



NEWSLETTER: 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

Reminders and a Fundraiser Plea

Welcome to a short special mid-month newsletter. We wanted to give you another reminder of upcoming events and help with a plea for a very special fundraiser.

First, the finishing touches have been put to the programme and workshops for the annual conference in Brisbane on November 7-9. For those leaving it till late to register, the workshops are:

Workshop One – Supply Chain

Integrity. This will ask if the food industry has lost its way when it comes to transparency and food safety throughout the supply chain, particularly in light of the growing demands by consumers. It will be chaired by Molly Harriss Olson, Chair of Fairtrade, and Helen Darling, of Asia Pacific Food Integrity.



Workshop Two – Talent & Diversity, the Value of Developing Talent within Your Workplace. This interactive session will cover how to build performance development as a core focus and the benefit of developing talent. It will be hosted by the FGC Talent & Diversity Working Group, industry training organisation Competenz, and David Gordon, Learning & Development Manager at Foodstuffs NI.

Workshop Three - Packaging Design & Branding Trends. This will present recent insights from the work O-I Glass has been doing in collaboration with universities, brand owners and industry bodies such as the Glass Packaging Forum www.glassforum.org.nz. It will be presented by O-I Glass & Scott MacKay, of RFC.

Workshop Four - Industry Relations. This will provide an update on key initiatives with FGC's retailer partners, and will be followed by a session to gain input and feedback on the group's 2019 workplan. It will be hosted by the FGC Industry Relations working group.



We can also announce an addition to the line-up of speakers: **Melodie Robinson** – sports journalist, Sky Sport presenter, and former rugby union international who won two world cups with the Black Ferns.

We still have a few places open for conference session sponsors and the golf tournament, as well as contributors to the goodie bags. [Email Kira Mikelatos](#) if you want to be a sponsor or supply some goodies, and [Scott MacKay](#) for the golf tournament. Late registrations can be made on [the conference website here](#).

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Last Seats for Greg Foran Event



Meanwhile, there are also still a few spaces open for **Greg Foran's rare and exclusive address to FGC members** in Auckland on November 7. Greg, the president and CEO of Walmart US, will speak on his experiences in running 4600 stores and more than 1 million staff, as well as giving his take on the changing world of FMCG. The event starts at 10am and finishes at 12.30pm, which is enough time to catch the flight to Brisbane in time for the cocktail party at the annual conference. [Register here to listen to Greg Foran.](#)

FGC Event Next Week: Supply Chain Excellence Forum

A reminder that FGC's second Supply Chain Excellence Forum for the year will be held on Thursday of next week (27 September) in Auckland. It will be hosted by the FGC Supply Chain Working Group in conjunction with Foodstuffs. Speakers include John Mullins, GM Supply Chain Foodstuffs SI, and Jonathan Box, GM Supply Chain Foodstuffs NI, who will provide an update along with members from their teams. They will also take feedback and questions from the audience in a panel speaker format. This is another opportunity for members to build supply chain knowledge and meet fellow professionals. Attendance is open to supply chain leaders and their teams, CEO's and managing directors. Places are strictly limited so [register on the FGC website](#) to reserve your seat. Coffee is from 8am with a prompt session start time of 8.30am. Refreshments and networking will follow from 10am-10:30am



Your Support Needed for Baden Ngan Kee Fundraiser



Members will be aware of the lung cancer battle being fought by former senior Foodstuffs executive Bagen Ngan Kee, afflicted in his prime two years ago despite exercising regularly, eating well, and never having smoked. This year, for the second time, Baden's team of supporters, known as Team Baden, is putting out the call to help him raise money for the Lung Foundation via the John West 12km Traverse in Auckland on 28 October. They have created a fundraising page as part of the Auckland Marathon, and are seeking support from individuals and companies.

Baden decided to support the Lung Foundation when he discovered during his illness that many of the drugs he needed were not funded by Pharmac, opening his eyes to the current inequalities that exist in funding for lung cancer patients. He is now working with the Lung Foundation to raise awareness of its lobbying to address this issue.

If you'd like to help Team Baden and the Lung Foundation, you can do so by taking part in the traverse - individually or as a team - setting up your own Everydayhero fundraising page, and supporting 'Team Baden'. Or you can [donate directly to the cause via the fundraising page.](#)

Swisslog Launches Automated Goods Stacker

Last but not least, we thought we would take this opportunity to share the launch of a clever new goods stacking solution. It's called CarryStar, and it's a fully automated and flexible layer and stack picking solution which does away with dependence on conveyors. The scalable and modular solution is suitable for small, midsize and large layer and stack picking operations. CarryStar's automated robots can pick product directly from source pallet to order pallet, with one robot able to move between 200-300 layers or stacks per hour. The system provides precise sequencing and high order accuracy, and so can help reduce warehouse labour costs and increase efficiency. You can see a video of [CarryStar in operation here](#), or for further information, go to [the Swisslog website here](#).

