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Sustainability Manager  
Australian Beverages Council



## New Certificate in Packaging Graduate from APCO

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**Antonio Marañon AAIP**  
Junior Packaging Technologist  
APCO

## NEW MEMBERS

The AIP would like to welcome the following new Members...

NAME	GRADE	STATE/COUNTRY
Margaret Ashton	Associate (AAIP)	New Zealand
Samuel Bell	Associate (AAIP)	NSW
Ross Davenport	Associate (AAIP)	QLD
Natalie El Khoury	Associate (AAIP)	NSW
Bridget Englebretsen	Associate (AAIP)	New Zealand
Tamar Goldbery	Associate (AAIP)	NSW
Yeongdo Kim	Associate (AAIP)	Republic of Korea
Silvia Li	Associate (AAIP)	NSW
Scott McHenry	Associate (AAIP)	VIC
Claire Morrison	Associate (AAIP)	NSW
Adam Norris	Member (MAIP)	VIC
Edelyn Tadong	Associate (AAIP)	New Zealand
Mark Eric Trinidad	Associate (AAIP)	Philippines
Aparna Vinod	Associate (AAIP)	VIC
Wendy Wang	Member (MAIP)	New Zealand
Catherine Felicia Wijaya	Associate (AAIP)	VIC

## State of the Industry Upcoming Webinar

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



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## 2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS

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## IPE Pack and Technology: Business Development Manager



**Location:** Australia (flexible, with travel to customer sites)

**Employment Type:** Full-time

### About Us

A full-time role for a Technical Sales Specialist located IPE Pack and Technology is a fast-growing supplier of barrier shrink packaging solutions for the meat and food processing industry. As the Australian subsidiary of one of the world's largest producers, they specialise in shrink bags, films, and casings that extend shelf life, improve presentation, and reduce waste. With two state-of-the-art production sites, global reach, and a strong local presence, they are committed to delivering innovative, sustainable, and cost-effective packaging solutions.

### The Role

IPE Pack and Technology are seeking an experienced **Business Development Manager** to drive growth across the Australia. You will be responsible for identifying new business opportunities, building strong customer relationships, and developing tailored solutions that add value for meat processors, abattoirs, and food manufacturers.

This is a customer-facing role that requires a mix of sales expertise, technical understanding and commercial insight.

### Key Responsibilities

- Develop and execute a sales strategy to grow market share across major meat processors and abattoirs in Australia and New Zealand.
- Identify new opportunities and establish strong relationships with decision-makers at target accounts.
- Present IPE's packaging solutions, highlighting their technical, financial, and sustainability benefits.
- Manage the full sales cycle, from lead generation to closing deals and ensuring long-term customer satisfaction.
- Collaborate with technical and operations teams to ensure smooth onboarding and delivery of solutions.
- Monitor market trends, competitor activity, and government/industry programs (e.g. APCO guidelines, eco-modulation) to stay ahead of customer needs.
- Provide accurate forecasting, pipeline management, and reporting to senior management.

### About You

IPE Pack and Technology are looking for someone who thrives in a fast-moving, customer-focused environment and can combine commercial drive with technical credibility.

### Essential skills and experience

- Proven track record in business development, account management, or technical sales (packaging, food processing, or related industry experience highly desirable).
- Strong ability to build and maintain relationships with senior decision-makers.
- Commercial acumen with experience in negotiation and closing deals.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to work independently and manage a broad territory.
- Willingness to travel across Australia as required.

### Desirable

- Knowledge of shrink packaging, food processing equipment, or related industries.
- Familiarity with sustainability frameworks (APCO, PREP tool, recyclability).

### What We Offer

- Competitive salary package + performance-based incentives.
- Opportunity to work with a global leader in barrier shrink packaging solutions.
- Career growth and professional development opportunities.
- A supportive team culture with a focus on innovation and sustainability.

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## Patties Food Group: Senior Packaging Technologist



### The Business

**Patties Food Group, founded in 1966 as a family-owned cake shop in Lakes Entrance, Victoria, has grown into a leading Australian manufacturer and supplier of pies, frozen savouries, meals, and desserts. Their portfolio includes iconic brands such as Four'N Twenty, Patties, Herbert Adams and Nanna's.**

They operate seven manufacturing sites across Australia and New Zealand and continue to expand their footprint internationally, exporting to markets including Japan and the USA. Guided by their values of Courage, Trust, Integrity and Ownership, Patties is focused on sustainable growth, operational excellence and building a high-performance culture — and this is where great people like you come in.

### The Role

Patties Food Group currently have an exciting opportunity for a Senior Packaging Technologist to join their Marketing & Growth Team. Based in Pakenham, this role requires regular project-based travel between production sites and head office and exposure to baked, frozen and chilled packaging environments.

Reporting to the Senior Packaging Manager, you will lead the development, optimisation and implementation of innovative, sustainable and commercially viable packaging solutions across the Patties Foods portfolio.

### Key Responsibilities include:

- Lead and deliver Packaging NPD and optimisation projects, including artwork approval.
- Introduce innovative packaging designs and formats aligned to market trends.
- Develop and manage packaging specifications and documentation systems.
- Work cross-functionally with Marketing, Innovation, Operations, Engineering, QA, Procurement and Sales.
- Manage technical relationships with packaging material and equipment suppliers.
- Lead and support packaging trials across multiple manufacturing sites.
- Identify cost, efficiency and PPV improvement opportunities.
- Drive sustainability initiatives and support the National Packaging Covenant Plan.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory, industry and Patties Foods standards.

### The Person

This role will suit an experienced Senior Packaging Technologist with strong FMCG exposure and the credibility to operate confidently across technical, commercial and operational stakeholders in a multi-site manufacturing environment.

### You will ideally bring:

- Demonstrated experience in packaging development, optimisation and innovation within FMCG or food manufacturing.
- Strong technical knowledge of packaging materials, formats and manufacturing processes across baked, frozen and chilled products.
- Proven capability leading cross-functional packaging NPD projects, including artwork approval and site trials.
- Experience managing supplier relationships and delivering cost, efficiency and PPV improvements.
- A commercial mindset with the ability to balance performance, sustainability, quality and cost.
- A proactive, resilient approach and comfort working across multiple sites and competing priorities.

### What Patties Food Group offer you

At Patties Food Group, their people are central to their success. They are committed to fostering an inclusive workplace where diverse perspectives are valued and everyone is treated with fairness and respect.

### In return, they offer:

- Ownership of the most commercially significant category in the organisation.
- Meaningful exposure to senior leadership and enterprise-level decision-making.
- The opportunity to shape protein sourcing during a period of significant transformation.
- Flexible and hybrid working arrangements.
- Salary packaging benefits.
- Product allowances to enjoy at home.
- Access to EAP services, enhanced parental leave and a range of engagement initiatives.

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## Sealed Air: Director of Sustainability – ANZ & South Asia Food



Sealed Air designs and delivers packaging solutions that protect essential goods transported worldwide, preserve food, enable e-commerce and digital connectivity, and help create a global supply chain that is touchless, safer, less wasteful, and more resilient.

They strive to foster a caring, high-performance growth culture that will deliver consistent, sustainable profitable growth and accelerate our performance – a culture where accountability is clear and aligned, and where they reward business outcomes and impact. That culture guides everything Sealed Air do, including how they partner with their customers and suppliers, how they attract and retain top talent, and how they create and deliver value for their stakeholders. In 2024, Sealed Air generated \$5.4 billion in revenue and had approximately 16,400 employees distributing products and services to 117 countries/territories around the world. To learn more, visit [www.sealedair.com](http://www.sealedair.com).

### Shape the Future. Drive Impact. Lead Sustainability for ANZ & South Asia.

At Sealed Air, they are passionate about creating a more sustainable future. Their commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship is at the core of what they do. Sealed Air are now seeking a visionary and strategic Director of Sustainability to lead their regional sustainability agenda across Australia, New Zealand, and South Asia.

This is more than a leadership role; it is an opportunity to architect and execute the sustainability strategy for a dynamic region, embedding purpose into their operations and amplifying their positive impact on the planet and communities we serve.

