



John Warda

Retired C-suite Executive
Consultant
Chairman, ICHCA Australia
Finance Director, ICHCA Australia
Deputy Chairman & Director, ICHCA International

John Warda has had an extensive career in the Australian Grains, Sugar & Supply Chain Industries which has spanned over 46 years. He has an excellent record of significant achievement as a C-suite Executive with listed companies in the agribusiness sector, with extensive industry expertise in operations, infrastructure, ports, logistics and supply chain functions.

John has recently retired (October 2020) from the role of Chief Executive Officer of Sugar Terminals Limited, the owners of 6 monopoly sugar export facilities located along the Queensland coast. He spent the past 3 and a half years overseeing the transition of the company post the deregulation of the Australian export sugar market, from a passive landlord infrastructure owner to an infrastructure owner/operator business serving multiple customers and introducing commercial and operational best practice to the NSX listed entity.

Prior to this role, John was Director - Global Supply Chain for Emerald Grain, a fully owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation, and one of Australia's leading integrated grain accumulation, marketing and logistics companies. This role focussed on growing Sumitomo's and Emerald's integrated and supply chain businesses both here and overseas.

Before joining Emerald in 2011, John held the role of Executive Manager Group Operations with publicly listed ABB Grain, which involved managing all the operations for the ABB Group of companies' supply chain, malting and feed divisions. He stayed on in a transitional role when the company was purchased by Canadian agribusiness Viterra in 2010 prior to joining Emerald.

John's industry experience sees him currently holding several directorships including Chairman & Finance Director of ICHCA Australia and Deputy Chairman & Director on the Board of ICHCA International. A member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, John previously sat on the Board of Grain Trade Australia, the major Grain industry representative body in Australia, and chaired GTA's Transport, Storage & Ports Technical Committee, and was a member on the Finance and Risk and the Business Development Committees. John also has served on several Industry/government consultative committees.

John is keen to continue to use his experience in Non-Executive Director roles and do some part-time consultancy whilst enjoying semi-retirement caravanning around Australia and spending time with his new grandchildren.