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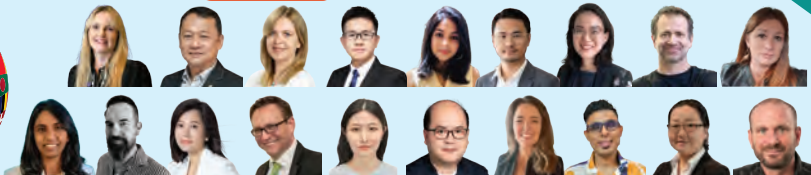
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AIP offer 2x Mini Training Courses

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

Mini Training Course 2: Future of Flexible Packaging

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This is an exciting opportunity to join Fonterra's Packaging Implementation team, where you will play a key role in delivering commercially valuable packaging solutions across new and existing formats. Working closely with Customer Quality, Global Engineering and Technical teams, and a wide range of internal and external stakeholders, you will lead packaging changes from initial request through to successful in-market delivery.

The role offers plenty of variety, combining technical packaging expertise, project leadership, stakeholder engagement, process improvement, and risk management to ensure packaging solutions are compliant, fit for purpose, and successfully introduced into manufacturing environments. The role focuses on delivering packaging change safely, on time, within budget, and to specification while continuously improving ways of working.

About You | Mōu

You will bring strong experience in packaging technology, ideally within food, dairy, beverage, or FMCG environments, along with a solid understanding of manufacturing processes and change implementation. You will be confident managing multiple packaging projects, navigating complexity, and building strong working relationships across technical, operational, regulatory, and commercial teams.

You will have the ability to balance detail with the bigger picture, anticipate risks, and deliver practical, high-quality outcomes **as well as the following:**

- Hold a tertiary qualification in packaging technology (or similar).
- Have strong stakeholder management experience.
- Well-developed analytical and project management skill.
- Be a quick learner and can master a variety of systems.
- Have a systematic and methodical mindset.
- Collaborative and proactive approach, with a focus on sharing knowledge and driving continuous improvement.
- Commitment to strong food safety, quality, and health and safety standards.

Our Values | Ngā Aura

At Fonterra, our values of Good Together, Better Every Day, and Every Drop Counts, are for everyone – no matter your background, identify or experience. These values guide us in delivering exceptional outcomes for our farmers, customers, communities, and each other. Discover how your values align with theirs by taking their **Values Quiz**.

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2026 FINALISTS

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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS



Finalists for the 2026 round of the annual Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards have been announced with a significant number of unique designs being recognised across multiple categories.

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

The 2026 Finalists come from the following PIDA categories:

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| 1. Food Packaging Design | 9. Sustainable Packaging Design |
| 2. Beverage Packaging Design | 10. Young Packaging Professional of the Year |
| 3. Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging | 11. Industry Packaging Professional of the Year |
| 4. Domestic & Household Packaging | 12. Packaging Technologist of the Year |
| 5. Labelling & Decoration | 13. 2026 ABA Scholarship Program – Diploma in Packaging Technology & Certificate in Packaging |
| 6. Outside of the Box | 14. AIP President Scholarship |
| 7. Marketing | |
| 8. Save Food Packaging | |

The PIDA Awards are also the exclusive feeder program for Australia and New Zealand for the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards run by the World Packaging Organisation (WPO). All 2026 PIDA winners will be automatically eligible for entry into the 2026 WorldStar Packaging Awards competition.

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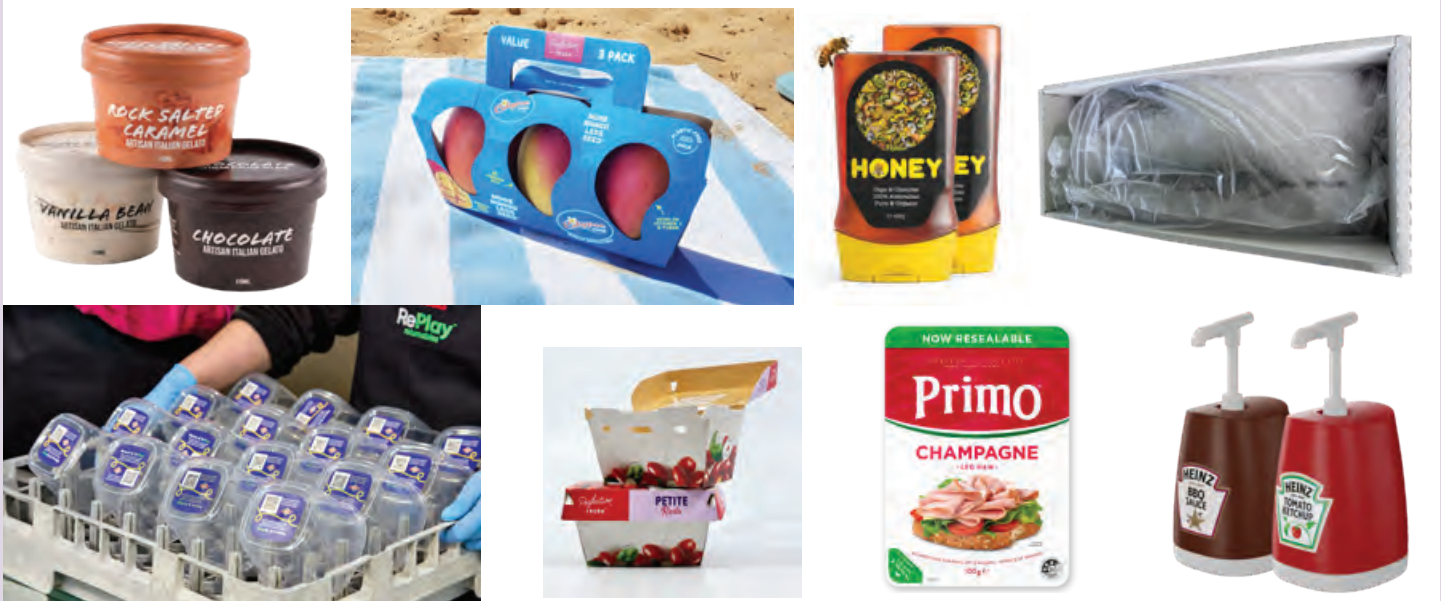
FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS



2026 FOOD PACKAGING DESIGN

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

The 2026 Food Packaging Design finalists are Primo Sliced Meats Peel & Reseal Pack: Primo Foods & Amcor Flexibles, Arctic Shield EPS Replacement: Opal ANZ, RePlay: Bonson Packaging, Everest Ice Cream Cup: BioPak, Honey Squeeze Pack: Caps & Closures, Heinz Taste Tap Dispenser: Kraft Heinz Australia, Mango Multipack: Opal ANZ & Perfection Fresh and Auto Punnet for Tomatoes: Detpak.



2026 BEVERAGE PACKAGING DESIGN

The Beverage Packaging Design award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, within packaging and processing for liquid or dry tea, coffee, water and soft drinks including wine, beer and spirits. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.

The 2026 Beverage Packaging Design finalists are Asahi Carlton Dry 6x330ml Bottle Shrink Replacement Wrap: Graphic Packaging International & Asahi Beverages, 600ml Spring Water: Woolworths, capR: Interpack, Remedy Sodaly: MCC Label Australia (Asia Pacific) and Asahi Beverages 6x330ml Bottle Basket to OTC Wrap: Graphic Packaging International.



FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS



2026 HEALTH, BEAUTY & WELLNESS PACKAGING DESIGN

The Health, Beauty & Wellness Packaging Design award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, within cosmetics, toiletries, personal hygiene, supplements, vitamins, perfumes, hair body and oral care. This award also covers packaging of all medicines including over the counter medicines, medical equipment packaging. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.



