

CURRICULUM VITEA - HUGH CRAFT

Personal Details

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Moore College, Sydney NSW (Th.Schol. Dip.REd)
University of Cambridge UK, BA (1971); MA (1974)
Australian National University, Canberra; PhD (2009)
- Marital Status:** Married (3 children)

Professional Background and Experience

- 1971–1992 **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade:** recruited 1971, diplomatic postings to Athens (with Cyprus); Deputy High Commissioner Suva (covering Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu and regional organisations); and London.
- 1979 –1988 **Commonwealth Secretariat London** (on secondment from DFAT), Director, International Affairs Division
- 1992 – 1999 **Environment Australia**, SES level positions in Corporate, Public Affairs, People Management and Environment Protection (Executive).
- 1999 – 2002 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**, Head CHOGM 2001/2002 Task Force.
- Currently: Visiting Fellow, International Relations Program, ANU

Major International Involvement

My experience in international affairs at senior levels is extensive and substantial. As a Foreign Affairs Officer in the Australian diplomatic service I served in overseas postings and headed up policy areas in the Department in Canberra. My secondment to the Commonwealth Secretariat led me into the wider field of international organisations along with multilateral and bilateral dealings and negotiations with a host of institutions and countries on a broad range of initiatives and issues. This

brought me into regular and direct contact with Heads of State/Government, Ministers and senior officials in both Australia and other countries.

The following provides specific examples of my involvement.

- Commonwealth Secretariat/Conference Secretary to CHOGM (New Delhi, 1983; Nassau, 1985; Vancouver, 1987); and to CHOGRM (Suva, 1982; New Delhi, 1984; Port Moresby, 1986).
- Conference Secretary to Commonwealth Senior Officials Meetings in Arusha, Tanzania, 1982; Dacca, Bangladesh 1984; and Bridgetown, Barbados 1986.
- Adviser/ Secretary to Expert/Consultative Groups on Small States (1985/6), Ocean Management (1984) and the Future of the Commonwealth (1985)
- Adviser to the Secretary-General on his involvement in Independent International Commissions (Brandt on International Development Issues; Palme on Common Security; Brundtland on Environment and Development; and Sadruddin Aga Khan/ Prince Hassan (Jordan) on Humanitarian Issues
- Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1979 - 1988.
- Delegate to the UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, New York, 1980 – 81
- Eminent Persons Group to South Africa, 1986 /87, senior member of secretariat support team in South Africa, Southern Africa, Europe and North America
- Security mission to Front Line States, 1988: senior adviser to the Secretary General's special envoy (General Olusegun Obasanjo now President of Nigeria) to Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, and Botswana
- Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to the Pacific Islands Forum Apia, Samoa 1987 following the military coup in Fiji
- Secretary-General, Government Industry Conference Against Chemical Weapons, Canberra 1989 /DFAT;
- Conference Secretary, inaugural APEC Ministerial Meeting, Canberra 1989 / DFAT;
- CEO, World Conservation Union International Conference, Perth 1990/ Environment Australia;
- Member/senior adviser to Commonwealth Electoral Observer Groups to Zimbabwe (1980), Uganda (1984) and Nigeria (2003).

Senior Management Experience

My management experience in senior executive positions has encompassed a wide variety of areas including strategy formulation, human resources, budget, public affairs, event management and the delivery of high profile projects. This has resulted in an extensive network of senior contacts in key government departments and agencies in Canberra and the States, in local and national media, in the NGO/civil society community, the business sector as well as internationally in international organisations and governments.

For example, in my latest position as Head of the CHOGM Task Force in PM&C I was directly responsible for the management of 150 staff, outsourcing and management of 60 contracts and sponsorship arrangements, the provision of regular advice and briefing to the Prime Minister, Ministers, senior staff and officials and the

management of a budget of \$70 million over two financial years. The Coolom
CHOGM in March 2002 was the largest and most prestigious event of its kind ever
held in Australia and its success was widely applauded.