

# **NOTICE BOARD – Historical**

#### FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S CV

# **Work & Corporate History – In Brief**

- 1965. The Australian Estates Company Limited Cadet Wool Classer
- 1966 1969. Mount Isa Mines Limited Assay Laboratory Assistant and then Underground Miner
- 1969 1971. Corrie & Co Stock & Sharebrokers House Account Controller
- 1971. Author of "Breaking into Broking" This handbook was used by the Securities Institute of Australia as a recommended first year text between 1971 and 1975.
- 1971 1976. Developed and managed a highly successful Share Portfolio Advisory Service.
- 1972 1976. Developer and Executive Chairman of Combined Securities Limited (CSL)
  - a) Pioneered the early stages of cash flow funding for the acquisition of high cash flow businesses such as Caravan Parks, 1972 1976.
  - b) Contributed to the design, development and marketing of Kooralbyn Valley Resort when owned by Sir Peter Abeles and Sir Arthur George, 1974 1976.
  - c) Produced and personally presented a series of Television and Radio programs titled "Making Money" which dealt with equities and property trading, 1974/75.
- 1976 1980. Developed, patented and marketed a rapid-heat-recovery solar water heater under the name "Solatrap".
- 1980 1985. Personally developed a chain of nine (9) Takeaways predominantly late night and 24-hour trading. All under Management.
  - Personally developed, during the operation of these nine (9) Takeaways, a highly successful and unique style of management for proprietors within the fast-food, restaurant and retail industries.
- 1985 1989. Consulted to the Metals Industry (Sheet Metal to Light Engineering).
- 1987. Produced and personally presented a motivational video "Your Best Shot".

- 1990 1994. Developed a fully automated mechanical carparking system.
  - a) Parktec International (wholly owned) was awarded the highest Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) for the 1991/92 financial year \$250,000.
  - b) This Company's submission to the Ministry of Economy in Czechoslovakia (1991) saw the World Bank draw down funds to the National Bank of Czechoslovakia enabling appointed manufacturers, Vihorlat Snina, to continue the development of this mechanical carparking system.
- 1995 1998. Developed Australia's first Design & Drafting franchise.
- 1999 to 2006. Developed a unique film factory concept initially, thirty-one researchers involved.
  - a) Co-developed a 12-Module screenwriting course, 1999/2000.
  - b) Researched, co-wrote and developed the screenplay, *The Raft of the Medusa;* the factory's first scheduled production A true story set on the waters of the Atlantic in the year 1816. (2004)
- 2005 2010. Co-ordinated the research and personally developed to launching stage The Australian Justice Tribunal as an unincorporated association.
  - Altered the structure of The Australian Justice Tribunal from an unincorporated association to a special purpose public company limited by guarantee, 2010/11.
     ATO endorsement was granted on 29/7/2011 as a Tax Concession Charity and a Deductible Gift Recipient; the requirements of a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI).
- 2006 2010. Wrote an autobiography, *Beneath The Bench* 690 pages + Appendixes 480 pages <u>www.BeneathTheBench.com</u>.
- 2011/12. Wrote and developed the teleplay, A Stacked Deck The Fate of Henry Keogh for a newly formed organisation, The Grand Jury of South Australia. This four-part script for a television miniseries was written in defence of a wrongly convicted South Australian.

# **History within Australian Organisations**

- 1985 1990 Federal President of The Political Reformation Council of Australia (PRCA)
- 1988 1996 National President of The National Corruption Tribunal (NCT).
- 1988 Current Federal President of The Federal Party of Australia (The FPA).
- 2005 2010 National President of The Australian Justice Tribunal. (An unincorporated association)
- 2011 Current Chairman of The Australian Justice Tribunal. (An ATO-endorsed Public Benevolent Institution providing Pro Bono legal assistance to Australians who are victims of injustice or who are being denied Natural Justice causing sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune or helplessness.) Now a member of the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission (ACNC) as at 3 December 2012.

#### **Courtroom History**

- **February 1987** Elders IXL Limited's attack on our company, Australian Estates Pty Ltd, created a precedent in the Federal Court of Australia. Justice Pincus ruled against us; a ruling that would alter a significant area of corporate law. The financial loss to my wife and myself exceeded \$250,000. But the price paid has proved to be of enduring benefit to business people throughout Australia.
- July 1989 In a Brisbane District Criminal Court I attempted to expose James Victor Mills Green (Commissioner for Corporate Affairs) and Ian Robert Frew (Corporate Affairs Investigator) for their part in the **falsification of my identity**; falsification which I alleged with flawless reason had taken place in early 1973. By mid-afternoon, 31 July 1989, Justice Kimmins became aware of my use of his court to discredit this government agency and dismissed the jury. Nonetheless, I had been given sufficient time to state my case and also expose a further falsification. This time, the forging of my signature on a court document.
- **December 1992** The embarrassment I had created for senior officers within the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) now ASIC on Monday, 31 July 1989, could not be left unavenged. They had been party to falsifying my identity, and I had sought to rectify those records by exposing their conduct in a District Criminal Court. And now, three and a half years later I stood in a Magistrates Court defending myself against a charge under s.227 of the old Companies Act.

