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Dr Maria Jorquera

From APRIL IPP to APL extension leadership

■ Maria Jorquera steps into management

AUSTRALASIAN Pork Research Institute Limited is delighted to announce that Dr Maria Jorquera has joined the Australian Pork Limited Research, Innovation and Extension team, taking on the leadership of the extension program.

Maria first entered the pork industry through APRIL's Industry Placement Program and we are thrilled to see her return – this time bringing over a decade of diverse experience across research, industry and regulatory sectors.

Maria holds a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine, a master's in animal science and a PhD in agricultural sciences.

Her career has centred on leading multidisciplinary research programs that aim to advance livestock health, welfare and productivity.

She has a strong track record in integrating innovative monitoring technologies and applying science-based practices to deliver meaningful on-farm outcomes.

Her industry roles have included man-

aging commercial pig welfare and health research at JBS.

Passionate about translating research into practical producer-focused solutions, Maria is committed to strengthening industry capability through collaboration, innovation and effective communication.

Her return to the sector marks an exciting step forward for APL's extension efforts and we warmly welcome her back to the industry.

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Positive outlook for Australian pork amid global uncertainty

AS the peak industry body for Australian pork, everything we do at Australian Pork Limited is focused on driving productivity and profitability for our industry.

The entire APL team and board came together in February to review our progress against our 2025-30 strategic plan and identify our focus areas for the 2026-27 financial year, so that we can continue driving the industry forward.

When we developed our 2025-30 plan, we set the goal of adding \$1 billion to farm gate value by 2030.

As we approach the end of our 2025-26 annual operating plan – our first under the 2025-30 strategic plan – the industry is on track to meet this, having achieved a \$125 million increase in incremental value as at the end of September, only three months into the 2025-26 financial year.

Bringing the team together to plan for the year ahead has had me reflecting on the overall success of our industry so far, particularly when considering the challenges facing pork from a global perspective.

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Point of View

by MARGO ANDRAE
CEO



released quarterly outlook for the global pork industry predicts a challenging year for the industry at large, with producers across the world likely to be navigating several issues.

This latest outlook reports on issues with supply, particularly China's steps to reduce oversupply, with the plan of reducing its sow herd by one million head between September 2025 and January 2026.

Meanwhile, Europe continues to contend with an African swine fever outbreak among wild boars in Spain.

ASF also remains active in Vietnam and the Philippines, while porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome continues to challenge producers in the US and Mexico.

Trade is also expected to remain a challenging arena for the global industry, with likely policy changes impacting parts of Asia, the

US and Europe.

These challenges have continually been areas of concern for the Australian pork industry and are perpetually on our radar.

A significant focus is always on protecting our herds from potential biosecurity breaches, safeguarding our export markets and ensuring a healthy market on our own shores.

But, while global producers are managing oversupply issues, supply in Australia remains tight, which is having a positive impact on price.

The \$125 million increase in farm gate value we've seen in the first quarter of FY 25-26 was mainly driven by pork prices, which are currently sitting at 5.25 percent above May 2025 levels.

While we need to be mindful that supply doesn't become too tight, for the moment we're continuing to see healthy returns

for producers at the farm gate.

And while we're closely watching ongoing geopolitical and trade pressures play out overseas for potential implications on our own industry – our competitive price domestically relies on our healthy export market – demand for fresh Australian pork is as strong as ever in our key export markets, particularly Singapore.

As an industry, we have achieved our export market goal well ahead of the end of the current financial year and exceeded a value of \$260 million for the first time in 20 years.

This success has been driven by our ongoing growth in Singapore, supported by the 'Flown in fresh, full of flavour' campaign rolled out in 2025.

Though global forces continue to challenge pork producers worldwide, I'm optimistic for what's ahead for Australian pork.

As we head towards our second annual operating plan of the industry's 2025-30 strategic plan, I'm confident that our APL team and entire supply chain will continue to drive a thriving pork industry.



