

KEVIN MICHAEL BYRNE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Marital Status

Married

Citizenship and Passports

Australian

Irish (EU)

Granted PNG Permanent Residency Status in 2014

Awards

Australia Centenary Medal 2003 for services to Local Government and the City of Cairns.

Papua New Guinea Independence Medal 2000 (25th Anniversary) for services to Aviation and Tourism.

Mentioned in Despatches (Military Gallantry Award 1972).

Life Member Cairns Game Fishing Club 1994

Life Member Cairns Regional Art Gallery 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

A highly regarded, trusted and respected professional who has enjoyed demonstrated competency and success in a variety of senior appointments across government service, elected civic leadership and management appointments, senior private sector leadership and managerial appointments as well as directorship appointments across the private and not for profit sectors. Specifically:

May 2015 to present.

Principal at Kevin Byrne and Associates

Management Consultancy practice specialising in practical and cost effective management and wealth creation solutions to the SME sectors of the Asia and Pacific region. The consultancy specialises in management placements and immediate trouble shooting appointments to achieve timely intervention in developing and at risk enterprises, as well as providing management mentoring services to PNG entrepreneurs.

October 2014 to April 2015

PNG Country Manager ApplusVelosi PNG. Port Moresby, PNG.

Responsible for all aspects of country operations across placement and recruitment activities, immigration and visa management as well as developing a new suite of business services across the testing, auditing, project management, quality assurance and control, asset integrity and specialised engineering services across activities in the Oil and Gas sectors.

October 2013 to 30 June 2014 Group General Manager, Hides Gas Development Company. Location: Tari/Port Moresby PNG

8 Month company restructuring appointment. Management responsibilities for all activities of the companies which comprised the HGDC Group (A PNG LNG umbrella landowner company) encompassing labour supply and recruitment, vehicle hire, security, camp management, catering, road maintenance, commodity wholesale, equipment hire and hardware supplies, engineering services and joint venture management services across PNG. Group turnover 2013 was K280M.

July 2011 to Sep 2013

Corporate Affairs Manager, InterOil Corporation----Location: Port Moresby, PNG/Cairns, Australia

Supervisory management of the Government Affairs, Land, Community Affairs and Media Communications functions for IOC Corporate (PNG).

Coordination and management of the licensing effort required under the PNG Oil and Gas Act for the Gulf LNG Project, a joint venture between IOC and Liquid Niugini Gas P/L.

Management and coordination of the Community Relations and Local Business Development plans to support the Gulf LNG project and the management and coordination of the administrative and logistic requirements of the Port Moresby Corporate Services team

February 2010 to July 2011

Bechtel Corporation, PNG LNG Project---Location: Port Moresby and Hela Province (Hides) , PNG

LANCO Program Manager

Managed the establishment of two PNG National Landowner Companies to comply with Project Development Agreement. Coordinated the activities of a professional management team to establish the companies to actively participate in the construction phase of the project.

Provided advice and direction on PNG governance and legislative issues and all aspects of programmed management to include the creation of business plans to support growth to include the daily interface between the project developer, sub contractors and the two Lanco companies. This program was part of the Exxon Mobil led PNG LNG project. The project completed in July 2011.

March/June 2010. Appointed Queensland Government Special Trade Representative to Papua New Guinea.

Responsibilities included the identification of the growing bilateral trade and business opportunities between PNG and Queensland/Australia and linking the opportunities to action plans incorporating government and private sector financial assistance packages.

July 2008 to March 2010.

Owner and Managing Director, Pacific Asia Solutions Pty Ltd - Location : Cairns, Australia

Multi faceted business consultancy and management company with an expertise in the Asia and Pacific Region.

March 2000 to March 2008 and Feb 1992 to March 1995

Mayor of Cairns - Location: Cairns, Australia

A major Australian city. Executive community and regional leadership role including executive management of civic policy design and execution including planning, employment, community relations and environmental sustainability. Established a sister city relationship with Zhanjiang, Guandong Province, PRC. Led 5 Trade and

Investment Delegations to Hong Kong and China. Annual Budget \$250 million. Elected on four occasions as head of the Cairns Unity Team. Employees 1400. City Population 160,000

December 1995 to December 1999

Chief Executive, Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority - Location: Port Moresby, PNG

Development and implementation of National Tourism Plans. Departmental Secretary level advice to the PNG Government and Cabinet on tourism, investment and aviation issues.

Deputy Chairman Air Niugini (National Airline of Papua New Guinea) and Chairman Air Niugini Audit Committee.