**Your Mission:** To translate their global ESG ambitions into actionable, region-specific strategies that deliver measurable environmental performance, foster innovation, and strengthen their market leadership.

### Key Responsibilities

As Sealed Air's Director of Sustainability, you will be the regional champion and expert, responsible for:

- **Strategic Leadership:** Developing and executing the integrated ANZ & South Asia sustainability roadmap, directly aligned with their global corporate ESG goals.

- **Operational Excellence:** Driving tangible improvements in energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation, and emissions control across their manufacturing and commercial footprint.
- **Program & Innovation:** Leading flagship initiatives in carbon reduction, circular economy, sustainable sourcing, and green manufacturing. You will identify, pilot, and scale innovative solutions.
- **Governance & Reporting:** Ensuring robust compliance with all environmental regulations and leading the region's ESG disclosure, including data management, reporting (GRI, CDP, TCFD), and audit readiness.
- **Stakeholder Influence:** Acting as their primary ambassador, building strategic partnerships with regulators, NGOs, community groups, investors, and supply chain partners. You will collaborate internally with commercial, supply chain, and plant teams to embed sustainability into business decisions.
- **Cultural Catalyst:** Championing a culture of sustainability through inspiring communication, training, and advocacy at all levels of the organisation.

### What you bring to the table

Sealed Air are looking for a proven leader with a passion for sustainability and a track record of delivering results.

- A Bachelor's degree in Sustainability, Environmental Science, Business, or a related field; an advanced degree or professional certification (e.g., ISSP, LEED, ISO 14001) is highly regarded.
- **7-10 years of progressive experience** in sustainability/ESG, with at least 3 years in a strategic leadership role, **preferably within manufacturing, FMCG, or an industrial sector.**
- A **demonstrable history** of developing strategy and successfully executing sustainability programs that yielded measurable reductions in environmental footprint.
- **Deep expertise** in contemporary ESG frameworks, reporting standards (GRI, SASB, TCFD), and the regulatory landscape across the ANZ & South Asia region.



- **Exceptional influencing and communication skills**, with the ability to engage, inspire, and gain buy-in from C-suite executives, operational teams, and external stakeholders alike. A strategic, data-driven mindset coupled with excellent project management and business acumen.

## Why Join Sealed Air?

- **Impact at Scale:** Your work will directly contribute to our global sustainability targets and make a real difference across a diverse and significant region.
- **Strategic Visibility:** This is a high-profile role with direct access to regional and global leadership, offering a platform to shape industry conversations.
- **Growth & Innovation:** Be at the forefront of sustainable innovation in packaging and protection solutions.

- **A Values-Led Culture:** Join a team that is genuinely committed to protecting what matters—our products, our environment, and our future.

## Ready to Lead the Change?

If you are a strategic thinker, a collaborative leader, and are driven to create lasting sustainable value, we want to hear from you.

**Apply now** with your resume and a cover letter outlining your vision for sustainability leadership in the ANZ & South Asia region.

Note: You must have the permanent Australian work rights to be considered for this role.

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## Advertise Job Vacancies through the AIP

- Dedicated Job Board on the AIP website.
- Full Page ad in AIP Newsletter.
- Job Advertisements on AIP LinkedIn.
- Broad audience across Australasia.
- Access to technical packaging professionals.



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**Job Vacancy - Technronic Industries**

**Technronic Industries: Circular Economy Manager**

Who they are:  
Milwaukee Tools is an industry leader in the manufacturing of cordless & electric power tools, accessories, and hand tools. They pride themselves on an unrelenting strategic focus on powerful brands, innovative products and exceptional people.

Their culture is centered around improving the lives of their users, something that not only drives their product development but underpins everything they do. Milwaukee Tools are committed to ensuring their people have a great experience at Milwaukee, so in addition to an exciting and challenging role they also provide a range of great employee benefits including:

- **Lifestyle:** Hybrid working model to support flexibility.
- **Personal Development:** Access to LinkedIn Learning and professional development programs.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Paid Parental Leave and Employee Assistance Program.
- **Discounts & Perks:** Generous discounts on company products, laptop provided, novated leasing options.
- **Social:** Recognition programs and social events to celebrate our team's achievements.

About the role  
They currently have a great opportunity available for a Circular Economy Manager to lead and manage Milwaukee's waste operations and sustainable packaging program.

Reporting to the Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, your key responsibilities will include:

- Own & manage seven circularity targets within the recently approved CSR strategy and lead the Circularity Steering Committee to deliver the targets on time and within budget.
- Work towards a future state in which 100% of Milwaukee's packaging is either re-usable or recyclable and includes 50% average recycled content.
- Explore, engage and deliver on the development of suitable waste management stewardship programs relating to battery and electronic tool recycling, with a focus on continuous improvement.

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Welcome to the brand new LinkedIn page for the Australasian Institute of Packaging - AIP

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The Certificate in Packaging is a Level 3 PIABC degree that is recognised as giving an excellent foundation in and introduction to the packaging industry. The degree provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses.



The AIP are pleased to advise that our latest graduate from the Certificate in Packaging degree is Antonio Marañon AAIP, Junior Packaging Technologist from APCO. Please join us in congratulating Antonio for his outstanding achievement and we look forward to watching his career progressions.

The Certificate in Packaging is the ideal first qualification for those working in the packaging industry and an introduction to the industry for those starting out on an exciting career in packaging.



**Antonio Marañon AAIP**  
Junior Packaging Technologist  
APCO

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

Antonio: My current role is a junior packaging technologist. Facilitating a technical committee and collaborating with technical experts is the major responsibility in my role.

## 2. What does graduating from the Certificate in Packaging mean to you?

Antonio: It means that I can continue building on my knowledge and capabilities as a packaging technologist.

## 3. How will you apply this knowledge moving forward?

Antonio: It provides me with fundamental knowledge needed to be successful in my role and motivates me to learn more.

## 4. Do you have any advice on why other people should complete the Certificate in Packaging?

Antonio: If you have an interest in material science and packaging manufacturing, this is for you.

## 5. So where to from here for your career?

Antonio: It gives me more confidence to pursue a career in packaging technology further and continue to develop myself.

## 6. Will you consider applying to become a Certified Packaging Professional as your next professional development stage?

Antonio: This is a consideration for me in the future, but I still have a lot to do before I can get there.

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**The new course provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses.**

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

**The Certificate in Packaging provides a level of insight and understanding of the packaging industry that adds real and measurable value to careers and businesses.**

**This qualification provides you with the detailed overview of packaging materials and processes that broadens your knowledge and equips you for progression within the packaging industry.**



The AIP would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shannon Doherty-Andall MAIP, CPP, Sustainability Manager, Australian Beverages Council, on successfully achieving the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation. The CPP program has been accepted as the global recognition as a packaging professional and therefore the CPP designation has now become the leading mark of excellence internationally and a must-have recognition of industry proficiency and achievement for packaging professionals.



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

We invited Shannon to share with us what attaining the Certified Packaging Professional Designation means to her...

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

Shannon: I have been working across sustainability and packaging for around 10 years, with experience spanning food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, and broader packaging sustainability and policy. My key areas of focus include sustainable packaging design and reform, circular economy policy, and industry-led sustainability and extended producer responsibility programs, particularly in the non-alcoholic beverage sector. I also spend a lot of time working on the practical side of packaging challenges, helping businesses understand what upcoming requirements mean in the real world and how to prepare for them.

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

Shannon: I applied for the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) program because I wanted to formally validate my packaging knowledge and strengthen the technical side of my work. Packaging sits at the intersection of sustainability outcomes, design choices, manufacturing realities, regulation, and consumer behaviour, and I have always believed it is important to be able to speak confidently across all of those areas. The CPP designation felt like a really strong way to reinforce that foundation, and to ensure I am continuing to grow professionally alongside the pace of change in the packaging space.

