



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David Cowper

Product Realisation Manager, Ensign Laboratories

David graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Science.

He joined Ensign Laboratories in 1991, working in the Quality Control department and has held positions within the Research & Development and Commercial departments.

He is currently their Product Realization Manager and recently implemented a new Product Lifecycle Management software suite along with an upgrade to the business' ERP software.

David has been on the Executive of the Aerosol Association of Australia for more than 15 years and was its president from 2016 to 2018 and has been the facilitator of the Introduction to Aerosol Technology training course since its inception in 2009.

Andrew Bennett

Quality, Environment, Safety & Training (QEST) Manager at NCI Pacmetal Services, Glendenning

Andrew has worked at various NCI sites in tinsplate aerosol and general line cans for over 10 years.

Andrew has spent the last two years working in tinsplate sheeting and decoration at the Glendenning site and has a mechanical and production engineering background, having worked in the automotive, wire forming and forging industries prior to coming to NCI.

Philip Fleming

Executive Director, Aerosol Association of Australia Inc.

Philip has an MA and PhD in History from Massey University, New Zealand.

After a stint as a Junior Lecturer in the University's History Department, he joined the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation (now BusinessNZ) as a member of its trade group servicing team where he worked with a wide range of industry groups including the Aerosol Association of New Zealand and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrances Association.

In October 1996 he was appointed Executive Director of the Aerosol Association of Australia.

Robert Godwin

Technical Manager, Precision Valve

Robert studied chemistry and food technology at UNSW followed by 11 years at Coca-Cola Amatil in their analytical laboratory.

In 1989, Robert joined Precision Australia as part of the technical team and is currently the Technical Manager, responsible for valve R&D plus technical support for Australia and New Zealand aerosol fillers.

Shane Kelly

Key Account Manager, NCI Packaging Sydney

Shane has worked in various sales roles at NCI for approximately 16 years, mostly connected with aerosol cans.

His previous sales roles included experience with general line can making, packaging and labelling.

He has represented NCI Packaging on the Aerosol Association Executive Committee since September 2019.

John Lawrence

Founder, Aerosol Supplies Australia

John is founder of Aerosol Supplies Australia - a family-owned company he formed in 1995 to specialise in the supply of propellants to the aerosol industry.

The company offers a 'one-stop-shop' for all the industry's propellant requirements which are sourced locally and also from China, Japan, the US and Europe. In addition to being the major supplier of propellants to the Australian aerosol industry, ASA exports propellants to New Zealand, South Africa, China and Thailand.

John has a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and a Master of Marketing. He has worked in varying roles in the chemicals, food, domestic appliance, energy, and in later years in the aerosol industry. John has extensive experience with propellants in the aerosol industry having been involved with a wide range of propellants for over 25 years.

Benjamin Margot

Chief Customer Officer, Pamasol Willi Mäder AG (Switzerland)

Benjamin commenced employment with Pamasol in January 1998, working in the Spare Parts Department before training as an Engineer in the Assembly Hall.

In 2003 he moved to the Sales Department and was responsible for Germany and Eastern Europe until 2010, when he became responsible for sales for Asia.

In 2012 he became a member of the Management Board as Chief Customer Officer (Sales Director).

Earlier this year (2020) he also became responsible for Australia and New Zealand (Oceania).

Ron Smith

Technical Manager - Taree, Jamestrong Packaging - Australia

Ron has been in the metal packaging industry for over 30 years.

Joining Containers Packaging in 1984, he worked in various engineering functions in the manufacture of aluminium beverage cans.

In 1999, he relocated to the Amcor Monobloc Aerosols site in Taree. Since then he has worked in a number of fields including engineering and operations, and has been Technical Manager for the past seven years, responsible for quality and technical development of the aluminium aerosols business in Australia.

Lindsay Showyin

Director, Frentaupe Pty Ltd

Lindsay has a Science degree from the University of Sydney and worked for over 30 years in various divisions of Reckitt & Colman. From starting as a bench chemist, he subsequently had involvement & responsibility for QA, Regulatory, Packaging & R&D. Much of this time was with Samuel Taylor, the company that pioneered aerosols in Australia.

For the past 18+ years, Lindsay has run his own consultancy company as well as an insecticide actives distribution company.

He had his contribution to the aerosol industry recognised in the 2014 Australia Day Honours, receiving an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to manufacturing and to professional associations and was the inaugural President of the Asian Aerosol Federation, representing the Australian Association on this body since its foundation in late 2011 till late 2019.

