

# Australian Native Food Industry Limited

Representing the Australian Native Food Industry

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## What is Australian Native Food Industry Limited (ANFIL) ?

ANFIL is an Australian company registered in December 2006. The company is a not-for-profit organisation of individuals and associations, organisations, businesses and others designed to advance the interests of the Australian native food industry.

The Founding Directors of the company are drawn from different States of Australia and sectors of the native food industry. They include Andrew Fielke (Interim Chair) SA, Sibylla Hess-Buschmann NSW, Chris Read (Interim Treasurer) Tas, Doug Brownlow (Interim Communications Officer) Qld, Lindsay Boyd NSW, Mike Quarmby SA, Anne Osborne Qld is a founding member and Assistant to the Board.

## Why was ANFIL formed ?

ANFIL's development stems from a national conference held in September 2004 on the Gatton Campus of the University of Queensland. This Conference established a working group mandated to design and establish a national body to represent all interests in the rapidly growing Australian native food industry.

This initiative was supported and assisted financially by the Rural Industry Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Coles Indigenous Food Fund and a number of significant participants in the industry.

On the company's registration with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) in December 2006, RIRDC acknowledged ANFIL's status as the peak body for the Australian native food industry.

The company's first Annual General Meeting is scheduled for late 2007. That meeting will establish a new Board of Directors and set the next year's business agenda. Membership bestows a right to vote at the AGM.

## What does ANFIL do ?

ANFIL's objectives are outlined in the Constitution which is available for download from the CSIRO's Native Foods website at <http://www.cse.csiro.au/research/nativefoods/development/>

ANFIL is the peak organisation for consulting with, informing and representing the interests of the Australian native food industry. It liaises with government and regulatory bodies and is in the process of coordinating industry research needs. ANFIL's strength lies in its capacity to identify and address present and future issues through a growing network of individuals and organisations.

ANFIL sends out a bimonthly Information Bulletin which contains reports on industry affairs, news items, progress and final reports on native food industry research. ANFIL is developing a website to facilitate access to current information and encourage informed discussion and debate through digital information retrieval.

Currently ANFIL is seeking membership from native food stakeholders to participate in setting the Research and Development needs for the next five years. A strategic workshop is planned for June 2007 where members can assist in setting the goals, objectives and strategies to enhance industry growth.

This workshop is supported by RIRDC and will determine national funding priorities to 2012.

## Who can join ANFIL ?

Anyone with an active interest in the Australian Native Food Industry is encouraged to apply for membership by completing the Application Form overleaf. Any inquiries regarding membership can be directed to the Membership Officer at [membership@anfil.org.au](mailto:membership@anfil.org.au).

Membership for individuals and organisations is available subject to board acceptance of an applicant's submission, and conveys voting rights for the first AGM. The current cost of annual membership is \$100. A one off joining fee of \$50 is payable.

This is your opportunity to make a real contribution to shaping the future of our industry !

An interim database is maintained by the company to include those considering membership. Those on this register receive regular email announcements advising of ANFIL's progress towards the Annual General Meeting. You may register your interest for this temporary database and receive email notification of general ANFIL information for an interim period while you make a decision about applying for membership. Email your name with your request to the Membership Officer at [membership@anfil.org.au](mailto:membership@anfil.org.au)

