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19 June 2018  
MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

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Dear Industry Colleagues

On behalf of the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) and its Confectionery Sector Technical Committee, it is with pleasure that we invite you to **ConTech2018** – our annual Australasian confectionery and food industry technical conference.

This highly regarded one-day event will be held on **Tuesday, 19 June at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** in East Melbourne. Themed **Confectionery Unwrapped**, **ConTech2018** will feature international and local expert speakers who will unpack the hot issues and discuss their impact on the confectionery industry.

Presentations will feature consumer and category insights, analysis of global market trends, discuss information and innovations in confectionery ingredients, their application in confectionery and impact, and demonstrations of technology and processing innovations. Speakers will also explore the changing retail environment and what it means for suppliers.

**ConTech2018** will appeal to a broad range of confectionery and wider food industry professionals, including those in science and food technology, new product development, research and development, regulatory matters, operations and management, sales and procurement, marketing, communications and corporate affairs, supply of food ingredients, machinery, packaging and services.

Students studying food technology, nutrition, quality assurance or similar, with the ambition of working in the food and confectionery industry, are warmly encouraged to attend. Student registration is available.

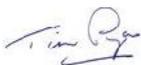
A trade exhibition of products and services complements **ConTech2018**. Companies can showcase food ingredients, packaging, equipment and services.

**ConTech2018**, an excellent networking event, is brought to you with the continuing support of the **ConTech** Principal Sponsor – **Manildra Group** – and we thank them for their generous support of the industry.

In the days immediately following **ConTech2018** the much anticipated two-day practical and theoretical workshop, **Chocolate innovation with a twist** will be conducted.

Register today ... see you there and be inspired!

Yours sincerely



Timothy Piper  
Head - Victoria & Head of Ai Group Confectionery Sector



Chris Raworth  
Chair – Ai Group Confectionery Sector Technical Committee; Senior Manager APMENA R&D Effectiveness, Mars Wrigley Confectionery Australia

## INDUSTRY DINNER

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A highlight of **ConTech2018** is the industry networking dinner, proudly sponsored by **Manildra Group**.

The dinner will be held on the evening of 19 June at the MCG, following the conference sessions.

The evening commences with pre-dinner drinks at approximately 6.00pm, followed by a sit-down three-course dinner at 7.00pm. Table bookings of eight receive a 10% discount.

This is an opportunity for your business networking activity. Invite your work team, entertain your business colleagues and treat your partner to a great night out.

This year our after-dinner speaker is **Alastair Clarkson**, widely regarded as one of the best coaches in modern day AFL. His enviable record includes guiding Hawthorn to 24 finals appearances with 16 wins, including four premierships.

Alastair is renowned for his innovation, leadership philosophies and ability to lead change in the way AFL football is played.

Alastair is a passionate, family-focussed person with a real interest in the community. A qualified teacher, Alastair also has university degrees in sports science and business, an MBA from Monash University and is one of the nine leaders in B-School's Leadership course.

His education combined with a coaching and playing career across four decades, allows Alastair to articulate an array of great learnings that transcend into everyday life.

## INNOVATION SHOWCASE

The **ConTech2018** 'Innovation Showcase' is a feature of the conference – a display of new Australian and New Zealand manufactured confectionery made locally, or under contract locally, and launched in the past 12 months. If you would like to participate please contact Julie Gerrard [julie.gerrard@aigroup.com.au](mailto:julie.gerrard@aigroup.com.au)

## EARLY BIRD

Return registration form by close of business **25 May 2018** to receive the discounted conference rate.

# SPEAKERS

## SHELLEY MCMILLAN

**Associate Director - Consulting - ANZ, Mintel**

Shelley joined Mintel in 2017. A qualified food technologist, she previously worked at Nestlé, General Mills and Associated British Foods in marketing, managing brand strategy and new product launches across multiple markets. At Mintel, Shelley is responsible for creating local insight reports, delving into product category trends and customised consulting projects around client's strategic innovation objectives.



## ANDREW HIGGS

**Country Manager - Australia & New Zealand, Nutrition Innovation Group**

Andrew Higgs has over 10 years' experience across leading FMCG household brands in national sales and marketing. With a history in firms such as Blackmores, GlaxoSmithKline (Panadol) and Jacobs Douwe Egberts (Moccona), Andrew is passionate about connecting business partners with brands that consumers love. Andrew is currently Country Manager for Australia and New Zealand for the food technology start up – Nutrition Innovation with Nucane® - 'the good sugar', its first innovation. Andrew holds both an MBA and Bachelor of Health Science.



