

Sustainable Packaging

1:30pm for a 2:00pm start - 5:00pm | Wednesday 28 April 2021
Griffith University EcoCentre
170 Kessels Rd, Nathan QLD 4111



Packaging has number of important functions in our modern lifestyle. It plays a significant role in reducing food waste, managing hazardous goods and protecting life-saving medicine. Over 5 million tonnes of packaging is used in Australia annually. Only half was recycled after use; the remainder ends up in landfill, in our waterways, or scattered across our land.

Plastic packaging, in particular, is extremely wasteful and impacts earth's ecosystems, on which we depend. Due to poor product design and lack of political, economic and scientific infrastructure, the majority of plastic waste is sent to landfills or disposed of into the environment.

Our natural environment isn't the only casualty of poor packaging management and recovery. Building a new and sustainable system in Australia will bring powerful opportunities for community impact, job creation and economic growth.

Gaining an understanding of the issues surrounding packaging waste is the first step in mitigating it.

We have invited two Australian experts: Prof Pierre Pienaar, President of the World Packaging Organisation; and David Stout, Director of Policy for the National Retail Association, to talk about the current issues in packaging and sustainable packaging within Australia and around the world. This will be following with a vibrant panel discussion involving representatives from industry, government and end-users.

This year, the Resource Recovery, Recycling & Re-manufacturing (4R) Research Hub (4R Waste Hub) will be joining the 3rd National Symposium on Recycled Organics (NSRO) to run our conference as series with limit of 50 attendees physically and we welcome attendees from across Australia and the world to join online.

This conference series will bring together delegates from multiple sectors including business, industry, government, universities, consulting and more to present and discuss advances, new discoveries in business, policies and research results regarding waste and organic waste issues and how we can support reduce, reuse and recycle processes.

The first event in the series will be focusing on Sustainable Packaging: The gap and challenge for Australia and the World.

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Ticket Fee Earlybird (by 15 April): \$70 inc GST; Late (from 16 April)
\$100 inc GST; Online attendance also available

Includes Tea & coffee during the afternoon with drinks and
canapes served at the conclusion

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Trevor Evans was sworn in as the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management on 29 May 2019. He was first elected to Federal Parliament as the Member for Brisbane in 2016 and re-elected at the 2019 federal election.

During his first term, Trevor served as Chair of the Government's Policy Committee on Employment, Innovation, Science, Small Business and Resources, and served on both the

Economics and Environment parliamentary standing committees. As one of the nation's first openly gay federal MPs, Trevor also played a central role in the 'Yes' campaign to legalise same-sex marriage in Australia.

Before his career in politics, Trevor served as the CEO of the National Retail Association from 2012 to 2016, and worked as an economist in various roles at the ACCC, Seqwater and the Queensland Competition Authority.

Trevor was born in Tweed Heads and grew up in a small business family. He holds a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Queensland.

Trevor is passionate about protecting the environment and serving the local communities of his inner-city Brisbane electorate.



Senator Paul Scarr was elected as a Liberal National Party Senator for Queensland in 2019. After graduating from the University of Queensland with law and commerce degrees, he worked for two first-tier law firms, Allens, and King & Wood Mallesons, in both Australia and Papua New Guinea. From 2007 to early 2019, Senator Scarr was the General Counsel of PanAust Limited (an ASX 200 Brisbane-based mining company with projects worldwide). During

his time at PanAust, the company developed two mines in Laos and made major pre-development acquisitions in both Papua New Guinea and in Chile. Senator Scarr is a Chartered Company Secretary and a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia. He is a passionate advocate for freedom of the individual, the power of free enterprise to generate prosperity, multiculturalism, and Queensland.

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Prof Pierre Pienaar is currently the President of the World Packaging Organisation and is passionate about sustainability and striving for a Circular Economy.

Pierre has a Master of Science Degree (Packaging Engineering/Technology) from Brunel University, UK. He also has a Master of Manufacturing and Production Degree from University of Hertfordshire, UK. He is a registered Certified Packaging Professional (CPP).

Pierre lectures in the science of packaging to numerous universities across the globe. As a result, he has been conferred with a professorship from 2 universities. Pierre has over 35 years' experience in the field of pharmaceutical, confectionery, food and beverage packaging and runs his own packaging consulting business, PackTech Solutions Pty Ltd, which includes consulting as an expert witness in legal cases focusing on problems associated with all forms of packaging and the impact of the entire supply chain on the packaging.

Pierre is responsible for the education program of the Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) and frequently lectures on their behalf in all areas of packaging design, science and engineering. As a lecturer or a consultant or an expert witness, Pierre's greatest asset is that he has worked for over 3 decades with all forms of packaging materials including glass, board, metals and plastic as well as consulting to companies on best practice in the supply chain.



As Director of the National Retail Association's Policy team, **David Stout** draws on more than 32 years' direct retail industry experience, including in key management positions, to understand the challenges confronting retailers and clients to help them develop solutions.

David is a highly-respected senior executive across a wide range of retail sectors including corporate affairs, operations, customer insights, finance, procurement, risk and regulation, stakeholder engagement, community and supply chain. He is favourably regarded as a bipartisan and ethical operative in best practice across retail and corporate industry, regional and urban councils, local and state governments, and is currently involved in multiple advisory groups / committees.

David has a track record of providing a bridge between NRA members and politicians or bureaucrats – facilitating meetings and the exchange of ideas and information in an environment that would pose difficulties if it involved an individual business.

“As an Association, we exist to help retail and service sector businesses succeed and grow within an ever – changing regulatory environment”.

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Jayne Paramor - Sustainability Manager,
Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation

Having commenced her career delivering analytical market research tools and services to the consumer packaged goods industry globally, Jayne has worked with some of the world's largest retailers and manufacturers on everything from new product development to category management, loyalty programs to shopper

insights, through to strategic store layout design. Jayne developed a deep understanding of the packaged goods sector and the challenges presented by a constantly shifting shopper landscape.

After a series of remarkable coincidences that resulted in a 'summer job' as Hotel Manager aboard an Antarctic expedition vessel, Jayne took the professional leap to environmental sustainability. Working on a diverse range of sustainability topics over more than a decade, Jayne's recent focus has been plastic waste and pollution and its impact on the environment and the health of the world's oceans. Jayne's FMCG experience provides a solid foundation in consumer products and packaging, over which she applies the sustainability lens, bringing the two sides together to support APCO's work of delivering on the 2025 National Packaging Targets.

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