



A message from the Chair



Welcome to the third bulletin of Food Innovation Australia Ltd. I am pleased to introduce Dr. Mirjana Prica who has joined us as the new Managing Director of FIAL.

Mirjana has been working tirelessly since she started in early July to catch-up on everything FIAL related.

Thank-you for all your submissions to the Industry Collaboration Fund. We appreciate your efforts in completing the applications with such a short timeframe. Four applications were endorsed by the FIAL board and are now with the National Precincts Board for assessment. There has been no announcement yet about the outcomes of the first round of Industry Collaboration Fund.

A message from the Managing Director

"Hello colleagues and friends of the food and beverage industry! After over 20 years of experience working in the food industry, most recently as General Manager for Analytical Services at George Weston Foods, I am very excited about the opportunity to assist the Australian food and beverage industry - Australia's biggest manufacturing sector. By working closely together, we will be able to help the local industry realise the



significant growth potential in new Asian/other markets.

As Peter indicated, I have been very busy familiarising myself with a wealth of information about the industry from multiple sources, industry and government, as well as meeting with representatives across the supply chain.

Peter, the Board and I have also been busy identifying and developing the sorts of services that will attract and add value to FIAL partners and collaborators. I am also planning a 'Meet FIAL Event' around Australia later in the year to meet stakeholders, recruit new members and

to answer any questions on FIAL. I look forward to meeting and engaging with you all in coming months.

If you have any specific questions or comments regarding FIAL, please forward them to mirjana.prica@fial.com.au and thank you for your continued support.

Third meeting of the board

The third meeting of the Food Precinct Board was held on 10 July 2013. The board assessed applications for endorsement for the first round of Industry Collaboration Fund (ICF) funding. Collabforge, the company developing the Industry Innovation Network (IIN) where FIAL's website and user interface will be located, also presented to the Board.

The Board approved Mirjana leading discussions with major food and beverage information content suppliers re: the possibility of those companies providing content and/or sponsorship for FIAL's web presence.

The Board is also continuing to develop the terms of reference for the advisory committees – please expect an announcement on this work shortly.

The Board also endorsed in principle presentations by supply chain stakeholders to future FIAL Board meetings. The board will next meet on 8 August 2013.

Do you want to work for FIAL?

Applications are now open for [Executive General Manager positions](#) for Food Innovation Australia Ltd (FIAL)

Two General Managers are being sought:

1. General Manager - Market Development; and
2. General Manager - Innovation, Capability and Skills.

To apply for one of the positions, please send a covering letter outlining your suitability and resume to:

Foodprecinct@innovation.gov.au. Applications close 5:00pm EST, Friday 9 August 2013

