

## **CURRICULUM VITAE – March 2018**

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**Nationality** Australian (born Marrickville NSW)

**Early Education** Berala Public and Birrong Girls' High Schools.

**Professional** **Previous** -Licensed Dealer's Representative - Money Market Broker and Investment Counsellor, Certificate of Registration Property, Stock and Business Agents. Member of the Institute of Strata Title Management and the National Community Title Institute, Civil Marriage Celebrant

**Current** - Justice of the Peace, St George Liquor Licence Accord

**Memberships** **Previous** - Member of The Art Society Gallery of NSW (1980/2014), The Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens (1980/2014), The Australian Museum Society (1980/2014), The National Trust of Australia (1979/2014).

**Current** - Australian Red Cross – Patron of Hurstville (St George Branch) – Member Sydney and South Sydney Emergency Services – past Volunteer Team Leader – trained in Psychological First Aid, National Registration Inquiry System and Public Inquiry and Information Centre.

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia – major sponsor

Property Council of Australia

Lugarno Evening VIEW Club

Zonta Club of Botany Bay, Past President Zonta Club of Sydney East Inc. –United Nations Representative and Member of Sydney Taskforce into Human Trafficking.

Support Circular Quay Inc., Chairman and public officer of NFP group

Construction Liaison Committee – Quay Quarter

### **Career Details**

**May 2005 – current – Director – Shipman King & Co** – trading as ESKAY - suppliers of underground and above ground equipment to the petroleum and chemical industry – including the import and export of products.

**2009 - Current** – Owner, Chief Executive Officer and Liquor Licensee of Sunny Serendip Pty Ltd, trading as The Gardens on Forest, a heritage listed Victorian function centre catering for 300 guests at 764 Forest Road, Peakhurst. Negotiating management agreement with USU HostCo

**April 2001 to June 2008 – Portfolio Manager – Body Corporate Service** – Managing Australia's largest strata schemes including World Tower, Regis Tower and Park Regis – chairing meetings – briefing the on-site Managers and Executive Committees – mediating and resolving conflicts, overseeing all W,H & S issues and security aspects, co-coordinating contractors for the repairs and maintenance of buildings, establishing and working within budgets and ensuring that the Owners Corporations complied with the requirements of 9 different Federal, State, and Local Government Acts and that levies were collected and insurance paid.

**August 2000 – March 2001** supervising renovation of home, caring for husband and elderly parents, travel and catching up on reading, social and family commitments.

**January 1989 – July 2000 Elected Member of South Sydney Council** – NB Mayor Vic Smith stated "Cr Fenton devoted herself to caring for the Community and ensuring that research, planning and work was not duplicated by the many Council and Community Committees concentrating on Australia's largest urban Aboriginal population, the biggest red light entertainment district, and greatest numbers of Gay and Lesbian persons – the

highest numbers of drug and alcohol addicted persons as well as the wealthiest persons in Billyard Avenue and the lowest socio-economic group of persons in Waterloo/Redfern.

**Chairman of Councils** Health & Community Services Committee, Access Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Healthy Older Peoples Program, Community Resources Committee and Oxford Street Main Street Working Parties

**Member of Councils** Finance, General Purposes, Audit, Legal, Properties, Planning & Building, Public Works & Services, Grants & Donations, Redfern Aboriginal Advisory, State of the Environment, Food Policy, Community & Australia Day Awards and Cultural Committees

**Member of Councils** Recreation, Environmentally Sustainable Development, Community Transport, William Street and Implementation of the Disability Discrimination Act Guidelines Taskforces

**Council's Representative** on Port Jackson Catchment Management Committee, Customer Council Sydney Water, Sydney City Council Australia Day Awards Committee, South Eastern Regional Access Forum, and Eastern Sydney Regional Forum on Multicultural Issues, Woollahra/Paddington and Marrickville/Newtown Libraries Committees

**February 1993 – July 1999 Member – Sydney City Council – Central Sydney Planning Committee** - This committee accesses all development over \$50million, lodged by the Crown or has impact on the Public Way.

**Associated Interests** – Chairman of Kings Community Drug Action Team and Kings Cross 2000, Member of South Eastern Sydney Hydrotherapy Association, Committee member Kings Cross Chamber of Commerce, Community Representative and Facilitator of monthly discussion group of the Kings Cross Community Centre, President Probus Club of Kings Cross, Treasurer of the inaugural Management Committee of Jane Evans Day Care Centre for People with Dementia, Initiator and Volunteer for the Woolloomooloo Children's Breakfast Program, Volunteer for the Kings Cross Police Patrol, Community Representative for the Alcohol Free Zones and Street Sex Workers Community Consultative Committees

**1992-1999 - Honorary Property Manager and Warden – St John's Anglican Church, Darlinghurst** – Project manager to plan, gain Sydney Diocese, Council and Office of Heritage approvals and following the Burra Charter oversee the resoration of the 1850 sandstone Blckett Gothic Revival Church including the storm water system, flooring, stain glass windows and slate roof as well as the 1885 Hill and Son pipe organ – all on time and within budget. Design and construct new drop in centre under community hall, together with the maintenance of church, hall, rectory and rental properties.

**1987-88 – Self Employed – Consultant Office Designer – Sydney** – Engaged on contract to advise on and negotiate the selection of sites, design and implement layout of offices, liaison with Council.

**1984-86 Director – General Manager** of family company R.A. McDermott & Co, Rolls Royce & Bentley restorers and the establishment of the Sturt & Nolan Art Gallery in South Melbourne.

**1978-84 – Money Market – Astley & Pearce** (formerly Arthur Securities P/L) dealer and appointed director specialising in short term unsecured inter-company loans – liaison with treasurers and dealers of most major Australian companies – personal investment advice and retirement counseling.

**1976-77 – Assistant Manager – Branch Development NSW Permanent Building Society** – locate and purchase, sites, renovate and coordinate the opening of new suburban and country NSW branch offices.

**1971-75 Personal Assistant to MD Ernest J Burger P/L** real estate Development Company – joint venturing with Stockland and Parkes Development.

**Pre 1970 – Clerk - Department Manager – Commonwealth Bank of Australia** – all facets of Savings and Trading banking and staff management including housing loans, interest bearing deposits, treasury notes and bonds and 18 months in the Overseas Department.