

## EXPERT RESOURCE PROFILE – LINDSAY FOX AC

*“Leadership education is in life...”*



Lindsay Fox was born in Sydney in 1937; attending a school for academically gifted boys until quitting at the age of 16 to become a truck driver like his father. He was described as a ‘brilliant’ student, just one that no one knew what to teach.

At the ripe age of 19, Lindsay convinced a trucking yard to sell him his first truck.

Today, Linfox is one of the largest privately owned Australian-based transport and warehousing groups with operations in 11 countries.

The Linfox Group employs more than 30,000 people, operates warehousing the size of 250 Melbourne Cricket Ground’s, a fleet of more than 6,000 vehicles and carries out distribution operations for major global companies.

Lindsay has extensive involvement in Australian and International circles and apart from his business interests is well recognised and active in community based sport and charity work.

From September 1992 to December 1993, Lindsay Fox together with Bill Kelty of the ACTU introduced a national campaign called ‘Work for Australia’. This campaign encouraged companies and local communities to generate jobs for the unemployed with the aid of Government subsidies and programs. Upon conclusion, over 60,000 jobs were pledged through their efforts and Lindsay and Bill were awarded ‘Victorians of the Year’ by the Sunday Age. The success of this campaign set the foundations for NETTFORCE.

Though no longer involved in the day-to-day operations of Linfox, leaving management to his sons, the business has tripled in size since the succession some 20 years ago. As one of the largest family run businesses in Australia, Lindsay’s legacy was to teach his children the process of outcomes, and like those that grow up on a farm, learn from the grassroots.

An avid collector and sports fan, some of Lindsay’s property portfolio includes the ownership of the historic Melbourne amusement park Luna Park, more than 100 vintage cars on display to the public and a race track.

Lindsay resides in Melbourne with his family, including 14 grandchildren.

### Why 2020 Exchange

As one of Australia’s most successful entrepreneurs, Lindsay Fox is renowned for his blue collar values where authenticity and loyalty is part of his unique leadership style. Lindsay Fox stated in one interview...

*“You can buy networks, but you can’t buy friendships”.*

With a drive to chase innovation and growth, Lindsay built a long lasting brand that is still surmountable today on an international stage.

It is this extraordinary leadership that aligns Lindsay with 2020 Exchange.



## **Current Positions**

Founder, Linfox

Founder of Fox Family Foundation

Patron of Asialink

Non-Executive Director of Premier Investments Limited

Honorary Board Member for the Committee for Melbourne

Patron-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Army Transport Museum Committee

Board member for the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver

## **Past Positions**

Former Director of Coles Myer

Former Director of Eastern Airlines, USA

Former Director of Continental Airlines, USA

Former Director of Morrison Knudsen, USA

Former Board member for YPO World, USA

Former Commissioner of the Australian Sports Commission

Former player and Chair of the St Kilda Football Club of the Australian Football League

Former Chair of the Ways and Means Committee for the papal tour of Australia

## **Awards and Honours**

- 1992 Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for contribution to Transport and the Community
- 2008 Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for continued service to the transport and logistics industries, to business through the development and promotion of youth traineeships, and to the community through a range of philanthropic endeavors
- 2010 Admitted to the degree of Doctor of the University *honoris causa* via Victoria University
- 2011 B'nai B'rith Australia Gold Medal for Distinguished Community Service, Philanthropy and Commerce
- 2012 Honorary Doctorate Degree in Logistics Engineering from the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
- 2012 Honoree by the American Association Limited for his ongoing commitment to the Australia-American relationship through business and philanthropy
- 2012 Cross of the German Order in Merit in recognition of outstanding contribution to German-Australia relations by the German Ambassador, Dr Christoph Muller