The 2026 Health, Beauty & Wellness finalists are Mono material HDPE tube & cap range: Impact International, Libra Range Outer Packaging with 50% PCR LDPE: ProAmpac New Zealand, Esmi Cleanser Butter Balm, rioa Rio Amazonas Face Wash: Bluestar Group New Zealand, Elucient Age defying Bright + Balanced range: Ego Pharmaceuticals and Coles Antibacterial Handwash 250ml: TrendPac & Coles.



2026 DOMESTIC & HOUSEHOLD PACKAGING DESIGN

The Domestic & Household Packaging Design award recognises organisations that have designed innovative packaging and/or materials, packaging within domestic and household items, toys, stationary, gifts, clothing, garden equipment, decorating. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.



The 2026 Domestic & Household Packaging Design finalists are Click & Grow Garden Care System: Yates Group, Tahwalhi Towable Bodyboard: Rebel Sports Australia, Libra Range Outer Packaging with 50% PCR LDPE: ProAmpac New Zealand and Smart Circular Satchel: Australia Post, iQRenew, RollsPack & Signet.



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2026 LABELLING & DECORATION DESIGN

The Labelling & Decoration Design award is designed to recognise the addition of content to a pack which creates a unique or innovative appearance, function or communication. This may include labels, sleeves, tags, coding/markings, etching, directly applied inks or by any other similar process. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.

The 2026 Labelling & Decoration Design finalists are RePlay: Bonson Packaging, Material Free Decoration: Costa Group, Result Group & The Packaging Hippie, EL TORO Tequila Blanco Vok Beverages, Bickfords Australia: MCC Label Australia (Asia Pacific), Elucent Age defying Bright + Balanced range: Ego Pharmaceuticals and Zeus St Greek Take Away Packaging: BioPak.



2026 OUTSIDE OF THE BOX DESIGN

The Outside of the Box Design Award has been established for miscellaneous packs and materials that are not included in any other category. This is a WorldStar Packaging General award category.

The 2026 Outside of the Box Design finalists are Milk Bottle Recycling System: Popit Recycling, Martogg & Procal Dairies, Nally Folding MegaBin: Viscount, Scaling Traceability: Result Group & Australian Table Grapes Association, ReCree8 PCR Pallet Wrap Range: thinkpac, Libra Range Outer Packaging with 50% PCR LDPE: ProAmpac New Zealand and Smart Circular Satchel: Australia Post, iQRenew, RollsPack & Signet.



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2026 SAVE FOOD PACKAGING DESIGN

The Save Food Packaging Design special award is designed to recognise companies that are working to minimise or prevent food waste from paddock to plate using innovative and intuitive design features that can contain & protect, preserve and extend shelf life; all the while meeting global sustainable packaging targets. This is a WorldStar Packaging Award category.

The 2026 Save Food Packaging Design finalists are Birds Eye Frozen Single Vegetables 825g Range: Simplot, Austlon SG Self Sealing Shrink Bag: IPE Pack and Technology, Heinz Taste Tap Dispenser: Kraft Heinz Australia and Paper Food Tub and Lid System: Pinnacle Packaging.



2026 MARKETING DESIGN

Packaging can elicit emotional responses in consumers and should be seen as your best form of marketing. The right packaging design and eye-catching aesthetics can create emotional stimuli that ensures a brand is purchased. This can incorporate the functionality of the pack, the aesthetic design and the outstanding visual appearance that makes the pack stand out on shelf, the premium and gifting style design, and/ or unique and interactive communication tools on the pack. This is a WorldStar Packaging Award category.

2026 Marketing Design award finalists are RePlay: Bonson Packaging, Where the Fruit becomes the Campaign: Costa Group - Result Group - The Packaging Hippie, G'day Honey Anti Dust Spray Propolis & Kakadu Plum: Pure Australia, JC's Quality Foods snack nut range: CTL Packaging and The Tasty Turkey Bangin' Burgers raised by Ingham's: We Are Sprout & Ingham's Australia.



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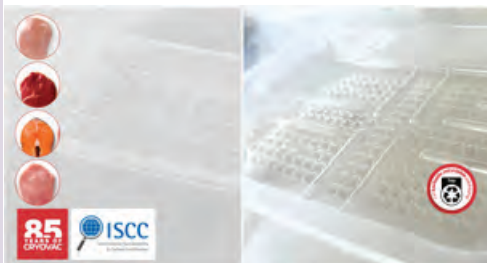


2026 SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DESIGN

The Sustainable Packaging Design special award is designed to recognise companies that have developed innovative packaging or processing solutions that incorporates sustainability considerations. Elements include Social, Material, Source Reduction, Energy and Recovery. This is a WorldStar Packaging Special Award category.



The 2026 Sustainable Packaging Design finalists are Smart Circular Satchel: Australia Post, iQRenew, RollsPack & Signet, When the Product Becomes the Package: Costa Group, Result Group & The Packaging Hippy, Milk Bottle Recycling System: Popit Recycling, Martogg & Procal Dairies, RePlay: Bonson Packaging, Nally Folding MegaBin: Viscount, ReCree8 PCR Pallet Wrap Range: thinkpac, Coles Antibacterial Handwash 250ml: TrendPac & Coles, Honey Squeeze Pack: Caps & Closures, CRYOVAC® Recycled Content Retail Meat Trays: Sealed Air Australia, Hot Fill Bag-in-Box (BIB) Pouch: Mondelez International & CTL Packaging, Mono material HDPE tube and cap range: Impact International, Cocktail Truss Tomatoes: Costa Group, Opal & Woolworths, 600ml Spring Water: Woolworths and SCA Engine Lubricants: Supercheap Auto.



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2026 YOUNG PACKAGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

The purpose of the Young Packaging Professional of the Year Award is to provide incentive and recognition to young professionals who are both currently working in and wish to continue their career path within the Packaging industry in both Australia and New Zealand. This can be within any industries such as Food, Beverage, Health, Beauty & Wellness, Domestic & Household. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase young professionals within our great industry. Under 35 years of age.



The 2026 Young Packaging Professional of the Year award finalists are Pooja Ganesh Nayak, Packaging Engineer, Coles, Storm Menzies. Owner, Storm Beauty, Curtis Wakeley, Technical Packaging Specialist, Bluestar Group New Zealand and Kelsey Smith, Managing Director, Birunji.



Pooja Ganesh Nayak



Storm Menzies



Curtis Wakeley



Kelsey Smith

2026 INDUSTRY PACKAGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Industry Packaging Professional of the Year Award is designed to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Packaging in both Australia and New Zealand. The judges will be looking for individuals who have demonstrated vision and leadership, shows innovation and not afraid to take risks. For significant and continued contribution of an Individual to the packaging industry over a minimum period of 20 years.



The 2026 Industry Packaging Professional of the Year award finalists are David Kilpatrick MAIP, R&D, Quality & Innovation Director, Zipform Packaging and Prof. Gil Garnier, Director & Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering. Monash University.



David Kilpatrick MAIP



Prof. Gil Garnier

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2026 PACKAGING TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

The Packaging Technologist of the Year Award is designed to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Packaging industry across Australia, New Zealand & Asia. The judges will be looking for packaging technologists, engineers, specialists, designers who have demonstrated advanced technical packaging skills and competencies through projects, initiatives and unique packaging designs.



The 2026 Packaging Technologist of the Year finalists are Christopher Cester Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP, Senior Packaging Technologist, Flavour Makers, Marian O'Leary Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP, Senior Packaging Technologist, Fonterra Australia and Nicole Roy Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP, Regional BDM Cold Chain ANZ, EMBALL'ISO ANZ.



