

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



So it's Christmas - again.... and it seems to arrive more quickly each time around. As many of you will know, it has been a very busy year for the AIP and I am pleased to report that it has also been one of the AIP's most successful. Obviously the highlight for 2008 was the National Conference where over 300 delegates joined our wide ranging review of packaging sustainability and we have continued this momentum by launching into the 2009 AIP National Technical Forums to be held at AUSPACK in June next year. Themed around "Packaging MEGA trends", this forum will address a series of major trends that will drive industry including nanotechnology, bioplastics and plastics, design for the aging population, sustainable design, openability, in-store merchandising and the new SureFresh technology among others.

Education, training and professional development were re-focussed as the core activity of the AIP and 2008 saw the strategic alliance between Nestlé and the AIP for the education of its packaging technologists across Australia which coincided with the launch of the new Certificate in Packaging Technology in complement of our existing Diploma. The Nestlé program is a hallmark of a very successful model for packaging training and emulates the in-house corporate training programs seen more widely in the UK and Europe. In 2009, the Diploma will be upgraded to enhance its depth and technical relevance, but also to increase its academic rigor as we strive to move the skills baseline upward. The AIP's education infrastructure has also been bolstered with a formal alliance with the Australian Management Academy, a registered training organisation (RTO) who will back end our education administration and who bring significant skills and experience to bear regarding the training framework in Australia and SE Asia.

Complementing the formal training has been the alliance with AI Group in facilitating the development of half day technical training courses which have been a run-away success in 2008 and will be expanded during 2009. The interesting thing that we noted here was that the vast majority of attendees to these courses did not have a background in packaging, thus exposing a grouping of interested parties that until now had not been looked after. And with this growth in training activities, the AIP has commenced its search for additional trainers to bolster its resources.

Membership continues to be strong and we have welcomed a number of long-standing and highly experienced packaging technologists as Fellows of the AIP during 2008 which is pleasing to see. We have just completed a nationwide Member survey to determine what you all think of how the AIP is going and are currently compiling the results which will guide the Board in its strategic and operational thinking for 2009 and beyond. As always, I would encourage all of our long-standing and new Members to become more active and come along to the various dinner or breakfast meetings around the country, often co-shared with other organisations, and are topical and interesting, not to mention a great opportunity to take some time out with your industry colleagues.

So in closing the AIP is in good shape and on behalf of the National Board of the AIP, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Members and affiliates the very best for a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you out and about in 2009.

Best wishes  
Craig Wellman MAIP  
National President

#### WINNER OF AIP NATIONAL SURVEY PRIZE

The AIP would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank everyone who has completed our National survey. The response was extremely high and our objective is to use the results for our 2009 event planning. Secondly, a big congratulations to Wendy Trinder MAIP, PPI Corporation, who was the lucky winner of the iPod nano!

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Due to strong growth in education, training and conference activities, the AIP is changing its internal operations to underpin and improve the administration of the Institute into the future. Specifically, the role of the National Secretary has been restructured to a revised National Secretary role, the National Treasurer and a new role – AIP Administration & Accounts Officer.

### POSITION VACANT: National Secretary

The National Secretary to the Australian Institute of Packaging is a voluntary position and would suit a Member within the Institute. The role is only open to Members residing in NSW. The core function of the National Secretary is to assist the AIP in its operation of board and annual general meetings along with statutory compliance with ASIC and other agencies, as well as liaising with ASIC.

An exposure to organising and conducting meetings, including annual general meetings would be desirable, but not essential, as would a knowledge of company secretarial duties.

The role entails arranging and attending 6 board meetings via teleconference and the AGM held in conjunction with the AIP National Conference. Ensuring that financial reports are current and available to the Board for its regular deliberations. Attendance at the National Conference is paid for by the AIP including accommodation and travel should this be necessary. Other miscellaneous duties would include liaising with ASIC (for example with the lodging of annual returns) but most importantly providing input and wisdom for the National Board.

Email your resume in confidence to [info@aipack.com.au](mailto:info@aipack.com.au)

### POSITION VACANT: AIP Administration & Accounts Officer

The AIP Administration & Accounts Officer is a new part time role which was previously completed by the National Secretary and would suit someone with accounts payable/receivable or book keeping experience.

