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## Autumn Newsletter

As we settle into the autumn season, we're pleased to share a snapshot of recent achievements, key updates, and upcoming initiatives across the business. In this edition, we celebrate the progress we've made, recognise the contributions of our team, and look ahead to what's coming next.

We hope you and your families enjoyed a safe and joyful Easter break. Thank you for being part of the journey – we're excited for what lies ahead.

# MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

#### Navigating Uncertainty, Delivering Excellence

In today's global economy, businesses are being tested by a wave of uncertainties, from fluctuating cost and supply chain challenges to evolving consumer expectations. TC Transcontinental Packaging recognise the importance of staying not only agile, but focused on what matters most – our customers, as we work together in response to the market changes. I am very proud that our team continues to strive for top service with quality products required by our customers and are trusted to package their premium products .

Our commitment to packaging solutions with Post-Industrial Recycled Content, and Post-Consumer Recycled Content and innovations continues, with ongoing investments in capability and quality excellence. We have successfully commissioned our new courier bag conversion machine and invested in a video inspection system on our press, and we will further invest in manufacturing platform in Christchurch to support our customers' growth. Over the next two months, the team at TC New Zealand will conduct a customer satisfaction survey and we look forward to your participations, and your recommendations.

Thank you for choosing TC as your trusted partner. We look forward to growing and evolving with you in the months and years ahead.

- Donald Lee



Donald Lee Managing Director, New Zealand

**NEW NEW NEW** 

## Introducing the New DX Mail Courier Bag





We are excited to unveil our new DXMail courier bag, crafted from 80% post-industrial recycled (PIR) materials. This sustainable packaging solution reflects our commitment to environmental responsibility while maintaining the same durability and reliability you expect from DXMail.

By using PIR content, we repurpose industrial waste, actively supporting the circular economy.

We are proud to partner with our customers in reducing carbon footprints and promoting sustainable practices. With this launch, DXMail takes another step toward greener courier solutions.

With over 40 years of experience, DXMail is New Zealand's only dedicated business mail specialist. Originally established in the 1970s as a document exchange system for lawyers, we have grown—through passion, dedication, and innovation—into a nationwide leader in business mail communication. Our friendly and experienced team is committed to delivering fast, secure, and cost-effective services to help your business thrive every day.

# UPDATED STATUS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN TC

We're proud to share our latest sustainability achievements as we continue our commitment to innovation and environmental responsibility

100% Recyclable Products	tc·	Ongoing commitment to fully recyclable packaging
360° Loop Recycling	tc ·	Continued collaboration with selected customers
Zero Plastic Waste to Landfill	tc·	Achieved a 50% waste reduction since 2022, with all plastic waste now being recycled!
Expanded Recycled Product Range	tc·	80% recycled content range grew by 7.4% YoY
Recycling Leadership	tc·	Plastic recycling volumes exceeded waste generation, reaching 103% recycled plastic vs. plastic waste produced

These milestones reflect our ongoing drive towards a more sustainable future. Thank you for being part of this journey!

# Enhancing print quality with our New 100% inspection system





At TC, we're committed to investing in advanced technology to elevate quality and efficiency. Our latest 100% print inspection system is a major step forward in delivering flawless print results.

Unlike traditional systems that inspect limited areas, this advanced technology provides real-time, full-image inspection of every print. Operators can still zoom in when needed, while the system ensures no detail is missed.

It detects variations across the entire print surface and instantly alerts operators to inconsistencies in repeat patterns—helping maintain accuracy. With a user-friendly drag-and-drop interface, color registration adjustments are fast and precise, and a master reference ensures consistent quality throughout the run.

This innovation strengthens our quality control, reduces waste, and ensures our customers receive the highest print standards—reinforcing our commitment to precision, innovation, and outstanding packaging solutions.

# Brad Smith Named Top 10 Finalist in NZ Printing Apprentice of the Year!





We're excited to share that Brad Smith has been named one of the Top 10 Finalists in the prestigious New Zealand Printing Apprentice of the Year Awards!

Brad joined TC Packaging in May 2005 as a blown film extrusion operator. He later stepped into a supervisory role, showing strong leadership and technical skills. After a short time in Australia in 2012 to support his father, Brad returned to TC later that year and continued to grow within the business.

More recently, Brad transitioned into our printing department, where he's taken on the challenge of high-end flexographic printing. His work ethic, attention to detail, and passion for the craft have clearly paid off – and this finalist recognition from PrintNZ is a testament to his talent and commitment.

The Apprentice of the Year Awards, hosted annually by PrintNZ, celebrate emerging talent in the print industry. Brad's achievement not only reflects his dedication but also highlights the strength of TC's in-house training and development.

The winners will be announced at the PrintNZ Gala Dinner later this year – and we'll be cheering Brad on all the way.

Congratulations, Brad – we're proud to have you on the team!



