



AORA 2025

Australian Organics
Recycling Association
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

3 - 5 June 2025

Newcastle Exhibition &
Convention Centre, NSW

Beyond the Windrow - Building industry resilience

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM & INVITATION TO REGISTER

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The AORA Annual Conference provides delegates with an opportunity to learn, develop new skills and broaden their networks.

Recycled Organics Industry stakeholders gather to learn, network and discuss practical outcomes and solutions for production and use of recycled organic materials in an open forum with like-minded and interested companies and individuals.

INVITATION

The Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA)
invites you to participate in the 12th AORA Annual
Conference to be held in Newcastle from 3 - 5 June 2025.

The AORA 2025 Conference, themed ***Beyond the Windrow – Building industry resilience***, offers a comprehensive platform to navigate the complex challenges and seize the groundbreaking opportunities that are reshaping the organics recycling sector.

In a rapidly evolving landscape, the organics industry stands at a pivotal juncture. This premier conference is designed to equip industry leaders and professionals to cultivate a resilient industry that can thrive in an increasingly complex environment, becoming a pivotal player on the road to a Circular Economy.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with industry leaders, policymakers and experts to address critical topics including regulatory consistency and harmonisation across States, investment optimisation, the development of the new AS4454 Standard and the integration of emerging technologies such as biochar and anaerobic digestion (AD).

The agenda is designed to provide deep insights into essential areas including future-proofing the industry through innovative thinking, contamination prevention and market development, providing attendees with the knowledge needed to optimise operations and drive sustainable growth.

Through a combination of expert-led presentations, in-depth panel discussions and strategic networking opportunities, attendees will exchange critical knowledge, cultivate collaborations and uncover innovative strategies to enhance industry performance and environmental impact.

Join us as we move “Beyond the Windrow” and work collectively to build a more resilient, innovative and sustainable future for the organics industry.

I look forward to meeting you at the AORA 2025 Annual Conference in Newcastle.



Kurt Palmer

AORA 2025 Conference Chair

AORA Annual Conference Secretariat

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ABOUT AORA



The Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA) works on behalf of its members to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling organic resources.

It aims to act as an advocate for the wider organics resource recovery and beneficial reuse industries, and to represent their views in a constructive dialogue with policy makers. 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. State divisions operate in defined geographical areas (e.g. states or territories of the Commonwealth of Australia), managing their operations relevantly to their region. The AORA Board provides coordination across the divisions and a means of addressing state and national matters, as well as being the administrative managers of the business.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The AORA Annual Conference is the principal conference in Australia for the recycled organics industry. Each conference is a forum for education, discussion and networking related to Organics Recycling. It is also an opportunity to celebrate outstanding achievements in the industry.

The AORA Annual Conference features workshops, presentations, social functions and an equipment demonstration day. This is an opportunity to network with industry leaders and gain insight to the latest achievements in the Organics Recycling Industry.

The first AORA conference was held in 2013 in Sydney and is now run annually, rotating the location around Australia.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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PROGRAM

The 2025 AORA Annual Conference program will provide delegates with an opportunity to learn, develop new skills and broaden their networks.

This three-day event will comprise of one day of onsite equipment demonstrations; followed by two days with keynote speakers, panels, case studies and focussed sessions. A trade exhibition is part of the event, where delegates will take their breaks and meals.

Networking will also be encouraged at the Welcome Function and Conference Dinner, as well as during the meal breaks.

Full details about the event program will be published on the conference website as they become available: www.aoraconference.com.au.

VENUE

Newcastle Exhibition &
Convention Centre (NEX)
309 King Street
Newcastle West NSW 2302

NEX is conveniently located in the heart of Newcastle. It is just 35 minutes from Newcastle airport and is serviced by a range of public transport.

Located in the harbour city precinct on the corner of King Street and Union Street, Newcastle West, NEX is central to boutique accommodation, trendy cafes and bars, pristine beaches and the Port of Newcastle foreshore.

LOCATION

Newcastle is a historic city undergoing urban revitalisation. Discover hidden wonders peppered throughout the CBD, West End, East End and Foreshore.

Nestled on the beautiful, sun-drenched eastern coastline of New South Wales, just over two hours north of Sydney, Newcastle is a vibrant city bursting with things to do, places to stay and fun to be had.