Nicole Roy Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP



Christopher Cester Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP



Marian O'Leary Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP

2026 AIP PRESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The AIP President Scholarship has been designed to work in collaboration with the ABA program to help one additional person undertake either a Certificate in Packaging or a Diploma in Packaging Technology, should the judges deem an additional scholarship is deserved due to the quality of submissions. This scholarship is open to AIP Members that reside outside of Australia and New Zealand.



The 2026 AIP President Scholarship finalists are Wilsen Kannan AAIP, CPP, Assistant Packaging Manager, Vinda Malaysia and Dheeraj Kumar MAIP, CPP, Senior QC Manager, Lagata Group (Boden).



Wilsen Kannan AAIP, CPP



Dheeraj Kumar MAIP, CPP

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2026 ABA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA), in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), is pleased to offer an annual Scholarship program for Australia and New Zealand. The Scholarship program will enable one eligible candidate the opportunity to undertake a Diploma in Packaging Technology and a second person the opportunity to undertake a Certificate in Packaging.



The 2026 ABA Scholarship finalists are Andrew Rennie AAIP, Sales Representative, Oji Fibre Solutions NZ, Marta de Sousa Felix AAIP, Junior Packaging Technologist, Lactalis Australia, Nancy Jackson AAIP, Owner, NJD Creative, Fatemeh Arefian, Packaging Development & Sourcing Analyst, Caspak Products NZ, Mary Clare (Macey) Mapanao AAIP, Packaging Technologist, Suntory Oceania, Maisha Maliha, Packaging Scientist, Yates Group, Ola Wicik AAIP, Packaging Engineer, Opal Fibre Packaging Australia.



Maisha Maliha



Marta de Sousa Felix AAIP



Andrew Rennie AAIP



Nancy Jackson AAIP



Ola Wicik AAIP



Fatemeh Arefian



Mary Clare (Macey) Mapanao AAIP

Winners will be announced at the gala Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards ceremony that will be held alongside of foodpro on Tuesday the 28th of July, at the Aviary, Crown Complex, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.



MAY 2026

AIP Virtual Site Tour: Henkel

WHEN: 27 May 2026

WHERE: On-line via Zoom, 10.00 am AEST



WHAT: Join AIP and Henkel for a Virtual Site Tour showcasing solutions, automation, and sustainability initiatives across Australia, New Zealand, and the wider APAC region.

This webinar will take attendees on a guided tour of Henkel's packaging capabilities and facilities, combining real-world project examples and expert insights. A key highlight will be Henkel's collaboration with Opal on the Automated Hotmelt Packaging System, followed by an APAC-wide perspective on sustainable packaging.

The session will conclude with a live Q&A, giving attendees the opportunity to engage directly with Henkel and Opal experts.

What Attendees Will Learn

Attendees will gain insights into:

- Henkel's role in the packaging industry across ANZ and APAC.
- Sustainable packaging initiatives and how Henkel supports customers' sustainability goals.
- An overview of Henkel's packaging portfolio, including solutions such as Technomelt®, Liofol®, Aquence® and EPIX® adhesives.
- Key operational benefits, efficiencies, and learnings from the Opal-Henkel partnership.
- A real-world case study of the Automated Hotmelt Packaging System, developed in collaboration with Opal.
- APAC packaging capabilities, footprint, and Henkel's Pathway to Packaging Sustainability.
- An introduction to Recyclability Lab, Henkel's innovation initiative focused on recyclability and circular packaging solutions.



SPEAKERS:



Jose Reano
Business Development Manager
Henkel Australia



Malu Bassi
Business Development Manager
Henkel Australia



Shaun Campbell
Head of Growth and Partnerships
Opal



Yanjie Zheng
Manager Sustainability Packaging
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AIP State of Industry Webinar: interpack 2026 discoveries

WHEN: **3 June 2026**

WHERE: On-line via Zoom

WHAT: interpack is Simply Unique. Held every three years interpack is the largest packaging and processing tradeshow in the world and brings more than 2700 exhibitors from 61 countries together for 7 days. In 2023 over 143,000 visitors from 155 countries headed to Dusseldorf, Germany to find the latest trends, technologies, materials and machines. The AIP was well-represented at interpack and the June State of Industry webinar you will hear from Members that visited the show and also participated in key events during the week. The panel discussion will showcase what they discovered, new trends, any exciting new materials or designs, systems and technologies and more. The webinar will explore the uniqueness of interpack and see how many of the 18 Halls each panelist visited.



PANELISTS:



Fonny Chang Dip.Pkg.Tech. MAIP
Packaging Specialist
Woolworths



Jean-Francois Roiron
Founder/Inventor
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Lindy Hughson MAIP
President
IPPO

ProPak Asia 2026

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

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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...

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



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10th June

The 8th edition of the annual Global Packaging Forum, the pinnacle conference for ProPak Asia each year.

11th June

2x mini training courses to enhance your skills and knowledge and attain Certified Professional Development points towards the global Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation.

12th June

2x workshops that will be discussing the trends and future of paper and fibre and the future roadmap for rigid and soft plastics.

Visit the 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) award showcase area and see physical samples of all of the winning designs.

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JUNE 2026

8th edition Annual Global Packaging Forum

WHEN: 10 June 2026
Arrival 10.15 am, Start 10.30 am, Finish 4.30 pm

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia, Jupiter 8 – 10, IMPACT, Muang Thong Thani Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: The 8th annual edition of the Global Packaging Forum will be held on the 10th of June. This is the largest packaging conference held alongside ProPak Asia each year.

Speakers will provide global, regional and local views on a broad range of topics within the realm of packaging. Topics planned will include updates in global and local packaging and recycling regulations, how the world is shifting to Extended Producer Responsibility regulations and initiatives, how packaging design needs to move to be Recycle-Ready, how country-based regulations will impact design moving forward, the latest trends and innovations in sustainable packaging design, materials advancements, sustainable food systems and best practice examples from across the globe.

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Ziyi Wang
Head of Market Development – Primary Packaging
ExxonMobil Chemical Asia Pacific



Thanakharn Suebsubhap (TK)
Managing Director
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Veronica Hong
Sustainability Manager
Sealed Air - Asia Pacific Region



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Founder/CEO
Koor



Lisa Filindassi
Executive Sales Manager
Food Contact Centre (FCC)



Vincent Teniere
Packaging Expert
Sidel South Asia - Pacific



Gargi Pareek
Director - Government Affairs (Indian Subcontinent)
Tomra



All participants will receive points towards the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation and a Certificate of Attendance upon request.



JUNE 2026

Packaging Insights Webinar: Top Packaging Trends 2026

WHEN: **11 June 2026**

WHERE: On-line via Zoom, 16.00 pm CEST

WHAT: **How can brands thrive in a fast-changing market?**



REGISTER NOW

Join Packaging Insights for an exclusive webinar exploring Innova Market Insights' Top Packaging Trends 2026 which will be held on the 11th of June 2026 at 16.00 CEST.

Discover the key forces shaping the future of F&B packaging – from verified sustainability claims and digital-forward concepts to consumer-centric innovation.

The expert panel includes Nerida Kelton, Vice President Sustainability & Save Food, World Packaging Organisation (WPO), Paul Foulkes, Arellano Circular Growth Consultant, Non-Executive Director, Speaker and Author, Circuthon Consulting, Alisa Selezneva, Senior Market Analyst, Innova Market Insights and Elizabeth Davis, Journalist, Packaging Insights.

This webinar will help attendees gain actionable insights into the opportunities ahead and learn how brands can stay competitive in a rapidly evolving industry.



