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CAREER SUMMARY

2000 to present	Executive Director, Global Sustainability, RMIT University
1995 to 2000	National Executive Director, PLAN International Australia
1992 to 1995	Executive Director, Australian Conservation Foundation
1984 - 1992	Industrial Officer, Victorian Trades Hall Council
1979 - 1984	General Secretary, Industrial Officer, Technical Teachers Union of Victoria
1968 - 1978	Lecturing, tutoring and teaching at Secondary, TAFE and Tertiary levels in Darwin, Perth and Melbourne.

MAJOR CAPABILITIES

Leading, designing and implementing major organisational change programs, especially related to sustainability and related innovations.

High level public policy & advocacy skills and leadership experience.

Negotiation and facilitation skills.

Interpersonal relationships and communication skills.

Longstanding management experience.

Longstanding national media profile

International networks

QUALIFICATIONS

1970	Bachelor of Arts (History, English), University of Queensland
1972	Bachelor of Arts Hons, (Theatre Arts), University of Western Australia
1973	Diploma of Education, University of Western Australia
1973	Teacher's Diploma (Speech and Drama), Licentiate of Trinity College, London
1974	Bachelor of Education, Latrobe University, Melbourne
1996	Cranlana Leadership Colloquium
2001	Environmental Auditing Skills for Effective Risk Management, An Meá, Kingdom Management Training

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Fellow, Australian Institute of Management
Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Patron, The Trade Union Education Foundation
Life Member, Australian Education Union
Member, Australian Council of Business Women
Member, Latrobe University Alumni
Member, Cranlana Alumni

CURRENT SUPPORTER

Foundation Member, Emily's List
Sponsor, PLAN International
Member, Five Hundred Club, Open Family
Life Member, The Wilderness Society
Member, Amnesty International
Member, Victorian Women's Trust

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

1966/67	American Field Service Exchange Scholarship
1994	United States Information Services International Visitors' Program
1997	Australian Medical Association Inaugural President's Award
1997	Victorian Trades Hall Council Award for Service to the Trade Union Movement

OTHER INTERESTS

Travelling, conservation, wilderness, bush block in the Strathbogies, designing and renovating houses, reading, writing and collecting Australian Art.

KEY POSITIONS

2000 TO PRESENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY, RMIT

Global Sustainability is a project of the Vice Chancellors office and was established to work in partnership with corporations and other organisations to make them working models of sustainability. Global Sustainability at RMIT has developed a "Triple Bottom Line Plus One" approach in its work. "The Triple Bottom Line Plus One"; ie taking into account the operations and impact of an organisation; financial, social, environmental and governance.

1995 TO 2000

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLAN INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA

PLAN International (previously known as Foster Parents PLAN) is one of the world's largest and oldest aid and development organisations, working in some 60 countries with 1.1 million needy children and their communities.

1992 TO 1995

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) established in 1965, is the leading Australian environmental organisation. It is an independent, not for profit organisation headquartered in Melbourne.

1984 TO 1992

INDUSTRIAL OFFICER (FULL TIME ELECTED), VICTORIAN TRADES HALL COUNCIL

Responsibilities included:

- Representation and advocacy for unions and groups of unions on all industrial issues;
- Coordination of industry based groups of unions, eg power, transport, ports and health;
- Formulation of policy and strategies to progress the needs and issues of unions and their members;
- Representing the union movement on committees and boards.

1979 TO 1984

GENERAL SECRETARY & INDUSTRIAL OFFICER, TECHNICAL TEACHERS UNION, VICTORIA

Responsibilities included:

- Together with the President, leading and managing all the affairs of the union;
- Developing appropriate plans and strategies for the betterment of education and teachers interests.
- Representing and advocating the interests of teacher members and the State education system.
- Working with other teacher and union organisations at state, national and international levels.

TEACHING/LECTURING

1974-1978	Lecturer, Preston College of TAFE Melbourne
1972 – 1973	Lecturer, Western Australian Institute of Technology, Perth
1972	Lecturer, TAFE, Leederville Technical College, Perth
1971	Teacher, Secondary, Mercedes College, Perth
1970	Teacher, Secondary, Nightcliffe High School
1970	Tutor, Tertiary, External Studies, University of Queensland
1968 – 1970	Teacher, Secondary, Our Lady of the Sacred Hearth College, Darwin

BOARDS AND ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS

CURRENT

1998 -	Western Mining Corporation - Environment Advisory Group
1998 -	Canberra University - Centre for Developing Cities Board
2000 -	Australian Minerals Environment & Energy Foundation Board of Directors
2000 -	BHP-Billiton Forum for Corporate Social Responsibility
2000 - 2002	Global Mining Initiative - International Assurance Group
2000 -	Minerals Council of Australia External Advisory Group
2000 -	Westpac Australian Ecoshare Fund Advisory Committee
2001	Institution of Engineers, Victorian Excellence Awards Panel
2001	AGO Greenhouse Awards Panel
2001	Yarra Valley Water Awards Panel
2001 -	Victorian Schools Innovation Commission
2001 -	The Shareholders Project, Advisory Group
2001 -	Guardianship Group LendLease Victoria Harbour (Docklands)
2002 -	Melbourne City Council Sustainability Fund Board of Directors
2002 -	PNG Sustainability Development Program – Company Director
2002 -	CRC for Coal in Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.
2002 -	Sustainable Living Foundation Management Committee