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

Shannon: Becoming a Certified Packaging Professional is genuinely a meaningful achievement for me. I have put a lot of time into building my packaging expertise over the years, and earning the CPP designation feels like a clear milestone that reflects that work. On a personal level, it also gives me more confidence when I am engaging in complex technical discussions with industry, regulators, and stakeholders. It is also a reminder that the details matter, and that taking the time to deepen technical capability is always worth it.

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

Shannon: I think having the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation is incredibly important. Packaging professionals are often solving high-impact problems every day, but the complexity of that work isn't always recognised externally. Designations like the CPP help lift the visibility and credibility of packaging as a profession and reinforces that packaging is not just 'a box or a bottle'; but rather that it is a highly skilled discipline that influences sustainability outcomes, product performance, safety, supply chain efficiency, and compliance.



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

Shannon: Yes, definitely. One of the biggest takeaways for me was how valuable it is to step back and revisit the fundamentals. Even if you work in packaging every day, the CPP process reinforces the technical building blocks and helps connect areas you may not always work across directly. It also strengthened my ability to think about packaging decisions more holistically, considering materials, performance requirements, machinery constraints, and end-of-life outcomes together, rather than in isolation.

## 6. What next for your career?

Shannon: I am excited to keep building my work in sustainability and packaging into the next phase of my career, particularly where it supports real-world impact at scale. In the near term, I will continue focusing on industry sustainability priorities, practical implementation challenges, and supporting the packaging transition across areas like circular economy policy, extended producer responsibility systems, and packaging design improvements. I am also keen to continue growing in international policy and cross-sector collaboration, as packaging and sustainability challenges increasingly need global coordination and shared solutions.

## Elevate your Packaging Career



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

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

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## AIP joins APPEX 2027 as an alliance partner

The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and APPEX are pleased to announce they have formed an alliance partnership for the next event in 2027.

The partnership will see AIP have a presence on the show floor showcasing its full range of packaging degrees, and educational offerings for anyone who wishes to fill their knowledge gaps. The AIP education team will also be available to discuss the latest in sustainable packaging design, packaging and material trends and government regulations. In addition the AIP will showcase winners from the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards, the PIDA STUDENT awards and WorldStar Awards on their stand.

On forming the partnership, Nerida Kelton, AIP Executive Director said *“APPEX is one of the leading processing and packaging tradeshows in Australia, and as the peak professional body for packaging education & training in Australia, it only makes sense for the AIP to become an alliance partner with the 2027 edition of the show.”*

AIP and APPEX will be working on additional collaborative opportunities in the lead up to the show with announcements in 2026.



### About APPEX

APPEX was formed in 2024 on the 35-year foundation of the former AUSPACK event, taking what was previously a packaging-focused 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.

## Become an AIP Member

Become a part of a large community of like-minded packaging professionals across Australasia



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# Australia Takes Second Place in WorldStar Student medal tally

With 246 entries from 90 educational institutions across 23 countries entering the 2026 round of the WorldStar Student Awards the competition this year was fierce.

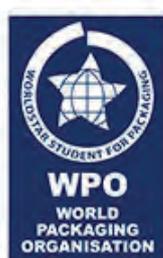
21 Australian University students from the Industrial Design School at UNSW and the Master of Food Science and Agribusiness program at Monash University took on the strong competition and received 2 Gold, 2 Bronze and 16 WorldStar Certificates.



**WORLDSTAR GLOBAL PACKAGING AWARDS STUDENT**

Australia also placed second in the medal tally behind China which is an incredible feat for such a small country.

Find the complete list of 2026 WorldStar Student Winners here



**WORLDSTAR GLOBAL PACKAGING AWARDS STUDENT**

**2026 CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS ANNOUNCED**



## AUSTRALIA PLACED SECOND IN THE WORLD FOR STUDENT AWARDS

### MINT – RECYCLABLE TOOTHPASTE TUBE

ROBIN LUO  
**GOLD HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE & BRONZE ACCESSIBLE PACKAGING**



### CHUN ACCESSIBLE WATER BOTTLE

CHUN MING TSANG, QIAN QIAN WU & KEITH JAMES  
**GOLD ACCESSIBLE PACKAGING**



### H2OLYTE

ADRIANO STURLA GOMEZ  
**BRONZE BEVERAGES**



### 11X CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



## MINT Recyclable Toothpaste Tube receives Gold & Bronze



The design, inspired by a glue stick mechanism, features an auger and plunger system. This innovation ensures users can extract nearly all of the toothpaste, thereby reducing product waste, leaving the tube cleaner for recycling. The result is a more user-friendly and environmentally responsible solution.



The standout student from Australia was Robin Luo from the Industrial Design School, UNSW, who received a Gold Award in the Health and Personal Care category and a Bronze Award in the inaugural Accessible Packaging category for his project MINT Recyclable Toothpaste Tube.

The Mint toothpaste tube was designed in response to the significant waste and environmental impact caused by traditional toothpaste tubes. The mixed-media composition renders them unrecyclable through standard kerbside recycling programs and Mint aims to offer a more sustainable packaging solution.

Additionally, toothpaste residue often remains trapped inside, making recycling more difficult and product waste an issue. To address these issues, Robin Luo designed the Mint toothpaste tube entirely from polypropylene. This rigid, mono-material construction allows the tube to be easily recycled through standard kerbside programs.

## Chun Accessible Water Bottle - Inaugural Gold winner of the Accessible Design category



A team of students from the Master of Food Science and Agribusiness program at Monash University, Chun Ming Tsang, Queenie Wu and Keith James received a Gold in the inaugural Accessible & Inclusive Packaging Design category for the Chun Accessible Water Bottle.

The water bottle was designed to support individuals with neurological impairments, particularly post-stroke users who experience limited mobility.



# Australia Takes Second Place in WorldStar Student medal tally

Chun Ming Tsang personally suffered a stroke in childhood, which caused a loss of mobility on the left side. Through the daily experiences, realising that how challenging it can be to perform simple tasks like opening a traditional water bottle, which typically requires twisting the lid with two hands. This design aims to address that barrier by enabling single-handed and even hands-free operation, empowering users with limited mobility to drink water independently, safely, and with dignity.

The bottle was developed to under the inclusive design and accessibility category, guided by criteria such as ease of use, ergonomic function, and sensory guidance. Key innovative features include a spring-loaded, mouth-activated opening that allows users to push down with their top lip to drink; once released, it automatically seals to prevent leakage. A bayonet-style twist mechanism replaces the traditional multi-turn cap, requiring only a short turn with one hand.

Together, these features make the bottle significantly more user-friendly, reducing reliance on two hands and making everyday hydration more accessible to people with motor impairments.

## H2OLYTE – electrolyte packaging



**Adriano Sturla Gomez, also from the Industrial Design School, UNSW, received a Bronze Award in the Beverage category for his project H2OLYTE.**

The redesigned electrolyte container prevents landfill waste by addressing sorting challenges at recycling facilities.

It's optimised shape ensures compatibility with filtration systems, while reducing material usage by 30%. Enhanced stacking and accessibility features maximise transport efficiency and consumer usability making this a standout pack on the shelf.

## H2OLYTE - ADRIANO STURLA GOMEZ

### BRONZE AWARD WINNER BEVERAGE CATEGORY

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“The AIP has been an invaluable contributor to Monash University's Master of Food Science and Agribusiness course. An 'industry informed' unit within the masters, FSC5051 – Innovation, Consumer Behaviour and Food Marketing inspires students to bring a new food product to life inclusive of the all-important pack design. AIP experts guest lecture in this unit and their expertise brings an essential government and industry perspective to the curriculum, providing students with up-to-date knowledge on packaging regulations, sustainability frameworks, and accurate on-pack communication. AIP's involvement strengthens Monash's ability to develop graduates who understand the complexities of modern packaging and the real-world challenges of commercialising innovative food and beverage products that can be 'better for earth'. For Monash students, winning a PIDA Award is genuinely special. It shows that the work they created within a university unit meets national industry standards. It boosts their confidence, opens doors for their career development, and gives them recognition from the industry they aspire to join. For the students, it is also a stepping stone to the international WorldStar Student Awards, highlighting the global relevance of their achievements in innovative and sustainable packaging design.”

