

## **Resume: Robert Hessing - June 2010**

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### **Profile**

I have recently completed the course Property Practice at the Institute of Strata Title Management. This diploma allows me to register as a Strata Manager at the Office of Fair Trading (NSW). I also have skills as a Mediator. I have attended several workshops and courses given by experienced Mediators. During the courses and following training sessions I did several simulated and also real mediations. Born in the Netherlands, I recently moved to Australia, together with my Australian wife Penny and our daughter Pia. I am an Australian permanent resident.

Strata Management is a career shift for me - I previously worked in journalism. From 2007 till 2010 I lived in India in the international cultural township Auroville, where I worked as an 'honorary volunteer' for OutreachMedia, the press liaison institute for (international) journalists, and as a writer for the English newspaper Auroville Today.

During my career of more than 30 years I worked in top companies, where excellence was the norm. I was, amongst other positions, Chief of Staff for the Breakfast News on commercial national TV station RTL4 in The Netherlands, and Program Leader of Radio Noord-Holland, which is the public broadcaster for Amsterdam and surrounding cities. From 1995 till 2007 I had my own production company in The Netherlands, Rob Hessing Producties. During these years I worked for a number of radio and TV companies on short to longer contracts, in addition to writing stories for print and internet outlets.

People have always enjoyed working with me, for I am honest, knowledgeable, friendly and accurate. Besides that people say that I am 'a natural' in problem solving. I have boosted my mediation skills by attending courses given by specialists. My teachers were Swedish international mediator Karl Rung (who currently works in Thailand) and French mediator and lawyer Annie Ballin.

## Education

- Property Practice CPP07 at the Institute of Strata Title Management in Sydney (May 2010). This certificate allows for my registration as a Strata Manager at the Office of Fair Trading (NSW)).
- Two workshops in Mediation, basic and advanced, using Non Violent Communication (NVC), (Jan-Feb 2010, Auroville, India). Facilitator was international mediator Karl Rung from Sweden.
- One workshop and weekly follow up trainings in Mediation (March-April 2010, Auroville, India) Facilitator was French lawyer and mediator Annie Ballin.
- Being a journalist for more than 30 years I learnt many of my skills on the job guided by experienced news producers at ANP in the late '70s and at the RTL TV studios in the early '90s.
- I also did many short courses provided by the companies I worked for, including a TV Master class by renowned television producer Jaap Brand (Hilversum, 1997), and a Certificate in Television Production (Video Education Centre, Deventer, Netherlands, 1995).
- My earlier education was High School followed by studies in Economics and Marketing.
- I speak fluent English, German and Dutch, and some French and Spanish.

## Work summary

1976	Newsreader/announcer for offshore radio station Radio Mi Amigo.
1977	Local correspondent for regional newspaper Veluws Dagblad.
1978–81	Producer and newsreader for telephonic news service ANP, freelancer for local newspaper Zoetermeerse Courant.
1981	Freelance reporter for national news program NCRV Hier en Nu radio.
1981–85	Reporter and presenter for regional radio station Radio Oost, later renamed Omroep Gelderland.

- 1985–88 Reporter, presenter and co-coordinator for national radio program Veronica Nieuwsradio.
- 1988–90 Program leader for Radio Noord-Holland, a regional radio station including the city of Amsterdam.
- 1990–94 Chief of Staff and occasional presenter for the national breakfast TV program, RTL Ontbijtnieuws.
- 1994 Sabbatical year, journey around the world.
- 1995–2007 Under the umbrella of Rob Hessing Producties:  
Worked continuously for the radio department of ANP (Dutch equivalent of Reuters) and for national broadcaster RTL Nieuws (television and radio); several years for regional station TV8 Brabant / Omroep Brabant TV, daily national newspaper Trouw, Radio and TV Gelderland, Het Parool (newspaper based in Amsterdam); occasional freelance work for TV Rijnmond, AD Magazine, Travel Magazine Azie, International radio station Radio Netherlands, VPRO, TV Flevoland, Omroep Zeeland TV News reports (video & writing) in Ghana, Kenya, India, Nepal, Tibet, Easter Island, Sri Lanka.
- 2007-2010 Honorary voluntary worker in Auroville, international township in India, writer for newspaper 'Auroville Today' and press liaison officer for OutreachMedia.