



The Carbine Club of NSW

Peter Beattie AC

Born: Sydney 1952

Carbine Club Member Since: 2018

Peter is a former Australian politician who served as the 36th Premier of Queensland, in office from 1998 to 2007. He was the state leader of the Labor Party from 1996 to 2007.

He worked as a lawyer, union secretary and ALP State Secretary before entering politics. Beattie was elected to the Queensland Legislative Assembly at the 1989 state election.

He served as a Health Minister from 1995 to 1996 under Wayne Goss, and then replaced Goss as party leader following a change in government.

As leader of the opposition, Beattie led the Labor Party back to power at the 1998 election, and won further victories at the 2001, 2004 and 2006 elections. He retired in 2007 and was succeeded by his deputy Anna Bligh.

After retiring as Premier, Peter was appointed to a series of corporate government and academic boards and held numerous academic roles.

In 2016, Beattie was made chairman of the organising committee for the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

He was appointed a Commissioner of the Australian Rugby League Commission in July, 2017 and Chair in February 2018 and Deputy Chair of the Rugby League International Federation (RLIF) in November, 2018.

Peter joined the board of the Medical research Commercialisation Fund in July 2010 and became Chair in July, 2019.

In 2001, Peter was awarded the Centenary Medal for his contribution to Queensland. In 2012, he was named a Companion of the Order of Australia for "eminent service to the Parliament and community of Queensland, through initiatives in the area of education and training, economic development, particularly in biotechnology, information technology and aviation industries, and to the promotion of international trade.

Peter has been awarded five Honorary Doctorates from The University of Queensland, Griffith University, QUT, Bond University and in the US an honorary Doctor of Laws from University of South Carolina.

Beattie won the first Biotechnology Industry Organisation's inaugural "International Award for Leadership Excellence" in 2008