The city snakes around the coastline with the golden beaches just walking distance from many of the city's attractions. The arts and culture scene is alive and thriving, and the emerging dining and bar culture has a very exciting vibe. The city has a wealth of natural attractions and postcard scenes matched by attractions like art galleries, museums and theatres.

Getting to Newcastle is easy, whether by air, road or rail, and there's a wide range of accommodation options to suit all budgets.

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The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) takes an environmental stewardship approach to being the regulator of NSW's environment. It is responsible for caring, protecting and nurturing the environment for generations of today and tomorrow to enjoy.

The NSW Government has committed to net zero emissions from organics waste in landfill by 2030 and allocated \$81.3 million to support a transition to mandatory food organics and garden organics (FOGO) source separation from households and certain businesses, starting in July 2026.

The program of support includes funding for community education, contamination management, food rescue, new collection services, processing infrastructure and strong end markets for the recycled product.

It is through meaningful engagement and teamwork that the NSW EPA will get the best outcomes for the environment and in doing so we can achieve our mission to protect tomorrow together. Supporting the Australian Organics Recycling industry to produce a high-quality recycled product is key to the successful rollout of FOGO in NSW.

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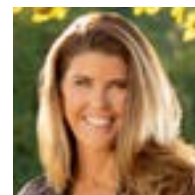


KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KATHY KELLOGG JOHNSON

Owner, Kellogg Garden Products (USA)

Kathy Kellogg Johnson is the owner of Kellogg Garden Products, a 4th- generation, all-organic, garden products company founded in 1925, as well as Organic Control Inc. Kathy speaks passionately about recognising soil as the fundamental building block of regenerative agriculture and its essential role in the fight for a healthy planet.



Kathy has been referred to as the “First Lady of Compost” by Frank Franciosi, President of the U.S. Composting Council. Since graduating from USC, Kathy has been a leader in the compost industry, bringing together disparate parties and forming the Association of Compost Producers.

She serves on the board of the Environmental Media Association and the South Coast Botanical Gardens; and supports the Captain Planet Foundation. Kathy is a longtime supporter of Plant with Purpose, educating the world's poorest farmers in sustainable farming practices.

LISA RAWLINSON

Managing Director, Loop Organics

Lisa Rawlinson has 41 years of experience in the recycled organic industry. With a background in agricultural science, she specialises in sustainable recycling practices, including food waste land application, biosolids management and compost processing. In 1994, Lisa founded LVRA, offering consulting and contracting services to councils, the EPA, and water authorities. In 2012, she established Loop Organics, focusing on processing and recycling organic waste.



Lisa applies her comprehensive expertise and extensive networks to build collaborations and provide sustainable solutions to food and beverage manufacturers, councils, water authorities and other waste management providers.

TONY CHAPPEL

Chief Executive Officer, NSW Environment Protection Authority

Leading the EPA since August 2022, Tony is a senior executive with extensive experience across the public and private sector, specialising in sustainability, corporate affairs, risk and governance, regulatory strategy, and policy.



His comprehensive experience as a senior leader in highly regulated industries means Tony brings a unique perspective on licensee obligations and the impact industry actions can have on NSW communities. He is a dedicated advocate for the environment and committed to the task of supporting all stakeholders in their transition to a net-zero economy. Tony has played a critical role in the delivery of the EPA'S Climate Change Policy and Action Plan and is committed to working collaboratively with each sector to reduce emissions while also driving new opportunities.

Tony has a Masters in Environmental Change and Management from University of Oxford and a Masters in Environmental Technology from Imperial College, London.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MATT TAYLOR

Matt has over 20 years of general management experience in the not-for-profit, government, and private sectors in the UK and Australia. He has always gravitated toward people-related roles and issues and so, with this experience and purpose of helping people, established his own HR consulting business – Heart HR.



Matt also provides his experience and support to several local organisations including President of the Newcastle Business Club, Chair of Go circular and volunteer for Keep Australia Beautiful and the Annual Ride for Sick Kids to support Ronald McDonald House – which fits in well with his passion for cycling! Matt is also a seasoned Master of Ceremonies (MC) with a proven track record of hosting and leading a wide range of non-profit and corporate events.



