

# ABECS NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024

## Greetings Members

While we continue to endure cost increases and other market challenges, our membership base has increased to 51. Peter, Dimity and I thank you for supporting the co-op through our agreements. It greatly assists us with our negotiations with suppliers to obtain benefit for members.

It has also enabled us to report an anticipated end of financial year P&L with a solid bottom line to the Directors at the June Board meeting. This, in turn, enabled the Directors to approve a distribution of funds to members. We will provide more details later.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At time of writing, 61% (31 of 51) of member companies have advised that they will attend our August conference along with a number of our major suppliers. In total we anticipate 76 attendees.

This will set a record for the number of member companies attending which reflects on how effectively Peter has been communicating the upcoming conference details.

We will adhere to a similar format as last year, again at the Sofitel in Broadbeach, with the addition of an afternoon activity to, hopefully, enable members to take in the Gold Coast Air Show that will be held during our stay.

Geoff Parker (CEO of Australian Beverages Council) will again present an up-to-date overview of the beverage and packaging industries and the problems many, if not all, members face.

Shane King from Visy Plastics will provide a progress report on members' transition to rPET.

Additionally, our friends at Smart Solar will give us some words of wisdom concerning solar batteries and EV connections.

## MEMBERSHIP

With South Australia based Dad's Pure Water joining in March, our membership now sits at 51.

The Management Team continues to evaluate new opportunities for the group, and we appreciate your support in helping us in our endeavours to enlist new members.

## WEBSITE

The minutes of the **March 2024** Board meeting were approved by the Directors at the June meeting and have been posted on the website for your perusal.

## SUPPLY AGREEMENTS

We have renewed supply agreements with **Plasdene Glass-Pak**, **AMEC Plastics** and **Big Springs Water**. Additionally, we now have a summary of all our supply agreements on the website.

## RECYCLING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The pressure on food, beverage, and packaging industries to increase the use of recycled materials is continuing and we look forward to what our presenters will have to offer to help guide us through the emerging issues.

**We look forward to getting together with members and suppliers in August**