

VICE PRESIDENT

Brett Smith



I am a leader with more than 25 years' experience in the maritime industry, an operations specialist with highly developed communications and people skills and a qualified workplace trainer with a track record of continuous improvement to organisational systems and safety processes.

My professional experience includes:

- VTSO & PORT OFFICER, Port Authority of NSW (2017 – Current). My current role is as a Vessel Traffic Service Operator in Sydney VTS.
- DCV MARITIME AUSTRALIA, Operations, Logistics & Training (2014 – 2017). This involved working independently within the Maritime Industry under contract offering services in marine operations, compliance, management and training to various organisations.
- OPERATIONS MANAGER, Transdev Brisbane Ferries (2008 – 2014). Over the 6-year period I was in this role, I managed the expansion of the operation to a fleet of 28 vessels and 170 crew.
- FERRY MASTER and TRAINING MASTER, Sydney Ferries Corporation (2000 – 2008). During this time I completed my Master 4 and was a Master in the Freshwater Class for 5 years.
- TUG MASTER, SBLS, Adsteam Logistics (1999 – 2000). I was granted leave from Sydney Ferries to work for Stannard Brothers Launch Services / Adsteam Logistics.

My experience with Sydney Heritage Fleet includes the following:

2020 - 2022: SWAP Project Team developing Towage Plans and Safety Management Systems for the movements of John Oxley, Kanangra and the Sea Heritage Dock between Rozelle and Garden Island.

2019 - Project Coordinator for the SHF / Protex visit to the Davistown Wooden Boat Festival.

2018 - Current: Chairman of the restoration committee for MV Kanangra.

2017 - Current: Joined the John Oxley Restoration Committee providing assistance in the development of operational procedures as Ships Master.

2017 – Current: Trained as Master aboard the Tugs Bronzewing and Currawong.

2008 - 2017: While living in Brisbane, I maintained contact with SHF, coming down a few times a year to volunteer. I also was a Director of the Queensland Maritime Museum and volunteered with Steam tug Forceful during this period.

2001 - 2008: Chairman of the first restoration committee formed for MV Kanangra. Kanangra.

2001 - 2003: Board Director Sydney Maritime Museum (Sydney Heritage Fleet).

1997 - 2005: Executive Master SL Lady Hopetoun. Trained as Master ST Waratah, Protex, Berrima and Harman.

1988 - 1993: Volunteered in guiding at Sydney Seaport, maintenance, restoration and crewing activities aboard Kanangra, James Craig, Waratah, Lady Hopetoun, Protex and the 27' Whaler.

1988 - At the age of 12 I joined the Sydney Maritime Museum as an active volunteer. I was signed up by Mary Swanson at the Birkenhead Point Museum site.