

PAUL WHEELTON OAM



CAREER

Bachelor of Commerce
Melbourne University 1978

Wheelton Group of Companies
Managing Director - 1986 to date

Budget Rent a Car
Group Manager Accounting &
Administration 1979 - 1986

COMMITTEES

Wheelton Philanthropy
Chairman - 2000 to date

Bali Children Foundation
Chairman - 2008 to date

Life Education Victoria
Chairman - 1999 to 2014
Non-Executive Chairman - 2014 to date

Order of Australia Association
Victoria Branch
Chairman - 2015 to date

Australia Day Ambassador - 2013 to date

Blue Ribbon Day Community Council
Board Member - 2013 to date

Box Hill Hawks Football Club
Director - 2014 to date

Pancare Foundation
Deputy Chair - 2015 to date

St Thomas Anglican Church
Vestry Member - 1986 to date
Former Treasurer & Current Auditor

Neighbourhood Watch
Ambassador - 2015 to date

Paul started life in Kyogle Queensland in 1956 as the youngest of four children. His parents, who were “10 pound Poms” understood the value of education and borrowed the money to send him to a private school.

After finishing as Dux of Camberwell Grammar, he went onto Melbourne University graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1978. While at University he started part time work under the guidance and watchful eye of Bob Ansett, the founder of Budget Rent a Car.

Paul worked his way up through the company and was Chief Accountant and Group Manager for Administration and Finance for the Budget Corporation over a 13 year period.

For the last 30 years he has been Managing Director and owner of the largest Budget Rent a Car Franchise Group in Australia.

15 years ago, with the knowledge that he had built a strong and loyal management team, he moved into the charitable field and now spends the majority of his time working in the “Not for Profit” sector.

Paul was awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2009 for services to a range of children’s charities to which he has actively contributed. As well as being the patron of several charities, Paul is a Board Member of Life Education Australia Foundation, Blue Ribbon Day Community Board, Order of Australia Association National Board, Pancare Foundation and Box Hill Hawks Football Club. He is a founding Board Member and Chairman of the Bali Children Foundation which, with his family via Wheelton Philanthropy, has helped to rebuild several Children’s Homes (Orphanages) and provides an educational pathway for disadvantaged Balinese Children.

Paul delivered the inaugural Oration on “Inspiring Philanthropy” at Federation Square in Melbourne in 2014. His latest major philanthropic supports include the Wheelton Centre – the new senior school at Camberwell Grammar, the Wheelton Knowledge Centre-the new library at Strathcona Girls Grammar and Wheelton Philanthropy is a lead funder for the Northern Hospital Research and Training Hub.

Paul tries to balance his busy life by supporting his beloved Hawthorn football club, walking and also travelling to different places around the world. His travels always remind him that he lives in the best country in the world, with the advantages that we have in freedom, culture, food, climate, sport, art and people.