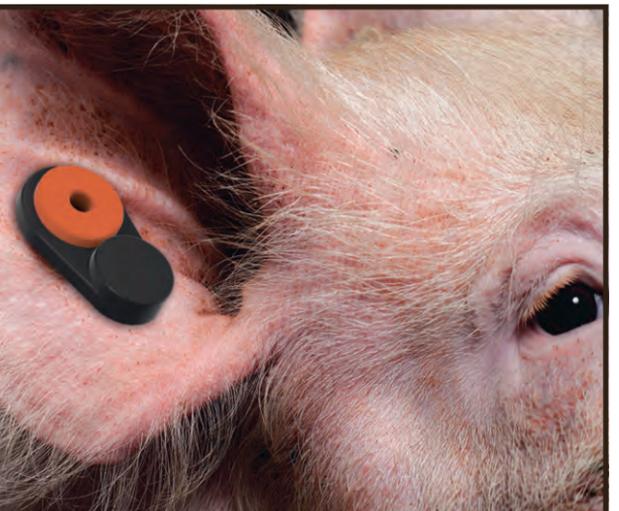
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MAR 24-25 – Ontario Swine Conference 2026 – Niagara Falls, Canada. <https://ontarioswineconference.ca>

APR 15-17 – Pork+593 – Cuenca, Ecuador. <https://pork593.aspe.org.ec>

MAY 12-14 – Food with Purpose – Gold Coast, Queensland. <https://www.pix.au/conf26>

MAY 13-14 – British Pig and Poultry Fair – Birmingham, UK. <https://pigandpoultry.org.uk>

MAY 13-15 – 17th European Symposium of Porcine Health Management – Florence, Italy. <https://www.esphm2026.org>

JUN 2-4 – VIV Europe 2026 – Utrecht, The Netherlands. <https://www.viveurope.nl>

JUN 3-4 – World Pork Expo 2026 – Des Moines, USA. <https://www.worldpork.org>

JUN 16-19 – IPVS 2026 – Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. <https://ipvs2026.vn/>

AUG 19-21 – VIV Select China 2026, Shanghai, China. <https://china.viv.net>

SEP 19-22 – Allen D. Leman Swine Conference 2026 – St Paul Minnesota, USA. <https://lemanconference.umn.edu>

SEP 22-24 – Expomeat 2026 – Sao Paulo, Brazil. <https://www.expomeat.com.br/>

OCT 6-8 – International PRRS Symposium 2026 – Barcelona, Spain. <https://iprrs2026.org>

OCT 21-23 – Pork Expo Mexico – Aguascalientes, Mexico. <http://pork-expo.org/>

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Canadian regulators determine PIC PRRS-resistant pigs safe

IN late February, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency approved PIC's PRRS-resistant pigs for sale as food in Canada after rigorous and thorough review.

Additionally, Environment and Climate Change Canada conducted its own review of the research and data and concluded that PIC's porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome resistant pigs may now be manufactured or imported in Canada.

PIC chief operating officer Matt Culbertson said, "We have spent years conducting

extensive research, validating our findings and working with the Canadian Government to gain approval."

"Today marks a major milestone for consumers, farmers and the entire pork industry who have hoped for relief from PRRS for decades."

Review of research and data confirms safety

Health Canada and CFIA conducted scientific assessments that ensured the pigs were safe for consumption and did not differ from other pigs available on the market.

Their evaluation led them to conclude that

aside from the precise deletion of a small part of a gene involved in PRRS infection, the PRRS-resistant pigs were no different than other pigs.

Health Canada and CFIA further concluded that there were no differences in the nutritional value of the pork from PRRS-resistant pigs compared to other pork available for consumption.

How removing animal disease can improve animal welfare

PRRS is one of the most devastating global swine diseases, causing needless suffering and premature

death for pigs.

PIC director of North America sales Todd Wilken said, "Addressing PRRS can allow us to improve animal welfare, reduce the need for antibiotics and decrease the environmental impact of raising pigs."

"In fact, recent research indicates that PRRS increases the need for antibiotics by more than two times compared to pigs without PRRS."

PIC has earned regulatory clearance in a number of countries

Canada joins a growing list of countries that have deemed

the gene edit safe and effective.

