



## Information Bulletin No 4 December 2007

This Information Bulletin is issued by the Board of Directors of ANFIL to inform individuals and industry groups of developments related to ANFIL's charter.

**We wish all members and all those working in the  
Australian Native Food Industry**

**A very Happy and Peaceful Christmas**

**With the promise of a**

**Prosperous New Year in 2008**

### **Message from the Chair**

The last few months leading to Christmas are eternally (it seems) busier than ever, and that was true for ANFIL leading up to our very first AGM. There continues to be a large number of issues that the board is addressing or has on its agenda, but with the 25<sup>th</sup> approaching quickly, I will brief you mainly on the AGM in this Bulletin, and leave other items till the New Year

The northern Border Ranges of New South Wales--in particular the spectacular Blue Knob property of ANFIL Director and Company Secretary Lindsay Boyd, was the venue for our ANFIL Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

The full day program and dinner following included far more than the AGM itself. Overall twenty-one people (including seventeen members) from Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales attended, ensuring this event was a tremendous opportunity for networking with others they may not have previously met.

Sibylla Hess-Buschmann provided the group with an interesting and extremely important

update on her critical work on the documentation and regulatory status of native foods with FSANZ, Codex and the EU. RIRDC demonstrated its continuing commitment with Alison Saunders leading a discussion of the 5-year R&D plan for our industry. A nice part of the proceedings was a round the room meet 'n' greet where we all learnt a great deal more about the members present, as everyone in turn spoke of their background & hopes for the industry and ANFIL's role.

A wonderful light lunch featuring many members' excellent products was followed by a farm tour of the lush green plantation of finger limes, lemon aspen and Davidson plum, among other species.

At the AGM Doug Brownlow and Sibylla Hess-Buschmann stepped down from the Board of ANFIL, with its sincere and heartfelt thanks for their contributions. Special mention was also made of Gil Freeman for his significant contribution towards the formation of our peak industry body. The new Board elected is as follows:

- Mr Russel Glover in respect of the region of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory
- Mr Lindsay Boyd in respect of the region of Victoria
- Mr Christopher Read in respect of the region of Tasmania
- Mr Andrew Fielke (myself) in respect of the region of South Australia and the Northern Territory
- Mr Michael Quarmby in respect of the region of Western Australia; and
- Ms Sabine Wienand in respect of the region of Queensland.

The Annual Report 2007, including financial statements and notes was duly accepted and is also posted on the CSIRO web site along with this bulletin. Please visit <http://www.cse.csiro.au/research/nativefood/s/development/board.htm> to access this information.

Wasting no time at all, the new Board promptly met after the AGM. As a result, yours truly was re-elected Chair. We also decided to appoint two more directors with the skills and commitment we believe will add great value to our endeavours, Anne Osborne and Martha Shepherd. As a result of this, we decided to re-assign/assign the following duties:

- Mr Chris Read would remain as the Company's Finance Officer;
  - Mr Lindsay Boyd would remain as the Company's Secretary;
  - Mr Rus Glover would commence as the Membership Officer;
  - Ms Martha Shepherd would commence as the Communications Officer,
  - Mr Brownlow be invited to remain as the editor and publisher of the Company's information bulletin,
- with all positions filled on a voluntary (i.e. non-remunerated) basis.

Here are short profiles on all of our three new directors:

### **Sabine Wienand**



Sabine has been actively involved in the native food industry even before it became one, having been a founding member in 1994 of the first cooperative to ensure indigenous involvement in the industry. Sabine owns and operates the company Basically Wild Edible Art, which markets wholesale and retail native food products here and overseas, and owns the trademarked range Eat Me I'm Wild. [www.wild-foods.com](http://www.wild-foods.com)

**Anne Osborne** DipSM, LLB, BBus(Accy), GDip App Fin, MBA, CA, ACIS, SF Fin, GAICD



Anne is based in South East Queensland and is a grower, manufacturer and distributor of Australian native produce and products through her companies Boofanugs Pty Ltd and Tanamera Native Produce Pty Ltd. She has been assisting ANFIL since its incorporation and looks forward to continuing to contribute towards development of the Australian native food industry.

**Martha Shepherd BA, GAICD**



Martha is a grower, founding shareholder and director of Galeru Pty Ltd, a producer of value added native rainforest products. Based at Cooroy QLD, Martha has 35 years experience in all aspects of the food industry, plus recent work in value chain development and peri-urban food innovation.

Finally the day was capped off by a superb dinner held at the local Blue Knob Gallery and Cafe, naturally again featuring many members' contributions of ingredients. I think we were all delighted with the meal, fantastic flavours and a great variety!!!

That's what we are all about, at the end of the day, delivering a truly unique Australian taste experience. The wine did flow and the camaraderie and even a guitar & a couple of great voices emerged. A great night!

I am delighted to also announce that ANFIL has accepted its 48<sup>th</sup> member in our endeavour to - according to an attendee at the AGM - "be a vehicle for both social and environmental reconciliation" in Australia, as we build a viable future for the native food industry. 48 is a great start, but keep "pestering" all those non-ANFIL participants involved in our industry to join our ranks, we have a long way to go!!

On that note, I would like to wish you, on behalf of the board, a most joyous and relaxing Christmas, and a fantastic 2008 and beyond.

Onward and upward !!!!!

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Fielke  
Chairman