I was accused of being "... concerned in the management of a corporation..." whilst being "...an insolvent under administration..." That is, I was not acting as a director, corporate secretary or manager of a corporation whilst bankrupt, just concerned in its management. They had dug deep to pull this one out of the bag; and the Magistrate was quick to recognise the maliciousness underpinning the charge. At the end of the hearing on 14 December 1992, after five hours of mind-numbing nonsense, the Magistrate asked me if a \$1,500 fine would be acceptable to me. I mentioned that a lesser amount would be more comfortable, so we agreed on \$1,000. At that stage the prosecutor simply threw the towel in.

April/May 1996 – After six and a half years of witnessing the incessant violation of our
mechanical carparking project by a fraudulent inventor and government agencies, I found
myself having to protect our investors and myself in the Federal Court of Australia.

Justice Spender was placed in the invidious position where he believed he had no choice but to protect the inventor, and in so doing protect government officers against the real possibility of criminal action being taken against them. And so, rather than run the risk of destroying their careers and the reputations of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS), he chose to destroy the lives of innocent investors – four died... **one to suicide** and another three over a few short years from illnesses spawned by the denial of justice and the ensuing helplessness and irreparable damage caused.

And to add to the trauma of those times, our violent inventor was **murdered**... a product of his being constantly and unlawfully protected by the ACCC, AGS and the Bench. My eBook autobiography, *Beneath The Bench*, explains this criminal activity in detail.

March 1998 – It was the unanimous decision of the eight members of the Europark
 Investors Committee – Chaired by Mr Graeme Langsford, Thoracic Surgeon – to criminally
 prosecute Justice Spender... Twelve charges of Judicial Corruption under s.32 of the

Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914 and one charge of Attempt to Pervert Justice, s.43. My role was private prosecutor. But irrespective of a professionally prepared brief of evidence, Stipendiary Magistrate Basil Gribbin was nervously quick to dismiss the charges against the judge.

I left that Brisbane Criminal Magistrates Court on 31 March 1998 feeling the same helplessness that had begun affecting the health of many within our group. And there was nothing further I could do in defence of them or the rest of the fifty-two Australian families whose lives had been so badly damaged.

# Result

At this stage we were all staring into an abyss which held no hope of delivering us natural justice, and certainly no hope of recovering the \$4million plus (which included my home) that had gone into research and development over the initial four years of our mechanical carparking project.

And now, to rub salt into the wound, I had been personally hit with a legal bill from the AGS for just over \$148,000; an amount that I had no hope of paying and they knew it. I was declared bankrupt on 7 May 1998. But then, I had paid the ultimate price twice before because of my highly entrepreneurial, risk-laden, international and domestic business life.

But it is not always the degree of risk that causes bankruptcy. It is often the attacks on businesses brought about because of the lucrative nature of the product being developed. And these 'claim jumpers' can keep you fully occupied protecting what is lawfully yours. Added to this is the innovative stance taken to get the final product to an international market; a stance which causes competitors to upset your contractual negotiations in an effort to cut you out.

I have found that the ways of shutting down a competitor are innumerable and I have been subjected to more ways – some, amounting to blatant theft – than I care to think about. It is a truism that most entrepreneurs in Australia spend 85% of their time protecting their backs and 15% moving their projects forward. And that certainly applies to technology development. I can personally testify to that.

However, there is one abiding rule that I have always lived by: If you expect others to invest in your vision, then put yourself on the line by standing shoulder to shoulder with them, no matter how tough the financial risk becomes. But **do not hide** behind the limited liability afforded by corporate structures which leave your investors to carry all the risk. And do not drive off in your Mercedes to the security of your financially unencumbered home while witnessing the collapse of your project (for whatever reasons) and the associated suffering of those you have just abandoned. Australia has had enough of this conduct.

Some of us took comfort in the fact that our Slovakian manufacturers had taken advantage of Australia's federal court buffoonery. With us out of the way they enhanced our technology to claim it as their own and sold the final mechanical carparking technology to German interests.

Today, tens of thousands enjoy employment globally, once again because of the innovative skills of Australians. But in the words of Charles Goodyear, the inventor of vulcanised rubber:

"Man has just cause for regret when he sows and no one reaps."

A pyrrhic victory, and consoling for some. It was for me and for many others. We had fought a good fight but could not break through the impenetrable barrier of judicial corruption.