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EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Zoology (Animal Biology) → Monash University

EXPERIENCE:

Founder & President - Emerging Scientists Network

April 2025 - Present

- Career pathways & industry opportunities for students, recent graduates & young professionals.
- Lectures, panel discussions, workshops, mentoring, film screenings with Q&A etc.

Camera Operator & Science Presenter - WildEarth TV (*Kruger National Park, South Africa*)

Nov 2024 – January 2025

- Live television filming wildlife, presenters & set-based interviews.
- Pitched, produced & hosted a science talk show series, called The Wild Deep Dive.
- Trained in traditional animal tracking, identification & monitoring.

Researcher & Outreach Coordinator - Eco Detection

Nov 2023 – Sept 2024

- Implement SOPs for data collection, analysis & identify growth opportunities.

Education Facilitator - Zoos Victoria

Mar 2021 – Sept 2024

- Present educational programs on animals, conservation & sustainability.

Field Research Scientist - EnviroDNA

May 2023 – Jun 2024

- Platypus surveying, tagging, biological sampling & eDNA analysis.
- Inhouse photographer/videographer

Educator & Presenter - BBC Earth Experience

Dec 2023 – May 2024

- Co-developed the curriculum design & presented interactive workshops.

Lead Sustainability Consultant - Enel Green Energy (solar farms)

Aug 2023 – Dec 2023

- Manage & facilitate a team of four consultants to research co-use of land options.

Science Communication Journalist - STEM Hub

Mar 2023 – Aug 2023

- Research industry insights & pathways, interview professionals & design educational editorials.

Conservation Researcher & Storyteller - National Geographic & The Nature Conservancy

Feb 2023 – May 2023

- Research how Melbourne's freshwater issues impact the distribution of platypus population sizes.
- Final grade of 100% & my project was selected to receive seed funding.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Event Facilitator - Wild Earth Oceania
Australia's first ever international wildlife film festival.

Science Journalist - Cool Green Science
Wrote an article for The Nature Conservancy.

Voice Artist/Presenter - National Geographic
Voice over for MapMaker: World Water Map.

Event Speaker - EarthEcho/GenSea
Presented on digital storytelling in conservation.

Mentee - CoalitionWILD
Global mentorship for conservation changemakers.

Council Member - Royal Society of Victoria
Est. 1854, serving as youth representative.

Editorial Committee - Science Victoria Magazine
Responsible for youth & early career initiatives.

Film Judge & Radio - School Broadcast Network
*- RE-Generation International Youth Film Festival.
- SwitchOn Radio: Walk on the Wild Side.*

Generation Earth Minute Leader - Earth Minutes
Climate & Environmental communications masterclass program

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Dean's Award: Science Communication - Monash University
Academic achievement & contribution to fellow students.

Science Speaking Winner - Let's Torque
Victoria's annual competition, presentation was on biomimicry.

Filmmaking Grant - National Geographic & TNC
Produce, direct & edit a short documentary on the platypus.

Finalist - Melbourne Museum: Top Designs
Created & showcased an immersive surround sound video art exhibition.

Panellist - ACMI: Top Screen Meet the Filmmakers
Presented to over 200 aspiring students as a representative of Top Designs.

SKILLS/OTHER:

Courses:

- Certificate III, Tourism
- Padi Scuba Diver
- Commercial Drone Operator License

Programs & Software

- Office 365 Suite
- Adobe Creative + DaVinci
- GIS + ArcGIS
- RStudio + Leica LAS EZ
- MEGA X-11 + Image J

Non-technical

- Highly interpersonal
- Strong learning adaptability
- Team building leadership
- Emotional intelligence
- Confident communicator

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