



AORA Victoria

E-News UPDATE

28th August 2017

AORA Vic Awards Dinner – An Amazing Industry Event

The AORA Vic Awards Dinner lived up to the high expectations that the Victoria Executive Team had hoped for. The event welcomed over 80 guests, it was a wonderful event that recognised outstanding efforts across the organics recycling sector and a wonderful networking opportunity.

Thank you to everyone that could attend our Awards Dinner and contribute to making it the fantastic night that it was. It was wonderful to have Sustainability Victoria as our event sponsor and it was very much appreciated by our guests to have Veolia and Komptech sponsor the bar for the night.

All the award nominees were winners in our eyes as all had made significant contribution to industry, however there were some nominees that were presented with certificates. It was wonderful to have all certificates presented in person, please see images below.



SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AWARD

was presented to **VEOLIA**



OUTSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE
IN COLLECTION/PROCESSING/MARKETING
AWARD

was presented to

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

South Melbourne Market

OUTSTANDING CORPORATE/INSTITUTION
INITIATIVE IN COLLECTION / PROCESSING
/MARKETING AWARD

was presented to

YARRA VALLEY WATER

ReWaste



COMPOST USER DEMONSTRATING
INNOVATION AND ADVOCACY IN
AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

was presented to

CAMPERDOWN

COMPOST



Our AORA Victoria Chairperson
Michael Wood
was presented an award for his
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
in the organics industry on behalf of the
Victorian Organics Industry.

Michael has provided leadership and exceptional passion in promoting the organics industry. He is a leader and someone that has worked tirelessly in the promotion and advancement of the industry. He has been a key player in the organics industry associations both at a State and National level.

He has sat on many AORA National Executive Working Groups promoting organics recovery industry to both State and Federal Government's across Australia. He has not been afraid to rattle the cage to promote the industry to government departments. Michael is very passionate and he truly cares about the industry and its members. We as an industry have been fortunate to have Michael.



We had the pleasure of showing the MWRRG produced "Back to Earth" short film clips on the night, if you have not seen these films we highly recommend visiting the website (<http://backtoearth.vic.gov.au/back-to-earth-community/farmers-stories.html>) and checking them out on youtube. They are there for us all to use to help promote the compost recycling industry. It was wonderful to have a few of the people featured in the films and their production in the room on our awards night.

NEWS – EPA "Storage of Combustible Recyclable & Waste Materials – Protocol"

This week EPA is expected to be releasing the new "Storage of Combustible Recyclable & Waste Materials – Protocol"

This is in response to several recent fires in the recycling sector.

This has been drafted very quickly and we are yet to see a copy. It has not been drafted with organics as the top priority but it will capture our members facilities. There is an exemption for windrows not to be classified as stockpiles but finished product and piles awaiting processing are most likely to be covered.

When we receive a copy we will forward it to you and urge you to check and assess the impact on your business.

We have a direct contact at EPA who can assist members with any issues that it may cause.

AORA VIC – Next Event – SAVE THE DATE – Gippsland Field Day - FREE

Thursday 21st September 9am to 3.30pm at Traralgon

The day will be full of information and site visits to see how the compost is made, spread and grown. A bus will be arranged from Traralgon to take all attendees to the following locations and lunch will be included. All attendees must be on the bus for safety reasons.

- Gippsland Water – SORF Tour and Discussion
- Gibsons Groundspread – Depot tour, Blending Demonstration, Grass & Compost trial
- Farmer (TBC) - Trials viewing, Spreader Demo, Compost & Grass Demo, Variable Rate Application Discussion

Please start promoting and putting it in anyone diaries that maybe interested. It would be wonderful to see a range of Farmers, Professional Agronomists and Student Agronomists at this event (a flyer will be available soon).

Please RSVP to Jana at vicadmin@aora.org.au if you are attending.

If you would like to stay the night before – the recommended accommodation is below.

Traralgon - Bridges on Argyle - 4 star \$160 room. To confirm block booking or other visit www.bridgesonargyle.com.au

The day prior to our event is a WMAA event that you maybe interested in attending.

Regional Victorian Seminar



Wednesday 20 September 2017

10:00 - 14:00

Location: Premier Function Centre - Traralgon

Members: \$60.00

Non Members: \$80.00

[Please login to register](#)

WASTE NOT WANT NOT SEMINAR

Can waste be the answer to regional economic development?

The recent closure of Hazelwood Power Station and Carter Holt Harvey has resulted in large job losses across the Gippsland Region and a blow to the local community. Both the local community and government have a number of initiatives in place to grow and attract new business to the region to stimulate economic growth. The waste industry could play a role in transition of the Gippsland economy.

This seminar is aimed at highlighting how waste can play a role in generating new industry for local economies as well as reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.