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## Allergen Bureau: Who, Why & What

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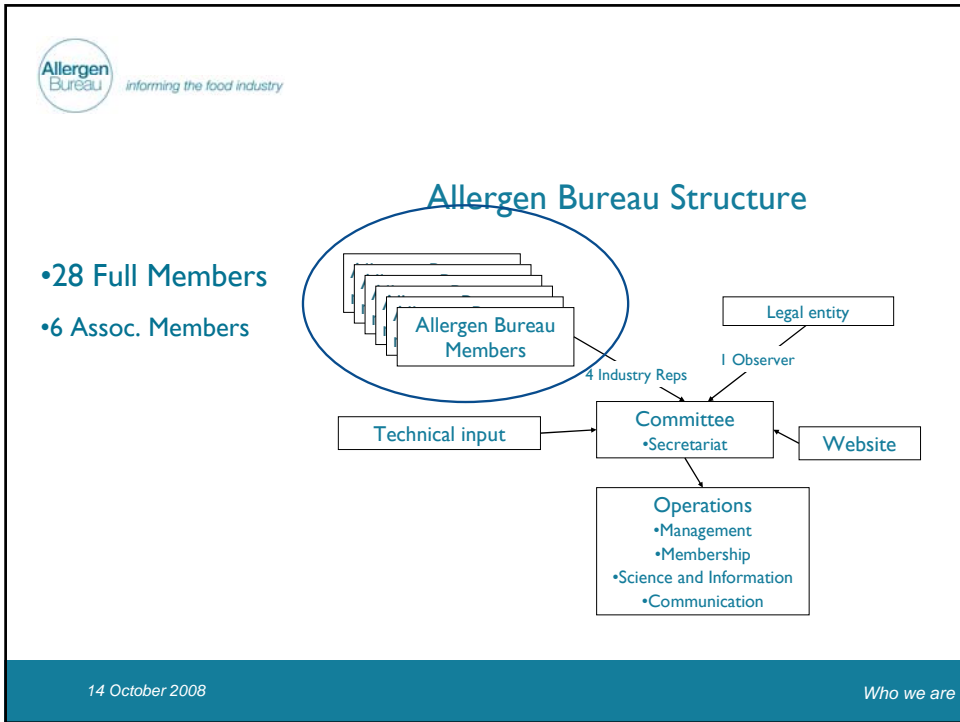


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**Our Members**

Logos of member companies include: ARNOTT'S, Cadbury, Cerebos, coles, DANISCO, DTS FOOD LABORATORIES, FACTA, Fonterra, GWF, Green's, Goodman Fielder, Heinz, Kellogg's, KERRY, KRAFT, Masterfoods, Mucash, NATIONAL FOODS, Nestlé, parmalat, PCA, Sanitarium, Simplot, Squires, SUN RICE, Unilever, and 'The Fresh Food People'.

Associate Members:

- Confectionary Link
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## The Member Advantage

- Being a Member of the Allergen Bureau can **save you time and money** in addressing food allergen issues
- It **demonstrates** to your staff, suppliers, customers and regulatory authorities **your commitment** and proactive approach to **food safety**.

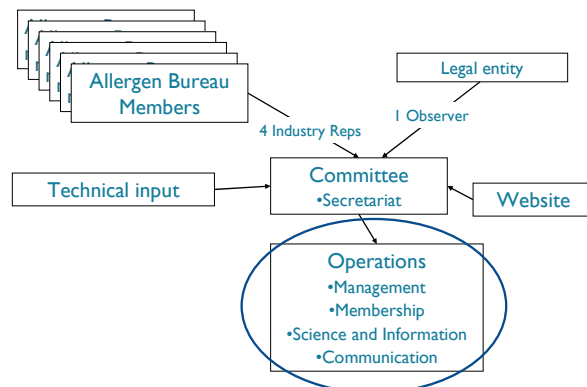
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## Allergen Bureau Structure

