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Highly Experienced and Qualified Ecological Guide ~ Environmental Educator

Career Overview		6 years' experience as Tour Guide ~ National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) 7 years' experience Recreational Development ~ BMCC 20 years' experience in Bushcare ~ Regeneration and Coordination – BMCC & NPWS
Current Role		Recreation Development Officer ~ Blue Mountains City Council – 2009 to Current
Qualifications		Certificate IV Modules in Community Co-ordination and Facilitation Certificate II in Agriculture Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment Certificate II in Bush Regeneration and Supervision Bachelor of Natural Resources
Background as Ecological/Tour Guide		Ecological Tour Guide - National Parks and Wildlife Service Environmental Education Program – BMCC Stars and Spotlighting Tour Guide – Dingo Travel – Blue Mountains Bushcare Officer – Lapstone and Knapsack Ridge Coordinator - Biodiversity Workshops @ Bullaburra, Springwood & Nth Katoomba Tour Guide – Springwood Forest – BMCC Ranger – Tour Guide – Cumberland State Forest – State Forests Environmental Educator – Karuna School Excursions
Status		Australian born raised
Tickets / Licenses		Current National Police Check and WWWC Check [WWC0937875E] OHS General Induction for Construction Work NSW - WorkCover Senior First Aid Certificate ~ Remote Area First Aid NSW Driver's Licence ~ Class MR ~ 4WD Course
Health		Excellent ~ willing to undergo health check
Availability		For Immediate Interview and Commencement of Duties
References		Available upon request

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Specialising in Corporate, Adult Groups, Community and School Excursions

My professional objective is to provide my clients with a safe, exciting and positive experience whilst encouraging 100% participation in a guided experience. Other benefits that are attached to participating in outdoor educational programs are centred on meeting new people, improving self-confidence and improving social skills.

Professional Profile

As an Ecological Guide ~ Environmental Educator I have a passion for magnifying extraordinary moments and creating a remarkable experience for my clients, albeit the youth of today and the young at heart. Each time I witness a group learning and growing in confidence, through the activities that I provide, re-affirms to me the significance this experience will have upon their lives. I pride myself in demystifying the natural world.

Transferrable Skills ~ Attributes:

- Extensive knowledge in natural areas and the Australian landscape, and a very thorough knowledge of South East Australia. This includes Land Management, Botany, Bush Foods, Geology and Fauna
- Extensive knowledge and interest on Aboriginal culture, which has incorporated a lot of research, and also involves a number of personal connections with families and a diverse sector of the community ~ including Astronomy Nights, Historical Tours and Bush Foods
- Ability to provide positive and energetic leadership whilst being mindful on the needs of the individual
- Ability to communicate well with people of diverse backgrounds and capacities, and understanding different wavelengths and learning needs ~ exceptionally good with children and young adults, youth at risk as well as people with special learning requirements
- Good writing skills and ability to prepare lesson material ~ including preparation of training materials
- A strong passion for knowledge and research, natural areas and teaching
- Awareness of safety concerns, and risk management
- Experience working within a community focused and customer service-oriented environment
- Solid understanding and knowledge of legislation, working with different government agencies and project management.

Career Highlights

2009 to Current	Recreation Development Officer Environment Education Officer (<i>p/t</i>) Discovery Ranger ~ Tour Guide	Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council
1997 to 2009	Bushcare Officer (<i>p/t</i>) Acting Bushland Management Officer (<i>p/t</i>) Acting Bushcare Team Leader Bush Regeneration Supervisor Bushland Operations Team	Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council Blue Mountains City Council
1996 to 2002	Site Supervisor and bush Regenerator	Indigenous Regen. Co and Total Earth Care
1998 to Current	TAFE Teacher ~ Bush Regeneration Cert. III	TAFE NSW ~ Ryde and Blue Mountains
1995 to 1997	Bush Regeneration Coordinator Senior Technical Officer	Royal National Park National Parks and Wildlife Service
1990 to 1995	Ranger ~ Cumberland State Forest	State Forests

Key Experience and Achievements

National Parks and Wildlife Service

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is part of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). NPWS manages more than 850 national parks and reserves which covers over 7 million hectares of land. NPWS manages around 8 per cent of the land area in NSW.

Discovery Ranger

As the Discovery Ranger of NPWS my duties including being a Tour guide for National Parks and Wildlife Service for the Blue Mountains District interpreting ecosystems and scientific information

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Providing and coordinating information, interpretation, advice, assistance and engagement activities to enhance visitor experience and developing an understanding of reserves, natural and cultural heritage
- Assisting with the organisation and conducting of special events and community engagement activities, attendees ~ including people from diverse backgrounds and migrants
- Compiling progress reports and final report on activities undertaken and attendance at them
- Providing, to designated responsible staff, materials and articles for use on social media sites, websites and in other promotional media
- Preparing interpretive material for specialist activities such as Bats, Fungi, Spotighting, Historical Walks and Astronomy Nights.

Blue Mountains City Council

Blue Mountains City Council always strives to meet the needs of the diverse communities in the Blue Mountains; and to provide quality services to customers. In the Blue Mountains, there are a number of factors that create difficulties in providing basic services for residents. Some of the difficulties including terrain and climate arise from the very attributes which make the area such an attractive place to live and visit. Council services are now being progressively tested against external organisations under a wide ranging change program. The objective is to ensure all services are provided in an efficient, cost effective manner.