The US Food and Drug Administration approved the gene edit in April 2025, while Colombia, Brazil, Dominican Republic and Argentina have issued positive determinations for PRRS-resistant pigs – meaning those countries have recognised that the pigs are not genetically modified organisms and should be treated the same as any other pigs.

"We are committed to the responsible and intentional introduction of the PRRS-resistant pig around the globe," Mr Culbertson said.

"Gaining approval in Canada is an important step in this process, and we are working with additional countries to gain regulatory approval and protect global trade prior to initiating sales and delivery."

Canadian consumers indicate above average purchase likelihood for pork from gene-edited pigs

Research conducted by Circana and commissioned by PIC in late 2025 found that there was an above average likelihood that Canadian consumers would purchase pork from gene-edited pigs.

The research polled more than 5000 pork consumers from eight key countries, representative across genders and ages 18 to 70.

Circana found that 90 percent of Canadian consumers were open to purchasing pork from gene-edited pigs and that responsibly reducing the need for antibiotics ranked as the top motivator.

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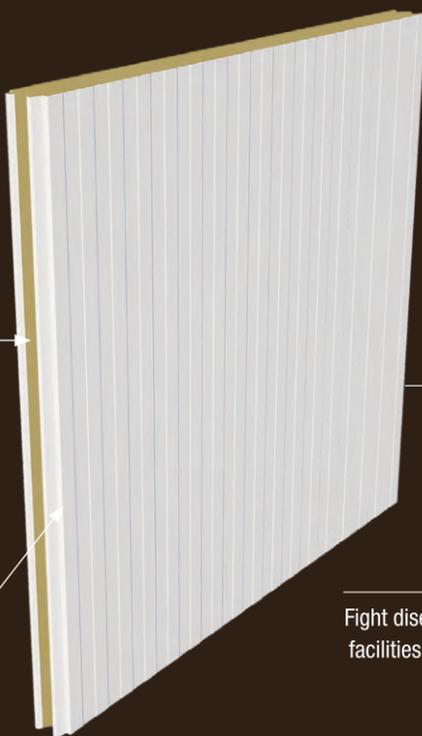
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Reginald P Piglet – P is for perfect – Reggie, for short.

Controversial Midland Bacon piggery plans for expansion

THE following was taken from the Edgar's Mission Facebook post dated January 27, 2026, and has been edited for this publication.

Pigs need your help. Not all pigs are as lucky as Reggie, and they need your help now.

A planning application has been lodged to expand Midland Bacon, an intensive pig farm at 97 Robertson Rd, Carag Carag in Victoria – Application ID: PLN324/2024 – which can be viewed by scanning the relevant QR code below.

If approved, this expansion would increase the number of pigs kept on site at any one time and grow an already intensive system.

Many of you will know Midland Bacon was the subject of deeply distressing animal welfare revelations in the past.

An expansion would mean more pigs living in confinement and despair, more waste,

more water use and greater risk to the surrounding environment.

If you feel called to act, you can lodge an objection in your own voice.

How to lodge an objection

To make an objection, you can complete an 'Objection to Grant a Planning Permit' form and lodge it with the Campaspe Shire Council.

The form can be found by scanning the relevant QR code below or emailing shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au

What to include (dot points you can adapt)

- I object to Planning Application PLN324/2024 for the expansion of Midland Bacon at 97 Robertson Road, Carag Carag

- I believe the expansion is not in the public interest and should be refused

- Animal welfare – Intensive pig farming severely restricts natural behaviours and

causes ongoing suffering, and this applicant has a documented history of animal welfare concerns, raising serious doubts about suitability to expand

- Environmental risk – An expansion will increase manure/effluent volumes and the risk of pollution (soil, waterways, groundwater), particularly given the site's proximity to sensitive environments and extreme weather events

- Water use – Piggeries consume very large volumes of water, increasing production increases water demand at a time when water security matters

- Public health – Intensive farms can increase risk of disease spread and antimicrobial resistance

- Council should apply the precautionary principle and refuse the permit.

Tips to make your objection count

- Use your own words and explain why this matters to

you (local environment, animal welfare, water, health, ethics)

- Keep it respectful and factual

- Include the Application ID (PLN324/2024) and the site address.

