

Peter Wadewitz | chair



Peter Wadewitz has been involved with many organisations such as Waste Management Australia, Compost Australia, Compost for Soils and the newly formed AORA group. He also won South Australia's Environmentalist of the year award in 2006.

Peter is the Managing Director of Peats Soil & Garden Supplies. He has been commercially processing compost for over 40 years. He is also the inventor of the BiobiN® a waste management in vessel composting system offering an alternate solution for businesses when it comes to dealing with their organics.

Peter's commitment to the growth and prosperity of the organics recycling industry has led to appointments to the Barton Group's Export Task Force and the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council. Peter was also a leading figure in developing the Australian Compost Industry Roadmap.

Martin Tower | director



Martin graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and served as a British Army and subsequently Australian Army officer. On leaving military service, Martin completed an MBA and moved into management consulting which led to engagements in sustainable energy development where he had a leading role in the establishment of a waste to energy company specialising in the application of high-powered ultrasonics to anaerobic digestion.

He also became involved in the composting industry, especially regarding intensive agriculture by-products and more recently has commenced product development and marketing activities for the use of urban-derived composts into mainstream agriculture.

Martin has taken a leading role in developing AORA's national strategy and business plans and is particularly interested in business concept development and implementation

Duncan Le Good | director



Duncan commenced his journey in the resource recovery industry in the year 2000 whilst undertaking 3rd year university projects in the then newly developing urban garden organics composting industry.

Duncan attended the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury, completing the Bachelor of Landscape Management and Conservation with Honors and majoring in Soil and Water studies.

Duncan has worked consistently in the composting and resource recovery industry in both an operations and sales capacity and has furthered his studies in the fields of biological farming and commercial composting in this time. Duncan has a passion for seeing organics materials processed and returned as a beneficial input in both urban and rural landscapes.

Duncan currently works for Suez recycling and recovery and resides in Newcastle, Australia.

Michael Wood | director and company secretary



Michael has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science Horticulture and has worked in the organic recycling sector and container nursery production for over 30 years in Marketing, General Management and Director roles.

Michael provides consulting services to a range of clients in organic recycling through his Consultancy business Oakwood Consultants Pty Ltd the fields of strategic planning, marketing, technical and quality systems, environmental management, compliance and general management issues. Michael also provides agronomic advice on compost and recycled organics use in client soil health programs to horticultural clients.

Michael led the formation AORA in Victoria and the transition of the former Compost Vic group into AORA Victoria.

Tim Richards | director and vice-chair



Tim is the Operations Manager of Richgro Garden Products and has been with the company for 20 years. Tim was born into the organics recycling industry as a member of the family business, Richgro and has grown up with compost under his fingernails.

Richgro manufacture a full range of garden products, of which many are based around compost. A large volume of Richgro's compost is packaged for retail sale. Richgro also have a bulk division primarily supplying the Western Australia landscape industry with increasing distribution into the Horticulture and Agriculture markets.

Prior to joining the AORA Board, Tim was Vice Chair of Compost Western Australia and represented them on the National Board of Compost Australia. He previously spent seven years on the state board of the Landscape Industries Association of Western Australia, two years as President and a representative on the National Board of the Australian Landscape Industry Association.

Tim is passionate about the organics industry and raising the bar for compost manufacturing in this country. He holds a strong belief that the future of gardening, agriculture and horticulture revolves around the ever-increasing use of organics that help bring life to the ancient soils that we have in this country.

Rowan Williams | director



Rowan has extensive experience in the practical implementation of solutions for biopolymers ranging from organics management, the applications of composted organics and soil amendments for improvements in soil health, use of biodegradable mulch film and the merging of these two applications for improvements in horticulture and agriculture, with organics inputs.

Rowan has been with BASF for 13 years and previously spent time in senior management roles, with other multinational companies.

Rowan is currently the President of the Australasian Bioplastics Association, the peak industry body for the Bioplastics industry across ANZ and with global affiliations in Europe, the US and Asia.

Frank Harney | director

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Charlie Emery | director



Charlie is the General Manager of SOILCO Pty Ltd, an organics recycling company located at Kembla Grange NSW. Charlie joined SOILCO in 2001 and over the past 17 years has overseen the growth of the business through focusing on its core competency; provision of organics recycling services and production of quality assured soil, compost and mulch products.

A fundamental aspect of Charlie's current role is strategic planning and implementation of business development initiatives. Charlie has a Bachelor of Science majoring in Environmental Biology. Prior to SOILCO Charlie worked with a range of environmental, landscaping and horticultural businesses.