



Message from the New National President

For the last 2 years I have had the pleasure to serve on the National Board of the AIP as Vice President under Llew Stephens who has led the AIP in a spirit of humility, facilitation and decisiveness. In my experience with Llew, he has underplayed his contribution to the organisation and its success when in fact he has been instrumental in its continued expansion, building a solid footing for years to come. His goal was straight forward - to leave an already healthy AIP in better shape than he found it. In my view he has indeed achieved this objective.

Llew's most significant achievement in my eyes has been to focus the AIP back to its roots as the primary provider of education for packaging technologists in Australia in launching the new Certificate in Packaging and the revised Diploma in Packaging Technology. As businesses around the country strive to find well qualified people in packaging, the timing has been right and as a testament to this strategy, we were recently successful in securing agreement with Nestle for a corporate program covering 9 Certificate and 4 Diploma students over 2+ years. We have since seen another 5 student enrolments from other sources and a raft of enquiries.

Meanwhile, Llew has overseen the staging of one of the largest AIP technical conferences this year in Sydney, led the delivery of technical forums at AUSPACK, established a new relationship with AI Group for the delivery of short courses in packaging around the country and commenced investigative work on a possible new branch in Adelaide! Many of the emails circulated by Llew would often be time stamped late into the night and phone calls placed while he was racing home on the Melbourne ringroad. So I am guessing that as he hands over the torch, his family will be looking forward to seeing more of him - until of course he starts that Diploma in Packaging Technology that he has always wanted to do. So on behalf of the National Board and all of the members of the AIP, I extend a huge thank you to Llew for all his efforts at the AIP during the last 2 years and indeed the many years before this. It will be a tough act to follow but he reassures me that like George & Harry before him, he will not be going too far and for this I am grateful.

As President Elect, I do not think that I can choose a better goal than Llew's to leave the AIP in better shape that I now find it. I see that the AIP will increasingly be defined around our education activities as we move to deliver our courses with RTO capability and achieve course recognition with the Department of Education & Training. This is the pathway for Packaging Technologists to achieve greater professional standing and ultimately support the industry in which we serve.

Stronger relationships will be sought with other key stakeholders- especially the PCA, APMA and other industry bodies domestically, the IoP & PIABC in the UK along with the World Packaging Organisation and national institutes elsewhere in the world from whom we can learn a great deal. In support of this continued growth, the internal foundations and workings of the AIP (including education & membership administration) will be bolstered to deliver a more robust infrastructure to future Boards and the membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new National board members, new chairpersons Ralph Moyle (Victoria) and William Woo (NSW), along with their existing and new committee members and thank them for their inspiration to be involved.

I look forward to the opportunity of assisting the AIP over the coming years to fulfil its potential - which is in fact, assisting the achievement of our member's potential.

Craig Wellman MAIP
National President Elect

Towards a sustainable packaging industry
2008 AIP National Conference
12th & 13th June, Luna Park Sydney

TWO WEEKS TO GO

TRAINING - EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?

One of the dominant issues within the packaging industry is the lack of skilled staff, exacerbated by the low level of unemployment. In this first instalment of a three-part series, industry doyen, Professor Harry Lovell OAM, reviews the origin of packaging's current training dilemma and suggests a future path.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Annual Membership Renewals have now been sent out to everyone. Please ensure that your renewal is paid as promptly as possible. Should you have any questions please contact Mark Kelton on PH: 07 3278 4490 or email: mark@aipack.com.au

BOOK REVIEWS

by Sharon Givoni, AAIP

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How To Package Your Products For MOMS
By JoAnn R. Hines, Packaging Diva

Packaging Industry in China market report

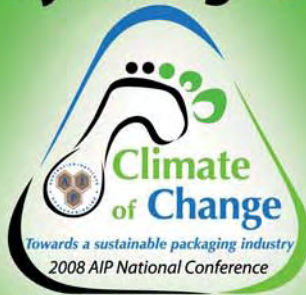
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NEW MEMBERS

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

NAME	Associate/Member	State
Ann Nguyen	Associate	QLD
Bryce Hickmott	Member	VIC
Jeremy McKay	Associate	QLD
Miguel Avila	Member	NSW
Paul Callaghan	Member	NSW
Phillip Higgins	Member	VIC
Julieta Woollard	Associate	NSW

Have you registered?



12th & 13th June, Luna Park Sydney

**Don't forget:
only
2 WEEKS
TO GO!**

Here are just a few of the speakers...



