITY SPECIAL AWARD

'RESOURCE RECYCLING PROJECT' TO PHARMACEUTICAL PACKAGING
Shionogi Pharma Co., Ltd.

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Replacing label backing liners from PET-based synthetic paper.
- ★ Recycled Content is used from previous backing liner.
- ★ After use, the release paper is collected as valuable materials and recycled.
- ★ The closed-loop solution achieves Film-to-Film recycling.

Shionogi Pharma Co., Ltd. a subsidiary of the Shionogi Group, operates as a Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) specializing in pharmaceutical production and development. The company leverages advanced technologies such as automation, digitalization (DQ), and artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance production efficiency, improve quality management, and ensure a stable supply of medicines during emergencies. With a strong focus on innovation, sustainability, and societal contributions, Shionogi Pharma aims to optimize manufacturing processes while supporting global healthcare and environmental progress.

The Resource Recycling Project, led by NIDEN Film Coatings Corp. and jointly operated with five other companies—TOPYCO Co., Ltd., Shionogi Pharma Co., Ltd., TOPPAN PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD., Mitsui Bussan Chemicals Co., Ltd., and Yamahe Bai Charier Co., Ltd.—achieves "horizontal recycling" of label backing release liners. Each partner plays a specific role, from material recycling to label backing grade development, and final implementation to quality evaluation, LCA modelling, and optimization of collection schemes. The project reduces reliance on virgin raw materials, promotes circular economy practices, and aligns with global sustainability goals.

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WINS 2025 WORLDSTAR ACCESSIBLE PACKAGING DESIGN SPECIAL AWARD

SPIN JUG
Miguel Anton

KEY FEATURES

- ★ Blends functionality & design in liquid flow smoothly & with control.
- ★ Ease of dispensing, holding and pourability.
- ★ Rotating Jug with 2 key parts: the jug itself and a curved base with an optimised friction surface.
- ★ Spin the jug on its base and the liquid flows smoothly & with control.
- ★ Consistent and controlled flow, improves pourability.
- ★ Eliminates the effort of filling and handling heavy containers.

Miguel Anton Anton is a concept designer and plastic artist focused on applying creativity and natural principles to industrial design and packaging. Through projects like the Container and Spin Jug, Anton explores innovative ways to connect people, objects, and nature, creating solutions that simplify daily life and enhance usability, while seeking to benefit all the spheres that interact through the object. As a freelance, Anton collaborates with companies to bring these ideas to market and transform them into meaningful products for real users.



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