Ideally, applicants would have a good working knowledge of MYOB (or equivalent) and preferably have strong PC skills including MS Word & Excel. The ability to prepare BAS returns and management accounts (e.g. P&L) along with experience with online banking systems would also very useful.

The AIP Administration & Accounts Officer reports to the National Treasurer and is part time, and ideally suited as a work from home role. It is expected that the role might require approximately 6-8 hours per week and is an opportunity to supplement your income.

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### NEW MEMBERS

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

NAME	Associate/Member	State
Bassam Hallak	Member	VIC
Marco Pellegatti	Associate	NSW
Melinda Barton	Associate	QLD



**Packaging MEGA Trends**  
Wednesday 17th &  
Thursday 18th of June  
Sydney Showgrounds  
Sydney Olympic Park  
Alongside AUSPACK 2009

The Australian Institute of Packaging will be once again holding their biennial National Technical Forums alongside AUSPACK.

With the theme 'Packaging MEGA Trends' and international speakers coming to present, the AIP National Technical Forums are expected to be a must-attend on the 2009 calendar.

Packaging MEGA Trends that will be discussed over the two days will include:

- Nanotechnology.
- Sustainable Design.
- Openability.
- Design for the aging population.
- In Store Merchandising.
- Private Labels.
- Collaboration of Bioplastics & Plastics.

Bringing together some 300 people from all areas within the packaging industry and from food, beverage and manufacturing companies, the forums are designed to provide education and training for the packaging industry.

Supported by the APMA and ETF, the AIP National Technical Forums are a significant event on the packaging calendar every two years.



[CLICK HERE TO READ THE PACKAGING MEGA TRENDS ARTICLE IN PACKAGING MAGAZINE THIS MONTH](#)

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### Don't miss out on the latest AIP activities for 2008

ALL Members are invited to attend ANY events across the country.

QLD

#### BAREFOOT BOWLS XMAS PARTY

Come and join the AIP for a day of Barefoot Bowling for their annual Christmas party.

When? **Friday 5th of December**  
Where? East Brisbane Bowls Club, Mowbray Park  
Time? Arrival time 3.00pm  
BBQ after bowling

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NSW

#### AIP & SPE XMAS GET-TOGETHER

2008 is nearly over and the AIP and the SPE would like to invite all our Members, industry colleagues and guests to attend a relaxing drink and networking Xmas get-together.

When? **Tuesday 16th of December**  
Time? 6.00 pm  
Where? Waterview, Dooleys at Silverwater

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VIC

#### JOINT AIP & SPE MEETING

When? **3rd of February 2009**  
Where? Box Hill Golf Club  
Time? 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start  
Speakers? Dr Fugen Daver, Senior Lecturer, Materials and Manufacturing Processes Group, RMIT.  
Title: Injection stretch blow moulding  
Paul Haggett Business Development Manager from Detmold who will talk about the features of flexible packaging materials that combine paper and plastics.

#### \$4,500 raised at QLD Annual Charity golf day



Visy Board team

The Queensland Branches of the SCLAA and the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) once again ran their annual charity golf day recently at Northlakes Golf Course raising \$4,500 for charity. The two charities chosen for 2008 were Mercy Ships and Spectrum Employment.



Majans team

The two associations would like to once again thank all of the companies who generously sponsored the day including AirRoad, APICS, Crest, Fibre King, Chep, Australian Container Unloading Group, Amcor, Brendale, Loscam, Golf World, Dematic, Hally Labels and for all of the 100 odd budding golfers who came out to support this annual event.

#### The 2008 Annual Charity Golf Day Winners are as follows:

Winner (including 19th and Handicap)	Spectrum Employment (Team 1)
Runners Up	Visy Board
Lowest Actual Score	Majans
Bradman Award	APICS Team
Nearest to the Pin : 5th hole	Peter McGrogan, Big Gee (Spectrum Employment Team)
Nearest to the Pin : 12th hole	Stephen Humpage, One Harvest (Visy Board Team)
Nearest to the Pin : 16th hole	Greg Smith, Visy Board
Longest Drive : 18th hole	Terry Sharp, Inpack
Straightest Drive : 7th hole	Michael Hood, BOC Ltd

#### WRAP UP of VIC site visits



A very successful year of advisement on Packaging Technology by the Southern Branch of the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) in Melbourne culminated when two companies allowed members access to their facilities to see first hand the operations of some of the technologies spoken about in face to face meetings over the previous ten months.

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