Paul Cave AM

PROFILE

Paul Cave was born in 1945 in Newcastle where he attended Newcastle Boys High School. He completed a Commerce/ Economics degree part-time at the University of NSW, on a Commonwealth scholarship.

Following a career in Marketing and General Management for B & D Roll-A-Door, in 1974 at age 29, founded and created the Amber Group. Amber became Australia's largest tile and paving retailer. In 1996, sold his 100% interest in Amber to staff, via a management buy-out.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge is particularly special to him because his late father-in-law, then as a teenager, lined up overnight on the 19th March 1932, the day the Bridge was opened, and purchased the first rail ticket sold to the public for crossing the Bridge on 20th March 1932 - ticket number 00001, from Wynyard Station to Milson's Point. Having inherited this rail ticket, he will never forget the significance of this ticket, or indeed the journey it has subsequently taken him on.

In 1989 he helped conduct a YPO (Young Presidents Organisation) World Congress in Sydney, including a climb over the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The personal dream to share the Summit of the Bridge with everyone was born.

Finally, 9 years later, on October 1st 1998, BridgeClimb was officially launched. Paul is the Chairman and Founder of BridgeClimb.

In 2008 BridgeClimb was awarded the highest national tourism accolade, winning the Australian Tourism Award for Major Tourist Attractions. BridgeClimb has sold well over 2.8 million tickets to climb the Bridge including 600,000 Gift Certificates.

Paul receives many requests to do a variety of public speaking ranging from Business Groups, through to Community Organisations, Charities, and Education. He has completed over 200 public speaking engagements since the opening of BridgeClimb. Where fees are applicable for speaking, 100% of these go to charities such as Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA; Sydney Head & Neck Cancer Institute, Hunter Melanoma Foundation, and Northcott Society etc.

On June 14th, 2010, Paul was cited in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to the tourism industry in NSW. Named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) with his citation also describing his service to the community as a supporter of a range of health, sporting and charitable organisations.

In March 2008, the UNSW announced Paul as the recipient of the 2007 Alumni Award for Achievement for outstanding contribution to Business and Commerce.

National Entrepreneur of the Year (Business) 2001, and has continued his association with the program as a National Judge in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

2009 National Chairman of Judges for Entrepreneur of the Year.

Australian Export Heroes 2002/3 Award.

Rotary honoured him in 2003, as a Paul Harris Fellow for achievements in business, and support of their humanitarian project in Mongolia, by providing an "Open Heart" Catheter Laboratory.

Past National, and NSW Chairman, of Enterprise Workshop.

Member of W.P.O. (World Presidents Organisation) and previously Y.P.O.

Chairman - Clyde Bank Holdings (Aust.) Pty. Ltd; Director of public company Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd; Director of InterRisk Australia Pty. Ltd.

Director of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA; UNSW Advisory Council Member; UNSW Alumni Leader; Patron of Hunter Melanoma Foundation.

Son of the late Les Cave AO, who was Managing Director and Vice-Chairman of ACI. His brother, Phillip Cave AM is Chairman of Anchorage Capital Partners, and Bisalloy Steel.

His other interests include squash, fitness, and collecting Sydney Harbour Bridge artefacts, and memorabilia (5,000 pieces).

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