Thank you for standing up for animals and for a safer kinder community.

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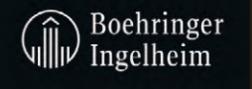
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Pigs are our new influencers

HAVING promised readers last month a heart to heart about what progressive Western Australia-based 100-plus-year-old family owned pork producer and processor Craig Mostyn Group was or was not doing in the pig heart valve harvesting space, below are the transplanted facts direct from its Linley Valley Pork general manager Kaine Tamlyn.

- CMG/LVP commenced supply of heart valves to Medtronic, a medical institute based in the US

- Supply commenced in 2011 and ceased in 2020

- Quantities supplied were approximately 4000 valves per week (1000 per day) and were shipped via air-freight.

Readers may recall that I'd written of a story in *The Guardian* about pig organ transplants into humans and was reminded of a time (2011) when then client CMG/LVP was supplying pig heart valves to the human medical/research market.

Interestingly, the day my February column was published, I received an email from

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– made from carbon fibre – as it usually does not require long-term blood thinners.

The above really underlines what a remarkable animal the pig is and what a huge and multi-faceted influence it has had on human lives for centuries.

And clearly, there is likely to be even greater impact as that influence evolves into the medical sphere.

While many of the influencers on social media lack integrity and meaningfulness, our much-loved porcine mates keep delivering in more ways than you could possibly imagine. 🐷

a long-standing colleague, friend and former leading CMG executive advising me that when he'd needed a replacement aortic valve a few years ago, he'd opted for a pig valve rather than an artificial valve.

"Probably influenced by all my time in the pork industry, I always hoped it was a Linley Valley pig that it came from," he humorously added.

I must say, news that he'd needed a replacement heart valve came as somewhat of a surprise, as said person was a serious exerciser and built like a whippet.

Alas, as most of us know, there's no accounting for mysterious medical matters.

The aortic valve is a vital heart valve with three leaflets located between the left ventricle and the aorta, ensuring one-way blood flow to the body.

Disease (stenosis or regurgitation) causes severe strain on the heart, often requiring surgical or transcatheter replacement with biological or mechanical valves.

Pig tissue is one of the two replacement valve types and has the advantage over mechanical valve types



A Chinese business contact of the author's friend shows off an amazing variety of dried pork in Zigong.



Let's face it, pigs enrich human lives way beyond simply as a source of food. This picture was taken by a friend of the author's while on business in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China. The author has been there with him and both delighted in dining on pig parts of all descriptions.

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Gorman-Rupp eliminates daily wastewater blockages at Central Agri's Trafalgar plant

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The problem

Their Trafalgar plant did however have some issues with its wastewater pump.

They were running copies of the Gorman-Rupp self-priming pump on their green waste and were attending the pump daily

to fix issues with regard to blockages in the pump.

On occasions these issues would cause the well to overflow and require the need for outside contractors to be called in to help deal with the inflow into the well.

Another processor who is running genuine Gorman-Rupp pumps recommended they contact Hydro Innovations.

The solution

Hydro Innovations recommended the existing pump be replaced with a Gorman Rupp T3A71S-B 'Super T Series' trash pump fitted with an 'Eradicator' solids

management system, with hardened internal parts to deal with the grit and stringy materials that flow to the well.

The well has a high loading of grass and so the pump was set up to deal with the grass.

Benefits of the installation

The plant maintenance supervisor Josh said, "The Gorman Rupp pump is a great pump, far better than what we had before."

He has not had to attend the pump at all compared to the once or twice per day the previous pump required.

The savings are quickly adding up and

Josh has all that time back to work on other projects within the plant that he could not get to before.

Gorman-Rupp self-priming trash pumps are available in sizes from 2" through to 10", with flows to 200L/s and pressures to 90m.

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The solution to Central Agri's Trafalgar plant wastewater pump issues was a Gorman Rupp T3A71S-B 'Super T Series' trash pump fitted with an 'Eradicator' solids management system.

Biosecurity investments deliver strong returns for pork producers

THE Australian pork industry is renowned for its biosecurity standards that protect the health and welfare of our pigs from disease.

