

Show chief busy on all fronts

Energy industry executive, climate change ambassador, poverty-reduction worker --- it's a wonder Peter Israel has time to be the Brookfield Show Society president as well.

Add to that three teenaged offspring, and it proves the adage of giving a job to a busy man.

Peter (*pictured*) was elected unopposed as president at the society's annual general meeting earlier this year.

His executive team is made up mainly of existing committee members taking on new and more demanding roles ---- Brookfield lawyer Catherine Ryan has become secretary after serving as assistant, and cattle Moggill cattle breeder Andrew O'Hara has added the treasurer's role to his existing chief cattle steward duties.

After a few months in the saddle, Peter says the role is everything he expected it to be and he is as impressed as he expected with all of the volunteers who make the annual Brookfield Show happen.

"Doing your bit in your community for a couple of years you help preserve what it is that makes Brookfield the best place in Australia to live," he said.

"The team that works on this event is made up of a great bunch of truly motivated people."

Peter brings a range of experience to the job, including 10 years living in Brookfield. A former naval officer, qualified oceanographer, investment banker and, for the past 10 years an executive with Origin Energy, he was also a committee member of Brookfield Neighbourhood Watch --- a role he will give up for the show presidency.

For part of this year, Peter's taken time away from Origin focus on climate change and poverty-reduction in the Third World --- a passion he shares with his wife Leah.

This year they will travel to Indonesia and to Europe as part of their work on their "causes" ---- in between Brookfield Show commitments, of course.

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