WEBINAR 11 June 2026 | 16:00 CEST



Paul Foulkes-Arellano
Circular Growth Consultant
Circuthon Consulting



Nerida Kelton
Vice President
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JUNE 2026

AIP 2x Mini Training Courses @ ProPak Asia

WHEN: 11 June 2026

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia 2026, Room: Jupiter 9, IMPACT, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: 1. Unboxing Accessibility: Easy to Open, Reclose, Grip & Handle Packaging Design
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To be held alongside

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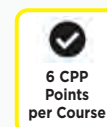
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TIME: Arrival 1.45 pm, Start 2.00 pm, Finish 4.30 pm

ROOM: Jupiter 9

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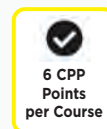
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AIP 3x Packaging Workshops @ ProPak Asia

WHEN: 12 June 2026

WHERE: Alongside ProPak Asia 2026, Room: Jupiter 9, IMPACT, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand.

WHAT: The Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), in partnership with Informa Markets, will be offering three interactive packaging workshops that will cover Future of Plastic Packaging (Rigid & Flexible), Future of Fibre, Paper, Renewable & Compostable Packaging and Future Trends & Innovations in Intelligent Packaging workshop.

Each workshop will include a panel discussion with leading Topic Leaders from across the region and then the second part will be an engaging and interactive workshop where the attendees will be able to see, touch and feel the innovations, packs and materials and learn more about how to use within your own business.



To be held alongside

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12 JUNE 2026
FRIDAY
10.30-16.30 hrs

Workshop 1: Future of Plastic Packaging (Rigid & Flexible) Arrival 10.15 am. Start 10.30 am, Finish 12.15 pm

Moderator:

Joe Foster FAIP
Education Team
Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)

Topic Experts:

Yuka Fukuda
R&D Head Staff
TOPPAN PLASINDO LESTARI

Darell Chung MAP CPP
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Workshop 2: Future of Fibre, Paper, Renewable & Compostable Packaging Arrival 12.30 pm. Start 12.45 pm, Finish 2.30 pm

Moderator:

George Ganzenmuller Dip.Pkg.Tech, FAIP, CPP
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Topic Experts:

Tamaki Kaga
Sales and Marketing Manager - ANZ
Futamura Australia

Adrian Lim
Regional Sales Manager
Detpak Packaging

Patra Khunawat
Managing Director
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Workshop 3: Future Trends & Innovations in Intelligent Packaging Arrival 2.40 pm. Start 2.45 pm, Finish 4.30 pm

Moderator:

Andrew Manly
Communications Director
Active & Intelligent Packaging Industry Association (AIIPIA)

Topic Experts:

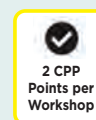
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All attendees will attain points towards the Certified Packaging Professional designation and a Certificate of Completion. Seat are limited so book today to attend one, two, or all three workshops.





JUNE 2026

2026 AIP Annual General Meeting

WHEN: 30 June 2026

WHERE: On-line via Zoom.

CALLING ALL
AIP MEMBERS



JULY 2026

foodpro 2026

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.

AIP to Partner - Packaging Sessions, Training Courses & Stand



AIP Packaging Panel Discussions x4

WHEN: Monday 27 July 2026, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

WHERE: Innovation Stage, Alongside foodpro, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

WHAT: The AIP will be hosting 4x panel discussions with leading technical packaging experts covering a broad range of topics including the latest global and regional regulatory framework for extended producer responsibility, design for recycling vs design for circularity, innovative materials and trends in food and beverage packaging design, sustainable packaging design, fibre alternative, data and digitalisation and more. The experts will offer global, regional and local perspectives to the discussions.





26-29 July 2026
MCEC Melbourne

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

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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AIP 2x Mini Training Courses @ foodpro

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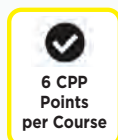
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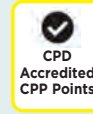
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JULY 2026

You are Invited to

2026 AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN (PIDA) AWARDS



Showcase & Gala Dinner

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Crown Aviary, Crown Complex Melbourne Victoria, Australia
Alongside foodpro

The AIP will be running the annual Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) awards on the 28th of July across the road at The Aviary, Crown Complex. Coordinated by the AIP, the Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards are designed to recognise companies and individuals who are making a significant difference in their field in Australia and New Zealand. The PIDA Awards are the exclusive award program for all Australia and New Zealand entries into the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards, which are coordinated by the World Packaging Organisation (WPO). All of industry is invited to join the gala awards ceremony. The AIP will also have a unique PIDA showcase area at foodpro for everyone to visit and see the 2026 round of finalists and winners.



Book your place today

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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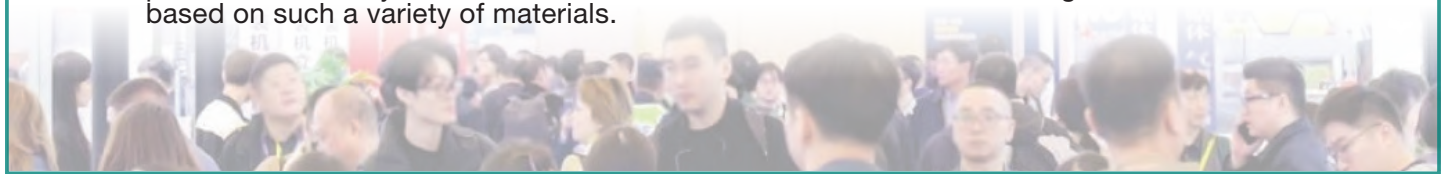
NOVEMBER 2026

interpack China

WHEN: **16 - 18 November 2026**

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

WHAT: 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-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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NEW CARTONBOARD SWATCH KITS

Boards, folds & finishes — all in one kit.

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A clear and practical in-hand guide to choosing the right board for the job, designed to show how our boards really perform, in print, in finishing and in final form.

Built for printers, designers and brand-owners, these individual Cartonboard Swatch Kits highlight key grades in our range. Each kit includes DL samples across the weight range, coating and embellishment comparisons, quick-reference on applications, accreditations, plus technical details and reel sizes.

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Ball & Doggett launches application-led Cartonboard Swatch Kits for the Australian market



Ball & Doggett, Australia’s leading distributor of printable materials and packaging substrates, has launched its new Cartonboard Swatch Kits – created to give printers, designers and brand owners a clearer, more tactile way to assess packaging board options.

Designed with real-world applications in mind, the individual kits offer an intuitive, hands-on view of how each board performs in production, reflecting the industry’s growing focus on fit for purpose, fibre-based packaging solutions.

The first release showcases four core cartonboard grades: Barry Bleach Board, Sumo Super Hi-Bulk GC1, Sumo Celsius GC2 and Sumo Greyback.

Unlike traditional swatches, these kits are built around practical print outcomes rather than standalone material samples. They are designed as a working reference tool, helping packaging teams gain greater confidence in decisions around print quality, structural rigidity and overall performance.

Josh Gleeson, Marketing Executive at Ball & Doggett, said: ***“We wanted to create a tool that genuinely supports the way printers and designers work. These swatches bridge the gap between specification sheets and what actually happens on press and through finishing, making material selection simpler and more informed.”***

Each kit features a wrap-around wallet containing a tuck-end box that houses DL sample cards. Together, they demonstrate board performance across scoring and folding, die-cutting, gluing and finishing. The print shows both topside and underside performance (topside only for Greyback), allowing users to evaluate how each board behaves in realistic end-use application.

The DL samples showcase print, coatings and embellishment comparisons alongside key technical information, while inside the wallets contains details on reel sizes, application suitability and mill accreditations—providing a well-rounded reference for both creative and production teams.