Our industry takes biosecurity incredibly seriously and we work hard to protect our animals from disease incursions that could cripple our industry, including foot-and-mouth disease, which could cost the Australian economy more than \$50 billion if an outbreak occurred – maintaining strong biosecurity systems has never been more important.

It is vital that we continue to invest in safeguarding our industry's biosecurity preparedness through research and innovation that strengthens animal health and biosecurity.

Australian Pork Limited recently commissioned independent consultants ACIL Allen to review past biosecurity research projects and assess the returns delivered back to the pork industry.

The review examined about \$2.5 million in APL-funded health and biosecurity projects and found that the Australian pork industry received a return of \$1.40 for every \$1 invested in biosecurity research and innovation.

This equates to an estimated \$3.5 million in benefits, delivering a net return of approximately \$1 million to the Australian pork industry.

Some projects delivered even stronger returns.

As an example, the 'Evidence of absence surveillance' project delivered a return of nearly \$7 for every \$1 and the 'Biosecurity and transport of livestock' project delivered a return of nearly \$4 for every \$1 invested.

All biosecurity projects have strengthened the industry's ability to understand disease pathways, plan for potential incursions and protect the integrity of our biosecurity system.

While the economic return on investment is important, biosecurity projects also deliver improved animal welfare, better environmental outcomes and stronger food safety systems.

There are also benefits beyond the pig industry, with improved biosecurity helping to reduce the risk of disease spreading to other livestock sectors and impacting the wider economy.

The Australian pork industry's ongoing commitment to biosecurity is clearly paying off.

Continued targeted investment in industry health and biosecurity will help ensure we remain well placed to prevent and manage disease threats while being recognised as a leader in biosecurity.

Mandy Bowling
APL Research and Innovation Program Manager – Health and Biosecurity



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AgriFutures Australia chair Mick Veitch and managing director Brianna Casey.

Our ag innovation system must lift to deliver impact at scale

AGRI FUTURES Australia chair Mick Veitch and managing director Brianna Casey used the opening address at EvokeAg to call for a transformational change in performance across Australian agriculture's innovation system, with a renewed focus on outcomes, adoption and impact at scale.

Mr Veitch and Ms

Casey addressed almost 2000 leaders from farming, research, technology, investment and government, and said Australia has built a globally respected research and development corporation system that was the cornerstone of the nation's agricultural capability.

However, both cautioned that Australia's innovation ecosystem must continue to evolve to meet the demands of the decade ahead.

"Australia has built a high-quality research and development system that connects producers, research excellence and long-term investment in outcomes," Mr Veitch said.

"It is a rare national asset, and it has served Australian agriculture and indeed the Australian economy.

"What is clear is that Australian agriculture is facing bigger challenges than it ever has before, and the broader research and innovation ecosystem will need to lift to meet those challenges and ensure the system is delivering at the pace and scale this moment demands.

"If we get this right, the benefits will be felt on farm, in regional communities, across the national economy and in global markets."

Ms Casey also said that Australian agriculture was entering a new era, shaped by growing global demand, climate pressure, market volatility and rising expectations around sustainability and transparency, requiring a system-wide approach to innovation and investment.

"This is not a time for incremental change," Ms Casey said.

"Productivity, profitability and sustainability must now advance together, faster than ever before.

"That means an innovation system that can move with speed, coordination and purpose to deliver impact at scale.

"Innovation is more than technology.

"It's people, capability, trust, investment pathways and adoption.

"The real test of our system is not whether we can generate good ideas but whether we can translate and scale what works into practical outcomes on

farm and across industries."

Looking ahead

Within the national innovation system, AgriFutures Australia has a distinct role – strengthening the connections that turn ambition into adoption, backing emerging industries, accelerating impact and aligning producers, innovators, researchers, investors and government.

AgriFutures is beginning a new chapter, with a keen focus on performance and impact, ensuring the strongest possible return on investment for farmers and the community.

"AgriFutures welcomes and accepts the challenge the Australian Government has set," Mr Veitch said.

"We are fully committed to advancing our industries and the government's priorities of productivity, sustainability and resilience, and to working constructively across the RDC system to deliver on shared priorities, avoid duplication and increase impact."