Rod Heath,  
General Manager Industry & Education  
Monash Food Innovation



## 16 WorldStar Certificates

In addition, 16 students from across the Industrial Design School, NSW and the Master of Food Science and Agribusiness program, Monash University, were recognised with WorldStar Student Certificates including: Kevin Arulraj, Akshata Sukhtankar, Muniba Mehboob, Satakshi Darmwal, Suzanne Ngasseppam, Angela Jessica, Audrey Victoria Purnomo, Chunyang Wang, Edison Cheng, Eugenia Cheung, Haojie Wang, Jie Yang, Lydia Lei, Melissa Esho, Samuel Thanopoulos, and Victoria Josefine Plastina.

Only winners from the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Student Awards are eligible to enter the WorldStar Student awards from across Australia and New Zealand.

### FRESCO YOGHURT - EUGENIA CHEUNG

#### CERTIFICATE WINNER

“ It is an honour to be receiving this award. Receiving this recognition has given me confidence in my skills, especially as I am now working in packaging. It is so fascinating and rewarding to see that the SPGs and materials that I learnt and researched during this project, are being applied in the corporate workspace, so this award really carries meaning as a recognition of my learnings! ”

Eugenia Cheung



### EDUCATIONAL & RECYCLABLE JUICE CARTON - MELISSA ESHO

#### - MELISSA ESHO

#### CERTIFICATE WINNER

“ Receiving a WorldStar Global Packaging Award for my ‘Nouri’ juice carton design is an extraordinary honour and a proud milestone in my design journey. To see a student-led concept recognised on a global stage reinforces my belief that packaging can move beyond containment and convenience to become an active tool for education and environmental impact. ‘Nouri’ was developed to make material separation intuitive and engaging for children, using interactive animal cut-outs and hidden sustainability facts to encourage curiosity and early habit formation.

Being acknowledged internationally validates the power of circular, purpose-driven design to create meaningful behavioural change across cultures and communities. This recognition will continue to shape and motivate all of my future design work, driving me to create solutions that are functional, responsible, and deeply impactful across industries and disciplines. ”

Melissa Esho



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### MARCH 2026

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



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

WHERE: On-line via Zoom

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

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

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

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

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



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



SPEAKER:



**Pia Buchmayr**  
Team lead Research  
Packaging Cockpit



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MARCH - APRIL 2026

**ProPak Vietnam 2026**

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

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

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



**2026 DrinkTech Conference**

To be held alongside

**PROPAK VIETNAM**



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

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

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

**2026 Vietnam Packaging Forum**

To be held alongside

**PROPAK VIETNAM**



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

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Vietnam,  
PPV Room, Hall A2,  
Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre (SECC)

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



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**Tuesday 31st March 2026**  
**Arrival 1.15 pm**  
**Start 1.30 pm, Finish 4.45 pm**  
**DrinkTech Room, Hall B1, SECC**



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

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

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

## Session One — 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm



**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Viet**  
Chairman  
Vietnam Beer Alcohol Beverage Association (VBA)



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



**Nam Cao Hoang**  
Director of Public Affairs  
Vietnam, Philippines & Malaysia, Tomra



**Loïc Léon**  
Vice President Sales – Southeast Asia and Pacific  
Sidel

## Session Two — 2:35 pm to 3:35 pm



**Isabel Chen**  
Market Strategy Manager  
Henkel



**Prof. Pierre Pienaar FAIP, CPPL**  
Education Director, AIP  
Immediate Past President, WPO



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



**Huynh Nhat Minh**  
Senior Sales Manager  
UPM Adhesive Materials

## Session Three — 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm



**Thanakharn Suebsubhap**  
Managing Director  
Meyer Seals Asia



**Huangyi Chen**  
Sustainability Manager  
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**9.00 am arrival**

**Session One: Global, Regional & Local Regulations 9.20 am to 10.30 am**

Including Packaging Waste, Recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility, the future of packaging design to be recycle ready and more sustainable through design.



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



**Comm. Joseph Ross Jocsen PhD, MNSA**  
Immediate Past President  
Asian Packaging Federation (APF)



**Lê Vũ Phương Uyên**  
Chief Representative  
NGR Vietnam Office+ VINPAS Expert



**Liên Minh Nguyễn**  
General Director  
Alliance Packing Plastic (APLAS) + VINPAS Expert

**Session Two: Packaging & Materials Trends 10.35 am to 11.40 am**

Sustainable trends & Innovations in packaging materials including soft and rigid plastics, pouches, labels and adhesives, and labels and how to reduce materials, build in recycled content and ensure that you are certified.



**Darell Chung MAP, CPP**  
Marketing Manager, Functional Materials Div  
Mitsui Chemicals Asia Pacific



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



**Mohammad Mudasser**  
Director of Deals Advisory  
PwC Vietnam

**LUNCH 11.40 am to 12.45 pm**

**Session Three: Sustainable Food Systems 1.00 pm to 2.05 pm**

The intersection between food security, food safety, extension of shelf life, designing for export markets and balancing all environmental impacts of the food and packaging along the value chain.



**Huangyi Chen**  
Sustainability Manager  
SIG Group



**Thanakharn Suebsubhap**  
Managing Director  
Meyer Seals Asia



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

**Session Four: Packaging Intersections with Prototyping, Specifications, AI & QR codes 2.10 pm to 3.15 pm**

This session will discuss life cycle assessment, packaging specifications, serialisation, 2D and QR codes, digital passports, prototyping and Artificial Intelligence.



**Steven Roelandts**  
General Manager SEA- Brand Protection  
& Anti Counterfeit, Acviss Technologies



**Prof Pierre Pienaar FAIP, CPPL**  
Education Director (AIP)  
Immediate Past President (WPO)



**Dr. Bui Ba Chinh**  
Director of NBC/CEO  
GS1 Vietnam



**Kailash Bajpai MAIP, CPP**  
Packaging Technologist  
Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)

**Session Five: Fibre Based Alternatives 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm**

This session will look at Fibre Based alternatives to meet sustainable targets, certifications, testing and best practice examples of the latest innovations in fibre.



**Dr. Vu Tan Phuong**  
Director  
Vietnam Forest Certification Office (VFCO)



**James Walker Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP**  
Manager, Technical Service Emerging Markets  
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APRIL 2026

### Mini Training Course #1

WHEN: **Thursday 2 April 2026**  
9.00 am arrival - 9.30 am start to 12.30 pm

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

To be held alongside

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

WHAT: **Is your packaging Easy to Open? Easy to close? Does your packaging need a knife to open?** The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP) will be running a three-hour training course on UNBOXING ACCESSIBILITY: How to design better packaging that everyone can open, close, grip and handle and all of industry is invited to attend. The accessibility of a product essentially relates to the ease of use a consumer experience when interacting with a product. Making a product accessible and easy-to-use or open adds value to a product for all. Accessibility is especially important for the independence of those with functional limitations such as reduced strength or dexterity. Groups particularly impacted are those with a disability, chronic pain, injury or illness, as well as the growing ageing population. For these groups inaccessible packaging and products become daily barriers to achieving everyday tasks like preparing a healthy meal and living independently.

FEATURING:  
Simultaneous Translation -  
Vietnamese & English

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

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

LECTURERS:



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



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

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





### APRIL 2026

#### Mini Training Course #2

**WHEN:** Thursday 2 April 2026  
1.00 pm arrival - 1.30 pm start to 4.30 pm

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

To be held alongside

### PROPAK VIETNAM



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

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

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

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

#### OBJECTIVES:

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

LECTURERS:



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



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MAY 2026

## interpack 2026

WHEN: 7 - 13 May 2026

WHERE: Messe Düsseldorf exhibition center 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.**



### Key activities for AIP Members & Industry Colleagues

1. Friday 8 May - 2026 WorldStar Awards
2. Saturday 9 May - ANZ networking catch up
3. Monday 11 May - Women in Packaging Forum
4. Tuesday 12 May - Save Food Forum



If you are planning to visit interpack let the AIP know so we can share the details of all of the events.