Tammy Arhontissas MAIP, National Manager – Fibre Based Packaging, said: ***“These kits are designed to make board selection faster, clearer and more confident. By showing real production outcomes, we’re helping customers choose materials based not just on specification, but on proven performance.”***

Industry professionals can now register to receive the Cartonboard Swatch Kits via Ball & Doggett’s website.



Additional releases are already in development as part of Ball & Doggett’s expanding swatch program.



Customer Service Matters

Across manufacturing and packaging, businesses are continuing to navigate freight volatility, raw material pressure, and changing supply conditions. In this environment, customer service becomes more than a front-end experience. It becomes part of supply confidence.

That is especially true in packaging. Closures and packaging components are often judged by price, availability, and performance, but those factors are only part of the picture. The experience behind the product also matters. How quickly questions are answered, how clearly lead times are communicated, how realistically issues are handled, and how easily customers can speak to the right people all shape the strength of a supply relationship.

In stable conditions, these things can be easy to be overlooked, but in more volatile conditions, they become much harder to ignore. For businesses working with petroleum-based plastics and globally influenced supply chains, market pressure can flow through quickly. Resin costs, freight conditions, shipping timelines, and production planning can all be affected by events beyond anyone's control. When that happens, customers do not just need product. They need communication, clarity, and confidence.

This is where customer service proves its value. Good service in packaging is not about scripted replies or polished language. It is about being accessible, responsive, and commercially realistic. It is about helping customers plan ahead, understand their options, and make informed decisions with fewer surprises.



It is about giving honest information early, rather than explanations late.

When markets are uncertain, that kind of support matters. It can help customers manage timing more effectively, improve visibility around orders and production planning, and reduce friction when changes need to be made. It also creates a stronger sense of accountability, which becomes even more important when supply chains are under pressure.

At Caps & Closures, they believe customer service should be practical, direct, and grounded in real support. That means being available when customers need answers, maintaining regular contact, and backing conversations with local knowledge and manufacturing understanding. It also means recognising that service is not separate from performance. It is part of it.



This is also where Australian-made capability continues to matter. Local manufacturing does not remove exposure to global market forces, particularly when key raw materials are linked to energy and petrochemical markets. However, it can make a meaningful difference in how challenges are managed. It shortens the distance between customer and supplier, allows for faster communication, supports clearer accountability, and helps connect decisions more closely to the realities of production.

That proximity has real value. In packaging, timing matters. Continuity matters. Technical understanding matters. When customers are dealing with changing conditions, they benefit from working with people they can reach directly and speak to openly. They benefit from support that is close to the market, close to the customer, and close to the manufacturing process itself.

That is one of the strengths of local service. It is not just about geography. It is about responsiveness, relationships, and knowing that when a question needs answering or an issue needs resolving, there are real people behind the business who understand the urgency and can act on it.

This is why customer service should not be treated as a soft extra in packaging. In many cases, it becomes part of supply resilience. Customers are not simply buying a component. They are relying on the systems, communication, and people around it. They want supply partners who can provide not just product, but consistency. Not just transactions, but support. Not just availability, but confidence.

That expectation is reasonable, and in the current market, it is more important than ever. At Caps & Closures, they see customer service as an active part of the value we provide. It sits alongside quality, innovation, and manufacturing capability. It supports stronger relationships, better communication, and more confident decision-making.

It reflects their commitment to doing business in a way that remains practical, responsive, and locally accountable.

Because in uncertain times, customers do not just need supply. They need confidence in the people behind it.

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Futamura and Biopap Advance Compostable Food

Futamura UK, a global leader in sustainable cellulose-based solutions, and Biopap®, a pioneer in compostable food packaging, are reinforcing their 25-year relationship to accelerate innovation in compostable solutions for the food service industry.



The collaboration combines Futamura’s regenerated cellulose film, NatureFlex™, with Biopap’s high-performance, compostable food trays. Together, the companies have developed functional compostable packaging, derived from renewable raw materials with the most practical end-of-life.

BIOPAP’s systemic approach considers the entire lifecycle of packaging, from sourcing renewable materials derived from sustainably managed forests to ensuring operational efficiency, food safety, and compostability at end-of-life. Its solutions are engineered to withstand a wide temperature range (-90°C to +175°C), while maintaining barrier properties and functionality suitable for professional catering applications, including cooking, storage, reheating, and consumption. Typically, consumers eat directly from Biopap’s range of solutions. Therefore, as the packaging is inevitably contaminated by food residue, compostable packaging and/or packaging compatible with anaerobic digestion technology is required. Their solutions using NatureFlex™ are also fully recyclable in the paper waste stream.

Their commitment was recently recognised when Biopap received the “Sustainable Development Award 2025” at the Ecomondo exhibition, highlighting its leadership in supporting the circular economy through long-term innovation.

Futamura’s expertise in regenerated cellulose films, produced from renewable wood pulp from responsibly managed plantations has been instrumental in supporting Biopap®’s product development. NatureFlex™ films are used to line Biopap®’s carton board trays to provide excellent barrier to oxygen, gas and resistance to oils and grease. Futamura films are EU and FDA direct food contact approved. They also meet all the relevant standards for industrial composting, including EN13432, ASTM D6400 and AS4736. They are also certified for home composting according to OK Compost Home protocol, to the French standard by Din Certco and the Australian home composting standard AS5810. In addition, Futamura tested NatureFlex™ films for High Solids Anaerobic Digestion according to ISO15985:2004. The results showed that all samples could be considered as completely biodegradable under solid, anaerobic conditions.



Biopap® solutions enable food waste and packaging to be processed together, transforming waste into valuable resources such as compost and biogas. A cradle to grave lifecycle assessment, demonstrates that Biopap Genius Meal Trays® allow for a 66% reduction of carbon footprint when compared to conventional polypropylene (PP) trays. Beyond emissions reduction, the company emphasises the importance of biological circularity, returning nutrients from food waste back to the soil, improving biodiversity, water retention, and reducing reliance on fossil-based fertilisers.

As Biopap celebrates its 25th anniversary, it is also a recognition of a 25-year partnership between Futamura and the Italian container manufacturer. Both Biopap® and Futamura reaffirm their ambition to lead the transition toward renewable, compostable packaging solutions that deliver environmental, operational, and societal benefits. The strength of the Futamura and Biopap® collaboration lies in its shared and trusted vision.

Long-standing relationships, continuity in teams, and a mutual commitment to continuous innovation have enabled both companies to evolve together and respond to emerging sustainability demands.

Giorgio Berton, Sales Manager at Futamura elaborated: ***“I’m very happy to collaborate with Biopap®, a serious and reliable company that has believed and invested in sustainability for years. Over the years, they have developed various sustainable solutions, and Genius is a truly brilliant, practical, and high-performance idea.”***

Dr. Eng. Michelangelo Anderlini (co-Founder) at Biopap® commented ***“Our collaboration with Futamura has always been rooted in shared values, trust, and a passion for innovation. From the beginning, we sought partners who believed in renewable materials and compostability. Together, we have created tailored solutions that have led to multiple patented innovations and continue to push the boundaries of sustainable packaging.”***

