

Alternative Technology Association Inc, trading as Renew Australia
ABN: 57 533 056 318

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION AS A BOARD MEMBER

Mick Harris

NB: These details are required for ACNC registration, if you are appointed. Other than your name, they will be kept confidential and not be published.

Briefly outline your employment history

Please attach your CV or a link to your LinkedIn profile.

I have a 40 year history working in the fields of renewable energy and sustainable technologies including:
2004 - current. Managing Director and owner of EnviroShop and EnviroGroup
2003 - 2019 Technical Specialist at ReNew (Staff) giving advice to members and others
1997 - 2003 Manager Wilderness Resources producing environmental products
1980 -1995 General Manager/CEO Alternative Technology Assn ATA/ReNew
1983-1987 Energy Advisory Manager, City of Brunswick, Electricity Supply Department

Briefly outline your governance experience and board credentials, including other directorships held

I have extensive governance, board and directorship experience including:
Current Managing Director and board member for 2 companies EnviroShop & EnviroGroup.
1997 to 1999 Board member and Treasurer of ATA/ReNew
1997 to 2002 Board member and Director at Wilderness Resources
1980 to 1995 Board member and General Manager at ATA/ReNew
Member of management groups of the multiple other organisations including CERES
Former member of Inst. of Company Directors & current member of other industry assns, (eg VECCI, NECA etc)

Why are you interested in joining the board of Renew? How do you describe your commitment to sustainability? *

I have a lifelong commitment to ATA/ReNew as demonstrated by the following:
I played and founding role in the establishment of ATA/ReNew in 1980
I founded the magazine ReNew (formerley Soft Technology) and was the managing editor for 15 years
I managed the ATA/ReNew for 15 years from 1980 to 1995
I founded the ATA's International Project Group in 2003 and was an active member until 2020
I was a part time staff member of ReNew giving technical advice from 2003 to 2019
I was awarded a life membership for my contributions to ReNew

How would you add value to the board of Renew? *

What skills, experience, networks or resources would you bring to Renew?

I have extensive relevant experience which I could contribute to the board including:
Extensive knowledge and experience within ReNew which includes 17 years as a board member and 26 years as a staff member
Extensive business experience from running multiple successful companies
Extensive experience and knowledge of renewables and sustainability - the areas in which ReNew operates
Relevant qualifications including Bachelor of Education (Environmental), Grad Dip in Business Admin. Cert 4 in Renewable Energy (part), CEC Solar Design and Install, Commercial Energy Auditing Training, etc
Intimate understanding of the ReNew membership and staff culture

*** This information will be published in support of your candidacy.**

Service on the board of Renew requires a time commitment equivalent to approximately 10-15 hours a month, mostly outside normal business hours. Please be aware that in the case of unusual circumstances, like the COVID19 pandemic, time and attention required from board members may increase significantly. For example, while the Renew Board normally meets 8-10 times per year, in 2020, the Board met 12 times just between March and June.

Please confirm that you are able to meet this level of commitment:

YES NO Not Sure

Given the significant economic challenges the not-for-profit sector in Australia faces, board members serving on any board, whether in an honorary or paid appointment, carry personal liability in a range of circumstances, including insolvency, un(der)payment of staff entitlements, and workplace health and safety breaches. <https://communitydirectors.com.au/help-sheets/board-liability-and-negligence>

Please indicate that you are familiar with these issues.

YES NO Not Sure

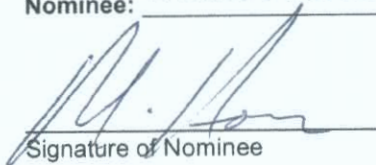
If you are appointed to the Renew board, are there potential conflicts of interest that could arise for from your employment, other directorships, membership of other organisations, or your personal, business or financial interests? *Please provide details.*

No.

Candidates may provide a 2-minute video statement to support their nomination, which will be played during the virtual AGM. This must be available by 30 November at the latest. The Renew team can assist with uploading.

Nominations can only be accepted from current Renew members and must be seconded by another current member of Renew.

Nominee: Mick Harris


Signature of Nominee

Member no.: 9900149

Name of Secunder: 

Alan Hutchinson
Signature of Secunder

Member no.: 9900169

Date: 21 / 11 / 2020

Completed Nomination Forms must be received electronically, by 10am AEDT, on Monday 23 November, 2020.

Submit documents via email in MS Word or PDF format, to BoardSecretary@renew.org.au

RESUME

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(Mick Harris)

1. PERSONAL DATA

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2. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.

2004 - Current

Managing Director, EnviroShop and EnviroGroup Responsibilities

Manager and staff member in a business with two eco shops and a solar design and installation business. Includes a large range of services including commercial and domestic solar installation, battery installations (both hybrid and off-grid), general electrical and the sale of a range of sustainability products through the shops

2003 -2019

Technical Advisor, Alternative Technology Association (ATA)/ Renew Responsibilities

Providing technical advice to members and fellow staff on a large range of energy efficiency, housing and environmental issues. Includes providing some energy audits.

