

## **OCA Member Profile**

## Christopher P Michelmore

Christopher Michelmore has had a long career as a Design Engineer, Senior Engineer, Associate and Director of John Connell and Associates (later Connell Wagner and now Aurecon).

Early in his career, Chris was responsible for overseeing the company's Hong Kong operations and the management of a 50 person consultancy, with major undertakings in Hong Kong, China and Singapore.

Later, as a Director and Regional Manager of Connell Wagner, and until his retirement, Chris was charged with looking after the interests and business activity for the company's Central West Region, which included South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

During this time he expanded the three city offices of Adelaide, Perth and Darwin to include regional operations in Whyalla, Geraldton, Kununurra, Bunbury and Port Hedland. He also increased staff numbers from 70 to more than 360, and grew the annual regional income to over \$40 million.

Chris' engineering projects have included an array of buildings within the Central West Region. Other noteworthy engineering projects include: Holdfast Shores at Glenelg; the Adelaide Bicentennial Conservatory; The Exhibition Centre; Adelaide Southern Expressway Stages 1 and 2; plus various industrial developments including those for Onesteel at Whyalla, Pasminco in Port Pirie, and infrastructure projects in the Outback areas of SA, WA and NT.

Currently, Chris is Non-Executive Director of Monadelphous Pty Ltd, which provides construction and maintenance services on infrastructure projects and facilities for industry, particularly in the resource sector, across remote areas of Australia.

His interests also extended to various directorships and board appointments including: Chair (one of two) Adelaide-based Corporate Syndicates of the CEO Institute of Australia and Non-Executive Director of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Chris was also a Director of Masonic Homes Ltd; he has now retired from this position and the business has been sold.

Chris has also been a past board member of the Australian Council of Building Design Professions, SA Chapter (Inaugural Chair); Faculty of Engineering, University of Adelaide; Executive of Engineers Australia, SA Chapter; Structural College of Engineers Australia; Development Board of the University of South Australia; and SA Construction Industry Training Board.



