

Aquaculture Research Advisory Committee

Meet your industry representatives?

MICHAEL WRIGHT

I am an oyster farmer on the Bellingen/Kalang Rivers. Oysters has been a family business most of my life of 32 years. I joined ARAC to add some young blood, and some inputs from a science and agricultural background.



MILADA SAFARIK

I have been working with the aquaculture industry for several years, during which most of my time was spent as the Research Scientist and manager of Aquabait Pty Ltd (marine worm farm facility). During this time I have also been a teacher in this field. I am aware of current aquaculture developments and research which led me to be a part of the ARAC. This involvement has allowed me to use my experience to provide input for research proposals and other such agendas.



TONY TROUP

I have been oyster farming in the Camden Haven for 30 odd years and have always been interested in research and applied to be on ARAC because of this interest and contribute something to the industry. I also operate an oyster nursery and recently was granted approval to develop an oyster hatchery.



GEOFF DIEMAR

Since 1964 I have successfully managed and operated my own oyster farming business in Port Stephens. In the mid 80's I was producing over 650 bags of Sydney rock oysters. I now farm Pacific oysters and successfully operate a commercial nursery for oyster spat, supplying farmers throughout NSW. I'm always updating my skills and willing to learn ways to improve my business and am heavily involved in my local community eg. Rotary, PCYC etc.



EWAN McASH

I'm the General Manager of McAsh Oysters located on the Clyde River, Batemans Bay. After completing a Bachelor of Marine Science at the University of Wollongong, I purchased a Sydney rock oyster farm in 2004. Since then I've converted a traditional labour intensive farm into an efficient, progressive and professionally run oyster business. I'm also the founder and manager of the Ulladulla Oyster and Wine Bar. As a young farmer with a significant investment in the aquaculture industry. I believe investing in R&D is vital for the future prosperity and sustainability of my business and the NSW aquaculture industry.



RUSSELL SYDENHAM

With a business and marketing background, I developed an interest in aquaculture some ten years ago and invested in the industry more than six years ago. We own Arc-en-Ciel Trout Farm at Hanging Rock which is on the southern tip of the Northern Tablelands. I am delighted to be able to contribute to our industry and represent the finfish farmers and their research needs as planning progresses for the next five years.



PROF IAN WHITE *Independent Chair*

I was born less than a kilometre from the sea on the NSW south coast. I am a keen surfer, kayaker, skin and scuba diver and think that Australian fish and seafood are equal to or exceed the best anywhere in the world. My research on the impacts of land use on water quality has convinced me that it is critical to protect and value our aquaculture production areas and to assist growers in securing a sustainable future. These are key drivers of ARAC and it is a real privilege to be a member of such a dedicated, hard working and enthusiastic committee.



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