MAY 2026

### 2026 WorldStar Global Packaging Awards Ceremony

WHEN: 8 May 2026

WHERE: Messe Düsseldorf exhibition center

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



### Australian & New Zealand delegation Catch Up

WHEN: 9 May 2026 | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

WHERE: Messe Düsseldorf exhibition center

WHAT: More details to come

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

### Women in Packaging Forum @ Interpack 2026

WHEN: Monday 11 May 2026 | 10.00 am

WHERE: 2nd floor, rooms 26, 27, 28 Congress Centre, Messe Düsseldorf exhibition center

WHAT: **Women in Packaging**

Inspiration. Exchange. Global Networking.

Following its successful premiere at interpack 2023, Women in Packaging, the international networking event by women for women, will enter its second round at interpack 2026 – as an international platform for exchange, inspiration and networking.

The event is aimed at women of all career levels and age groups: from young professionals and experienced specialists to executives and entrepreneurs. Anyone who wants to actively shape the future of the packaging industry is welcome – regardless of their role, background or origin.

Program & Highlights

- Keynote speech – inspiring insights from a leading figure in the industry
- Panel discussion – exciting conversations with top speakers from the industry about careers, diversity, obstacles and perspectives
- Topic Hubs – providing space for open and in-depth discussions on leadership, skills, work-life balance, personal branding and community building
- Networking & exchange – connecting with like-minded people over drinks & snacks

The programme will be hosted by Emily Whigham, journalist and presenter.



The Women in Packaging panel discussion will be moderated by Nerida Kelton FAIP, Executive Director, Australasian Institute of Packaging, Vice President Sustainability & Save Food, World Packaging Organisation.



MAY 2026

**SAVE FOOD Expert Talks, Awards & Networking @ Interpack 2026**

WHEN: **Tuesday 12 May 2026 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

WHERE: Hall 1, Room 14, Messe Düsseldorf exhibition center Düsseldorf, Germany.

WHAT: Expert talks, panel discussions, round table, brunch & networking.



**Highlight: Save Food Award ceremony, announcement of winners for the Save Food Project competition, Save Food Panel discussions & more.**



**AIP Executive Director, Nerida Kelton FAIP, to represent the WPO on the Save Food Panel discussion and moderate a Trends & Innovations panel discussion.**

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### JUNE 2026

#### ProPak Asia 2026

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



**WHEN: 10 - 13 June 2026**

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

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

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

AIP Event information and registration details coming soon...

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



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

#### 8th edition Annual Global Packaging Forum

**WHEN: 10 June 2026**

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

**WHAT:** Organised by Informa Markets & the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), the 8th edition of the Global Packaging Forum is the pinnacle event for ProPak Asia and brings together global and regional experts to discuss the future of packaging, design, materials, regulations, sustainability and more.



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

**WHEN: 11 June 2026**

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

**WHAT:** The AIP will be running two training courses alongside of ProPak Asia. Topics to be confirmed soon.



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

**WHEN: 12 June 2026**

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

**WHAT:** The AIP will running 2x workshops covering State of Industry for Plastic Alternatives – Fibre, Paper, Corrugate, Labels & Renewable Materials & Building a Circular Economy for Rigid & Flexible Plastic Materials & Packaging.



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foodpro 2026

WHEN: 26 - 29 July 2026

WHERE: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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

AIP to Partner - Packaging Sessions, Training Courses & Stand



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

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

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WHEN: 27 July 2026

WHERE: Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



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WHEN: 28 July 2026

WHERE: Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



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WHEN: 29 July 2026

WHERE: Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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#### interpack China

WHEN: 16 - 18 November 2026

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

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



### 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-focused 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.

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**The SAVE FOOD Initiative is further expanding its international cooperation and deepening its partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the World Packaging Organisation (WPO). The cooperation aims to continue strengthening the role of packaging, processing and industrial innovation in the global fight against food loss and waste. At interpack 2026, the SAVE FOOD Initiative will be deploying a variety of formats to show how it is advancing its goals worldwide.**

Since its foundation in 2011, the SAVE FOOD Initiative has been working with international organisations, industry partners and institutions to reduce food loss and waste right along the value chain. Now that the cooperation with UNIDO and WPO is officially in place, the initiative has acquired additional technical depth, global reach and political relevance.

*“Food loss and waste is a global problem that only international cooperation can effectively address,”* explains Thomas Dohse, Director interpack and SAVE FOOD Initiative. *“With UNIDO and the World Packaging Organisation, we are uniting industry know-how, development policy expertise and practical solutions. This partnership strengthens SAVE FOOD as a global platform and highlights the contribution that packaging and processing is able to make to realising UN Sustainable Development Goals.”*

*“Strengthening the agrifood midstream is vital for advancing agro-industrial development, expanding value addition, and building resilient, nutrition-focused food systems.*

*The 'hidden middle' remains where losses concentrate and transformation potential is greatest. Guided by the World Without Hunger Initiative and UNIDO's Food Loss and Waste Action Plan, we continue to prioritise midstream infrastructure, climate-smart processing, and SME capacity to reduce post-harvest loss, enhance food safety, and drive inclusive, climate-resilient growth,”* explains UNIDO Managing Director Mr. Gunther Beger. *“SAVE FOOD combines global industry expertise with specific on-the-ground projects. This kind of bridge-building is crucial to establishing sustainable value chains and improving long-term food security.”*

***“The World Packaging Organisation (WPO) is proud to become a strategic alliance partner of the Save Food Initiative alongside FAO, UNIDO and Messe Düsseldorf. This collective group brings extensive knowledge to global and local discussions on how food loss and waste can be minimised and environmental impacts reduced wherever possible. Through the Save Food Initiative, the WPO can help elevate awareness and education about the true role that packaging plays in minimising Food Loss & Waste. The WPO truly believes that together we can support and foster sustainable food systems around the globe that interlink agriculture, farming, packing, processing, packaging, waste management and end of life recovery of all waste. This should be a collective effort, so we welcome everyone to be a part of the change we need,”*** says Nerida Kelton, Vice President Sustainability & Save Food, World Packaging Organisation (WPO).



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which has been a longstanding partner of SAVE FOOD since the initiative's founding, continues to be closely involved in the work of the SAVE FOOD Initiative. In particular, FAO brings its expertise in the areas of food security, sustainable agricultural and food systems and the development of enabling policy environments. Raimund Jehle, FAO Deputy Regional Representative in Europe and Central Asia, explains: "Food loss and waste is a global challenge that requires joint action. The FAO's partnership with Messe Düsseldorf as part of the SAVE FOOD Initiative supports innovation-driven solutions – including packaging technologies that contribute to food safety, reduce waste and promote food systems that are more sustainable.

The partnership builds on many years of collaboration, including at the SAVE FOOD Design Awards, on specialist forums and during project initiatives. In future, the partners intend to collaborate even more closely on practical solutions – from design-for-recycling and transport and protective packaging to education and training programmes.

### SAVE FOOD at interpack: A programme with a global outlook

One central meeting point for this collaboration will be interpack 2026 in Düsseldorf from 7 to 13 May. Together with UNIDO and the World Packaging Organisation, SAVE FOOD will be presenting a multi-day programme that brings together different outlooks and formats.

The programme includes SAVE FOOD Expert Talks with international experts and industry representatives, a SAVE FOOD Highlight Route, where member companies will present specific solutions for reducing food loss, and the presentation of the SAVE FOOD Awards. In addition, the SAVE FOOD project competition will also be held at interpack: several projects will be honoured and financially supported for the first time. The aim is to raise the profile of successful approaches, reinforce knowledge transfer and provide specific impetus for sustainable food systems worldwide.

### About the SAVE FOOD Initiative

The SAVE FOOD Initiative was founded in 2011 by Messe Düsseldorf and interpack, the world's largest trade fair for the packaging sector and the related processing industry, and has since cooperated with, for example, FAO and the UN Environment programme. As a global alliance, it follows UN SDG 12.3, fighting for a reduction of food loss and waste. A special focus is placed on innovations from the packaging industry.

