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Career history

- Director, Community Solutions (1993 - present)
- Consultant to Federal Environment Minister (1990 -1992)
- National environmental advocate with The Wilderness Society (1987-1990)
- Research scientist (1971-1987)
- Elected Local Government representative, Manly (1999 -2008)
- President, North Head Sanctuary Foundation (2003 - present)
- President, Manly Friends of Oecusse (2008 - present)

Areas of key interest and expertise

Judy has a particular interest in the interface between the social and environmental aspects of sustainable living. She has considerable experience working in the interactions between primary production, biodiversity protection and natural resource management and is committed to a future in which integrated management sees our unique Australian landscapes managed sustainably in a changing climate.

Skills

Judy works especially with the multiplicity of interests involved in achieving sustainability in both rural and urban areas. She has a particular interest in improving the links between scientific knowledge, policy and on-ground expertise. Her training and experience in environmental, social and medical sciences and in business administration, and her career spanning research, government policy work as a ministerial consultant, and community sector advocacy equip her well to interact effectively with a diversity of interests. Sound organisational and project management skills have seen her coordinate a diversity of NRM project teams over many years.

In 2006 Judy was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the community through a range of policy development and coordination roles within the conservation and environment movement, and to local government.

Relevant work includes:

- **Hotspots Fire Project Facilitator**

Since 2007 Judy has been an independent facilitator and strategic adviser to the Hotspots Fire Project. This project, hosted by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and by the Rural Fire Service, brings together a diversity of agencies and other organisations with an interest in fire management. The Hotspots Fire Project uses leading edge fire science, community engagement and knowledge management to work with landholders and land managers to enhance the ways in which fire is managed to achieve both life and asset protection and the conservation of biodiversity within a changing climate. (Ongoing)

- **Roebuck Bay Management Planning**

At various intervals since 2004, Judy and her former business partner Jane Elix have completed community engagement, facilitation and research work towards the development of a Plan of Management for the Ramsar-listed Roebuck Bay wetlands. Both a sound understanding of the science underpinning the management of this complex and ecologically significant area and an ability to work with sectors as diverse as Traditional Owners who have gained Native Title to the area and the oil & gas industry have been critical to progress of this project. (2004, 2006 and current)

- **Defeating the Weed Menace R&D Coordinator**

Between June 2006 and June 2009 Judy was the Program Coordinator for the research and development component of the national weeds program known as Defeating the Weed Menace. Hosted by Land & Water Australia, the program has managed a suite of 27 research projects designed to improve knowledge for the management of weeds of national priority. As the Program Coordinator Judy was responsible for the day-to-day management of the program, and placed emphasis on bringing together research scientists, policy and program staff and on-ground managers involved in meeting the challenges weeds present to both rural production and the environment. At the conclusion of the program Judy organised and facilitated a national series of weeds R&D knowledge forums designed to maximise awareness of this work. For the full set of products Judy has managed during this program go to www.lwa.gov.au/weeds. (2006 - Oct 2009)

- **Restoring Landscapes with Confidence**

Working with Siwan Lovett, Professor Jann Williams and Dr Phil Price, Judy completed a project evaluating the science underpinning large-scale landscape restoration, the methods currently in use and their on-ground application. This project, completed as a consultancy to Land & Water Australia's Native Vegetation and Biodiversity Program, highlighted the important role that social and institutional factors will play in successful landscape-scale restoration in Australia. (2008)

- **Robbins Passage/Boullanger Bay Management Planning**

Working with local landholders, commercial and recreational fishers, Indigenous interests, WWF Australia and others, Judy and Jane Elix brought together the diversity of interests in this significant coastal area in the far north-west of Tasmania to develop a management plan for the area. Invasive species were but one of several pressures on this wetland of national significance. (2005 – 2006)

- **North Australia Program NRM Coordinator**

Judy has previously worked as the NRM Coordinator for Meat & Livestock Australia's North Australia Program. In this role she was responsible for ensuring that sustainable use and management of natural resources became an integral part of beef production in the arid, semi-arid and tropical savanna lands of northern Australia. (1999 – 2001)

- **Local Government - Urban sustainability**

In addition to her rural work, Judy regularly undertakes sustainability projects with local governments in Sydney and elsewhere. Most recently she has been working with Emeritus Professor Valerie Brown as an external facilitator for the Urban Sustainability Support Alliance – a consortium of local government, state agency and other organisations seeking to enhance partnerships for sustainability at local level.

Based on her role as an invited lecturer in both undergraduate and graduate courses in Environmental Planning at Macquarie University, Judy also served during 2008 as a member of the advisory panel for accreditation of these courses.

In 2006 Judy and Jane Elix conducted the community engagement aspects of an award-winning Urban Development Strategy completed with SGS Planning & Economics for Marrickville Council.

Further details of clients and projects undertaken are available at www.communitysolutions.com.au

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