Meet the speakers

On behalf of the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) and Confectionery Sector Technical Committee we invite you to ConTech2019

The annual Australasian confectionery industry technical conference

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Nigel Parsons
Commercial Director
Australia
Mondelēz International

Nigel will examine the growing role of social influence on the confectionery industry.

DINNER SPEAKER
Craig Reucassel
Craig is an Australian writer and comedian who is best known for his work with the ABC’s The Chaser and for going through your bins on The War on Waste.

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ConTech2019 will appeal to a broad range of confectionery and wider food industry professionals, including those in science and food technology, new product development, research and development, regulatory, operations and management, sales and procurement, marketing, communications and corporate affairs, supply of food ingredients, machinery, packaging and services.
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**CONTECH2019 PROGRAM**

**THEME:**  
*Plug-in to ConTech2019*

**Dates:**  
Wednesday, 19 June 2019

**Venue:**  
Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), East Melbourne

8.00 am  
Registration and Trade Exhibition Session

**SESSION 1**

9.00 am  
*A dive into the confectionery industry domestically and abroad* – Fatima Marquez, Research Analyst, Euromonitor International

9.45 am  
*The growing role of social influence on the confectionery industry* - Nigel Parsons, Commercial Director Australia, Mondelēz International

10.15 am  
*ConTech2019 and beyond* - Tim Piper, Ai Group Confectionery Sector Head

10.45 am  
Energy Break kindly sponsored by *MWT Foods* and Trade Exhibition Session

**SESSION 2**

11.15 am  
*The future of food regulation* - Mark Booth, Chief Executive Officer, Food Standards Australia New Zealand

11.45 am  
*Zeroing in on confectionery ... new regulatory risks* - Charles Fisher, Principal Lawyer, FoodLegal

12.20 pm  
*Food fraud – sourness in a sweet industry* – Sarah Knights, Business Development Manager, Quality Associates

12.55 pm  
Presentation of the *Sollich Award*

1.15 pm  
*Lunch* in the trade exhibition area proudly sponsored by *MPD Dairy Products*

**SESSION 3**

2.15 pm  
*Probiotics - What, why and how to use in confectionery* - Kiyoshi Nakamura, Leader - Technical Services, Morinaga Milk Industry Co (JAPAN)

2.50 pm  
*Renovation or innovation: their role in confectionery* – Mark Baczynski, Group Technical Manager, Manildra

3.15 pm  
*Sustainability as a business driver* – Leigh Pezzicara, Head of Global Sustainability Marketing, Communications & Customer Outreach, Barry Callebaut

4.00 pm  
Energy Break proudly sponsored by *ADM* and Trade Exhibition Session

**SESSION 4**

4.30 pm  
*The Australian Joy of Moving Program* – Dr Nicole Papadopoulos, Senior Research Fellow/Clinical Psychologist, Faculty of Health, School of Psychology, Deakin University

5.00 pm  
*Doing it differently in packaging* – Nina Cleeve-Edwards, Innovation Acceleration Team Manager, Nestlé Australia

5.45 pm  
Wrap-up

6.15 pm  
*Pre-dinner Drinks* proudly sponsored by *Manildra Group*

7.15 pm  
*ConTech Dinner* proudly sponsored by *Manildra Group*

**Guest speaker:**  
Craig Reucassel will present *A satirical view ... on everything!*

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