

# AUSTRALIAN ORGANIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

**ANDREW MONK (CHAIR)** has owned and managed organic horticulture, food processing and waste management businesses, while over the past two decades has been involved in organic auditing and standards. He has professional training in environmental, food safety and organic auditing systems. Andrew is Managing Director of Victorian environmental services company, [Mulching Technologies Pty Ltd.](http://www.mulchingtechnologies.com.au) He maintains organic certification of a small organic farm with Australian Certified Organic and has previously served the Australian organic industry via BFA Ltd as CEO, between 2000 and 2005, overseeing the creation of subsidiary Australian Certified Organic. Andrew is passionate about delivering rigorous, professional and member-focused governance and management for Australian Organic and protecting the Bud logo for clients. Contact: [chair@austorganic.com](mailto:chair@austorganic.com) (0429 960 044)

**KIM MORGAN's** passion for organics resulted in the establishment of the certified food business [mOrganics](http://www.morganics.com.au). Kim is the representative for farmer member Gemtree Vineyards and has organised and run stands at trade and consumer events in Europe, North America and Australia, while working actively with organic businesses via Australian Culinary Foods, to assist them in market access, business development and business grants. Kim has a thorough working knowledge of export compliance requirements, and a degree in marketing and education and has worked in Australia and the UK in management, operations and marketing roles in hotel groups, business services and catering companies. Kim believes that trade development (promoting demand for Australian organic produce and products) in the domestic and export markets is integral to the future security and success of members and their businesses. Working closely with many primary producer businesses and processors over the past years has given Kim an intimate understanding and appreciation of the challenges and issues facing industry members. Contact: [kim.marketing@culinaryfoods.com](mailto:kim.marketing@culinaryfoods.com) (0409 546 488)

**QUENTIN KENNEDY** owns and manages [Kialla Pure Foods](http://www.kiallapurefoods.com.au), an organic cereal grain processing operation based on the Darling Downs, Queensland. This business supplies product to retail, manufacturing and wholesaling operations throughout Australia, while exporting a significant amount of product into Asia and New Zealand. The sister company to Kialla, [Aus Organic Feeds](http://www.ausorganicfeeds.com.au), supplies certified stockfeed into both commercial and retail operations. Quentin has served on the board since 2005. Quentin's focus on the Board is to keep certification simple (if that is possible!), maintain an equitable fee and promotional contribution structure, and ensure that promotional contributions are spent in an efficient and effective manner for our members. Contact: [manager@kiallafoods.com.au](mailto:manager@kiallafoods.com.au) (0418 742 009)

**PETER GALL** was raised on a sheep and cattle property near Blackall, western Queensland. He has an Associate Diploma in Farm Management from Marcus Oldham college, Victoria. Having worked on cattle and sheep properties in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia he returned to manage the family property, "Eastwood", in 1997, achieving organic certification. Peter now runs the livestock supply chain for [Arcadian Organic & Natural Meat Co.](http://www.arcadianorganic.com.au), which processes in excess of 1000 head of cattle and 1000 lambs a week, with over half of this exported to various countries, notably the US. Peter now lives in Toowoomba, but is very much involved in the production side of the industry and takes on a mentoring role for many suppliers. Peter's 15 years' experience in the organic livestock industry stands him in good stead for his role on the Board. His close association with the producers of organic livestock, and his knowledge of the industry attained through a rapid growth phase of this industry, is invaluable. Contact: [organicmeatco@bigpond.com](mailto:organicmeatco@bigpond.com) (0427 574 941)

**MARTIN MEEK** began his working life as a high school teacher before establishing the Flannery franchise group of stores with Mal Flannery in 1994. Martin was the managing director and equal partner of the Flannery Group from 1994 until its sale in February 2008. Dealing with three years' worth of non-competes, he began importing organic dry goods and nut butter machines, and set up the online store, Daintree Organics. In 2014, he bought a 50% stake in [United Organics](http://www.unitedorganics.com.au), a certified organic fresh produce wholesaler based in the Brisbane Markets. In this role, Martin has direct dealings with organic producers, growers and processors throughout the country. Martin has over 20 years' experience in almost every aspect of the organic food chain. The farmers supplying his company, United Organics, are working hard to educate him in the basics of organic farming - just to round off his experiences. Martin has been privileged to be on the Board of Directors of Australian Organic since 2013. Contact: [Martin@unitedorganics.com.au](mailto:Martin@unitedorganics.com.au) (0418 982 625)

## MEET THE DIRECTORS



ANDREW MONK, CHAIR



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