

1. What's your name?

NEIL SANDILANDS



2. Please advise your job title and describe your role within Team PBS

Tender and Proposals Manager

3. What was your very first job?

Stringing tennis, squash, and badminton racquets. Great earner, started because my brother was always breaking strings, he played tennis for Scotland.

5. What is one important skill that you think everyone should have?

Put people at ease.

7. What did you want to be when you grew up?

Firefighter then a fighter pilot – was a Top Gun thing, nearly did it too.

9. What are your pet peeves?

Drivers who take the shorter queue and then cut across at the last minute to gain a few car lengths. They must believe they are more important than the rest of us.

11. What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

"We've screwed up much bigger than this"

4. What movie can you watch over and over again?

Dances with Wolves

6. If you could have dinner with any famous person (dead or alive), who would you choose and why?

Douglas Mawson - fascinated to understand the drive and determination to walk across the Antarctic with the skin on your legs and feet falling off, having lost your two companions, eaten husky dogs who became too sick to pull the sleds in the darkness of an Antarctic winter but survive.

8. What would you title your autobiography?

Got There In The End

10. What three words would your family use to describe you?

Loyal, Adventurous, Grumpy :)

12. In the movie of your life, which famous actor/actress would you choose to play you?

Hugh Laurie

13. What's something you think is totally overrated? Tell us why you feel this way...

Social media – the art of conversation is being lost, it is more important to get likes and post rubbish. There is a place for social media but it has become too much of an obsession. I really do sound old!!!

15. What's your favourite food?

Scallops and langoustine freshly caught, a simple pan fry and eat out of the pan with a seaview.

17. What's the bravest thing you have ever done?

Giving CPR in the Australian outback. On a 4x4 outback tour in the middle of nowhere, we came upon an accident when a very big Dutch chap had fallen off a rope swing into a water pool and cracked the back of his head off some tree roots. The guides had started CPR but there was no phone signal. 2 left to get a phone signal and phone the air ambulance whilst they asked for volunteers of the biggest blokes to help with the CPR. We took it in turns for 2.5 hours, air ambulance was not available so had to wait for a road vehicle. Paramedics said he probably died on impact.

19. Tell us something about yourself that would surprise most people who know you.

Big fan of musicals

20. What's the best gift you've ever given someone? Explain...

Being a good listener. It can bring someone out of a really dark place if you just sit and listen, don't even have to do very much.

21. What were your favourite subjects in school?

PE, Maths and Physics

22. What's your order at Happy Hour?

Favourite order was in the US on a work trip years ago where you could get a bucket of beer – 6 bottles of beer in an ice bucket with a bottle opener. Nothing better.

23. If you could send a message out to the entire world, what would it be?

Work hard, play well with others and anything can be accomplished.

24. If you were a potato, how would you like to be cooked?

Roasted

25. Tell us about your important people...

My family, wife Anne and son Jack. Life is about making sure they are happy.

