

## **CV – Wayne Monks (Tour Operator and Owner)**

Professionally I am semi-retired as a Fellow CPA with a Bachelor of Business Degree in Accounting and also have a Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management.

I have over twenty five years experience at a senior executive level and I previously worked in senior financial and commercial roles in the private sector and more recently as a volunteer within the not for profit sector and have been a member of a number of Boards of Management in both sectors.

I worked for Western Mining Corporation for 20 years and spent a similar time working in the Eastern Goldfields in the gold and nickel exploration/ mining industries and more recently I have set up a business consultancy in corporate governance, risk management, OH&S and financial management

I have an intrinsic and passionate interest in eco-tourism having been involved in conservation and environmental work for around ten years (and a member of many groups) and I also have a strong empathy with supporting local communities. I have an appreciation of the geological landforms with the associated fauna and flora and also with embracing the many indigenous tribal cultures across Australia.

Some of my experiences with the outdoors and ecotourism include:

- a) Been a camper over many years throughout Western Australia and Victoria and toured through outback areas
- b) Travelled to India twice to work on rescued bear sanctuaries and to visit national game parks and travelled to Cambodia and Laos to work on rescued bear sanctuaries
- c) Travelled on safari to Botswana and Zimbabwe and visited game parks and viewed conservation programs
- d) Travelled with a big “mob” and the local indigenous Goolarabooloo tribe along the Lurijarri Trail north of Broome for 9 nights
- e) Have resided in country communities for over 30 years including 20 years in the Eastern Goldfields of WA
- f) Established bus tours of local mining operations at Norseman and Meekatharra in coordination with local tourist information centres
- g) Completed reconnaissance trips of the “Holland Track” and adjoining regions to determine and assess particular aspects of those trips that will inspire tourists to visit