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Ecolibrium

Tall timber

Brisbane is home to
Australia's tallest CLT building.



DOWNTOWN DAVID BROWN

The long-time Adelaide-based member is commercial property manager for Global Intertrade, a private Spanish-owned company.

RESPONSIBILITIES

My main roles are the management, leasing, financial attributes, contracts and redevelopment of the 12 mainly office buildings Global Intertrade owns in and around Adelaide.

I am involved in the maintenance and engineering also.

Realistically, I'm an all-rounder who does all from fault-finding to approving capital expenditure to leasing.

SPECIALTY

I'd say that my specialty is developing the outcome, whether it's leasing to a new tenant, providing to their needs, or upgrades to buildings and building services.

I'm very analytical. That's why I was good when on the tools and have been able to develop into a senior position but with a practical background.

I started with the company with a task to make a portfolio of older buildings occupiable, safe and attractive but within financial restraints, which I've done.

PASSIONS

Within work, my portfolio and as an adjunct supporting the industry that has taught me so much. I've never wanted to just "do my time".

Therefore, I've been a past treasurer and president of AIRAH's SA division committee; past national director of AIRAH; past president of IPEA SA; and am currently secretary of CIBSE SA.

Building services is a passion too, particularly AC fire and building codes, having completed a Graduate Certificate in Air Conditioning (Code Compliance) and Graduate Certificate in Building and Fire Codes as additional training.

CHALLENGES

Currently, my biggest challenge is competition in the leasing market and keeping reasonably high occupation levels. It's a very competitive industry.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All aspects are important and part of the package. I've used TAFE, uni, AIRAH, CIBSE, and not to underestimate simple networking and attending institution presentations.

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INSPIRING WORDS

Both in personal and work life, sometimes you can get tunnel vision or out of your comfort zone so I like this quote:

"We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us." – Joseph Campbell

But, *"Patience is the art of losing one's temper slowly"* is another good one.

FAVOURITE DESTINATION

Anything country really, particularly the Victorian high country. However, the Flinders Ranges in South Australia is my particular paradise where I can unwind.

FUTURE PLANS

I'd like to plan for and implement the demolition and redevelopment of the sites presently under my control before I retire.

This was an objective when starting with the company 14 years ago.

Then hook the caravan on, ignore the phone, and tour Australia. ■