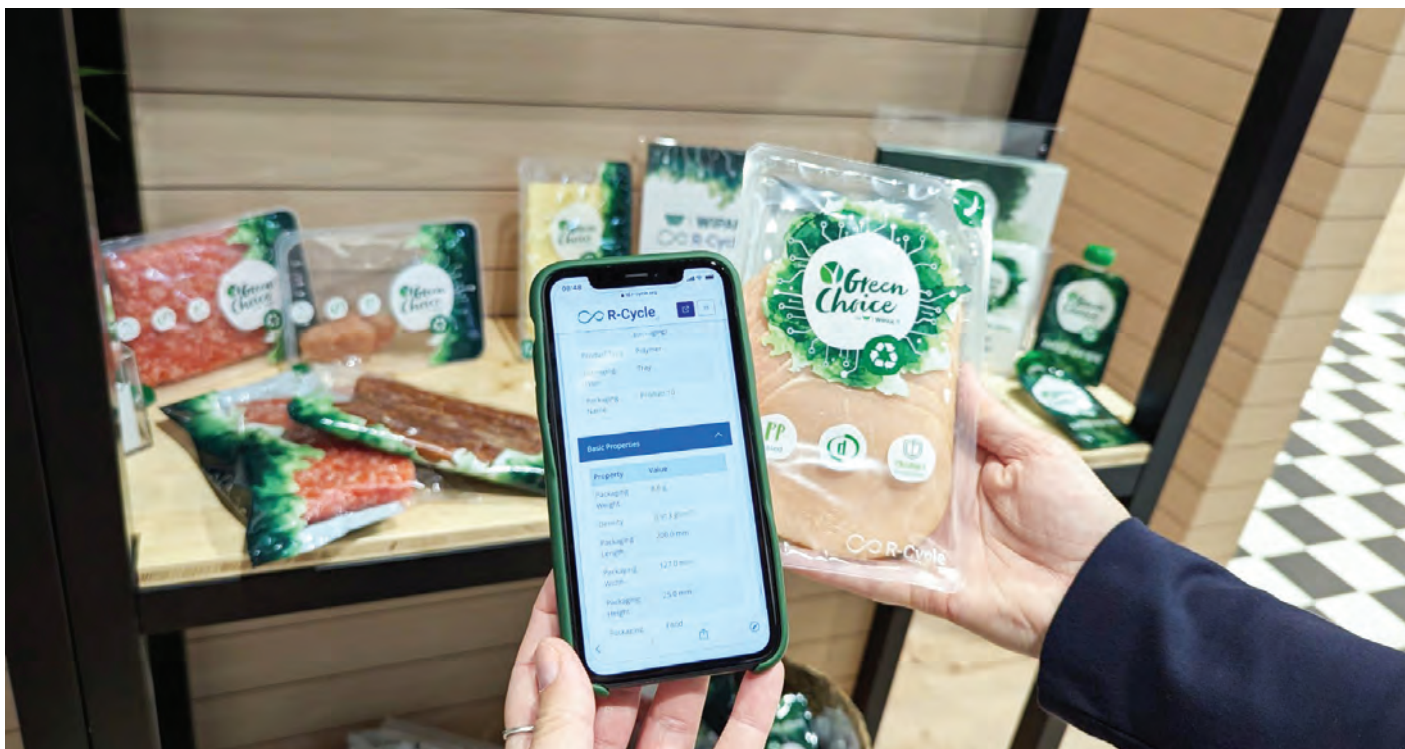


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Digital Watermarks Are Redefining What Recyclable Packaging Can Do



Digital watermarking has long been hailed as one of the most promising enablers of next-generation recycling. The next leap in circular packaging won't necessarily come from materials alone - it will come from intelligence built directly into the pack.

Digimarc's digital watermarking, now integrated into Wipak's high-performance printed films, is a clear example of how technology is reshaping what 'recyclable' truly means. Eco-friendly packaging must do more than reduce impact at the front end. As Wipak CEO Karri Koskela notes, it must remain functional across its entire lifecycle -protecting products, performing on line and moving through recycling systems with precision.

Digital watermarks make that possible by embedding detailed product and material data invisibly into the film, enabling identification far beyond the limits of optical sorting. This level of accuracy is essential if brands are to meet tightening regulations like Europe's PPWR and shift from virgin plastic to high quality recyclable materials. Digimarc CEO Riley McCormack comments about the challenge of sorting materials: ***“recyclers need better inputs to deliver better outputs. Watermark enabled sortation addresses that gap”***. Furthermore, the value doesn't end at the recycling facility. Digital watermarks unlock new data streams across supply chain visibility, consumer buyer behaviour and a more actionable model for sustainable circularity.



EcoPaperHighPlus: ADVANCING RECYCLABLE BARRIER PACKAGING

In their last newsletter, National Resources highlighted EcoPaperHighPlus as a successful alternative solution in the dairy market, particular in the application and processing and packaging butter.

As brands accelerate their shift toward fibre-based solutions, EcoPaperHighPlus stands out as a mono-paper material that delivers both sustainability and performance. Designed for paper-stream recycling and backed by CEPI / 4Evergreen certification, it offers the medium-barrier protection needed for a wide range of food and non-food applications - including strong resistance to oxygen and water vapour. Its real strength lies in practicality: EcoPaperHighPlus runs efficiently on existing HFFS and VFFS lines, maintaining speed and machinability without operational compromise. With FSC® or PEFC-certified paper, multiple surface finishes and compatibility with rotogravure, flexo and digital printing, it gives brands flexibility without sacrificing circularity.



EcoPaperHighPlus demonstrates how far paper-based packaging has evolved - proving that recyclable solutions can meet modern performance expectations while supporting a more sustainable future.

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Where labelling waste quietly adds up



Labelling waste is one of those hidden costs that quietly builds over time, often without drawing much attention until it starts impacting efficiency.

Extra materials, bins filling up with liner, constant roll changes, and the small but frequent interruptions on the line – all contribute to a process that is more resource-heavy than it first appears. While each element seems minor in isolation, together they can affect both operational flow and overall cost.

In many cases, these inefficiencies aren't immediately visible in reporting, but they show up in day-to-day operations through slower throughput, increased handling, and the need for additional labour to maintain output. It's not something that usually gets attention until it starts affecting how the line actually performs.

Across different operations, the same pattern continues to emerge: manual handling, frequent changeovers, and waste that is simply accepted as part of the process. As businesses look more closely at where time, labour, and materials are being absorbed, linerless labelling is starting to come into the conversation more often.

Plus, it doesn't mean walking away from traditional labelling – it's about having the flexibility to support both, depending on what your operation needs.

For many, it starts with a simple question: how much time, material, and labour is actually being absorbed by this part of the process?

Solutions like the cab HERMES linerless print and apply system are designed for integration into production lines, enabling automatic printing and application of labels, reducing downtime through fewer roll changes, and supporting a wide range of materials and applications.





Its compatibility with existing applicators and setups also allows businesses to transition without major disruption, making it easier to adopt linerless alongside current processes.

The result is a more efficient, consistent, and flexible labelling approach, with less waste, fewer interruptions, improved use of labour, and measurable cost savings over time. It also supports broader sustainability goals by reducing material waste and minimising what ends up in the waste stream.

That's the shift, and for many, it starts with taking a closer look at what's already happening on the line.

For businesses looking to better understand how linerless labelling could fit within their operation, further information is available through this link.



