



MATT EAD COMMITTEE MEMBER

Matt is a chemical engineer by trade, and has 20 years' experience in the waste management and environmental sector. His expertise includes hazardous waste, decontamination, contaminated land, and micropollutants such as PFAS. Matt spent four years in London with Veolia, leading projects across the UK at 10 hazardous waste sites. His work focused on plant upgrades and assessing new treatment technologies to support recycling and the circular economy.

He transferred back to Australia in 2015 with Veolia where he started up a new business line focussed on remediation and cleanup of contaminated soil and water. He has built up the business to a point where today he manages a team of 30 engineers and project managers.

The team deliver water treatment plants, remove and treat contaminated soil and asbestos, and help government and industry solve many other complex environmental problems. Matt's team work on many of Australia's largest Department of Defence sites, airports, oil and gas and mine facilities.

Matt learnt to play the bagpipes as a teenager in the central Victorian city of Bendigo, where he grew up, having been inspired by his great uncle. He joined Hawthorn Pipe Band in 2004 after moving to Melbourne for his studies. He was secretary of the pipe band from 2016 and has been President since 2020.



Hawthorn Pipe Band is one of Australia's oldest and most successful pipe bands. The band regularly competes in competitions locally, within Australia and internationally. In 2023 the band was promoted to Grade 1 (the highest grade) and is one of only 20 pipe bands in the world to currently have this grading. The band has held the title of Australian Champions since 2018.

Matt enjoys the camaraderie that comes with being in a pipe band, be it weekly band practice, travel to a play out or international competition, or standing in the rain while performing at a highland gathering or Anzac Day parade.

There is a strong connection between the pipe band and the RSL, with many former band members being returned servicemen and women. Commemoration services including Anzac Day and Remembrance Day are regular fixtures on our band calendar, and the Hawthorn Pipe Band are pleased to be members of the Camberwell Pompey Elliott RSL and enhance the activities of the club.