

Shields, Brett (from The Forester March 2008)

Brett Shields has been approved as a Registered Professional Forester in the category of Specialist in Bushfire Management and Planning with experience in risk assessment and international aid.

A summary of Stephens work history and experience is listed below.

Brett has 15 years of management, operations and technical experience in the forestry and conservation sectors. He has five years of international experience in development conservation, working with international aid and donor agencies and has specialist skills and experience in the field of bushfire management.

Brett completed his Bachelor of Science (Forestry) (Honours) at Australian National University in 1992 and Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Macquarie Graduate School of Management in 1998.

NSW Forestry Commission - Trainee Forester (1988 - 1989 as field year, followed by 4 years at ANU) State Forests of NSW - Planning and Operations Forester, Morisset District (1992 - 1994) State Forests of NSW - Media Liaison Officer, Head Office (1994 - 1995) State Forests of NSW - Fire Management Officer, Head Office (1995 - 1999).

Metis Associates -An international consulting company specialising in the field of fire management predominantly in South East Asia (2000 -2005). Metis Associates was focussed in the field of fire management to more widely improve outcomes in Australia and overseas;

GHD Pty Ltd - Principal, Forests and Environment, specialising in bushfire management (2006 -2007). This was a new area of business for GHD and was tasked with establishing it as a core area of business to support its environment team. GHD now has 5 bushfire analysts as a part of 500 person strong environment team and more than 5500 staff operating in 12 countries. GHD is an Australian owned staff shareholder company.

GHD Pty Ltd - Office Manager, Nowra (2007 - ongoing). Diversifying into the management side of GHD has realised some of the business skills previously trained and developed. Nowra Office has 16 staff in the fields of Planning, Environment, Engineering and Project Management.