- 28 Full Members
- 6 Assoc. Members



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## Management Committee

- Fiona Fleming      George Weston Foods
  - Kirsten Grinter      Nestle
  - Rob Sherlock      FACTA
  - David Henning      Campbell Arnott's
- ✓ 4 full day meetings each year
  - ✓ Committee telecons every week or two
  - ✓ Other meetings, calls and activities every week or two
  - ✓ Keeping the secretariat on our toes

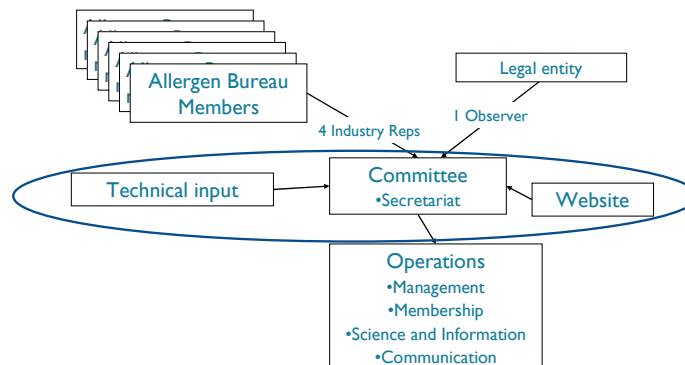
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## It's about service

- Secretariat Rural Development Services
- Technical input Dr Lyn Davies, Dr Simon Brooke-Taylor
- Website MangoldSengers
- Training, Conferences Advancing Food Safety
- Other agencies/resources may be contracted from time to time as required to complete Allergen Bureau projects in a timely and effective manner.

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## It's about managing risks and opportunities

- Managing risks associated with allergens in manufactured foods is complex
- In 2004, industry called for a central entity to help understand and manage these risks
- The AFGC supported this call through establishment of the AFGC Allergen Forum
- From this need the Allergen Bureau has grown

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## It's about managing risks and opportunities

- Industry established the Allergen Bureau to:
  - Provide the first point of call for questions concerning the management of food allergens in food
  - Share science-based allergen management information and experience within the food industry
  - Provide a central focus for managing industry wide, pre-competitive allergen related projects
  - Communicate information to consumer groups, industry and government bodies

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## It's about managing risks and opportunities

- Through the Allergen Bureau, industry is:
  - Demonstrating our ability to cooperate, reducing compliance creep
  - Positioning Australia and New Zealand food manufacturers at the forefront of pro-active allergen risk management
  - Demonstrating to consumers that we are taking this matter seriously

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## What we are doing

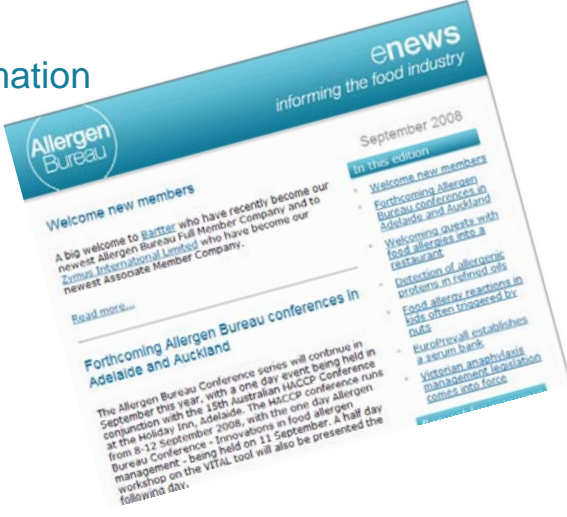


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## It's about e-Information

- Website
- eNews
- eAlerts





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## It's about tools

- PIF
- VITAL
  - VITAL coordinator
  - ✓ Georgina Christensen



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## It's about communication

- Help line
- Conferences
- Webinars



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## It's about training

- VITAL



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## It's about representation

- FSANZ
- TGA



Submission to FSANZ  
regarding the  
Draft Assessment Report  
to  
P290 Standard 3.3.2  
Food Safety Programs for Catering Operations

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## It's about leadership and shared responsibility



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It's about leverage: ↑ membership = ↑ activity

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