Dr Frank Glatz
Managing Director
Biograde Limited



Barry Kelly
Managing Director
Basell Australia



Angela Nicholls
AI Gore Ambassador
Global Warming Leader



Lee Smith
General Manager
Public Affairs & Marketing
Visy Recycling



Dr Gerard Van Rijswijk MAIP
Senior Policy Advisor
National Association of Retail
Grocers of Australia



Russell Johnson
Compliance and Research Manager
Fosters Group - Wine Aust/NZ

CHINA



Cao Xiao Ning
Managing Director
Shanghai Zijiang Metallization
Packaging Materials Co

USA



Dr Paul Singh
School of Packaging
Michigan State University
USA

UK



James Tupper
EGR Learning & Change Manager
IGD



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President
Equity Square



Jacky Nordsvan MAIP
Packaging Specialist
Oceania
Nestle Australia

UK



Andrew Streeter
Managing Director
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UK



Andy Sweetman
Market Development
Manager Sustainable
Technologies Innovia Films

NZ



Paul Adams
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Inveratek Group



Herrick Ramberg
Returnable Plastic Tray
and Dolly Director
K.Hartwall



Olivier Clement
Regional Manager
Sleever International



Pierre Pienaar FAIP
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PackTech Solutions



Darren Oemcke
Chief Executive Officer
Provisor



Mike Searles
Group Sustainability Manager
Goodman Fielder



Aquiles Acevedo
Packaging Manager
Goodman Fielder

The Australian Institute of Packaging National Conference is designed to bring together the activities of food, beverage and packaging technologists, designers and researchers, as well as logistics experts in the investigation of future packaging solutions that incorporate sustainability. Through attendance, participants will gain an increased awareness of how the packaging industry can re-design, re-use, recycle to reduce the impacts of packaging throughout the entire life cycle of a product.

The 2008 National Conference will have over 40 leading international and national speakers in a variety of fields to cater for everyone in the food, beverage, manufacturing and packaging industries. Keynote speakers are world-renowned experts in their fields and the program provides an extensive array of educational and technical opportunities for everyone in the industry. The AIP National Conference is open to both Members and non-members and is the largest educational conference of its kind in the industry. A not-to-be-missed event.

For a registration form email mark@aipack.com.au or log on to www.aipack.com.au

AIP TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR NESTLÉ OCEANIA



Nestlé students

Nestlé and the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) have cemented their relationship with a commitment of enrolments of 9 students in the new Certificate in Packaging and another 4 students in the Diploma in Packaging Technology. This represents a significant expansion of Nestlé's packaging training activities in the Oceania region.

As part of a customised solution, the AIP will deliver these courses in a hybrid format with some direct face-to-face content between student groups and tutors in an effort to increase learning rates and student outcomes.

According to Mr Craig Wellman, MAIP, National President Elect of the AIP, this hybrid was viable because of the holistic approach taken by Nestlé towards training.

"It will deliver Nestlé a unique forum for up-skilling its team while building camaraderie in its diverse packaging group which was a key objective for this program," Mr Wellman said.

Nestlé has expanded its packaging resources to include 24 packaging engineers and technicians spread throughout its head office and plants in the region. The AIP training program for over half this team represents a significant investment for the business.

Mr Paul Haberland FAIP, head of packaging at Nestlé and a campaigner for packaging training for many years, added that Nestlé has taken this step in recognition of the projected volume of packaging innovation projects and packaging's significance to the business – both as an investment in the Company's brands and a key cost input.

"Nestlé intends to deliver a long term resource of highly skilled packaging specialists by building on their existing education & experience," Mr Haberland said.

"We are excited with the AIP's offering and hold this program in high esteem," Mr Haberland, FAIP said.

The AIP is the pre-eminent body delivering packaging training in Australia with its Diploma and Certificate programs based on those created by the UK Institute of Packaging. These courses are equivalent to those now being embraced by the European Union and are accredited by the Packaging Industry Awarding Body Company in the UK (PIABC).

As such, packaging professionals holding Diplomas or Certificates gained via the AIP will have qualifications which are internationally recognised and able to be leveraged in employment opportunities in other regions, particularly Europe.

"The portability of these qualifications and application in Europe is valuable to Nestlé, given the breadth of our international operations," Mr Haberland said.

"Our staff are frequently presented with opportunities to work with Nestlé in other parts of the world,"

The Nestlé program officially launches the Certificate in Packaging Course which has been by the IoP years to suit Australian delivery requirements. Originally delivered in a 4 day residential format for the major unit and 4 electives via on-line/open learning, the course has been re-written to enable a full distance/open learning approach more suited to the Australian environment where students spread widely across the country.

