

I was born in 1968 in country Victoria, where I grew up immersed in farm life. Despite initially feeling burdened by the additional chores that came with it, I later came to cherish this upbringing for instilling in me a grounded belief system and a strong work ethic.

During my childhood, I vividly recall watching the weather forecast, often fixating on a large sun icon atop the weather map, accompanied by the name Cairns. Intrigued by this distant destination, I fantasized about escaping the freezing temperatures I endured while riding my bike to the bus stop.

My first significant move wasn't to Cairns, however; it was to Coffs Harbour, where I pursued a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. While working in hospitality, I had the fortune to experience diverse cultures, having worked in Japan, PNG, and Fiji. Upon returning to Australia from Fiji in 2002, I assumed a role as a Resort Manager in the Whitsundays. Several years later, I finally made my way to Cairns, where I managed resorts, hotels, and cruise ships. It was during this time in Cairns that I was blessed with two wonderful children who continue to keep me busy to this day.

Amidst the uncertainty brought on by the Global Financial Crisis, I decided to pursue a childhood passion and became a Certified Practising Accountant. I first completed a graduate certificate in Management, followed by a master's in professional accounting. After relocating to North Lakes, Brisbane, I undertook additional studies to achieve my goal of becoming a Certified Practising Accountant. Now, with a small but successful accounting practice established, I am eager to give back to the community I call home. I look forward to offering my expertise to Blind Bats Inc.