2003-2004

Manager Community Power Program, City of Darebin Responsibilities

Manager a community electricity bulk buy program including provision of energy audits for over 100 participants.

1997 – 2002

Manager of Wilderness Resources Responsibilities

Manager of business producing and marketing a range of environmentally sound products and developing educational projects on sustainable technology.

1995 - 1997

Business Manager, the Wilderness Society, National Merchandising Responsibilities

Developing and marketing a range of environment related products. Strategic planning, financial management, developing growth strategies, restructuring options and managed up to 4 staff.

1980-95

General Manager, Alternative Technology Association. Responsibilities

Managed community organisation involved with the promotion and demonstration of sustainable technology. Planned and implemented a large range of activities including sustainable energy displays, publication of books and magazines (Renew), educational programs for schools and adults. Wrote submissions, liaised with governments departments, industry and community groups. Completed energy audits.

1990-1991

Researcher for the Community Energy Network, (Environment Victoria). Responsibilities

Researching energy conservation strategies, demand management and sustainable energy options. Included political lobbying, media liaison and community networking.

1987 to 1990

**Consultant and researcher in energy systems.
(Refer Section 5, Professional and Consulting Experience).**

1983 to 1987

Energy Advisory Manager. Department at City of Brunswick Electricity Supply Department. Melbourne.

Responsibilities

Developing educational programs for the community and industry on energy conservation and renewable energy. Projects included the Low Energy House at CERES. Provision of energy advisory services to the Brunswick community.

1982 to 1983

Teacher of Science and Mathematics for the Victorian Education Department. Responsibilities

Standard teaching responsibilities.

3. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2018 – Current

Apprentice Electrician, Melbourne Polytechnic.

2009 – 2011

Short Vocational Courses including Working at Heights and Construction Induction Card.

2004 -2008

Cert 4 in Renewable Energy, Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE.
(Included energy auditing)

1997 –98

Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, Swinburne University

1982-86

Graduate Diploma In Media Studies, Deakin University, Rusden Campus

1977 - 81

Bachelor of Education, (Environmental Studies), Deakin University, Rusden Campus.
(Included energy auditing)

Other - 1984

"Energy Management in Industry and Commerce" run by the SEC Energy Utilisation Centre. (Included energy auditing)

Various short courses on business, personal development, etc.

4. POSITIONS HELD AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

2003 -2017

Founded and management committee member the ATA International Projects Group that has installed nearly 200 solar power system in East Timor.

1997-2001

Committee member of the Alternative Technology Association. Member of the grants and fundraising subcommittee. Involved in promotional activities

1993

Co edited the book The "Green Technology House and Garden Book".

1992

Project managed the design and construction of the Energymobile, a 9 ton mobile energy and technology display.

1991

Co edited the book "Green Technology".

1990

Appointed to the SECV Power Grid Consultative Committee.

1989

Wrote and presented submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology on "Reducing the Impact of the Greenhouse Effect".

1987

Researched, wrote and presented three submissions to Victorian Parliaments, Natural Resources and Environment Committee's "Inquiry into Electricity Supply and Demand Beyond the Mid 1990's".

1984

Co-ordinator of Commonwealth Employment Program (CEP), "Solar Education Project".

1983 to 1986

Project managed the construction of the Solar Workshop on the CERES site in Brunswick.

1983

Co-edited, promoted and distributed the book "Alternative Technology Australia".

1982-1988

Editor of the "Soft Technology" (Now ReNew) magazine.

1982

Elected to the Management Committee of the Conservation Council of Victoria.

1981

Education and Politics Officer of Rusden Student Union. Victoria College. Co-Editor Of College Magazine "Amalgum".

1980

Founded the Alternative Technology Association and coordinated its initial activities.

1979 to 1981

Producer of Fridays "Habitat and Heritage" program on 3CR Community Radio.

5. PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**April 1989**

Supply of technical details and design options for the Brunswick Energy Park, CERES). Design and fabrication of equipment.

February 1989

Appointed by the Victorian Minister for Industry, Technology and Resources to the Review Panel of the Victorian Solar Energy Council, (Now Sustainability Victoria).

April 1988 to March 1990.

Designed fabrication and installation of solar water heating water power, wind power, photovoltaic electricity and other displays at the Energy Education Centre for Energy Victoria.

February to March 1988

Design, supply and installation of Photovoltaic power system for Victoria College "Yarraloch Field Research centre.

January 1988

Preparation of listing of publications, articles and reports dealing with the US energy situation, for the use of the Department of Industry, Technology and Resources.

December 1987 to May 1988

Research and preparation of submission to NERDDC for Brunswick Electricity Supply Heat Pump Project".

September to November 1987

Planning and production of "Brunswick Energy Projects " video in 3 languages.

October to November 1985

Reviewed and redefined plans for the Energy Education Centre (an Energy Victoria Project) leading to the successful development of the new centre.