Acting Chairman National Airline Commission.

National Delegate to APEC working groups on Tourism and Trade and Deputy Chairman of the National Negotiating Team for International Bilateral Aviation Services.

March 1995 to December 1995

Administration Manager, AES/HARTEC – Location: Moscow, USSR and Usinsk, North East Russia

Preparation and execution of the administrative plan for a huge oil spill cleanup and environmental remediation project in Komi Republic, North East Russia to include contract interface with World Bank, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, Russian Imperial Bank and Russian Client Komineft.

Financial supervision and direction of US \$45million contract.

60 expatriate employees and 800 Russian subcontracted employees.

October 1989 to February 1992

Regional Manager, Queensland Confederation of Industry - Location: Cairns, Australia

Industrial Relations, Human Resource and Advocacy advice to employer group members.

Maintenance and servicing of a membership base of 200 members.

March 1987 to October 1989

Regional Manager, Office of Northern and Regional Development - Location: Cairns, Australia

State Government appointment. Policy advice to government across a range of development related areas.

Preparation of ministerial cabinet submissions to include the identification of new business opportunities along with development plans. This appointment required an understanding of development, social and cultural issues across Far North Queensland.

January 1970 to February 1987

Australian Army

Commissioned Officer.

Service in Australia, South Vietnam, Malaysia, Rhodesia, Singapore and Papua New Guinea.

Gallantry Award for service in South Vietnam (Mentioned in Despatches).

Service across variety of appointments including operational planning, administration and logistic planning to support military deployments both in Australia and overseas.

Final military appointment: Senior Instructor, Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra. Responsible for the planning and delivery of military training to an officer cadet intake of 400 and a staff of 40.

QUALIFICATIONS

TAA 40104 Cert IV in Training and Assessment 2009

Master of Arts (Business Administration) 1993 - Kensington University College (KUC), Glendale, California USA. External Studies student via the Australian Campus.

Officer Cadet School Graduate 1969 - Portsea, Victoria, Australia - Graduated Sword of Honour for Leadership

CAREER APPOINTMENTS / PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors (Current)

Member PNG Institute of Company Directors (Current)

Founder and Board Member of Advance Cairns Regional Development Board (2000-2008)

Founder and Board Member of Cairns Regional Gallery (2000-2008)

Member Queensland Urban Local Government Executive (2004-2008)

Deputy Chairman Australian Mayoral Aviation Council Executive (1992-1995 and 2000-2008)

APEC Working Group Delegate on Trade and Tourism-PNG (1996-1999)

Board Member Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) (1996-1999)

Deputy Chairman Air Niugini (1996-1997)

Chairman Air Niugini Audit Committee (1996-1997)

Acting Chairman National Airline Commission (1996-1997)

Patron of various community charities and sporting organisations (1992-Current)

COMMERCIAL DIRECTORSHIPS

Chair The Omega Group (Cairns) 2012 to current

Deputy Chairman AirNiugini P/L 1996-1997

Cairns Regional Gallery 2000-2008

Chair "Duyfken" Replica Trust Management Board 2006-2007

Chair Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation 2002 to May 2015

COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Australia

China / Hong Kong

Papua New Guinea

Russia

Rhodesia / Zimbabwe (military posting)

Malaysia (military posting)

Singapore (military posting)

Vietnam (military posting)

SPECIALIST FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Development and implementation of strategic, corporate, operational, administrative, budgetary and strategic plans.

Development and implementation of public sector governance programmes.

Demonstrated sound level of large scale municipal governance and management issues including development and implementation of community consultation and city development programmes.

Implementation of change management and new business culture practices.

Development and implementation of city and regional economic development plans.

A proven understanding of the workings and nuances of government and a demonstrated ability to operate effectively within the government sector at Local, State and National levels both in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

A demonstrated understanding of the political, cultural and economic issues of Pacific countries, particularly Papua New Guinea.

A sound understanding of the political, cultural and economic issues of China.

A proven understanding of the political, cultural and economic issues of Northern Australia, particularly development and infrastructure issues.

LANGUAGES

English – Fluent.

Melanesian Pidgin – Fluent.

Mandarin Chinese – Introductory course completed 2006.

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

Demonstrated strong leadership qualities across business and community.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

First class public speaker.

Clear and concise thinker.

Focussed, goal orientated and results-driven.

INTERESTS

Team sport, in particular cricket and rugby union, previously played at representative level.

Urban design and planning.

Asia and Pacific studies.

Golf.

REFEREES are available on request