



Organics Recycling
Association of South Africa

ORASA NEWS



FROM THE CHAIR

DEAR ORASA MEMBER

Thank you for joining ORASA, it's a vital expression of your commitment to organics recycling. Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter to be published every second month. Through the newsletter we hope to keep you informed of what is happening in terms of legislation, upcoming events and news affecting our industry. This newsletter is also for you to share your initiatives and activities with the other members so we can all learn and grow the industry together. It will also provide links and contacts for those who want to delve deeper.

Our team has been hard at work.

Berenice Westmore and Cassandra Gamble organised a very successful event: Demystifying Bio-Plastics on the 11th of July 2019 held at the V&A Waterfront. Over 70 people attended and we had excellent speakers to address the subject of bio-plastics and plastic pollution.

We're engaging with the City of Cape Town to shift their policies around organic waste.

We're challenging the municipality on their plan to divert the city's organic waste away from landfill by 2027. While we love the idea, we're concerned that other than a small home composting project they seem to have limited capacity to comply with the ban's requirements. We are encouraging wise action, warning the City of Cape Town to move away from their decision a.) not to require source separation of organic waste in their plan and b.) not to invest in any organic waste processing capacity.

It's all exactly why we are here: to unify, educate and advocate for organics recycling.

Got a connection in organics recycling? Invite them to join ORASA and make this group truly representational of the industry. We'll see you at our members' meeting on the 26th of September at Green Cape's Offices, behind City Varsity at 18 Roeland Street, Cape Town. We can't wait to hear from you.

MELANIE LUDWIG - ORASA CHAIRPERSON

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INTRODUCING...

Our very first ORASA Monthly Newsletter full of updates and news. Join our Facebook page [here](#).

THE ORASA TEAM

OUR CHAIR, MELANIE LUDWIG

Melanie Ludwig left her career as a Veterinary Surgeon to follow a passion to divert organics from landfill and protect the environment. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the team and runs ZTL Organics, which stands for Zero to Landfill and that is her goal for Cape Town and beyond!

Each Newsletter we will meet another member of our team!



BRONWYN JONES
- BOKASHI BRAN
Gauteng Representative



BERENICE WESTMORE
- POSTWINK



HEIN FOURIE
- GCX ZERO WASTE



CASSANDRA GAMBLE
- GREENHOME



REG BARICHIEVY
- SMART WASTE



LOOKING BACK

DEMYSTIFYING BIO PLASTICS

*Our First ORASA EVENT TOOK PLACE ON
11 JULY 2019*

Ongoing education and training of the organics sector is one of the key aims of ORASA. Our first seminar was a huge success with over 70 attendees.

DIDN'T GET TO ATTEND?

FIND THE PRESENTATIONS BELOW:

MELANIE LUDWIG, ORASA:

- UPDATE ON ORASA

CATHERINE MORRIS, GREEN HOME:

*COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING &
CERTIFICATION*

BERENICE WESTMORE, POSTWINK:

*FIELD TESTING OF COMPOSTABLE
PACKAGING & GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL
COMPOSTERS*

ROB VAN HILLE, THE MOSS GROUP:

*INSIGHTS FROM RESEARCH ON PLASTIC
PACKAGING*

LORREN DE KOCK, WWF:

THE SA PLASTIC PACT

WILLIAM STAFFORD, CSIR:

*AN OVERVIEW OF CURRENT RESEARCH
DONE ON CARRIER BAGS*



COMING UP

MEMBERS MEETING - 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Date: 26th September 2019

Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Green Cape's Offices, 18 Roeland Street, Cape Town (behind City Varsity)

Connect, learn and grow organics recycling!

OCTOBER EDUCATION EVENT

Topic and Date: To be Announced

GREAT NEWS!

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ANNOUNCES DRAFT NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR ORGANIC WASTE COMPOSTING OPEN FOR COMMENTS

Why is it exciting? The new draft norms and standards make it easier to establish composting facilities and removes the need for costly environmental assessments for these sites. **Read and Comment on the draft at <http://sawic.environment.gov.za/> under Draft Documents for comment. Submit your comments by the 1st of November 2019**

NEW MEMBERS

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

Welcome to the new members who have joined ORASA in the last 3 months.

Oryx Polymers represented by Jaco du Plessis

EcoPack, Lauren Clack

Aquila Environmental, Charlotte Nel

Enviromall, John Fox

Bonte Edwards for **JG Afrika**