

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS 2022 - 2023



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANICS RECYCLING

The Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA) is the Australian organics recycling industry's national peak industry body. AORA works on behalf of more than two hundred members to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling organic resources.

It aims to function as an advocate for the broader organics resource recovery and beneficial reuse industries, and to represent their views in a constructive dialogue with policymakers. The Association envisages an industry in which best practice is shared, standards are maintained and surpassed, and a positive contribution to safeguarding the environment is made.

The Association consists of a national body represented by a Board of Directors. State committees operate in defined geographical areas, advocating and managing their operations relevant to their region. The AORA Board, through a National Executive Officer, provides coordination, addressing state and national matters, with a team of national and state staff to assist in the delivery of activities.

OUR VISION

Recycling and the reuse of organic materials with a circular economy is widely understood and supported by Australians.

OUR MISSION

AORA works with all stakeholders to facilitate an operating environment which maximises the recycling and reuse of organic materials, and promotes the benefits of compost, soil conditioners and mulches across the Australian community and business.

AORA MEMBER BENEFITS

- AORA has a well-established and highly regarded reputation within governments (Federal and State) and their associated agencies (e.g., EPA). This provides a halo effect for those organisations who wish to partner and associate with AORA. As a key industry stakeholder, AORA is sought out for consultation by government on regulatory and policy developments within our wide ambit of the Australian organics recycling industry.
- AORA produces The Economic Contribution of the Australian Organics Recycling Industry and the Australian Organics Recycling Industry Capacity Assessment reports on a biannual basis – both are valuable references and guides for those operating within the Australian organics recycling industry and are initially only available to AORA members.
- AORA maintains a close watching brief on issues with the potential to impact the Australian organics recycling industry including, but not limited to, PFAS and other forever chemical residues, microplastics, the rollout of FOGO across state and local government authorities, policy development around single-use items, etc. Members are kept informed with the latest regulatory, state, and federal industry knowledge and developments via regular state and monthly national e-newsletter.
- A voice within the AORA industry development program to advocate, support and lead positive change across policy, regulations, research & development, and standards and specifications relevant to the Australian organic sector. AORA can lobby on behalf of local governments to influence government policy. This will provide a sound platform and basis for strategic discussions with elected members.
- Linkages with allied industry suppliers and technical advisers provide members with access to industry-recognised experts, information, and developments across the entire organics recycling value chain, including direct access to equipment manufacturers and suppliers who have first-hand organics processing expertise. AORA provides Local Government members with credibility as membership proves to the community/ customers that your local government area has met strict criteria and has access to various industrial processing system information.
- Access to tried and tested local government strategic cost recovery modelling options and procurement scenarios for large-scale industrial organics processing systems, as well as access to local government-specific resource recovery educational material targeted towards reducing contamination levels and improving community organics processing awareness.
- AORA runs a highly successful annual conference every year, providing key insights into the current and future challenges (and solutions) facing the Australian organics recycling industry. AORA members receive discounts on tickets for the conference.
- Networking opportunities with other local government partners through workshops, field days, forums and webinars with member discounts, as well as member-exclusive events.

	STUDENT	INDIVIDUAL	ASSOCIATE	NATIONAL ASSOCIATE	PROCESSOR	NATIONAL PROCESSOR	LOCAL GOV/GOV
EVENTS							
Member exclusive events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member discounts at state events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$200 off AORA Conference ticket	x	1	1	2	2	4	4
Opportunities for promotion of products at events	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
End user specific events (minimum 1 per state) and the ability to showcase products	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT							
Advocacy on a state and national level	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linkages with suppliers and technical advisers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access & input into research & trials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT							
Listing in AORA Member Directory	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listing on public ' Find a Composter" directory	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Ability to utilise the AORA Member logo on publications and digital	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OTHER BENEFITS							
Subscription to Waste Management Review	x	x	✓	2 or more	✓	2 or more	✓
Opportunities to participate in special events eg. AORA organics zone at AWRE	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Voting rights	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x
AORA Member News - state specific	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AORA National Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to member only publications (ie. economic contribution report)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AORA will contribute to community newsletters/publications	x	x	x	x	x	x	2 x annually

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

STUDENT

Actively enrolled as a student at a tertiary or higher education facility.

INDIVIDUAL

Interested in the organics recycling industry and not associated with a registered business or company. Example; Retired industry professional

ASSOCIATE

Any business or company associated with the organics recycling industry, and operating in one state. Example; Consultants, laboratories, universities.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATE

Any business or company associated with the organics recycling industry, and operating in two or more states. Example; National consultants, equipment companies, packaging manufacturers.

PROCESSOR

Operate an organics recycling facility

NATIONAL PROCESSOR

Operate organics recycling facilities in two or more states

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & GOVERNMENT

Local Government, regional/groups of local governments, state or federal departments.



AORA MEMBER STRUCTURE 2022-23

CORE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FOR INDIVIDUALS



FOR BUSINESSES



BUSINESSES OPERATING IN TWO OR MORE STATES



PROCESSING LEVY

A PROCESSING LEVY IS ALSO CHARGED TO ALL PROCESSOR MEMBERS
CALCULATED IN TONNES PER ANNUM PROCESSED



NOTE: For National Processor Members, this is the cumulative total across Processing Sites

HOW TO BECOME AN AORA MEMBER

All Memberships are managed through our National Office.

All AORA Memberships run from 1 July - 30 June.

Pro-rata rates of 50% are applied from 1 January - 30 June.

All AORA member applications are subject to AORA Board approval.

Please contact National Coordinator, Alex Hammett, if you would like to join AORA

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We also encourage you to reach out to State Coordinators to find out about activities and opportunities currently taking place.

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SA & NT - Yvonne McClaren - sacoordinator@aora.org.au

VIC & TAS - Doug Wilson - vicsecretary@aora.org.au



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