

## RESUME

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## POSITIONS HELD

- Gold Coast City Council appointed April 2004 – May 2012
- Gold Coast City Council, the fifth largest Council in Australia, for the highly demanding area of Division 3, I achieved many outcomes for our city including, but not limited to the Hope Island Masterplan, the delivery of the Sports Fields at Runaway Bay, developing the Youth Point Connect, upgrading the ANZAC memorial and negotiating the controversial Hope Island Bridge levies. Initiations such as the implementing Clean Beaches concept, water sensitive designs in community halls & toilet blocks, Popera on the Water Sanctuary Cove 2012 concert, supported the Grant's Officer's positions, yielding over \$3.2 million for Division 3 alone & many other unique initiatives during my stewardship now embraced city wide.
- I was on the successful Commonwealth Games Council committee for the Games to be held on the Gold Coast in 2018. This position required a high level of confidentiality, trust and communication across all levels of government and the wider community as well as having established relationships with many of the international delegates and others involved.
- Committee member on both the Planning Implementation & Assessment & Sustainable City Future & Engineering Services for 8 years and previous Chair of Strategic Growth. Deputy Chair of Water 2004 – 2010. Member of advisory committees including Events Advisory (EVAC), Police Consultative Committee's of both Runaway Bay and Coomera, attendee of Bold Futures Advisory.
- Justice of the Peace (Qual) appointed June 2 2004 (current). A voluntary position assisting members of the public in witnessing the signing of official documentation. This position also requires a high level of confidentiality and trust as I work in this role on an ongoing basis.
- Permacrete Pty Ltd family company established 1964, appointed Managing Director 1986.
- Initially employed as a Director in a solid plastering business, branching into Permacrete
- Constructions on attainment of my builders' license in 1999. My trade is as a solid plasterer & painter having commenced with Granosite before it became Watty trialling their product and helping to develop decorative surfaces in the early years. I was a troubleshooter for Granosite having worked on projects for them from Toowoomba to Sydney, Darwin to Katherine. I have worked on small and large projects and treat them all as if they were my own with my attention to detail being highly regarded.
- Coomera Watersports Club Ltd Founder, Life Patron & Chair appointed 1999-2017
- I have been a qualified rowing coach Level 2 up until 2017.
- Surf Lifesaving administrator in a shared position with my wife after 5 years of initiating and organizing the '300 Club Ball', later changed to the '400 Club Ball', securing sponsorship with Conrad Jupiters for more than 10 years on a voluntary basis. Raising thousands of dollars in funds but more importantly, the profile of surf life saving in the corporate arena & co-ordinating administration & volunteers concurrently.
- Lifeguard, Gold Coast City Council 1977 – 1982, part time 1982 – 1986
- Lifeguard under Warren Young, Lifeguard Services

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Qualified

## CONFERENCES & TRADE MISSIONS

- Prestigious Global Water Award 2009 recognising excellence in International Water Industry
- BUSAN, KOREA 2010 MARINE INDUSTRY AS GUEST SPEAKER
- DUBAI, UAE 2008 URBAN WATERFRONTS AS GUEST SPEAKER
- SINGAPORE 2005 WORLD DESALINATION CONFERENCE
- THREE TRADE MISSIONS TO ORLANDO & FLORIDA 2006, 2007 & 2010 FOR BOTH THE SURFING & MARINE INDUSTRIES RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING THE MAYOR OF THE GOLD COAST
- World Forum 2000 Management & Leadership Institute, Sydney
- Southport SLSC Business Plan, Conrad Treasury (organiser)

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- Prestigious Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Hope Island in 2010 for services to the community
- Individual services to the community from the Coomera Chamber of Commerce in 2006
- 2001 International Volunteer of the Year Award certificate of appreciation
- Australian Sports Medal awarded in 2000 for dedication and achievements in sport from former Prime Minister, John Howard
- Finalist in the 2018 Australian of the Year Local Hero Category for Queensland

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Chair of Connecting Northern Gold Coast and Founder of 'Festival of Elegance'
- Immediate Past President of Gold Coast North Chamber of Commerce • Linked In (online)
- Patron for diverse organisations such as • Youth Point Connect at Runaway Bay • Honorary Vice President of the South Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving • Life member of Surf World • Member of the Gold Coast Turf Club • former Honorary Member of the Runaway Bay Rotary Club, Gold Coast Tourism, Mudgeraba Show & past Patron of both the Runaway Bay RSL Sub-branch & Runaway Bay Little Athletics

## ACCREDITATIONS

- Justice of the Peace (Qualified)
- Qualified Builder, solid plasterer & painter
- Level 2 rowing coach
- Blue Card for working with children
- Holds current C Class driving license & valid passport
- Have held Responsible Service of Alcohol & Licensee's Course Certificates

## INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Tennis, motor racing, watersports, swimming, cycling
- Competed at all levels of Surf Life Saving from local to international, as a coach in a variety of disciplines, a former examiner and an administrator who has been
- Awarded • 12 Australian medals • 43 Queensland medals for Surf Life Saving in ironman, rescue and resuscitation (R & R), surf ski's & surf boats (both as a competitor & coach) • 3 times State representative having competed in South Africa, United States, Taiwan & Germany

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Founder & Patron of the Coomera Watersports Club Ltd 1999—current (as outlined pg 1)
- Coomera Watersports Building 1.8 Million funded
- President of Southport Surf Life Saving Club 1999 – 2002
- Chair Connecting Northern Gold Coast (current)
- Voluntary Coordinator of the 2015 Kane Bennett Community Project generating \$350,000.00 for the Family
- 2 Rotary Projects for the Handicapped Childrens Unit at the Tweed Hospital
- Building Renovations Burleigh Heads SLSC project
- Southport Nipper Building Project 1970 and Southport Building Renovations Main Building and IRB Shed 2001
- Youth Centre Building Renovation at Runaway Bay 2008
- The 2011 Flood Relief Concert raising over \$40,000.00
- The RSL Sub Branch War Memorial
- Coordinator of the February 2015 Kane Bennett Community Project raising over \$350,000.00

## REFEREES

- **Bernie Scobie OAM**, Chair of Youth Point Connect, Life Member of Lions Club International, mobile: 0417 601 805 [bern.joy@bigpond.com](mailto:bern.joy@bigpond.com) **Tony Beyon**, Deputy CEO Winton Shire Council (former Diamantina Shire DCEO) Mobile: 0418555129 [tony.b@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:tony.b@winton.qld.gov.au) **Professor Andrew Hills**, mobile 0434 607 877 [professor.andrew.hills@gmail.com](mailto:professor.andrew.hills@gmail.com)