

Bulletin



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to the fifth bulletin of Food Innovation Australia Ltd. I am happy to report that the Minister has given ongoing support to FIAL. John Grill, National Precincts Board Chair and Anthony Muffett, General Manager Precincts, met with Minister, Ian Macfarlane, and have indicated

support for the direction we are taking. The ICF programme was not discussed in detail and is subject to further discussions with the Minister. This is exciting news for FIAL and allows us to proceed with our plans to help the industry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



I am really enjoying meeting FIAL's stakeholders and your feedback is helping to shape our plans of how we will support the industry. The 'Meet FIAL' events currently being held across the country are going well. Overall we expect to meet close to 400 stakeholders across the food and

beverage industry. Events have been held in major cities and regional areas in Queensland, NSW, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. There are over 16 key themes or activities emerging as important focus areas for Fial such as networks, information, training, business models and innovation.

If you would like to provide feedback to Fial and have been unable to attend one of the events, please forward your thoughts to mirjana.prica@fial.com.au.

SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD

The sixth meeting of the Food Precinct Board was held in Launceston on 3 October 2013 with special guests Geoff Starr, Supplier Advocate Food and Beverage, and Angeline Nicholas, (Assistant Manager Supplier Advocates Program). The consultant, Gary Saliba, facilitated a session on Fial's strategy. Intent is to present the plans to our stakeholders in the New Year.

Terms of reference for the advisory committees including the confirmation of representatives on the committees are being finalised and shall be announced shortly.

The board will next meet in Brisbane on 7 November 2013.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Fial is currently formalizing founding membership. Significant support from our founding members has resulted in over \$2M of in kind and cash contributions. The Fial board would like to express their sincere gratitude for their continuing support and encouragement.

INDUSTRY COLLABORATION FUND

Outcomes of the first round of Industry Collaboration Fund where Fial recommended 4 projects for funding have not been announced. We will inform leaders of each project as soon as Fial receives news from the Minister.

RECRUITMENT

Fial is hoping to have the GM Market Development and GM Innovation, Capability and Skills on board by November. There have been some delays in recruitment due to the change in Government.

MEET MARGARET HASELTINE – FIAL DIRECTOR & COMPANY SECRETARY



Margaret Haseltine brings more than 30 years business experience in a broad range of senior positions and 10 years Board Directorship. A proven executive leader, Margaret has delivered significant achievements in the areas of change management, governance,

organisational culture and profitability. Margaret was CEO of Mars Food Australia before she embarked on a professional career as a Non-Executive director.

Margaret is a member of Women on Boards, chief executive women and mentors and advises in many of the Board ready programs. She maintains strong Industry links with professional bodies, and is passionate about great corporate governance and the food and beverage industry.



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