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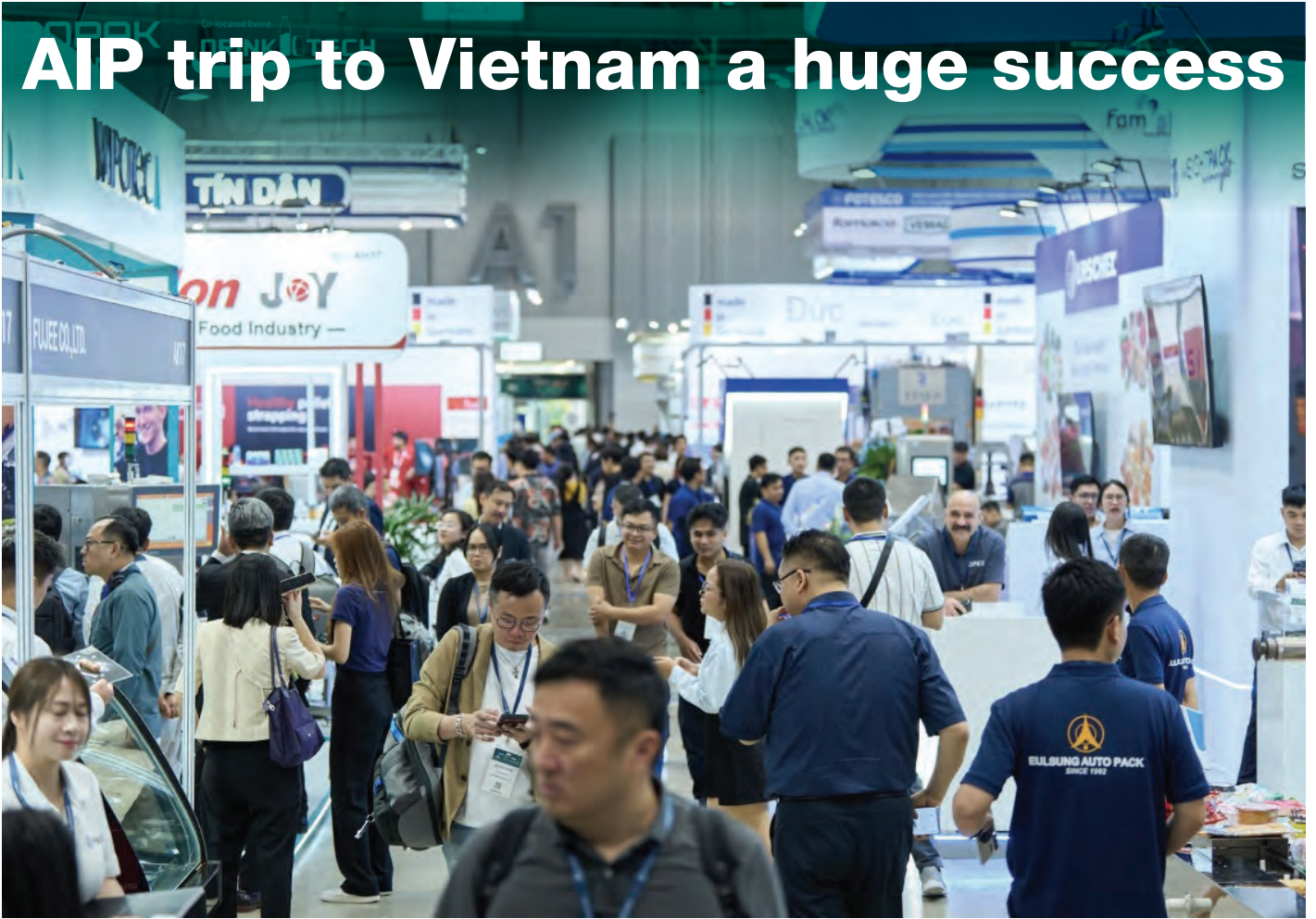
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AIP trip to Vietnam a huge success



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Full House for AIP Training Courses

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The AIP ran the annual Vietnam Packaging Forum with over 14 speakers from across the region. The panel discussions were very well received and provided a more conversational dialogue for the attendees.

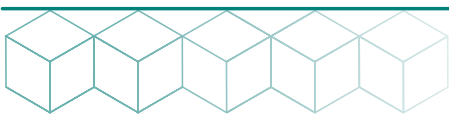








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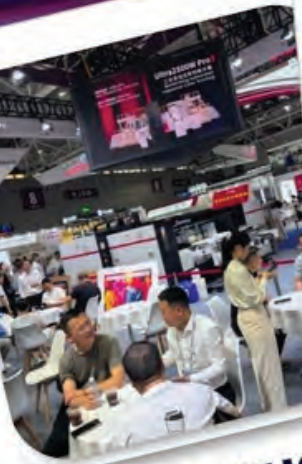
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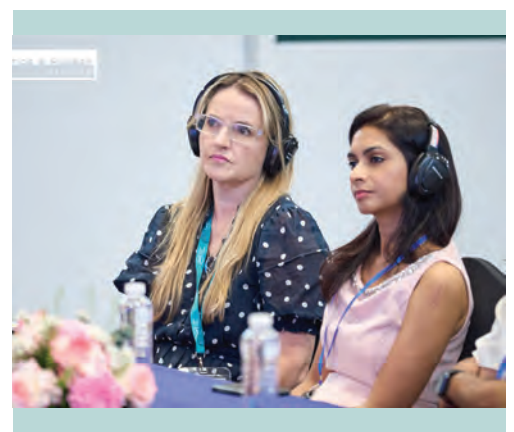


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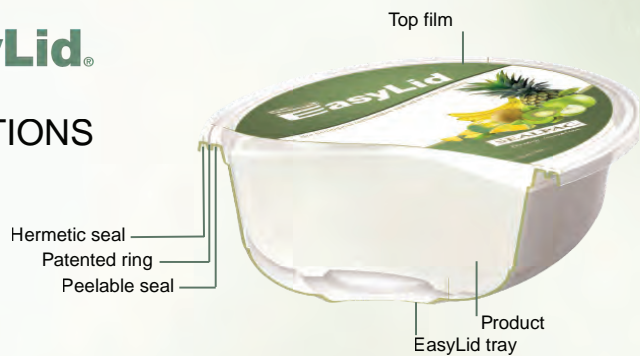


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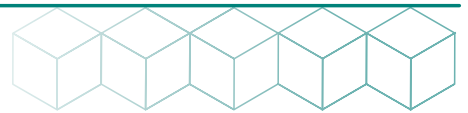
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From Greenwashing to Greenhushing: The New Sustainability Challenge



ABA CEO UPDATE

For years, **greenwashing** has dominated headlines — brands overstating their environmental credentials and losing trust as a result. Australians are savvy. The ACCC's crackdown on misleading environmental claims has shown that businesses can't get away with vague language.

A new trend is quietly sweeping across Australian businesses: **greenhushing**. Greenhushing happens when companies under communicate their genuine sustainability progress out of fear of regulatory scrutiny, fear of being accused of exaggeration-or fear that their efforts aren't 'good enough' compared to peers.

It's a real risk. Because while greenwashing erodes trust, **greenhushing leaves value on the table**. Customers, investors, councils, and employees are all looking for leadership. Staying silent means they may assume you're doing nothing at all.

Why this matters for CERTIFIED compostables:

At the Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA), we see this trend emerging across sectors. Many businesses are adopting **certified compostable packaging** as part of their circular economy strategy — yet too often, they hesitate to tell that story. That's a missed opportunity.



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- It reassures retailers that claims are independently verified.
- It gives consumers clarity on end-of-life.
- It demonstrates to investors and employees that sustainability is real, measurable, and credible.

Silence means these benefits go unnoticed.

Moving from fear to leadership

The solution isn't shouting louder, but communicating smarter. Certification allows brands to avoid the risks of greenwashing and greenhushing by giving them the clarity, confidence, and credibility to speak openly about their progress.

As the transition to organics recycling accelerates in Australia, the businesses that thrive won't be the ones hiding their wins. They'll be the ones who share their compostable journey transparently, proudly, and backed by proof.

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Food waste an untapped performance opportunity for New Zealand businesses, new research shows

New research released today shows that while many New Zealand food businesses are taking action on food waste, significant opportunities remain to reduce costs and improve operational performance.

The survey, led by Kai Commitment, gathered more than 3000 insights from medium and large businesses across the food sector.

It found that only one in three businesses believes their food waste is under control, while nearly 60 percent say more work is needed. Despite this, more than half are already reporting cost savings.

