

# Bulletin



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to the fourth bulletin of Food Innovation Australia Ltd. It is really pleasing to see FIAL beginning to accelerate our involvement with our stakeholders and to define what it is that we will be. The last month or so has been focused on finalising the Constitution, Governance and

Committee Terms of reference, which were approved at our last Board meeting. Mirjana has hit the ground running and is achieving a huge amount in a very short time.

The Innovation Collaboration Fund recommendations to the Minister were sadly stalled by the calling of the election and at the moment the Board's recommendations have gone into a black hole. There were some outstanding projects and I hope to be able to progress many of them once the new Government is installed. There were many with similar themes and we hope to combine these into broader and stronger projects.

I am sad that Simon Talbot has resigned from the Board due to his new role within Mondelez and I would like to express my great appreciation at the considerable work Simon has put into developing FIAL, his strategic inputs and membership of Nomination and Remuneration Committee plus his positive support and mentoring for Mirjana.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



FIAL is gathering momentum and we are getting ready to help the food and beverage industry. The office is up and running at La Trobe, our host. As well as establishing the systems, processes and governance of the business, I am also trying to connect with our stakeholders in each State,

to meet and hear their story. Recently, the Chair and I met with over 40 South Australian businesses and discussed industry challenges. Both the Chair and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during our

upcoming *Meet FIAL* events and seeking your guidance for our future direction and priorities.

Please contact me at [mirjana.prica@fial.com.au](mailto:mirjana.prica@fial.com.au) if you have any specific queries. Appreciate your support.

## FOURTH & FIFTH BOARD MEETINGS

The fourth Board meeting of FIAL was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August at La Trobe in our new offices. The Board formally appointed Margie Haseltine as the Company Secretary. Various governance and committee issues were agreed.

As part of the Board's strategy to reach stakeholders across Australia, the fifth board meeting was held in Adelaide on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. Membership structures were discussed. The Board also formally approved the appointment of Mr. Nick Hazell as Mr. Simon Talbot's replacement to fill this casual vacancy. You will recall that Nick stood for election, along with Simon Talbot, to the Board at our first Founding Members meeting representing Large Enterprises but was unable to attend to make his nomination pitch. The Board looks forward to his active involvement with FIAL.

Next board meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 in Launceston.

## MEET NICK HAZELL – NEW FIAL DIRECTOR



Nick was born in the UK and has worked in the UK, Holland and Australia. Having a Manufacturing Engineering Honours and Masters Degrees from Cambridge University has provided Nick with a great background to work at British Aerospace, Mars

Confectionary & Food, and more recently Pepsico. Nick's expertise is in innovation, packaging, manufacturing and engineering. He is passionate about human nutrition, sustainability and innovation. Welcome to FIAL Nick!

## FIAL'S WEBSITE GOES LIVE

Our website went live on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please visit our website to hear our news.

[www.fial.com.au](http://www.fial.com.au)

## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Over 90 applications were received for the Executive General Manager positions for FIAL. 20 applicants were interviewed with 6 candidates short-listed for second round interviews. Formal offers expected to be made to successful candidates in October 2013.

## SAVE THESE DATES

**September:** Focus sessions to understand your needs.

**October:** Meet FIAL events across Australia to hear your story and business challenges – see below for details.

**November:** Focus sessions with Founding Members to share and agree on FIAL's 5 year strategy – to follow.

**5<sup>th</sup> December:** FIAL's official launch at La Trobe University.

Date	Location	Event	Address	Time
10-Sep-13	Melbourne	Focus Group	AiGroup, Room 3, 20 Queens Rd, Melbourne	10AM-12NOON
12-Sep-13	Sydney CBD	Focus Group	NSW Business Chamber, Boardroom, 140 Arthur St, North Sydney	8-10AM
13-Sep-13	Newcastle	Focus Group	Newcastle Business School Board Room, RDACC office, Business Incubator, 10 North Loop Rd, Ourimbah Campus, Newcastle	8.30-10.30AM
16-Sep-13	Adelaide	Focus Group	Food SA, Level 1 Boardroom, 2B Hartley Grove, Urrbrae	10AM-12NOON
17-Sep-13	Brisbane	Focus Group	Room 502, Level 2, Health and Food Sciences Precinct, 39 Kessels Rd, Coopers Plains, Brisbane	10AM-12NOON
23-Sep-13	Sydney Parramatta	Meet FIAL	Rydges Hotel 116-118 James Ruse Drive, Rosehill	10AM-12NOON
24-Sep-13	Newcastle	Meet FIAL	Regional Development Australia Central Coast (RDACC) Board Room, North Loop Road, Central Coast Campus, 10 Chittaway Rd, Ourimbah, Central Coast	4-6PM
25-Sep-13	Sydney CBD	Meet FIAL	NSW Business Chamber, Rooms 1 & 2, 140 Arthur St, North Sydney	8-10AM
30-Sep-13	Shepparton	Meet FIAL	Main Room, The Connection, 7287 Midland Hwy, Shepparton (between Shepparton and Mooroopna - 1km from Shepparton city)	10AM-12NOON
1-Oct-13	Melbourne CBD	Meet FIAL	DSDBI, Level 27, 121 Exhibition St, Melbourne	12NOON Lunch Event: 12.30-2.30PM
1-Oct-13	Melbourne Northern Suburbs	Meet FIAL	Rydges Hotel, Bell City, 215 Bell St, Preston	7.30-9.30AM
4-Oct-13	Launceston	Meet FIAL	VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL 1. The University of Tasmania Newnham Campus, Building A, Room 49, Seminar Room, Newnham Drive, Newnham 2. University of Tasmania Sandy Bay Campus, Level 1, Building B106, Video Conference Room, Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay, Hobart 3. University Of Tasmania Cradle Coast Campus Board Room, 16-20 Mooreville Rd, Park Grove, Burnie	4-6PM
10-Oct	Brisbane CBD	Meet FIAL	Conference Room, Health and Food Sciences Precinct, 39 Kessels Rd, Coopers Plains	10AM-12NOON
11-Oct-13	Toowoomba	Meet FIAL	The Green Room, DAFF Conference Centre, 203 Tor St, Toowoomba (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)	10AM-12NOON
14-Oct-13	Perth	Meet FIAL	Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley	10AM-12NOON
15-Oct-13	Margaret River	Meet FIAL	Room W10, Winery Building, South West Institute of Technology, Margaret River Education Campus, Bussell Highway	10AM-12NOON
28-Oct-13	Adelaide	Meet FIAL	The Monastery, 15 Cross Rd, Glen Osmond	10AM-12NOON