



**Mr Andrew W. Park**

**Royal Thai Honorary Consul for Queensland**

Andrew Park was appointed Thailand's Honorary Consul for Queensland in March 2016, with the new Consulate premises in Brisbane's CBD opening in May of this year.

Brisbane born, raised and educated, Andrew has been heavily involved in Queensland's Thai community for a number of years. He is currently Vice-President of the Thai-Australian Association of Queensland and Vice-President of Wat Thai Buddharam, Queensland's largest Thai Buddhist temple.

Professionally, he brings to this role a strong background in government and the private sector. For almost ten years he was a political adviser in the Howard Government, including over five years on the staff of then Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, where he worked closely on some of the more complex consular cases of the day.

Following this period he entered the private sector where he was engaged by a wide range of Queensland corporations to provide strategic advice on government affairs and communications, spanning the construction, agriculture, mining, gaming and financial services sectors. His most recent corporate position was working for the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) as Head of External Affairs. He continues to advise as a consultant in this area.

In addition to these professional activities, Andrew also has a strong understanding of the SME sector—he and his Thai-born wife Wasana have launched and successfully operated a number of Thai restaurants in Brisbane over the last decade.

In opening Brisbane's Royal Thai Consulate, Andrew specifically chose to do so in the heart of Brisbane's financial district in order to position the Consulate to best support the promotion and growth of trade and investment flows between Queensland and Thailand. Whilst the provision of consular services to Thai nationals and the issuance of a range of visas form core services the Consulate offers, Andrew's particular focus on trade and investment adds another offering in the suite of services the Consulate provides.

Andrew and Wasana have two over-active cricket and rugby mad sons aged 6 and 7.