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If your company or organisation is interested in becoming a member of SAVE FOOD, please contact Ivania Portillo-Elzer: Phone: +49 211 4560 7781, E-mail: [PortilloI@messe-duesseldorf.de](mailto:PortilloI@messe-duesseldorf.de)

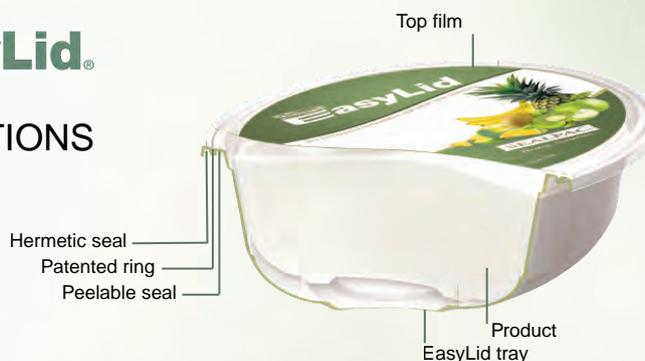


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## Amcor wins two WorldStar Global Packaging Awards for recycle-ready shredded cheese packs

AmPrima innovation now in market with Fonterra Oceania

**Amcor (NYSE: AMCR, ASX: AMC), a global leader in developing and producing responsible packaging solutions, has won two WorldStar Global Packaging Awards 2026 for its AmPrima® Recycle-Ready packaging for shredded cheese. The awards, presented by the World Packaging Organisation, recognised the solution in both the Food and Packaging Materials and Components categories.**

The award-winning packaging brings together the expertise of Amcor's Asia Pacific and North American teams, and is now in market with Fonterra Oceania, one of the region's leading dairy producers. The solution is used for shredded cheese applications in both retail and foodservice markets.

Designed to meet Australasian soft plastics recycling standards, the packaging is permitted to carry the 'Check Locally' logo under the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL). The Perfect Italiano shredded cheese pack now features this logo in Australia.

Fonterra Oceania GM Sustainability, Rosie Cotter, said that Fonterra's partnership with Amcor is an important step forward in its commitment to delivering more sustainable packaging solutions for consumers.

*"By transitioning our shredded cheese range including well-known brands such as Perfect Italiano to Amcor's AmPrima recycle ready packaging, we're helping to ensure more of our packaging can be recycled after use, while maintaining the high product quality our customers expect."*

*"With AmPrima now carrying the Australian Recycling Label's Check Locally mark on pack, shoppers can make clearer, more informed recycling decisions. Importantly, this may remove an estimated 270 tonnes of non-recyclable material from the Australian market every year, representing a meaningful shift toward our packaging sustainability goals," Rosie said.*

*"Shredded cheese packaging is a technically demanding flexible packaging format. It needs strong pack integrity, high barrier performance, reliable sealing and fast production speeds. That's why it's usually made with multiple materials that can't be recycled," said Phil Van Houts, R&D Director ANZ, Amcor Flexibles Asia Pacific.*

*"With AmPrima, we've created a simple, recycle-ready solution. It's a step forward that helps our customers make the transition without changing how they operate, while maintaining pack performance, appearance and food-grade standards."*

For shredded cheese applications, AmPrima Recycle-Ready packaging replaces traditional structures that rely on materials such as PET or PVDC with a mono-material polyethylene film. The solution is engineered to deliver the barrier, sealing and food-grade performance required to protect shredded cheese, while maintaining pack integrity on high-speed production lines. The solution was previously awarded Silver at the 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design Awards (PIDA), qualifying it for WorldStar entry.

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*“Winning a WorldStar Packaging Award for AmPrima Recycle-Ready shredded cheese packaging is strong recognition of the technical breakthrough behind this solution. Shredded cheese is a demanding flexible packaging format. It requires high barrier performance, strong sealing, pack integrity and reliable performance on high-speed lines. Historically, that's meant complex multi-material structures that are difficult to recycle.*

*With AmPrima, we have demonstrated that a mono-material polyethylene solution can deliver the performance our customers rely on, while meeting Australasian soft plastics recycling standards and enabling the use of the ARL 'Check Locally' logo on cheese packs. This award validates the depth of our materials science capability and our commitment to leading the transition to recycle-ready packaging without compromising on food protection or operational efficiency.”*

Phil Van Houts, R&D Director ANZ, Amcor Flexibles Asia Pacific



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- **Rocklid SPX 36PET from SAPPI Rockwell:** Strong-peel PET lidding for recycled and bio-based tray systems.
- **Esterseal PET from Constantia Flexibles:** Re-closable, tethered PET lidding for enhanced consumer convenience.

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## NEW FROM WIPAK: BIAXOP ECO 60 AF ZPP

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WIPAK's BIAXOP ECO 60 AF ZPP is a 60-micron, high-barrier lock-weld mono-PP lidding film designed to support brands transitioning toward fully recyclable packaging formats. With exceptional sealing performance and barrier protection, it's an ideal solution for manufacturers seeking to meet sustainability targets without compromising product integrity. BIAXOP ECO 60 AF ZPP will be available from **March 2026**. In the meantime, contact us for more details.



## NEW FROM CONSTANTIA FLEXIBLES: ESTERSEAL PET

Esterseal PET from Constantia Flexibles introduces a new standard in re-closable lidding. Designed to remain tethered to the tray, this film supports emerging regulatory expectations while delivering a premium consumer experience. It is secure yet repeatable opening and closing functionality makes it ideal for fresh foods, snacking formats and applications where convenience drives repeat purchase. The new Esterseal PET film solution by Constantia Flexibles will be available from **June 2026**.



## NEW FROM SAPPi ROCKWELL: ROCKLID SPX 36PET

### Strong-peel PET lidding for recycled and bio-based tray systems.

Rocklid SPX 36PET is a low-barrier lidding solution engineered for CPET trays containing high levels of recycled content, as well as paperboard trays lined with bio-coatings. With a robust, reliable peel and excellent compatibility across sustainable tray formats, it supports

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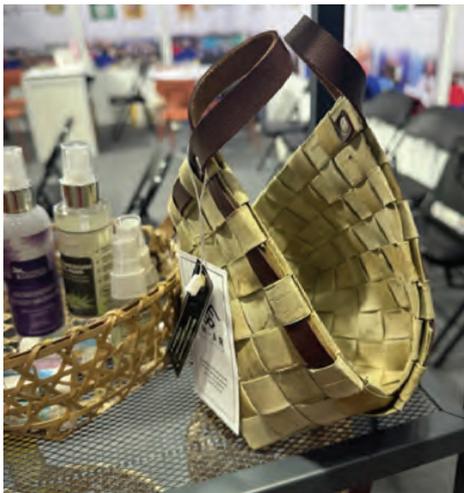
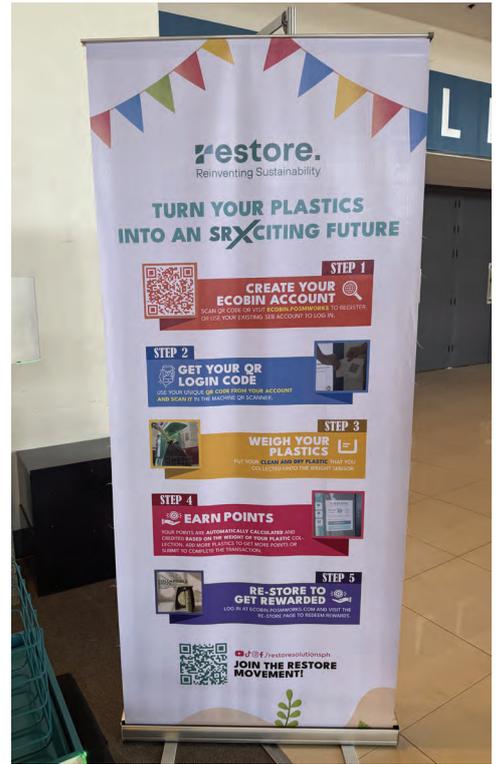
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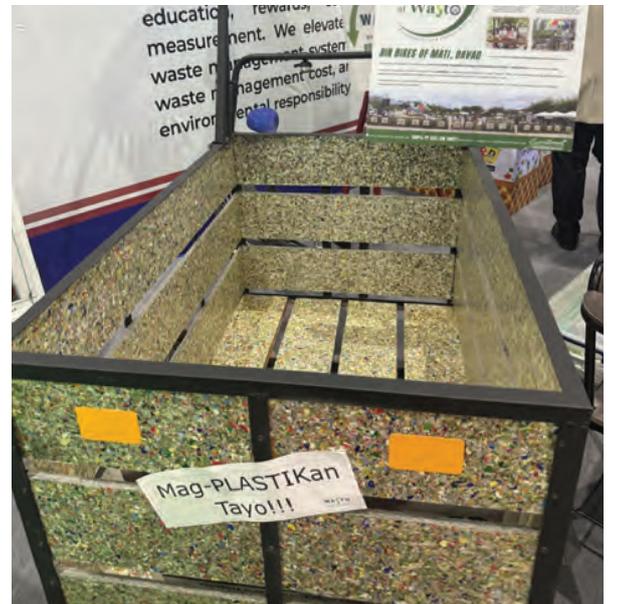
## ProPak Philippines a huge success