DEMONSTRATION DAY

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

SEE EQUIPMENT IN ACTION AT THE AORA DEMONSTRATION DAY

This is your chance to get up close to the equipment, compare different models, and truly understand how each piece of machinery can enhance your operations. Meet with suppliers and experts in the field, ask questions, and learn about the latest technology and innovations in the industry.

On display will be:

- Grinders and Shredders
- Trommels and Screens
- Windrow Turners
- Loaders and Excavators
- Moving Floor Trailers
- and more...

All participants are required to wear long pants and steel capped safety boots. Hard hats and safety vests will be provided along with lunch and afternoon tea. We recommend you bring a hat and water bottle.

AORA Demo Day proudly sponsored by:



The Demonstration Day buses are scheduled to depart NEX from 9:00 - 9:30am and will return between 4:30 - 5:00pm.

NOTE: For safety reasons, delegates may not drive themselves to the location, all delegates MUST arrive and depart via the coach from NEX.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

NETWORKING FUNCTION

Join us after the Demonstration Day for an evening of drinks, canapes and networking with the exhibitors, speakers, sponsors and other attendees.

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Date: Tuesday 3 June 2025
Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm
Venue: Trade Exhibition Area
Dress: Casual
Tickets: Included in full registrations or tickets available to purchase for \$125.

CONFERENCE DINNER

The Conference Dinner is traditionally a highlight in the AORA Annual Conference program and provides an opportunity for the participants to relax and engage in the type of networking that is vital to furthering the recycled organics industry.

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Date: Wednesday 4 June 2025
Time: 7:00 - 10:30pm
Venue: The Arena, NEX
Dress: Casual
Tickets: Included in full registrations or tickets available to purchase for \$200.

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE HAPPY HOUR

The Technology Showcase Happy Hour will highlight innovations for suppliers, improving operations and processing technologies. This event will also give the audience the opportunity to hear about new and exciting products.

Date: Wed 4 June 2025
Time: 5:15 - 6:30pm
Venue: The Extra (next to the Registration Desk)

Drinks and nibbles will be served

1715	Introduction John McKew , AORA
1720	Sorting Technology to Improve Organic Recycling and Ensure Regulatory Compliance Carina Arita , TOMRA Recycling This presentation explores advanced sorting technologies that enhance organic recycling by reducing contaminants and improving product quality. It highlights strategies to meet the Compost Order 2016 standards, through innovative solutions.
1730	Maximising long-term performance through ongoing support services Max Taylor , OREZ Leveraging SCADA-based technologies and advanced data analytics, OREZ works in close partnership with clients to fine-tune operations, minimise downtime, and maximise resource recovery.
1740	Comparison of Australian & European Standards: Contamination, Trends & Strategy Björn Fahle , WESTERIA and Eric Paulsen , CEMAC Technologies This session explores international approaches to contamination in organics recycling, comparing European and Australian standards, strategies, and trends.
1750	Removing black plastic contamination Bronte Abrahams , Steinert Australia How NIR optical sorting can detect and eject plastic from compost, including black and dark objects with European case studies.
1800	XROPS - Regional Organics Processing Solution Philip Parekalam , NALG & Jason Pugh , Kanadevia Inova Australia XROPS transforms organics into high-quality compost, renewable gas, electricity, heat, carbon dioxide and biochar from woody organics. Those will feed a co-located intensive horticulture complex and enable truly circular carbon cycling.
1810	Questions and discussion