Ms Casey said adoption would be central to AgriFutures' approach.

"Adoption is where innovation proves its value," she said.

"Our focus is on measurable outcomes such as productivity, profitability, capability uplift and ensuring there is a clear line of sight from investment to impact."

The opening address at EvokeAg also marks the beginning of a focused listening period for AgriFutures, with insights informing the organisation's future role and priorities within the broader innovation ecosystem.

"EvokeAg brings together people with diverse perspectives from farming, technology, research, investment, policy and global markets," Mr Veitch said.

"It is a leadership moment where assumptions are challenged, priorities are clarified and partnerships are formed to deliver lasting impact."

AgriFutures Australia acknowledges EvokeAg platinum partner Elders, major partner the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and host state partner Agriculture Victoria.

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National Environmental Guidelines for Indoor Piggeries Management (NEGIP-M)

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New environmental management guide to support indoor piggeries

AUSTRALIAN Pork Limited has launched the first edition of the *National Environmental Guidelines for Indoor Piggeries – Management*, a comprehensive resource to support positive environmental practices across Australia's pork industry.

This new guide is designed as a companion to the existing *National Environmental Guidelines for Indoor*

Piggeries – Siting and Design documentation released in 2025.

Together the documents provide a complete framework to support producers from the very early stages of planning through to ongoing everyday management.

NEGIP-M focuses on the operation side of indoor systems, offering producers clear guidance for both conventional and deep-litter piggery systems.

A central aim of the guide is to help producers consistently meet their general environmental duty, a key responsibility that calls on businesses to minimise environmental harm whenever reasonably practicable while maintaining efficient and sustainable operations.

NEGIP-M consolidates a range of environmental management resources into a single science-based guide, incorporating the latest research out-

comes along with updates reflecting recent regulatory changes.

The guide also provides updates to the previous *Piggery Manure and Effluent Management and Reuse Guidelines* and replaces the management guidance contained in the PMEMRG.

The new publication covers all major aspects of indoor piggery operation.

Key topics include resource efficiency measures, improving

feed management strategies, optimising shed operations and maintenance, management and reuse of liquid effluent and manure.

The guide also provides recommended measures to protect amenity and strengthen biosecurity and health outcomes.

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Proposed JBS facility concern

A NEW application for a pork rendering facility in Victoria's Laverton North has raised concerns among Brimbank residents, who fear it could worsen ongoing odour issues in the area.

Submitted by JBS Pork to the Environment Protection Authority, the application requests permission to construct the facility at 52-58 Pipe Rd, which would neighbour the company's current abattoir facility.

It comes as residents in the Sunshine area continue to report a strong odour, believed to be coming from one or more meat-processing plants in Brooklyn – an odour they describe as resembling rotting meat.

Brimbank resident Liz Barrow said she would prefer the proposed facility to be built further away.

Ms Barrow said the

EPA couldn't identify the source of the current odours, so it was concerning the facility was even being considered.

"These odours severely impact the health and wellbeing of residents on a daily basis," she said.

"We are unable to leave our homes or, when the odour is so strong that it is in our homes, it is inescapable and we have to leave the area."

In 2016, JBS Australia was fined more than \$7500 by the EPA for allowing a manure-like odour to leave its Brooklyn site.

The proposed plant in Laverton North was set to only process porcine by-products and do so at a rate of 15 tonnes per hour.

A JBS Pork Australia spokesperson said the new facility would feature a full-capture odour control system

that treats 100 percent of process and ventilation air through engineered biofilters, along with enclosed material transfers to prevent odour-prone products from being exposed to the open air.

"JBS Pork Australia is committed to operating responsibly and supporting community amenity in Melbourne's west," the spokesperson said.

"Our goal is simple – a state-of-the-art facility that supports local jobs and industry while protecting community amenity."

"We are working closely with EPA Victoria and council and will continue to engage the community as we progress the project."



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Aussie Pumps chief engineer John Hales said, "Based on the feedback we were getting from piggeries around the country,

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sion and abrasion.

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Even now, the company is considering experimenting with molybdenum as an added ingredient to the material.

