

# A Quick summary

In January of 1971 I was discharged from the service after 8 years in the regular Army.

I moved back to Albany and started work for the Albany woollen Mills as the production Manager. At the same time, I became involved with the district Football I was the General Manager for the Railways Football club Worked on Local radio hosting the football show every Sunday morning for over 4 years. I gave up these positions when I joined the Band.



At the Wil Upson recording studio


Peter Lapko Trombone & Lead Vocal  
 Peter Rasmussen Trumpet Vocals  
 Colin France Drums/vocals  
 Jack Cranage Piano

The Entertainers Album Cover

At the same time, I was involved with the local Albany Band as its Drum Major. Probably because I was the only one who knew how to march, and the drills required for a marching band. It was about the time I was appointed as Commanding Officer of TS Vancouver a naval Cadet Training Ship. I resigned my commission in 1976 due the pressure of my band commitments.

In 1980 I was asked to head the Val Morgan Sales team in WA to sell screen advertisings into cinemas. I left 2 years later and Joined Leisure Holdings a property development group as the WA country Sales manager. In 1984 I was approached by the Resorts Group another property development organization to become its group General Manager. This position bought me in contact with such people as Laurie Connell and Alan Jones from Rothwell Bank, an Investment banker which our organization frequently dealt with and the Bond Corporation and of course Alan Bond In 1985 when the first recession hit WA, many companies due to their financial exposure to the market could not sustain the excessive interest rates and battled to survive. When the second market crash came in 1987 Resorts Corp without the backing of Rothwell's closed its doors.

I continued to work for various media outlets until in 1992 when I proposed an idea to help small survive recessions to both the WA & Qld Governments. The idea was to help small business better plan for such contingency's as recession financial planning and more fully understand the government red tape, what measures could be taken recession and what assistance was available to them when these problems occurred. Generally, how to make their businesses grow and become more successful. The idea being in this way it would create more jobs produce better productivity and boost the economy. Thus, the small business advisor Magazine was born.



**Bruce Davidson, Minister for Tourism, Small Business & Industry**

**Personal**

The Minister brings a wealth of "hands-on" knowledge and experience to the Tourism, Small Business and Industry portfolio.

As owner and operator of a successful retail business in thriving Noosaville on the Sunshine Coast for 10 years, the Minister gained first-hand experience of the needs and concerns of small business and the tourism industry.

Together with his wife, Nicole, and three children, Mark, 22, Damien, 20 and Amy 18, the 45-year-old Minister lives at Noosaville.

The Minister was elected to the Queensland Parliament in 1992.

In July 1995 he was re-elected, gaining 62 per cent of the vote in his electorate of Noosa.

He was appointed Shadow Minister for Tourism, Consumer Affairs and Regional Development last August before gaining his current Ministerial appointment this February.

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**The Best Banks For Business**

**Cents and Sensibilities**

**Divorce Survival For Small Business**

**AV Network Covers Queensland**



**F**rom the editor's desk: Finally time to sit the information **ADVISOR** for small business in Queensland. A magazine covering business and small business facing small business in Queensland today.

Finally, now it's time this opportunity to mark those entrepreneurs who have given an generosity of their time and talent to provide this important bridge of information and helpful advice to other like you in small business today may gain from their previous expertise - at the same time building a strong sense of the more resources and help, supported by small business operators in today's ever changing business climate.

Hopefully this will set a good example to all other business owners, but **ADVISOR** business operators and support providers to use many various comments and the opportunity to be heard.

The primary function of our magazine is to provide practical, informative advice, give points on better business practices, and better business control from those experienced professionals, as their relative circles of expertise.

Together with entrepreneurs and other independent operators such as the Queensland Department of Tourism, Small Business and Industry, who consistently provide a wealth of needed advice to the Queensland small business community - we have provided this magazine in a guide-like way.

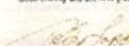
Through the various articles within this publication it is our sincere hope that the magazine will have an immediate impact of confidence for those 140,000 plus business owners who will cover throughout Queensland.

Last thing and equally as important to us there here we invite your comments, views or suggestions as to how we can better serve you with this publication to look with us future issues.

We are confident that the information provided here, as your future point, view you, money and problems the business which may have already been experienced by others, or may be their answer to your important questions which you have been left without further explanation.

We will not rest until we help you enjoy the extra time spent by our team contributions.

Good trading and success greetings!



Peter Lapko  
Managing Editor

Bruce Davidson the then minister for small business saw merit in the idea and commissioned me to start "The Small Business Advisor Magazine". The magazine was published quarterly and delivered free to each business registered mailbox in the metro areas. Some 2 years after its inception it was purchased by one of the Packer Group publishing arms.

From 1996 until 1999, I worked for the Queensland Naval Brigade Officer Corps Charity This was not in any way part of the armed forces as the CEO and Commanding Officer. All the officers in the brigade held an honouree commission at the pleasure of the premier. The charities main aim was to take homeless youth who through no fault of their own were forced to join the ranks of the homeless. The cause as we later discovered was mainly domestic violence or marriage breakups and remarriage second partner mistreatment disputes Consequently these kids were forced out of their homes due in no small part to the lack of support from either their families (if any existed) or limited support from government welfare groups

The Naval Brigade was formed long before federation the primary purpose of the Brigade was to defend Qld from a supposed imamate threat that the Russian were going to invade Queensland. It consisted of two British gun boats, and two borrowed English naval offices.

