

Mark Featherstone	
Current Employer – Role	Manager – Building & Compliance for Local Government
Previous Employer – Roles	Fire Safety Officer & Health and Building Surveyor
Qualifications	<p>Level A1 Accredited Certifier - Building Professionals Board</p> <p>Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying – University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Associate Diploma in Applied Science – Sydney Technical College</p> <p>Numerous certificates/courses in management, training, coaching and conditioning. On-going professional development required to maintain the highest building certification level.</p>
Directorships	<p>Current Director/Vice Captain St George Rowing Club</p> <p>Previously I have filled in as a casual vacancy as Vice Captain and Vice President.</p>
Rowing Experience	<p>Commenced rowing in Surf in 1982.</p> <p>I competed at Open level for 29 years and during this time I was fortunate enough to compete in a number of teams at Branch, State and National level.</p> <p>Whilst rowing in the surf I also rowed stillwater at Haberfield, Drummoyne and St George.</p> <p>Along the way I have been privileged enough to be coached and mentored by a variety of good people with varying personalities from all walks of life with diverse backgrounds, including those at an Olympic level in various sports.</p> <p>Since 2011 I have been fortunate enough to meet a number of young men and women through coaching at St George Rowing Club. This has taught me a lot and allowed me an opportunity to try and pass on a little to help develop people through a good work ethic, innovation, culture and hopefully enabling them to present themselves.</p>
Experience / Accomplishments	<p>My work in local government involves management of the Building Compliance Department, consisting of Building Surveyors, Fire Officers and Compliance Officers and administrative staff. This involves regular liaison with wide ranging groups of stakeholders, including building professionals, local businesses, residents, politicians, media outlets, SafeWork NSW, the Building Professionals Board, the Department of Planning, State Ombudsman and both the NSW Licencing Police and Fire & Rescue NSW.</p>

	<p>My role includes the management of staff and a multi-million dollar budget; as well as enforcing compliance and certification on behalf of Council.</p> <p>Further experience includes providing expert witness in the local, criminal, Land & Environment and Supreme Courts, serving on the Disability Access Committee and as a founding member of the Eastern Suburbs Liquor Accord. I have also served on disciplinary panels through my involvement with Surf Lifesaving.</p>
<p>Volunteer / Community Work</p>	<p>My voluntary roles as a Coach and Vice-Captain of Como Boatshed are very rewarding. In 2016 I was awarded NSW Volunteer Coach of the Year. After many rewarding years as a competitor I am pleased to be able to promote the sport of rowing and offer what help I can to current and future generations of rowers.</p> <p>I am a long service member of Coogee Surf Life Saving Club, after doing many years of voluntary patrols on Sydney's beaches. I am interested in rowing in all its forms and continue to serve as the technical coach for Coogee's rowing section.</p>