The 6th edition of ProPak Philippines did not disappoint and the halls were busier than ever.

The opening ceremony drew unprecedented government support and industry participation, with more than 448 companies exhibiting from local and international markets and close to 10,000 visitors over the three-day event.

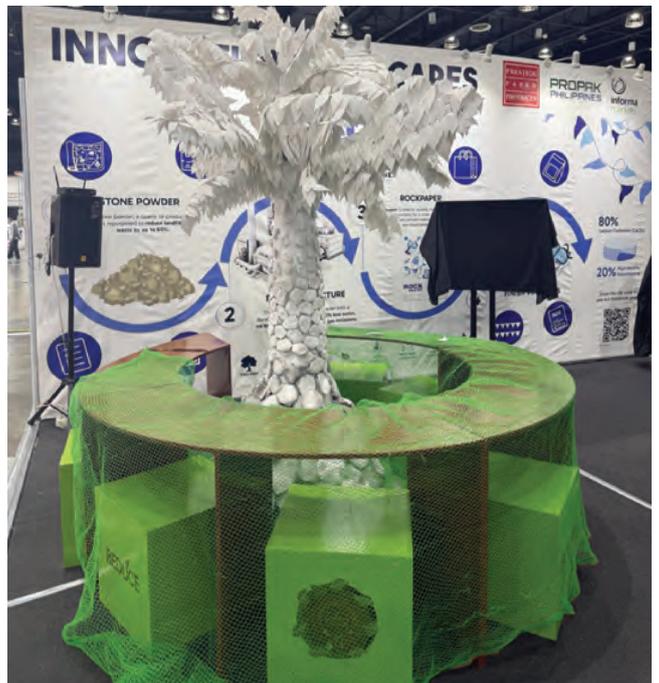












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# AIP Stand & PIDA Showcase @ ProPak Philippines

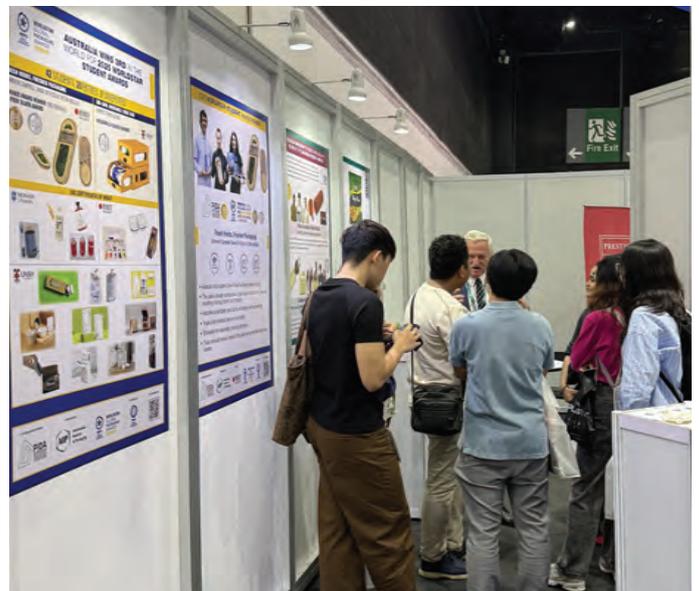
The AIP once again hosted a Australasian Packaging Innovation & design (PIDA) showcase area of some of the recent winners that went on and recently won 2026 WorldStar Packaging Awards. This is always a high traffic area for visitors and certainly kept the AIP team busy all day.

A special thanks must go out to Rhoel Sarino and Mariella who were our helpers for the week! This is the second year they have joined us and they are a welcome addition to our AIP family.











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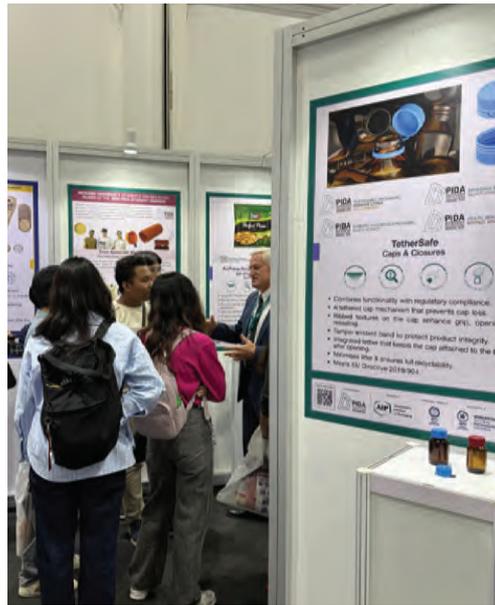
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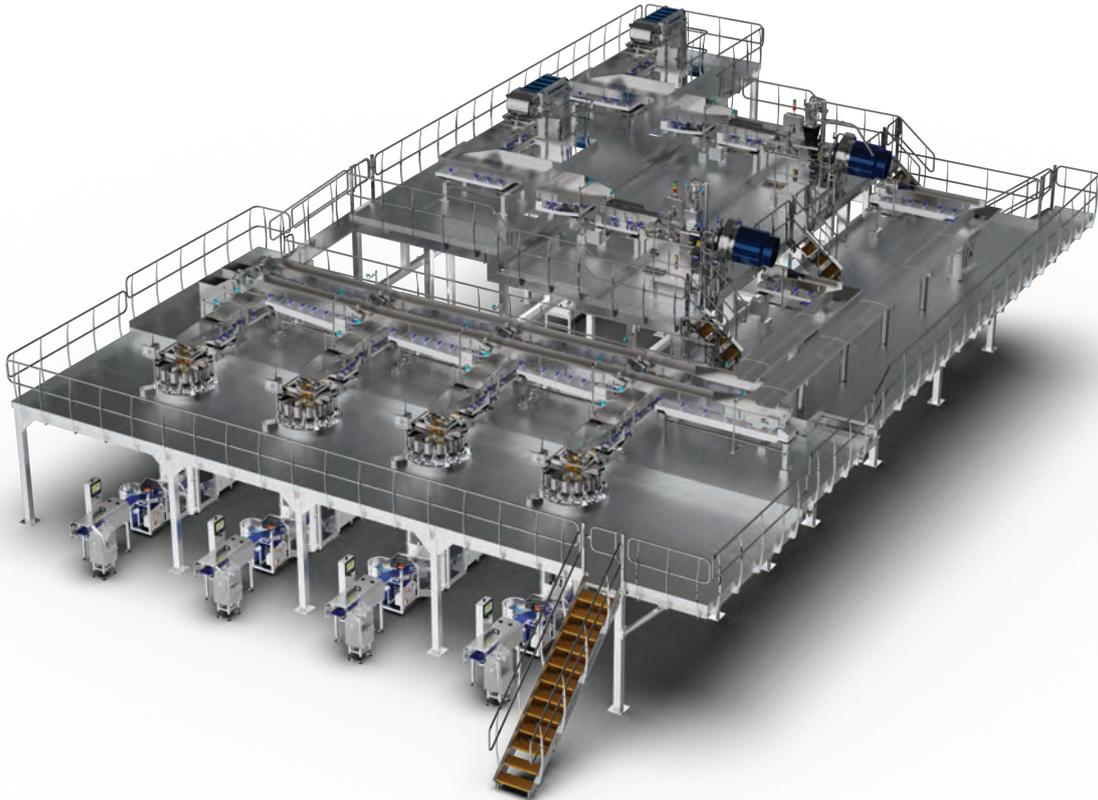
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The AIP, in partnership with Informa Markets, run the 6th edition of the annual Philippine Packaging Forum with 5 sessions and 20 speakers from across the region.

