

STEWART A. BAIRD



I was apprenticed as an Automotive Engineer and after a few years in various workshops I took on the management of the Silver Top Depot in Dynon Road Kensington which was the largest Taxi Depot in Australia.

I eventually bought this business and ran it for many years. It was the biggest fastest and cheapest taxi depot in Australia for taxi repairs and servicing.

Both my eldest son and my daughter joined our business and we decided that we had the Skills and resources to operate taxis as we had an excellent relationship with Silver Top.

We then took on other peoples assignments and built our fleet up to over twenty. and every thing was going fine.

I had two licenses that I owned outright when they were paid for..

We operated these licenses until it was not practical to operate, as drivers had .abandoned us to set themselves up with UBER. Around this time the state government Introduced the Bendigo Stock Exchange as the instrument to sell or assign taxi licenses so that all transactions for the sale or assignment of Taxi licenses would be common knowledge and transparent.

TWO TAXI LICENCES FULLY PAID FOR FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SUPER ANNUATION FUND AS WE WERE WELL PAST THE AGE OF RETIREMENT. ALL WE SALVAGED FROM THIS DEBACLE WAS TWO PIECES OF PAPER. THE PAY BACK WAS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. WE HAVE COMPLETELY DIVORCED OURSELVES FROM THE TAXI INDUSTRY . WE ARE SURVIVING !!!

Faithfully.....