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday 4th June 2025

0800	Registration, tea and coffee
Opening Plenary	
0830	Welcome and housekeeping John McKew , NEO - Australian Organics Recycling Association & Matt Taylor , Master of Ceremonies
0850	Official welcome Charlie Emery , Chair - Australian Organics Recycling Association
0900	Opening address Cr Declan Clausen , City of Newcastle
0910	INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE: Lessons from a century of building soil with compost Kathy Kellogg Johnson , Kellogg Garden Products (USA) Kellogg Garden Products is celebrating 100 years of composting and recycling organics. Started in Los Angeles in 1925, Kellogg has grown from an agricultural customer base to today supplying over 2500 retail garden locations across the United States. It is a captivating history which includes establishing the first and largest thermophilic composting operation in the world. Kathy will take you through the story of this family business, sharing successes and challenges.
0940	AUSTRALIAN KEYNOTE: Standing at the crossroads Lisa Rawlinson , Loop Organics The organics industry is in the midst of an unprecedented period of change. The risks associated with key elements of the industry are reshaping how we operate. From contamination issues to regulatory and technology changes. Mitigating these risks and finding the inherent opportunities will shape the future of a truly circular industry.
1010	Questions and discussion
1030	Morning tea break
Shifting Perspectives	
1100	Disrupting Composting: The impact of global advancements on organics processing Callum Hickey , Urban Utilities International landscape mapping reveals the scaling challenges of emerging organic waste processing technologies. The potential for emerging solutions to impact investment confidence in new processing facilities is examined.
1120	Biogas and Beyond: Advancing AD technology in Australia Emma Mountjoy , LMS Energy Exploring advancements in anaerobic digestion technology, recent policy developments in Australia and the lessons learned internationally.
1140	Attitudes to food waste composting (lessons learnt in Canberra and beyond) Dr Brook Clinton , Canberra Region Joint Organisation Canberra has sometimes been referred to as a 'good test bed', and also features a diverse and transient population. Capital Scraps Composting was an experiment in community-scale composting. Over the course of thousands of 'compost conversations', the main benefit derived was a detailed understanding of attitudes to food waste composting.
1200	Questions and discussion

1230	Lunch
PANEL: Kerbside Innovations and Challenges	
1330	In recent years, we've seen progress and challenges in kerbside organics collection. This panel session, featuring representatives from local governments across Australia, will highlight some of the successes, challenges, and lessons learned. Topics to be covered will include educational campaigns, responses to FOGO bin services, managing contamination, financial and regulatory considerations and more. Facilitated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angus Johnston, BioCarbon Soil Panelists include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elfi Blackburn, City of Newcastle • Rachel McIntyre, Inner West Council • Alan Gundrill, Bega Valley Shire Council • Jodie Larsen, City of Sydney
1500	Afternoon tea break
Navigating Contamination	
1530	Understanding and managing PFAS and compostable microplastics in FOGO waste Dr Emily Bryson , Central Queensland University The potential risks of PFAS and microplastics from compostable plastics and fibre-based packaging in composted products are poorly understood. A collaborative research project is proposed that aims to safeguard compost quality and environmental health.
1550	The fate of PFAS through commercial composting facilities Sali Khair Biek , RMIT University This presentation outlines research investigating the fate of 33 PFAS compounds in composting systems. Findings reveal significant reductions in the total targeted PFAS concentrations after composting, emphasising the need for source control and mitigation strategies.
1610	Questions and discussion
1620	PANEL: Working with the organics recycling industry towards a circular economy Working with the organic recyclers with government bodies to effect the necessary changes to processing facilities to be able to cope with the increase in composting of certified compostable products. Panelists include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martine Poulain, Australasian Bioplastics Association • Simon Humphris, Soilco • Michelle Jones, EPA SA • Rowan Williams, BASF Australia
1700	Close Day 2
1715	Technology Showcase Happy Hour
1900	Conference Dinner

Thursday 5th June 2025

0800 Registration, tea and coffee

Cultivating Change

0845 How Sustainability Victoria partnered with industry to grow organics markets

Andrew Dougall, Sustainability Victoria

Through working with industry, Sustainability Victoria delivered a 5-year Circular Economy Markets Acceleration Program, that implemented strategy, invested funds, innovated, shared knowledge, and brokered supply chain connections.

0905 How to start a movement and pioneer resilience in organic recycling

Jaclyn Lees & Alizee Le Goff, enrich360

Explore how pioneers like, City of Melbourne, Woolworths Weipa and Eco Mob Darwin inspire movements in organic recycling. This interactive presentation will unpack successes, failures, and collaborative strategies to create resilient systems.

0925 Making It Matter: A three-pillar approach to transform FOGO education

Cate McQuillen, mememe productions

What if kerbside organics became a powerful act of care? By revolutionising education to ignite connection, understanding, and action, we could inspire communities to eliminate contamination, restore trust, and transform FOGO into a bold movement for healthier soils, thriving farms, and a resilient future.