Recreation Development Officer

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Preparing Plans of Management for Council managed land
- Handling recreation planning and development in Council managed land
- Community consultation, Public meetings and community network development
- Preparing Reports for Council meetings and Councillor briefings
- Expertise in project management and successful delivery
- Handling all aspects of acquiring and managing funding including Government Grants
- Cemetery management and experience with the cemetery and funeral industry
- Asset management including database programs such as CIVICA
- Management of issues in relation to Parks, Cemeteries and Sports grounds

Bushcare Officer ~ Acting Team Leader

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Coordinating, administering and supervising community bushland regeneration projects
 - Preparing and administering grants and contracts, progress reports and budgeting and project management
 - Developing training manuals and conducting biodiversity education workshops, present tours
 - Developing site strategy documents for the management of bushcare sites ~ assist with plans of management
 - Facilitating community meetings and attend council meetings
 - Resolving and managing site issues
 - Providing expertise to internal and external agencies
 - Carrying out plant propagation, weed mapping, GIS, Streamwatch, fauna survey (birds, arboreal) and Vegetation surveys
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Key Experience and Achievements

Ryde and Blue Mountains Colleges of TAFE

TAFE teacher

Certificate II in Bush Regeneration, Land Re-vegetation skills and gardening fundamentals

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Facilitating Coursework in Theory and practical components to classes undertaking Bush Regeneration Cert II
- Facilitating Horticulture courses for students with intellectual disabilities
- Facilitating Construction Modules for both Land Re-vegetation skills and gardening fundamentals
- Conducting Outreach courses including Parramatta Correctional Centre, aboriginal students, mental health work co-operative, migrant groups and work skills youth courses
- Teaching Land Re-vegetation skills to CGE students – i.e. Year 10 students

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Bush Regeneration Coordinator ~ Royal National Park

Senior Technical Officer

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Coordinating volunteers, community groups and contractors to undertake the bush regeneration program
- Carrying out site assessment and preparation of management strategies
- Offering consultancy to NPWS staff and agencies such as Department of Agriculture and Local Government
- Preparing grant applications, submitting program reports, promotion and local media, nursery operations
- Implementing survey for eradication trial of Bitou Bush at Kurnell, ongoing research with Dept. Agriculture
- Assisting the Department of AG in the development of a eradication plan on W1 weed species, Senegal Tea on the Hacking River
- Participating in the RNP Fauna Survey program, the Western Sydney Biodiversity project and the Community Biodiversity survey program ~ Preparing and conducting training and coursework in bush regeneration
- Undertaking discovery tours, including bushfoods and aboriginal historic sites

State Forests

Ranger ~ Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills

Highlight of responsibilities include:

- Conducting guided tours and educational activities to schools and community groups, with the aim of developing awareness in ecological processes and environmental management
- Implementing the bush regeneration program, management strategies and coordinating volunteer groups
- Supervising people undergoing periodic detention in order to complete work projects
- Conducting Coursework for students in bush regeneration and park maintenance
- Recreation management, Arboretum maintenance, Fuel sampling and duties of First Aid Officer
- Handling maintenance of particular forests including Cumberland, Castlereagh, Dural and Darling Mills SF.
- Attending field trips examining forestry activities in other districts ~ Undertaking fire fighting
- Assisting with fauna survey projects within Sydney and Morisset Districts
- Attending public meetings for the EIS process in the Morisset District

Other Employment ~ Volunteering ~ Surveys

2007	Central West Farming ~ “WWOOFING”	Australian Conservation Foundation
2001	Southern Brigalow Bioregion ~ RACAC WRA	National Parks and Wildlife Foundation
1992 to 2002	Western Sydney Corridors ~ re-vegetating	Greening Australia
1993 to 1998	Murray Darling Basin ~ Land Degradation	Australian Conservation Foundation
1993 to 1994	Tour Guide ~ Environmental Excursions	Karuna School, Katoomba
1996	Royal National Park ~ Fauna Survey	National Parks and Wildlife Foundation
1988 to 1989	Nursery Production ~ Park Maintenance	Hornsby Shire Council
	Soil Conservation Service / Veg Surveys	Wellington and Glenbawn Dam, Scone

Professional Qualifications

2004	Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management	Western Institute of TAFE
2003	Certificate II in Agriculture	Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE
2003	Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment	Western Institute of TAFE
1991	Certificate II in Bush Regeneration and Supervision	Ryde College of TAFE
1989	Bachelor of Natural Resources	University of New England, Armidale

Additional Information

Affiliations		Australian Association for Environmental Education Sustainable Schools NSW Australian Conservation Foundation Blue Mountains conservation Society Greening Australia National Parks Association Ryde Regional Radio Cooperative and 2 BLUE FM
Personal Interests		Music, Community Radio, Bushwalking and Outdoor /Activities Passion for Oil Painting / Art Soccer and Social Sports Lapidary, Cycling and Swing Dancing Poultry Breeding
Tickets / Licenses		Current National Police Check and WWWC Check OHS General Induction for Construction Work NSW - WorkCover Front End Loader Certificate – WorkCover Class 18 Senior First Aid Certificate ~ Remote Area First Aid Bushfire Fighting Training Chainsaw Operators Certificate ~ Problem Tree Felling Managing Chemical Use NSW Driver's Licence ~ Class MR ~ 4WD Course
Additional Courses		Identifying Native Grasses Farming Native Pastures Environmental Impact Assessment Training Firefighting Course, Basic Wardens Aboriginal Vocational Studies Aboriginal Philosophy Forum Aboriginal site recognition Botanical Illustration Project Management/ Time Management Conflict Resolution Volunteer Management Practice for Coordinators Field Supervisor Training Course Public Interpretation Coursework Long stem tube planting, Sedges and Rushes Workshop Landscape Rehabilitation ~ Approaches and Techniques Sedges and rushes Recognition Instigating Community Change