## ANDREW WEINERT

**Lead Consultant, Niche Agribusiness**

Andrew has worked at a range of levels in the food and dairy industry, including production and operational problem solving, market development, product costing, quality management, major equipment sales and installation. Andrew has spent more than 15 years in the Western Australian State Department of Agriculture and Food supporting department staff and ministerial advisers, commercial processors and interested parties develop markets and assist with developmental technical issues. In 2017 he took on the role of President of the Western Australia section of the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (DIAA).



## ELI GREENBLAT

**Senior Business Reporter, The Australian**

Eli Greenblat has written for *The Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Australian Financial Review* covering a range of sectors across the economy and stock market. He has covered corporate rounds such as telecommunications, health, biotechnology, financial services, and property. He is currently *The Australian's* senior business reporter writing on retail and beverages.



## DR ALAN BARCLAY

**Owner, Dr Alan Barclay**

Alan is an Accredited Practising Dietitian who completed a PhD on the association between carbohydrate (starches and sugars) and the risk of developing lifestyle-related diseases (type 2 diabetes, heart disease, etc). He completed a degree in Nutrition and Food Science and has almost completed a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (Chef). Alan has co-authored over 30 peer reviewed articles and has presented his research at scientific conferences globally. He is the author of five books including *The Good Carbs Cookbook*, *The Ultimate Guide to Sugars and Sweeteners* and *Reversing Diabetes*.



## JACQUI LAMBIE

**Former Australian Senator for Tasmania**

Jacqui Lambie grew up in north-west Tasmania. A passionate advocate and politician, Jacqui has always spoken her mind. Since being elected as an Australian Senator in 2013, she has secured more funding for Tasmanian schools, a feasibility study into expanding hydro and was the key vote that protected university students from \$100,000 degrees. An army veteran herself, Jacqui pushed hard for key reforms within the Department of Veteran Affairs during her time in office. In February 2018 Jacqui released her autobiography *'Rebel with a cause'*.



# PROGRAM – *Confectionery Unwrapped!*

8.00am Registration and Trade Exhibition  
*Light breakfast on arrival*

## SESSION 1 THE WORLD AROUND US

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Global food and drink trends 2018**  
Shelley McMillan, Associate Director – Consulting – ANZ, MINTEL

**Year in review and outlook**  
Tim Piper, Head – Confectionery Sector, Ai Group

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: State of food retail and what it means for suppliers**  
Eli Greenblat, Senior Business Reporter, The Australian

*Energy Break – proudly sponsored by MWT Foods and Trade Exhibit*

## SESSION 2 SWEET DEALINGS

**Sweet indulgence without the guilt**

Jointly presented by:

Andrew Higgs, Country Manager – Australia & New Zealand, Nutrition Innovation Group and Carter Wands, Product Development Technologist, Manildra Group

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Starches, sugars and alternative sweeteners. Sweet dreams or nightmares?**

Dr Alan Barclay, Owner, Dr Alan Barclay

*Lunch – proudly sponsored by MPD Dairy Products and Trade Exhibition*

**After lunch guest speaker: How I shaped Canberra!**  
Jacqui Lambie, Former Australian Senator for Tasmania

## SESSION 3 PIECING IT TOGETHER

**Re-invented gelatine gummy production - fast forward process**

Josh Hemelaar, Vice President Sales – APA, GELITA Australia

**Vanilla and cocoa: the 2 taste pillars of chocolate kindly sponsored by Brenntag Australia** Edouard Bernet, Technical Sales Specialist, Prova SAS France (Thailand)

**Colour your world – innovation in natural oil soluble colours kindly sponsored by Chr Hansen Australia**

Jude Wong, Regional Application Centre Manager, Chr Hansen (Singapore)

**Dairy ingredients for confectionery – developments in technology, world markets and how that affects Australia**

Andrew Weinert, Lead Consultant, Niche Agribusiness

**Q&A panel presentation**

*Energy Break – proudly sponsored by ADM Australia and Trade Exhibition*

## SESSION 4 MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Presentation of the Sollich Award**

**Interview with the winner of the William Angliss Institute Food Science and Technology Diploma 'Develop a new product' unit**