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Big pumps too

Smaller operators have been focused on close-coupled model B3XRA-X electric-motor pump versions.

Now there's real interest from larger operations in Aussie's big stainless-steel 4" pump.

"The B3XRA 3" version has a maximum flow of 1400LPM when matched to the close-coupled monoblock style 5.5kW heavy-duty 415-volt electric motor," Mr Hales said.

Bigger versions are also available in 7.5kW, producing 1500LPM flow.

The 3" pump also has excellent high-pressure capabilities, with a maximum total head of 31m.

The biggest stainless-steel pump in the range - model B4XRA-X - is powered by a 15kW 3-phase 415-volt motor and is capable of 2120LPM flow.

"We are targeting bigger operators in the business, and our plan is to make sure that their pumps can handle high volumes of compressible solids laden liquid," he said.

"Total head available from the big 4" pump is 29m, close to a 40 PSI."

Pumps are fitted with a carbon mechanical seal, an alumina counter face and nitrile rubber for long trouble-free operation.

The casing of the stainless of the mech seal is also in 316-grade stainless steel.

Viton seals are available as an option and are specified by some operations based on the analysis of the liquids being pumped.

"A vertical lift of 6m is easy for these big self-priming pumps with a priming tank built into the casting," Mr Hales said.

"Stainless steel castings are a challenge to process but what we're seeing now in the quality of the castings is truly excellent.

"It's a major step forward for piggeries and the beauty of it is, with high volume expectation, prices are more than reasonable."

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Food with Purpose 2026 – bringing ideas, expertise and enterprise together

At a time when Australia's pork sector is navigating rapid transformation, Food with Purpose 2026 provides a timely platform for shared learning, strategic discussion and industry-wide collaboration.

Held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from May 12-14, the event unites the Poultry Information Exchange, Australian Milling Conference and Australian Pork Limited.

This joint gathering will draw producers, processors, researchers and commercial leaders to examine emerging



challenges and opportunities across the poultry, grain milling and pig industries.

A standout element of the 2026 program is its keynote lineup, featuring two respected thought leaders, Dr Scott Bolland and Dr Jo Coombe.

Their combined expertise sets the stage for a program grounded in evidence, practicality and forward-looking strategy.

Dr Bolland, known for his work in organisational change and innovation uptake, will focus on strengthening

business resilience in an era defined by technological advancement, shifting market dynamics and growing sustainability expectations.

His address is expected to provide practical guidance for enterprises adapting across production systems, processing operations and supply networks.

Dr Coombe will complement this perspective with insights drawn from her experience bridging research, policy and industry.

Recognised for turning scientific knowledge into mean-

ingful on-the-ground outcomes, she will examine the evolution of food systems, the importance of consumer confidence and the value of coordinated action between industry, academia and government.

In addition to the keynote sessions, attendees can participate in targeted pork streams and cross-sector forums.

Topics will span on-farm biosecurity and water management, protein's role in human nutrition, workforce capability, emerging food trends, community expectations and more.

The exhibition com-

ponent will again serve as a focal point of the event, highlighting innovations that support primary production.

From agtech platforms and digital tools to infrastructure solutions and advisory services, the trade floor will offer a dynamic space for connection, discovery and commercial engagement.

Discounted early bird registrations are now available, giving participants the opportunity to secure attendance at one of Australia's flagship primary industry gatherings.

More than a traditional conference or

trade expo, Food with Purpose 2026 aims to catalyse meaningful partnerships and long-term progress.

With an influential speaker program, a comprehensive trade showcase and a strong emphasis on future readiness, the event is designed to create momentum that extends well beyond the closing session.

