

Rob Staples – Honorary Treasurer FFA Inc.



Rob lives with his wife Cathy on their rural property in the NSW Snowy Mountains about 10km from the township of Berridale. They have three grown children.

Professional Background - Rob is the Principal of his own engineering consultancy (Robert Staples and Associates) and holds a range of qualifications including a MBA, Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and a Graduate Diploma in Local Government Management. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Works Engineers, Australia. Rob has 25 years experience as a Local Government professional and has held senior engineering and corporate positions at executive level for some 13 years. Early in his career he specialised in urban development and municipal infrastructure development, primarily in water supply and sewerage services, before turning to corporate management and corporate financial, administrative and public policy development. He began his business as a consulting engineer and project manager in March 2000 and draws on his experience in providing professional advice on municipal infrastructure development, civil engineering, land development, tourism infrastructure and strategic infrastructure management. He is an experienced project manager specialising in municipal infrastructure development. Recent projects include the development of the Snowy River Shire Council Management Plans between 1995 and 1999 inclusive; Project Director for the Perisher Range Resorts Infrastructure Upgrade Project from Nov.2000 to June 2007 (an \$80M capital works project), Project Manager for South Jindabyne Expansion Area Access Design and author of Developer Contribution Plans, various asset management plans and business plans.

Fly Fishing Background - Rob was introduced to the world of fly fishing in late 1994 when through his work and his close friendship with Neil Charter (Wild Creek Rods) he became involved in the NSW bid to hold the 1999 World Fly Fishing Championships based in the Snowy Mountains. The bid was successful and Rob was appointed as the Secretary to the World Championships Organising Committee. The next five years of his life were consumed with endless meetings and planning for the event. Ironically it wasn't until December 1998 that he first took up fly fishing whilst on a fact finding visit to the National Championships based at Bronte Park in Tasmania. He caught his first fish on fly, a small beautifully marked brownie, on a 'Red Tag' in the Neive River not far from Bronte Park under the guidance of close friend Tony Edwards. Since then he has competed in a number of NSW and Victorian Championships and for the first time the Nationals at Falls Creek in 2007. He has also had three fishing trips to the South Island of New Zealand. Rob has been a member of FFA since 1998.