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Michael gained his skills and knowledge in various careers commencing with 14 years in country fire services – building and managing relationships with government agencies and other land managers, co-ordinating fire fighting, and training and supporting volunteer fire brigades.

His time in fire services also involved developing and delivering a range of training and education programs. A genuine interest in this area led to him successfully undertaking an *Associate Diploma in Training and Development* and a *Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Development* at the University of South Australia. In 1986, Michael moved from Tasmania to Adelaide where he managed the South Australian Fire Service's residential State Fire Training College for four years. During this time Michael studied and obtained a *Graduate Diploma in Fire Engineering*.

Michael moved back to Tasmania and worked at Colony 47 where he managed the Training and Employment Programs. In the 7 years at Colony he grew that division from a staff of two and a budget of \$ 150,000 to a staff of 26 with a budget of \$ 2,000,000.

After leaving Colony 47 in 1999, Michael co-founded PDF Management Services Pty Ltd. He is a qualified company director and also has *post graduate qualifications in Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies (Honours)*.

Michael is regularly engaged in the areas of facilitation; as an independent chair and convenor of groups; training; strategic thinking and planning; business development and planning; program design and delivery; resource development; problem solving; evaluation and review; and a broad range of organisational development projects. He is qualified and *licensed provider for the DiSC Behavioural Profiling System*.

Active involvement in the community has been a feature of Michael's adult life. He has been State and National Presidents of the Rural Youth Organisation, a founding and Executive Member of the Agfest Field Days Organising Committee and former a board member of Regional Development Australia, the Tasmanian Rural Financial Counselling Services, the Tasmania Taxi and Hire Car Association (vice president), the Rural Industry Training Board; and numerous other organisations, boards and committees.

Michael is currently a member of the University of Tasmania Animal Ethics Committee and a member of the Tasmanian Food Security Council. He is currently the secretary of the Tea Tree Community Association; director and company secretary of a property investment trust; member of the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee and a member of the Rural Youth and the Agfest finance committee which oversees the organisation's multi-million dollar budgets and finances; and a trustee for the Tasmanian Outdoor Leadership Trust.

Michael has owned and operated small businesses in the areas of limousines and hire cars, a travel agent, newsagency and supermarket and currently operates abalone licences, taxis and a 1,400 farming property at Tea Tree which he manages in partnership with his mum.