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AORA CHAIR RECOGNISED IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The organics recycling industry is celebrating the recognition of AORA Chairperson, Peter Wadewitz, with the Order of Australian Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour List 2020. The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Peter's recognition for his contribution to the organics recycling industry is richly deserved. AORA as an organisation, and the organics recycling industry nationally, have benefited hugely from his long and visionary leadership.

Peter has been an integral part of AORA since 2012 as a foundation Director, and more recently as Chairperson since 2017.

Peter is the Managing Director of Peats Soil & Garden Supplies in South Australia. He has been commercially processing compost for close to 50 years. He is also the inventor of the BiobiN[®], an in-vessel composting system offering an alternate solution for businesses in managing their organics.

"This is an unbelievable honour. I am blown away - it is just fantastic. I have no idea who nominated me and it is something you never expect," Peter said.

"I do what I do because I am so passionate about it. I have been involved in composting for 50 years. You have your head down and your tail up, because you believe in what you are doing.

"Composting is a circular economy in action: you take it from plants, make it into compost and put into the soil to grow more plants," concluded Peter.

Peter Wadewitz OAM has been involved with many organisations such as Waste Management Australia, Compost Australia and Compost for Soils. He won South Australia's Environmentalist of the year award in 2006. Peter is a passionate supporter of the organics industry and is highly respected for his expertise.

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