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WORK HISTORY

1963 - 1975

TRUTH NEWSPAPER

Commenced as a Copyboy then undertook Journalism Cadetship in the Racing Department. Upon completion of cadetship maintain position as a Racing Journalist.

1975 - 1995

HERALD AND WEEKLY TIMES

Racing Journalist with The Sun News-Pictorial and then, upon amalgamation, the Herald-Sun. The final four years as the Senior Racing Journalist at the Sporting Globe. Covered racing throughout Australia and regularly at Victorian Country meetings. Overseas reported on racing in England, France, Hong Kong and Singapore. Reported on the 1987 English and French Derbies plus the Royal Ascot meeting the same year. Unusual meetings included the annual Broken Hill St. Patrick's meeting and the Mildura Vineland Plate meeting.

1980 - Present

HIGHWAY BOWLS CENTRE PTY LTD

Opened the retail lawn bowls specialist shop with a partner on May 28, 1980 and worked the business part-time until leaving the Herald And Weekly Times in 1995. Worked the business full time as owner-operator since 1995. Completed Small Business Management Course in 1985. Have attended a variety of other business related training courses. Business has been "Highly Commended" in the City of Greater Dandenong Safe Shop Awards in 2003 and 2004. Member of the organising committee and Publicity Officer for the 2001 Australian Lawn Bowls Champion of Champions Tournament played at the Burden Park Bowling Club. Member of the organising committee for the City of Greater Dandenong Mayoral Charity Bowls Day (now the Dandenong and District Charity Bowls Day) 1995-Present. Assistant Event Manager on the day 1997-Present.

1995 - Present

ROY ASPINALL MEDIA SERVICES

Operating as a freelance journalist. Have carried out work for the Sporting Globe, Best Bets and Carlton and United Breweries. Currently a consultant to the Melbourne Racing Club with regard to Sandown Racecourse. Co-host and compere of the Sandown Club's "Super Sandown Days". Master of Ceremonies at inaugural Australian Racing Museum Legends Luncheon. Master of Ceremonies at inaugural City of Greater Dandenong Community Raceday.

BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

1976 - 1998

VICTORIAN RACING MEDIA ASSOCIATION

Committee member from 1976 to 1998 including 14 years as Secretary, two years as President and two years as Vice-President. During the time as Secretary introduced award sponsorships, secured full racecourse members privileges for badge holders and instigated the annual dinner and "Personality of the Year" award. Awarded Life Membership in 1995.

1996 - Present

DANDENONG RETAIL TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

Instigated Association following irregular meetings of retailers organised by the City of Greater Dandenong Council. Inaugural Chairperson 1996-Present. Established firm links between retailers and the City of Greater Dandenong Council, Victoria Police, local media and Federal and State Government organisations. Represented Association on the now defunct Police Community Consultative Committee, the Visy Cares Centre Fundraising Committee and the South East Development Business Expansion Program. Represented Association on the organising committee for the 10th International Cultural Games Festival in 1998. Represented the Association on the Dandenong Drug Action Committee (Vice Chairman) and at the Business Association Round Table (BART) meetings conducted by the City of Greater Dandenong Council. Currently representing the Association on the City of Greater Dandenong Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee (a founding member). Awarded Centenary of Federation Medal in April 2003 for services to the Association.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Australian Geographic.
- Australian Racing Museum.
- Beaumaris Bowls Club.
- Dandenong Club.
- Dandenong R. S. L. Club.
- Huntingdale Golf Club.
- Melbourne Racing Club.
- RACV Club.
- Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria.
- Victorian Racing Media Association - Life Member.

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

- Assorted committee work as outlined above.
- Sports in general.
- Lawn bowls. Qualified as a National Umpire with Bowls Australia in 1998.
- Tai Chi exponent. Qualified through six levels of Tai Chi plus Fan, Beijing 24 and Beijing Sword routines. Three years as a trainee instructor with the Celestial Tai Chi College of Australia.
- Owner of several racehorses. Four have been successful - Scott's Craft, Silver Kiwi, Jukebox Junior and Papal Promise - winning a total of 14 races.
- Movies and Theatre.
- Travel.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the judging panel for the Scobie Breasley Award 1995-96 (inaugural season) and 1996-97.
- Member of the inaugural judging panel for the Ladies in Racing Award.
- Member of the organising committee and Publicity Officer for the 2001 Australian Lawn Bowls Champion of Champions Tournament played at the Burden Park Bowling Club.
- Member of the organising committee for the City of Greater Dandenong Mayoral Charity Bowls Day (now the Dandenong and District Charity Bowls Day) 1995-Present. Assistant Event Manager on the day 1997-Present.

AWARDS RECEIVED

- Awarded Life Membership of the Victorian Racing Media Association in 1995.
- Awarded Certificate of Appreciation in the International Year of Volunteers 2001.
- Awarded Centenary of Federation Medal by the Governor-General, April 2003.
- Awarded Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal in 2003.
- Awarded The Australian Defence Medal 2007.
- Winner 1981 Bert Wolfe/TAB Award (For outstanding overall performance as a racing journalist).
- Winner 1982-83 Florsheim Shoes H.A. Wolfe Award for Best Country Story.
- Winner 1983-84 Florsheim Shoes H.A. Wolfe Award for Best Country Story.
- Winner Florsheim Shoes Tipsters Award - Spring Season 1985.
- Winner Florsheim Shoes Tipsters Award - Racing Season 1985-86.
- Winner 1992 Bert Wolfe/TAB Award (For outstanding overall performance as a racing journalist).
- Winner P&O Catering & Services 1993 Media Award - Oakbank Racing Carnival (inaugural award).
- Third Cadbury Tipsters Award - Spring Season 1988.
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- Special Award Foster's Australian Racing Writer of the Year Awards 1988 (as

- part of The Sun News-Pictorial Racing Staff).
- Highly Commended Foster's Australian Racing Writers of the Year Awards 1990.
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 - Nominated for the 1993-94 Country Racing Media Award - Metropolitan.

MILITARY SERVICE

Served in the Citizen Military Forces from 1966 to 1972. Member of 37 Air Dispatch Platoon, Royal Australian Army Service Corps. Qualified Air Dispatcher. Qualified Army Driving Course. Completed NCO exams for rank of Corporal. Had charge of unit administration in a Sergeants posting. Awarded Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal 2003. Awarded Australian Defence Medal 2007.

I can't see it, hear it, smell it,
what was it like to be a copy boy
what was it like to ~~report~~^{record} the
exciting atmosphere of a race.

I don't know you or your
background any more than
before you came.

are you married how did you
fit all of this into
home & business
life