The rest approximately 100 men was made up of local Mellissa. The Russians never invaded however one interesting fact was that one of the gun boats decided to hold the local parliament to Ransome for a minor dispute. The CO brought his boat up the Brisbane River and brought her guns to bare on the local government building at that time. The siege last for some time until the premier of the time negotiated a lengthy but peaceful resolution and the officer was subsequently arrested and sent back to England to be dealt with. The Brigade has since been absorbed into a more appropriate and modern organization.



The Brigades main aim was to take as many of the young people of both sexes and try to either get them some safe accommodation back to school or find them an apprenticeship. An abandoned ex WW11 army hospital ship was purchased with a donation from the bank of Qld of \$50,000 this was matched by an equal

amount from Barter Card which enabled us to buy accommodation although limited and a mobile Kitchen to house and feed as many as possible. Base Kuranda was established.

During late 1999, I was diagnosed with Latten Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which prevented me from full time work again. My illness was in fact a blessing in disguise as it brought me back to my first love that being music. It gave me countless hours of enjoyment and enabled me to perform at charity events, on Cruise Ships, Cabarets, Old People's Homes, and Gala Balls even a song or two in Las Vegas. I still do limited performances even today.

### Other Achievements

1996 Was Knighted for services to humanity



**The Armorial Bearings of the City of Wagga Wagga**

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Granted by letters Patent dated 16th November 1965

**Blazon**

**ARMS:** Vert on a fess between in chief eight stalks of wheat each four in the form of the letter W and in base a Merino ram's head escheoled all or a bar wavy Azure.

**CREST:** Out of a mural crown in front of a caduceus or winged Seraph eight leaves of the River Red Gum tree (Eucalyptus Camaldulensis) conjoined and in the form of two letters W proper. Mantled Vert doubled or.

**SUPPORTERS:** On either side a crown wings addorsed proper surmounted with a collar dancetty Or and perched on a forked twig the whole upon a compartment of grass divided by water barry wavy Argent and Azure.

**MOTTO:** Forward in Faith.

**Interpretation**

**SHIELD:** The gold band and green is from the arms of Captain Charles Sturt, discoverer of the area. The blue waves represent the Murrumbidgee River. The wheat stalks, arranged like the letters WW, and Merino ram's head are for the principal industries.

**CREST:** The mural crown represents a civic community. The eight leaves of the River Red Gum tree, arranged like the letters WW, stand in front of the caduceus of Mercury, God of Commerce.

**SUPPORTERS:** The crown, taken from the former seal, recall the meaning of the City's name ("Place of Many Crowns"). They wear distinguishing collars in the form of a W and stand on a base of grass divided by water, representing the building of the City on either side of the river.

(The Sturt Arms were granted by the Kings of Arms at the College to Anthony Sturt, Alderman of London in 1691.) The Arms were designed by Mr. H Ellis Tomlinson, MA, and FHS of Lancashire, England.

The Arms were negotiated with H.M. College of Arms, through Messrs. Shaw and Sons Limited, of London.

The Motto "Forward in Faith" was selected by the Council as a result of a public competition. This was the winning entry and was submitted by Mr. Belle Carlin, of Belmore, NSW.

The Letters Patent and City Flag were dedicated by the local Clergy and formally handed over by the Chief Justice of N.S.W. Sir Leslie Heven, KB C.M.G. on the 2nd of June 1966.

Presented to:  
 Musician Petrolapko, August 28<sup>th</sup> 1997 for services to the City of Wagga Wagga.  
 By the town clerk Mr. William (Bill) Ellis

**Australian of the Year Awards 2005**

Congratulations  
**Peter Lapko**  
 on your nomination for the  
 Australian of the Year Awards 2005

1 December 2004  
 Lisa Curry Kenny MBE OAM  
 Chairman, National Australia Day Council

THE AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE A PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL

**Australian of the Year Awards**

6 December 2004

Peter Lapko  
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Dear Peter

You may not be aware but you were nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards 2005 and I am writing to congratulate you on your nomination.

The Australian of the Year Awards is the pre-eminent awards program in our nation and recognises excellence and service by Australians in all fields of endeavour. The Awards acknowledge individuals who are inspirational and outstanding Australians.

Being nominated for the Awards is a great honour, and I hope you feel proud that a fellow Australian believes you have achieved excellence in service to your community and the nation.

Over 2,300 people nominated nearly 1,900 fellow Australians for the Awards. You may have seen in the media the announcement of the state and territory recipients for each awards category who now progress to the national level of selection. Unfortunately your nomination was not successful this year but your contributions are significant and we are delighted to enclose a certificate to acknowledge your nomination.

The national announcement of the Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Local Hero for 2005 will be announced at a major event on the lawns of Parliament House, Canberra on 25 January 2005. The presentation will be telecast on Network Ten and regional affiliates on the evening of 25 January.

Please find enclosed a list of 111 state and territory finalists and recipients. Thank you for your contribution to making Australia a better place to live. You are obviously an exceptional Australian and deserve to be recognised.

Congratulations again on your nomination.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Curry Kenny MBE OAM  
 Chairman  
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# Peter Lapko becomes first club captain

CLUB member Peter Lapko has been appointed the first club captain of Paradise Springs.

Peter will chair all match committee meetings, oversee any members' complaints and help to supervise weekly competitions.

As well, Peter will take over the editing of this Paradise Springs Newsletter. The previous editor, Steve Perkin, has decided to return to Melbourne.



Peter Lapko, club captain and newsletter editor.

1982-1984 President  
Western Australian Amateur Golfers Association

1984  
Inaugural member of the Vines Golf Club W.A

1986  
Committee Member and tournament director of Sun City Golf Club W.A.

1995  
Captain Robina Woods Golf Club