1010 Questions and discussion

1030 Morning tea break

Transformative Partnerships

1100 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Setting the agenda

Tony Chappel, NSW Environment Protection Authority

New legislation in NSW requires FOGO recycling for households by 2030 and for businesses and institutions in stages from 2026. This session will outline the requirements and support available to industry, business and councils to maximise environmental benefits and minimise environmental harm from the end products.

1130 Powering a Resilient Organics Future: Industry-Government partnerships in Queensland

Kali Martin, AORA/Pure Environmental & **Claire Anderson**, DETSI

This session explores the collaboration between industry and government shaping a resilient organics strategy in Qld, focusing on key challenges, policy alignment, and innovative solutions driving circular economy outcomes, and effective partnerships delivering environmental, economic, and social benefits.

1150 Transformative Partnerships - Aligning for success in organics infrastructure

Ollie Brunt, OREZ

This presentation explores how Australia can meet its organics infrastructure challenge. It will highlight the need for urgency in organic processing build-out, early strategy alignment, process-led design, transformative partnerships, and the value of tailored delivery models.

1210 Organics Processing for Regional Communities - Keep your compost close!

Sandy Gray & Rod Tuttle, Gaia EnviroTech

Smaller scale composting facilities offer tangible benefits to regional communities. These facilities can be located closer to communities, benefit from cooperative relationships, and foster a beneficial understanding of organics recycling and compost.

1230 Questions and discussion

1300 Lunch

Thinking Beyond the Windrow

1400 Thinking beyond windrow composting

Aurel Lübke, Compost Systems

Windrow composting has a long successful history. Where does windrow composting, where do we need to rethink, and what are the alternatives?

1420 Composting Anaerobic Digestate: Controlling odours/ VOC's and compost quality

Brian Fuchs, W. L. Gore & Associates

This presentation will describe the steps taken by a large scale FOGO Anaerobic Digester to solve problems associated with composting digestate residuals for odour, stormwater management and producing a high quality compost.

1440 Using municipal composts to make soils deeper, drought resilient and productive

Bill Grant, Federation University, Future Regions Research Centre

This paper will summarise research outcomes from several research projects and assessments of where and how different municipal composts are most likely to deliver farmers a financial return on investment. It will also suggest R&D and market opportunities for municipal composts and offer insights on how composts can meet market quality requirements.

1500 The role of biochar compost in the circular economy

Don Coyne, ANZ Biochar Industry Group

Biochar compost integrates waste management, carbon sequestration, and soil enhancement, supporting the circular economy. This presentation explores its role in improving soil health, reducing emissions, and enhancing agricultural productivity.

1520 Questions and discussion

1550 Conference wrap up and closing remarks

Charlie Emery, Chair - Australian Organics Recycling Association

1600 Conference Close

It's all about organics

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



AORA is the leading industry organisation and the peak industry body for the Recycled Organics Industry in Australia. It represents a modern, proactive association within the wider resource recovery and organics management industry.



**Benefit from the support and advocacy that
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DRESS CODE

The dress standard for the event is business/smart casual including sessions and evening functions.

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REGISTRATION PACKAGES & FEES

Early	Up to 17 April 2025
Standard	18 Apr - 26 May 2025
Late	27 - 30 May 2025

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRI 30 MAY 2025

Full Registration

Includes:

- 1 x Demo. Day Ticket (Tue 3 Jun)
- 1 x Welcome Function Ticket (Tue 3 Jun)
- Day Registration (Wed 4 Jun)
- 1 x Conference Dinner Ticket (Wed 4 Jun)
- Day Registration (Thu 5 Jun)
- Access to conference papers

	MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Early	\$1,375	\$1,775
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Late	\$1,775	\$2,175

Day Registration - Wednesday

Includes:

- Day Registration (Wed 4 Jun)
- Access to conference papers

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Late	\$860	\$1,260

Day Registration - Thursday

Includes:

- Day Registration (Thu 5 Jun)
- Access to conference papers

	MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Early	\$460	\$810
Standard	\$510	\$910
Late	\$810	\$1,210

Optional Tickets

- **DEMONSTRATION DAY** Ticket
Tue 3 Jun 2025 - \$180 each
- **WELCOME FUNCTION** Ticket
Tue 3 Jun 2025 - \$125 each
- **CONFERENCE DINNER** Ticket
Wed 4 Jun 2025 - \$200 each

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