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** A case study – TBC

6.00pm **Pre-dinner drinks – proudly sponsored by Manildra Group**

7.00pm **Dinner – proudly sponsored by Manildra Group**

**Guest speaker: Alastair Clarkson, Coach, AFL Hawthorn Football Club**

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## ConTech2018 Practical Workshop

*Chocolate innovation with a twist*

**William Angliss Institute**

**555 La Trobe Street  
Melbourne**

**Wednesday and Thursday, 20 and 21 June 2018**

Facilitated by

**Tony Raponi, Nestlé Australia  
Anders Pedersen, AAK Denmark**

*Chocolate innovation with a twist* will feature fundamental chocolate and compound chocolate manufacture, fat and oil chemistry, factors that influence bloom stability, coatings, fillings and inclusions, textures and nutritional enhancements.

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# REGISTRATION – *a separate form must be completed for each delegate*

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICE – paid by 25 May – Ai Group member \$625**

<b>WHEN:</b> Tuesday 19 June 2018	<b>WHERE:</b> Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
<b>REGISTRATION:</b> 8.00am	<b>RSVP:</b> 7 June 2018 or <b>*Early Bird special 25 May 2018</b>
<p><b>ACCOMMODATION:</b> The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) is in Yarra Park and is within walking distance of the central business district of Melbourne. The surrounding areas of East Melbourne, Richmond and the city have all levels of accommodation. <a href="http://www.wotif.com/Melbourne-Cricket-Ground-Hotels.0-1501726-0.Travel-Guide-Filter-Hotels">www.wotif.com/Melbourne-Cricket-Ground-Hotels.0-1501726-0.Travel-Guide-Filter-Hotels</a>. <b>The Pullman on the Park</b> is offering delegates 10% off best available rate subject to availability. This rate carries a 7-day cancellation policy, and a credit card will be required at the time of booking to secure the reservation. Delegates can contact the hotel directly to make a reservation via phone on 61 (3) 9419 2000 or via email at H9875@accor.com. Please ensure delegates quote <b>EPICURE</b>.</p> <p><b>PARKING:</b> If staying at the Pullman on the Park - \$35 self-parking per day will apply. There will be limited parking at the MCG.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT:</b> Jolimont train station is a 5-minute walk to the MCG with trams: 75, 48 and 70, within easy walking distance of the MCG.</p>	
<p><b>Ai Group member attending:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conference \$725 (<b>*\$625 Early Bird Special</b>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$165 (<i>Dinner is not included in the conference registration fee</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Table of 8 received a 10% discount: \$1,188 (Attendee name/s and company name for all guests must be supplied)</p>	<p><b>Non-Ai Group member attending:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conference \$795</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$180 (<i>Dinner is not included in the conference registration fee</i>)</p>
<p><b>Student attending:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conference \$99</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$99 (<i>Dinner is not included in the conference registration fee</i>)</p>	<p>Student identification no. ..... (Please attach a copy of identification card)</p>
<p>Please indicate any special dietary requirements: .....</p>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b> \$

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<p><b>EFT Payment:</b>          BANK: Commonwealth Bank          ADDRESS: Miller &amp; Berry Streets, North Sydney          ACCOUNT NAME: Australian Industry Group          BSB: 062217          ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10079365          Quote your Ai Group membership number as reference</p>	<p><b>Cancellation Policy</b> – Registration may be cancelled up to 14 working days prior to commencement of the conference with full refund. If no cancellation notice is received or cancellation is made less than 10 working days prior to commencement of the conference, no refund will be issued. You may substitute another participant from your organisation at any time prior to the conference commencement date should the nominated person be unable to attend. Ai Group is not responsible for any cancellation costs or fees incurred through your travel or accommodation bookings – please refer to their policies for more information. <b>Privacy Policy</b> – The Australian Industry Group is bound to the Privacy Act 1988 as amended. The personal information disclosed by you to us will be used for the purpose of identifying you and confirming your participation. If applicable, financial information disclosed by you will be used only for the purposes of effecting the transaction to which it relates, and will be kept securely until legally able to be deleted. Otherwise, the personal information disclosed will be used by us to communicate with you about our products and services. If you do not want to receive communications from us about products or services unrelated to this transaction, please inform the contact specified on this form. Details of our Privacy Policy are available from the contact specified on this form.</p>
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