Emeritus Professor Harry Lovell OAM FAIP, a proponent of the new course said that the Certificate course opens up a new window for packaging training in Australia enabling students to complete a shorter, less intensive program than the Diploma but with credits provided toward the Diploma for successful students.

"The concise Certificate program is also proving popular with companies wishing to provide corporate wide training in packaging as we are seeing with the Nestlé project," Professor Lovell OAM said.

"Traditionally, most enrolments have been made by individual students and while this is expected to continue, where a company commits to staff training both financially and operationally as we are seeing with Nestlé, student and employer outcomes are enhanced," he said.

"It is clear that in such cases, employers take a very serious interest in staff development which results in students approaching their studies with ambition given the strong link to career progression."

Professor Lovell also pointed out that students who are able to move around the business and onto the production lines had a real advantage and this seemed to occur where employers were actively supportive in the training process.

The Nestlé program represents a benchmark for excellence in packaging training in this country and hopes are that it will encourage other leading organisations to seize a similar opportunity.

"Skill shortages are being felt by all businesses at the moment and talent retention is a strategic imperative. In this environment, training is a key attraction for staff in planning a future with a company and those companies with vision will gain from developing resources from within to underpin current and future demands. It is a win-win for both parties." Mr Wellman said.

"Education has been the corner stone of the AIP since its inception in 1963 and we are very pleased with the progression of the Diploma and Certificate courses including their international recognition. In particular, we think the new Certificate will be attractive to members of the Institute who have wanted to formalise their standing via qualification. Overall, the AIP is ideally placed to assist the industry – both corporate and individuals – with their education and training requirements." he said.

All interested companies should contact the AIP on PH: 07 3278 4490 or educate@aipack.com.au to discuss their needs.



Paul Haberland, Craig Wellman and Prof. Harry Lovell



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THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ADHESIVE LABELS AIP/SCAA TECHNICAL DINNER

When? Wednesday 2nd of July
Where? Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street
 Box Hill (Melway ref 61 C3)
Time? 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start
 The evening concludes at approx 9.30 pm
Speakers? Mike Profenna, Labelmakers
 Carl Pimentel, HB Fuller

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NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When? Wednesday 11th June
Time? 8.00 pm
Where? Crystal Palace, Luna Park
 1 Olympic Drive, Milsons Point, Sydney
 NB: AIP Members only can attend the National Annual General Meeting. There is no need to RSVP simply come along.



POSITION VACANT

President Elect (Vice President) AIP 2008-2010

The AIP is also looking for interested parties for the role of Vice President AIP 2008-2010

We are looking for suitable applicants for the position of Vice President of the AIP. This position may lead to the Presidency in June 2010 for a further period of 2 years. Board Membership is required. The task involves attending 5-6 Board meetings by phone conference per year and as part of the Board assisting to steer the Institute's policy and future agenda. The opportunity to be a Board member and understand how a board functions is not available often and can open career opportunities and broaden your experience.

Position Starts: June 2008

Skills Required: A passion for the Australian Institute of Packaging and a commitment to packaging education. A good knowledge of the packaging industry. Leadership, communication, administration and organisation skills are needed.

Remuneration: The prestige and industry contacts gained far outweighs any monetary value we could possibly offer.

Should you be interested in this position but cannot attend the National AGM please contact Llew Stephens on 0411 734 029.

SOUTHERN CROSS AWARDS



Grow... Your knowledge, your experience, your skills, your mind, your career.

This is what the Southern Cross Package Design Awards aims to offer tertiary students. Whether they go on to have a career in packaging design or in the design industry, the Awards provide an invaluable experience.

These Awards, coordinated by the Packaging Council of Australia, have been running successfully for 23 years. The sponsors, who set the briefs and overall Awards, have made every effort to ensure students are challenged, yet have the support to complete the brief with the help of technical contacts.

Students have the luxury of choosing their own project to complete – something that they won't always have the chance to do in the workforce. There are nine briefs – all offering a different material to work with or product to package. The challenge is to be creative, design beyond boundaries and learn about the world of packaging and design. We are fortunate to have sponsors who are so dedicated and enthusiastic, hence the fantastic range of briefs.

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INDUSTRY EVENT

The Safety In Action trade show is Australia's longest running Safety Trade Event and in WA, will be held at the Perth Exhibition & Convention Centre from 12th - 14th August 2008. Full details of the show can be found at: www.wasafetyshow.com.au



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