PAST

1999 - 2000	World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Global Mining Initiative, Global Assurance Group
1999 - 2000	Member, The Body Shop's Environmental Audit Review Panel
1994 - 1995	Member, United Nations National 50th Celebration Committee
1993 - 1996	Member, Uluru Kata Juta National Park , Board of Management
1993 - 1994	Member, Rural Industry Leadership Program Board
1993 - 1994	Member, National Committee for the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development
1993 - 1994	Member, Deputy Prime Minister's, Australian Urban and Regional Development Review Board

1993 - 1995 **Member RMIT University Council**

1992 - 1993 Member, Avon Women of Achievement Committee

1992 - 1994 Member, Victorian Alcohol and Drug Council

1992 - 1993 **Chair, Board of Circus Oz**

1990 - 1992 National Executive Member, Trade Union Training Authority

1990 - 1992 **Member, Victorian Arts Centre Trust Board**

1990 - 1992 **Member, Board of Mental Health Research Institute of Victoria**

1990 - 1993 **Director, Victorian Women's Trust**

1990 - 1993 **Australian Council Board Member and Chair of their Community, Art and Design Committee**

1989 - 1990 **Member, Inaugural Victorian Family and Children's Services Council**

1989 - 1991 **Member, ALP (Vic Branch) Administrative Committee, also Victorian and National Conference Delegate**

1989 - 1992 Member, Greenhouse Australia Board

1989 - 1992 **Member, ACTU Executive**

1989 - 1990 **Inaugural Chair of the Social and Community Services Training Board**

1989 - 1990 **Chair, Victorian International Year of Literacy Committee**

1988 - 1989 Member, Vocational Orientation Centre Board of Management

1988 - 1992 **Member, Melbourne Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Trust Board**

1988 **Australian delegate, UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Conference**

1988 Member, Port of Melbourne Authority EEO Advisory Committee

1987 - 1988 **Member, Victorian TAFE Board**

1987 - 1988 **Member, Victoria College Council**

1986 - 1988 **Chair, UNESCO Australian National Commission's Advisory Committee on Women**

1986 - 1990 SECV EEO Advisory Committee

1984 ATF Delegate WCOTP (International Teachers Union), Lome, Togo

1984 - 1985 VTHC Representative, State Industrial Training Commission Review

1984 - 1987 **Member, Community Arts Board of the Australia Council**

1984 - 1990 **Member, Australian National Commission for UNESCO**

1984 - 1990 **President 1988/90 and Member, Hawthorn Institute of Education Council**

1983 - 1984 **Member, Victorian Institute of Secondary Education**

1982 - 1985 **Member, Victoria's 150th Anniversary Board & Chair, Womens' Arts Festival**

1981 - 1982 **Executive Member, VTHC**

1981 - 1984 Fitzroy City Councillor

1980 - 1981 Member, Board of St Martin Youth Arts Centre

1979 - 1984 TTUV Delegate, VTHC

1979 - 1981 Member, Board of 3RRR FM

1979, 1981, 1983 ATF Delegate, ACTU Congress

1978 Representative, TTUV TAFE Council

1977 - 1978 Branch Secretary, Preston Technical College TTUV

1973 Executive Committee Member, Perth Film Festival

1971 - 1973 Festival of Perth, WA Theatre Company, actor/director.

MEDIA/PR

National Media/PR experience, initially as a Union Leader then as Executive Director of Australian Conservation Foundation and PLAN International Australia.

Feature, new stories and opinion pieces in print and electronic media Australia wide.

MAJOR SPEECHES

14/03/01	Leadership Victoria
29/03/01	Victorian Building Industry Summit
08/05/01	Federation Festival, Alfred Deakin Lecture, Chair of Politics of Water
04/06/01	National Health Promotions Conference
19/06/01	Jewish National Fund Australia Annual General Meeting
16/07/01	Women in Business, Bank of Melbourne
24/08/01	Institute of Public Administrators Australia (IPAA) Queensland Annual Conference
13/08/01	Council for Economic Development Australia (CEDA) Luncheon
25/10/01	Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) National Congress
29/10/01	Royal Australian Planing Institute Launch of "Expectations of a Better World"
30/11/01	Asia Pacific Earth Charter Conference
07/12/01	Geelong College Graduation
21/03/02	Health Safety and Environment in Oil & Gas - Kuala Lumpur
09/04/02	Enviro 2002
12/05/02	Global Mining Initiatives Conference -Toronto
08/07/02	Australian Institute of Company Directors WA

RECENT ARTICLES/APPEARANCES

Spring 2000	The Qantas Club Magazine
26/02/01	The Australian
28/04/01	Weekend Australian Careers Feature
Autumn 2001	Greenhouse Living (No 8)
23/05/01	3LO, Conversation Hour
June 2001	Ambiente Y Desarrollo, Chile
08/10/01	3AR, Derryn Hinch
30/10/01	The Canberra Times
November 2001	National Business Bulletin
06/11/01	The Australian Financial Review
07/11/01	Innovations, Radio Australia
08/11/01	BBC Radio 5 (London)
08/11/01	ABC Radio NT (interview with David Chey and Michael Too)
08/11/01	The Age 'It's washing day – on your bikes'
12/11/01	The Buzz, Radio Australia and Radio National Asia Pacific)
14/11/01	The Age, Domain Magazine
19/11/01	Greenweek
23/11/01	J Wave Radio Japan
22/1/02	Herald Sun
6/2/02	The Australian – Higher Education Supplement
6/3/02	The Melbourne Times