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| Protein Moisture and Energy Values for Cereal Grains | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Region* | Protein % | | | | Moisture % | | | | Pig Faecal DE MJ/Kg | | | | Pig Ileal DE MJ/Kg | | | | IDE/FDE Ratio | | | Broiler AME MJ/Kg | | | | Broiler AME Index | | | |
| | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max |
| NSW1 | 9.9 | 0.49 | 8.8 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 0.92 | 9.2 | 13.4 | 13.3 | 0.10 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 10.5 | 0.16 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 0.79 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 12.0 | 0.21 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 69.6 | 2.0 | 65.6 | 76.0 |
| QLD | 9.4 | 1.07 | 6.3 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 0.95 | 9.3 | 13.7 | 12.7 | 0.37 | 12.4 | 14.0 | 10.1 | 0.57 | 9.5 | 12.0 | 0.79 | 0.77 | 0.86 | 11.8 | 0.56 | 10.8 | 13.4 | | | | |
| QLD1 | 8.9 | 0.96 | 7.1 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 0.76 | 8.6 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 0.15 | 12.1 | 12.8 | 10.0 | 0.28 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 0.80 | 0.78 | 0.82 | 11.5 | 0.29 | 10.7 | 11.9 | | | | |
| VIC | 10.2 | 1.42 | 6.5 | 12.4 | 10.3 | 0.92 | 8.3 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 0.30 | 12.2 | 13.9 | 10.3 | 0.39 | 9.8 | 12.0 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.86 | 11.4 | 0.38 | 10.7 | 12.9 | | | | |
| VIC 1 | 10.8 | 1.50 | 8.2 | 14.1 | 10.3 | 1.53 | 8.2 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 0.20 | 12.2 | 12.9 | 10.4 | 0.32 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 0.83 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 11.6 | 0.38 | 10.9 | 12.2 | | | | |
| VIC 2 | 9.9 | 1.46 | 7.6 | 12.5 | 10.3 | 0.54 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 12.5 | 0.13 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 10.1 | 0.09 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 11.5 | 0.21 | 11.1 | 11.7 | | | | |
| VIC 3 | 10.9 | 1.32 | 8.7 | 12.8 | 10.0 | 0.63 | 9.2 | 11.1 | 12.6 | 0.32 | 12.3 | 13.1 | 10.3 | 0.28 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 11.5 | 0.15 | 11.3 | 11.7 | | | | |
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| | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max | Mean | SD | Min | Max |
| NSW1 | 13.0 | 1.01 | 8.8 | 14.9 | 9.8 | 0.54 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 14.2 | 0.13 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 12.4 | 0.18 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 0.87 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 13.0 | 0.24 | 12.7 | 13.8 | 77.6 | 1.8 | 73.7 | 80.9 |
| QLD | 12.4 | 1.16 | 9.2 | 16.7 | 10.9 | 1.23 | 8.4 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 0.16 | 13.1 | 14.7 | 11.7 | 0.25 | 10.2 | 12.1 | 0.85 | 0.78 | 0.83 | 12.8 | 0.48 | 10.6 | 14.8 | | | | |
| QLD1 | 12.6 | 1.07 | 10.5 | 16.2 | 10.4 | 0.99 | 8.3 | 12.3 | 13.8 | 0.07 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 0.17 | 11.4 | 12.3 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.88 | 12.6 | 0.29 | 12.0 | 13.2 | | | | |
| VIC | 11.4 | 1.19 | 9.3 | 18.4 | 9.7 | 0.98 | 7.4 | 12.3 | 13.8 | 0.06 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 11.6 | 0.15 | 11.2 | 12.0 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 0.86 | 12.5 | 0.29 | 11.5 | 13.4 | | | | |
| VIC 1 | 11.4 | 1.12 | 8.9 | 14.8 | 9.8 | 1.07 | 7.8 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 0.07 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 11.9 | 0.19 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 0.90 | 12.7 | 0.33 | 11.8 | 14.2 | | | | |
| VIC 2 | 11.8 | 1.42 | 9.5 | 18.0 | 9.6 | 0.78 | 7.6 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 0.10 | 13.6 | 15.0 | 11.7 | 0.19 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.86 | 12.5 | 0.30 | 12.0 | 14.7 | | | | |
| VIC 3 | 11.2 | 0.89 | 8.6 | 14.5 | 9.6 | 0.74 | 8.0 | 12.1 | 13.7 | 0.11 | 13.0 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 0.17 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 0.86 | 0.87 | 0.89 | 12.5 | 0.34 | 11.3 | 13.4 | | | | |

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