The findings also show that most food waste in New Zealand businesses is preventable, with the leading drivers including product quality and specification issues, supply chain constraints, forecasting challenges and human error.

Kai Commitment Interim Executive Director Carmen Doran said the findings highlight a need to rethink how businesses approach food waste.

“Food waste is often framed as a sustainability issue, but what this research highlights is that it is fundamentally a business performance issue,” says Doran.

“It impacts margins, operational efficiency, and increasingly how businesses meet reporting and customer expectations. The opportunity is real, and many businesses are already seeing the benefits when they start to measure and manage it properly.”

Kai Commitment’s own programme data reinforces this, showing that businesses taking a structured, data-driven approach to food waste are reducing waste and improving performance. Across participating businesses, food waste sent to landfill has fallen by 85 percent from baseline levels, alongside improvements in operational efficiency and reductions in emissions.

The survey also identified gaps in how businesses measure and manage food waste.



While nearly 80 percent track the volume of food waste, only around half measure its causes and financial impact. Around a third measure the environmental footprint of their food waste, while ten percent collect no data at all.

Many businesses lack clear structure around food waste, with fewer than half having formal action plans or targets, and only a small proportion assigning senior leadership accountability.

Global supply chain and operations expert Ian Walsh, Managing Director of Argon & Co, said the findings reflect a wider productivity challenge facing New Zealand businesses.

“New Zealand has been falling behind other OECD countries in productivity growth, and one of the reasons is that we are not consistently adopting proven best practices in how we run our operations,” says Walsh.

“Reducing waste is not a new concept. Leading global companies have been applying lean principles for decades. What this research shows is that the same opportunity exists here, particularly in how businesses manage food.”

Walsh said food waste should be viewed as part of a broader operational improvement approach.

“Food waste is one form of operational waste. If you produce more than you need, move product inefficiently, or add unnecessary processing, you create cost and inefficiency. Addressing food waste is part of building a more productive, competitive business.”

The research also found a strong appetite for action, with 60 percent of businesses planning to increase investment in food waste reduction over the next two years.

Doran said the focus now needs to shift from isolated activity to more structured, system-wide approaches.

“What we’re seeing is a sector that is motivated and making progress, but not yet operating in a consistent, strategic way,” she says.

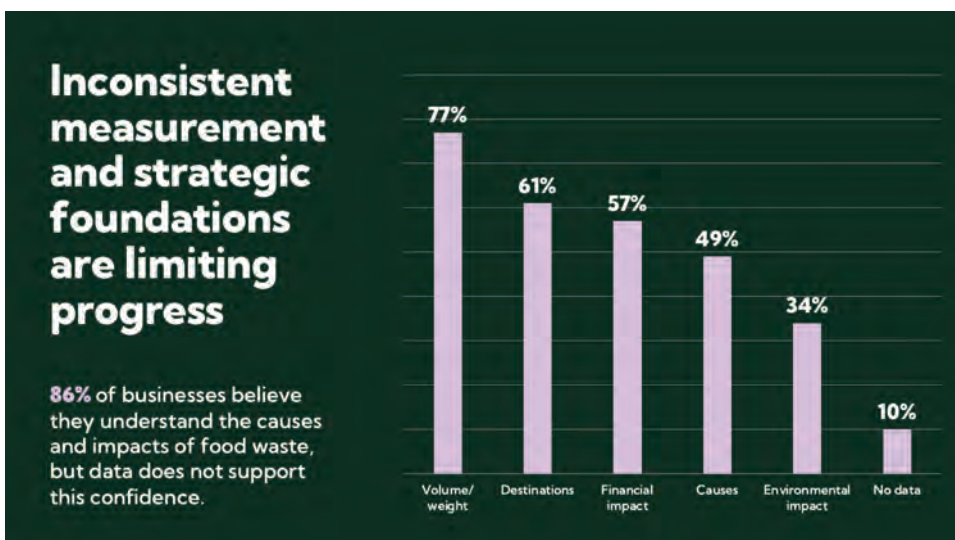
“With stronger measurement, clearer targets, and greater alignment across supply chains, businesses can unlock significant value. This is about moving from one-off initiatives to embedded ways of working.”

Walsh added that this shift is critical for long-term competitiveness.

“Reducing waste is not a one-off project. It requires a structured approach and, ultimately, a change in how businesses operate day to day,” he says.

“Those who do this well don’t just reduce costs. They build resilience, meet customer expectations, and create a competitive advantage.”

Kai Commitment is a voluntary agreement supporting New Zealand’s food businesses to reduce food waste through measurement, best practice, and collaboration.



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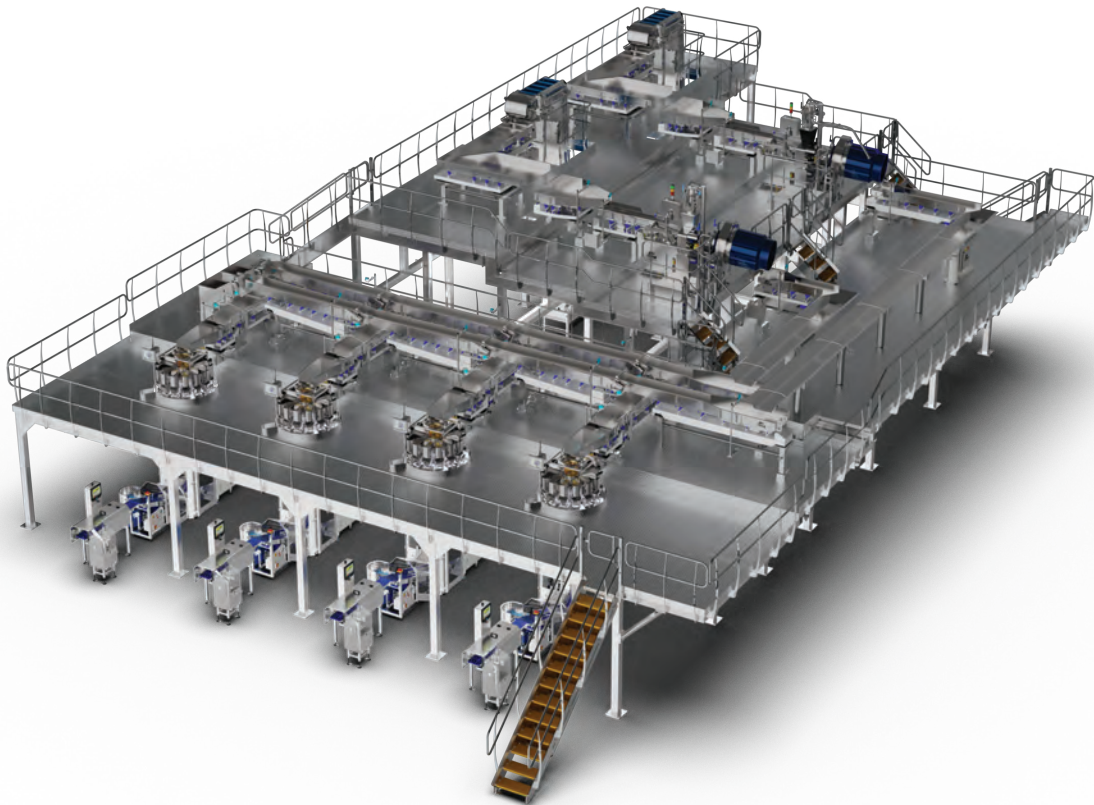


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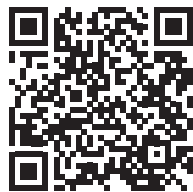
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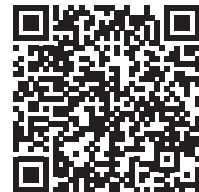
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