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A recent graduate from RMIT University with practical experience in news writing and podcast creation, demonstrating strong communication, research, and organisational skills. Highly adept at conveying information clearly and engagingly, with a proven ability to work under deadlines and produce high-quality content. I am now seeking a full time reporter position that will allow me to utilise my interpersonal skills, attention to detail, and ability to work collaboratively within a team. I am eager to embrace new challenges, take on increasing responsibility, and contribute effectively to the success of a working newsroom.

Education & Qualifications:

2017 - 2022: St Columba's College; Year 12 VCE Completion

2022: College House Captain at St. Columba's College

2023-2025: Bachelor of Journalism at RMIT University

Projects:

Podcast Host & Producer - Overcharging and Undercompensating

- Researched, scripted, and hosted Overcharging and Undercompensating: refining my skills in multimedia production and storytelling.
- Developed a strong ability to simplify complex topics, engage audiences, and adapt to the evolving demands of digital media. This project enhanced my expertise in audio production, content creation, and audience connection.

Newsline Host – RMIT University

- Hosted RMIT's live *Newsline* segment, streamed on air for viewers, refining my on-air presence and ability to deliver content under tight deadlines.
- Gained hands-on experience in broadcast journalism, live production, and adapting to fast-paced environments. Developed strong skills in storytelling, quick thinking, and working under pressure to ensure high-quality reporting in real time.

Triple RRR Host

- Hosted the 12pm breakfast show that was live on air for listeners on Triple RRR.
- Working with my editor and peers to source interviewees and create hard hitting news stories.

Internships:

September 2025 - ABC Melbourne Radio Intern: Spent two weeks in the ABC Melbourne radio newsroom producing and working on the daily programs. Shadowing journalists and working collectively to produce stories, I gained a deep understanding of ABC's values and connection to their audience.

June 2025 - Nine News Melbourne: Spent a week shadowing journalists both in the newsroom and out in the field. Gained hands-on experience in various aspects of broadcast journalism, including conducting interviews, writing scripts under deadline pressure, assisting with news package production, and observing live broadcasts.

May 2025 - SYN Radio: Co-created and presented a one-hour live radio show focused on Melbourne's RISING Festival. Over six weeks, collaborated closely with a co-host to conduct live interviews with artists and organisers, operate the radio panel during live broadcasts, and develop engaging, relevant content

Work Experience:

Retail Sales Assistant | Just Jeans (June 2024 – Present)

Achievement: Promoted to Person in Charge (PIC), overseeing staff and meeting daily sales targets.

Retail Sales Assistant | Noone Imagewear (Jan 2023 – Present)

Achievement: Managed Craigieburn store (June 2023 – Dec 2024), contributing to sales growth and customer retention.

Skills:

Organisation
Communication
Teamwork & Collaboration
Adaptability
Leadership
Storytelling
Multimedia Production
Fact-Checking & Accuracy
Ethical Journalism

Interests:

Passionate about broadcast and radio journalism with a strong desire to create engaging and ethical content that resonates with diverse audiences. I am particularly interested in being the voice of the Australian public and bringing meaningful stories to life. I am committed to producing content that is both thought-provoking and responsible, ensuring that it adheres to journalistic standards of fairness, accuracy, and inclusivity, along with aligning with the core values of the organisation.

References:

Available upon request