



Chairman's Award | Ian King Murarrie, Queensland



A long-standing supporter of organic certification during a career spanning half a century has earned meat and livestock industry veteran, Ian King, the Chairman's Award at the Australian Organic Industry Awards.

After leaving the New Zealand meat processing industry, Ian became AUS-MEAT's second Chief Executive Officer in 1992 and also served as AUS-QUAL's Managing Director.

Australian Organic Limited Chairman, Martin Meek, said Mr King, who announced his retirement last month, was chosen for the Chairman's Award due to his dedication to the organic cause and commitment to progressing and growing the industry.

"Ian has worked for 54 years in the meat and livestock industry serving on numerous meat industry committees and councils in both Australia and New Zealand," Mr Meek said.

"His interest in organic management started around 35 years ago when he ran his own organic citrus orchard, and he has always supported a holistic approach to life."

As AUS-MEAT's Chief Executive Officer, Ian worked to consolidate the use of the AUS-MEAT descriptive language and to develop standards underpinned by Quality Assurance systems. During his time as Managing Director at AUS-QUAL, Ian also served as the President of the Organic Industry Standards and Certification Council for many years.

Mr Meek said Ian was always willing to share his experiences, knowledge and organic advice, and was a longstanding advocate for organic domestic regulation within Australia.

"Ian hasn't been one to seek recognition, however his passion and determination to make the industry better and stronger is evident throughout his career," Mr Meek said.

"As someone who has worked tirelessly and effectively in the background for many years, it was only fitting to choose Ian for this year's Chairman's Award."

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