The panel discussions were made up of experts from United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Sealed Air, Kersia, Crestec Philippines, EU.NIK Industrial Design Services, MCC Label Mitsuc Chemicals, GS1 Philippines, Introspeak Management Consultancy, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), the World Packaging Organisation (WPO), the Asian Packaging Federation and the Philippine Institute of Packaging (PIP). The 6th edition was well attended and the questions were coming thick and fast from the audience all day.









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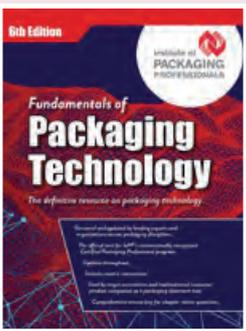
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The AIP held two mini training courses at ProPak Philippines with one on Accessible & Inclusive packaging design and the second one on Sustainable Packaging design.

Over 50 people attended the two courses and the room was full all day. What an inspiring day for learning.











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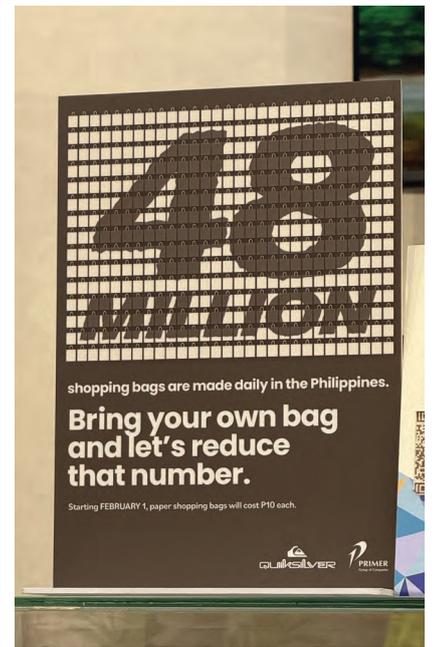
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## Food Waste drains 1.4% of Australia's GDP and weakens food security – The case for nationally consistent food waste data



**Australia is losing an estimated \$36.6 billion every year to food waste – around 1.4 per cent of GDP – effectively erasing more than half the value generated by agriculture and undermining national food security.**

End Food Waste Australia (EFWA) has lodged a Pre-Budget submission calling for targeted Commonwealth investment of \$5.7 million over four years to rebuild and maintain Australia's national food waste measurement and reporting capability, warning that food waste sits at the centre of Australia's ability to deliver a resilient, affordable and secure food system.

Australia's most recent national food waste data was published in 2021 and is based on 2019 figures. Since then cost-of-living pressures, climate impacts, supply-chain disruptions and consumption patterns have shifted significantly, increasing risks to food availability, affordability and reliability.

***"Food security is not just about producing more food, it's about not wasting what we already produce,"*** said EFWA CEO, Tristan Butt.

*"When more than a third of food produced is wasted somewhere along the supply chain, that is food security capacity being lost alongside water, energy, labour and income for farmers."*

EFWA warns that without a current national food waste baseline, food security policy - including the Feeding Australia: National Food Security Strategy - risks being developed and implemented without a clear picture of where food is being lost, why, and at what cost.

EFWA's proposed four-year, low-cost, high-impact program would provide the evidence base needed to embed food waste reduction into food security planning, budget decisions and policy evaluation across government.

The program would deliver:

- An authoritative national food waste measurement report, updated regularly;
- A nationally consistent, transparent measurement framework, with public methodologies and independent, multi-sector governance; and
- Reporting aligned with Budget and MYEFO cycles, ensuring food waste reduction is factored into food security, productivity, cost-of-living and emissions policy.

Accurate, up-to-date measurement is essential to target investment where it delivers the greatest return - improving supply-chain efficiency, supporting farmers, lowering costs, and increasing resilience to climate and market shocks.

EFWA has committed to contributing up to 45 per cent of the program's total value through in-kind support, building on prior Commonwealth investment and existing cross-sector partnerships.

The submission has been provided to the Treasurer, Finance Minister, and relevant portfolio ministers ahead of the 2026–27 Budget.

### Download the submission here



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## AFGC unveils Towards 2030: A food and grocery snapshot



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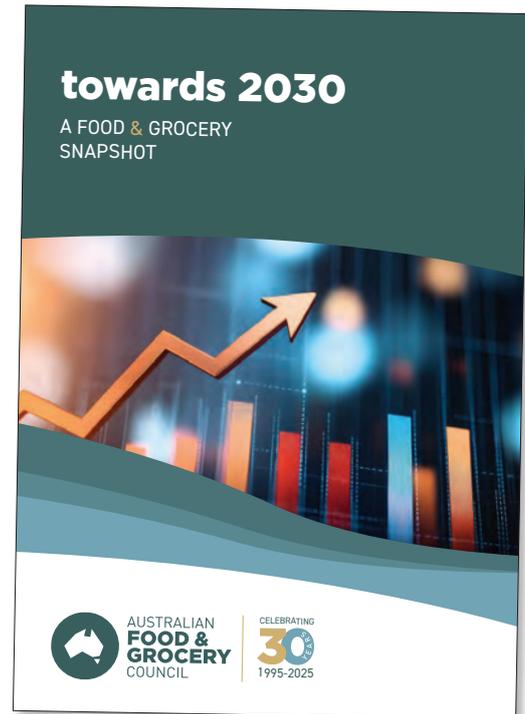
AFGC Chair, Bernie Brookes said the snapshot provides a clear view of where the sector stands as it looks ahead to the remainder of the decade.

*"This report shows how important food and grocery manufacturing is to everyday life in Australia. Despite extraordinary challenges, the sector has kept shelves stocked and supported regional jobs. Looking ahead to 2030, strong policy and investment settings will be essential to secure long-term growth and competitiveness."*

AFGC CEO, Colm Maguire, said the snapshot reaffirms the vital role the sector plays and highlights where joint action is needed.

*"As the peak body bringing Australia's FMCG industry together to champion growth, Towards 2030 takes stock of how the sector has navigated a challenging period and provides a practical lens on where focus is now needed as priorities are set for the years ahead."*

The snapshot outlines key developments since 2020 and highlights structural challenges shaping the operating environment, including rising costs, sustained margin pressures, and persistent investment gaps that constrain long-term growth.



*"This is a forward-looking contribution to the policy conversation," Mr Maguire said. "For Australia to unlock the full potential of food and grocery manufacturing, we need to sharpen our focus on investment, productivity, and competitiveness. The foundations are strong, but continued collaboration is essential if we are to build a sector that is globally competitive, future-ready, and able to seize emerging opportunities."*

Mr Maguire said **Towards 2030** will guide AFGC's engagement with government and industry to ensure policies support domestic manufacturing, regional jobs, and a resilient, competitive food and grocery sector.

"The next phase of the decade is critical," he said. "Building on the resilience demonstrated between 2020 and 2025 will be essential to ensuring the sector continues to thrive and remain a cornerstone of Australia's prosperity."

**Towards 2030: A Food and Grocery Snapshot is available here**



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