**Contributing Where It Counts** 

# TAKE TWO courier bags for Common

We recently donated New Zealand-made recycled courier bags to Common (formerly Koha Apparel), a charity supporting marginalized New Zealanders with free, quality clothing. Relying on public and brand donations, Common promotes social inclusion and a circular economy in Aotearoa.

Our TAKE TWO courier bags, made from 80% recycled material, will help transport and distribute donated garments. Locally produced and customizable for eco-conscious brands, these bags reduce waste, cut carbon emissions, and support a circular economy.



#### **Contributing Where It Counts**

## Paper bags for Kai Rescue







As part of our commitment to the community, TC Transcontinental Packaging recently donated paper bags to Kai Rescue in Nelson ( Nelson Environment Centre), supporting their vital food redistribution efforts. On average, they redistribute 20 tonnes of kai per month from various suppliers to over 50 community groups. By providing suitable packaging, we're ensuring rescued food reaches those in need while reducing waste. It's a small but impactful way to support their mission of feeding the community.

If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact TC Transcontinental Packaging!

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YOUR CREATIVE PARTNER FROM START TO FINISH

# FROM CONCEPT TO SHELF

## With You Every Step

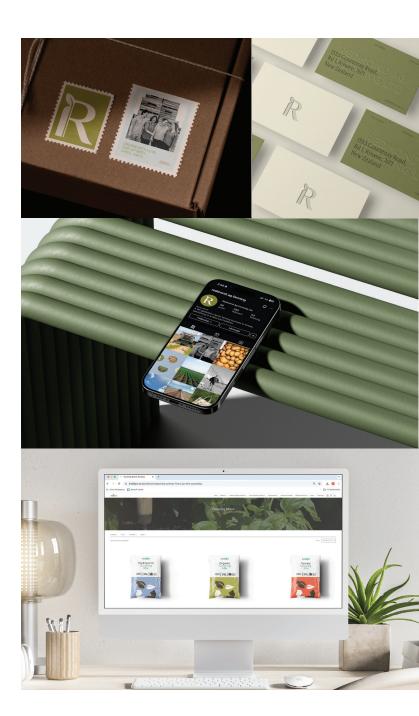
Lately, we've had the chance to work with a few local businesses on more than just packaging. These projects have been about stepping back, exploring their brand identity together, and figuring out how that identity should come through — not only on their packaging, but across all the channels they use to connect with their customers.

It's not just about placing a logo on a bag or label. It's about helping businesses clarify who they are, what they stand for, and how they want to be seen – with packaging being one important part of that bigger picture.

At TC, we also understand that branding can be costly – especially for smaller or growing businesses. That's why we offer in-house design support as part of our service, helping reduce the expense of developing brand assets while still delivering impactful, high-quality results.

Being part of that discovery process has been incredibly rewarding. It's a reminder that good design starts with listening, and that supporting local businesses often means walking alongside them through the full journey – from ideas to finished goods, and everything in between.

If you're looking for design support or brand guidance, feel free to reach out — we're happy to help.



MEET OUR TEAM



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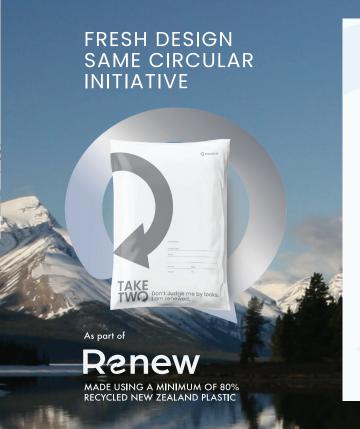
## Meet Aria from Customer Service

Aria, part of our Customer Service team, has a background in Industrial Product Design and Sustainable Practices. She grew up south of Christchurch and loves exploring new places. Her first job was at The Warehouse Timaru, working night shifts over Christmas. Inspired by her supportive parents and the people she meets, she enjoys learning from different perspectives. A fan of New Zealand's great outdoors, she especially loves Stewart Island except for the sandflies! For Aria, a perfect day is simply spending time outside, no matter the season. We're lucky to have her on the team!



## Introducing Praveen Antony from the Operations Team!

Praveen Antony has been a key part of our Operations team since September 2024, working as a Technical/Quality Assistant in our Christchurch office. He supports various areas, including compliance, product specifications, testing, project management, and quality assurance. His expertise and dedication continue to add great value to our team!





#### **CUSTOMIZATION AVAILABLE**

Get in touch to create your own courier bags using NZ recycled materials!

### TAKE COURIER BAGS MADE WITH 80% NZ **RECYCLED WASTE**

As committed manufacturers and wholesalers of flexible packaging, TC New Zealand proudly champion sustainable practices by offering products made from recycled materials as part of a circular economy approach.

We're excited to launch the redesigned Take-Two Courier Bags, proudly manufactured in Christchurch using 80% recycled New Zealand post-industrial soft plastic waste. This innovative range reinforces our commitment to reducing waste and closing the loop on plastic.

Available in five stock sizes, the Take-Two range also offers custom print options to align with your brand's sustainability goals.