

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details

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Employment History

2009-2008 Leave to complete final year of a doctoral thesis (Macquarie University), under examination, on water resource management in Australia. During this period I provided legal information and advice services to my local Aboriginal community in the Southern Highlands on a range of legal issues to establish an Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

In January 2010 I completed the UTS Barrister Practice Course.

Private Consultant on Aboriginal Culture and Heritage compliance under NSW State and Federal legislation, for example, the Western Australian Government on Water Resources Bill and NSW environmental legislation.

2007-2005 CEO, NSW Aboriginal Water Trust (Grade 12) NSW Department of Natural Resources. Led commercial grant funding project for NSW to develop, implement and facilitate new business in the water market and develop business relations.

2004 Indigenous Research Associate, Federal Court Sydney. Provided a range of legal advice for the judiciary of the Federal Court, including commercial matters.

2004-2003 Solicitor Criminal Law Legal Aid NSW. Conducted Local Court and District matters in criminal and mental health. Carriage of list days, hearings, client management and community advocacy.

Previous positions

2003

Job Title Para-Legal
Employer Legal Aid – Wollongong NSW
Job Description Civil matters, case research, preparation of briefs, tribunal and legal drafting skills & Criminal matters.

2002

Job Title Policy and Research Officer
Employer NSW Aboriginal Land Council
Job Description Cabinet and Ministerial brief management.

2001-2000

Job Title Lecturer in Policing
Employer Charles Sturt University/NSW Police Academy
Job Description Lecturer in range of policing subjects and research projects.

2000-1999

Job Title Legal & Education Officer
Employer NSW Aboriginal Land Council
Job Description Assisting Principal Solicitor in the matter of Native Title and case management.

1998- 1997

Job Title Lecturer/Subject Coordinator University and TAFE
Employer Universities of; Sydney, NSW, UWS, Wollongong, Long Bay Jail, Bankstown and Liverpool TAFEs.
Job Description Design and deliver courses for university education.

Education and Qualifications

Qualification Doctor of Philosophy (Law)
Institution Macquarie University
Date Obtained Under examination 2009
Details Research thesis on the historical and contemporary water resource management issues and reforms within Australia, with international comparisons.

Qualification Master of Laws
Institution Australian National University - Canberra
Date Obtained 2003
Details Course units - Native Title, Dispute Resolution, International Human Rights Law, Australian Human Rights and Discrimination, Intellectual Property and Research Project.

Qualification Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice
Institution University of Wollongong - Wollongong
Date Obtained 2002
Details Course units – Commercial, Conveyancing, Criminal and Prosecution, account and practice management.

Qualification Bachelor of Laws
Institution University of Wollongong - Wollongong
Date Obtained 2002
Details Course unit electives – International Environmental Law, Intellectual Property, Human Rights, Natural Resources Law and Indigenous Australians and law.

Qualification Honours in Communications
Institution University of Wollongong - Wollongong
Date Obtained 2002
Details

Qualification Bachelor of Vocational Education & Training
Institution Charles Sturt University - Wagga Wagga
Date Obtained 2000
Details High Distinction in Practicum.

Qualification Bachelor of Arts
Institution University of Wollongong - Wollongong
Date Obtained 1999
Details Major in Sociology.

Qualification Cert IV Workplace Trainer & Assessor
Institution TAFE Lidcombe
Date Obtained 1998
Details

Qualification Cert IV Team Leadership
Institution TAFE Liverpool
Date Obtained 1997
Details

Referees *Masters Scholarship BWAEF*

Dr Andrew Buck
Associate Dean
Macquarie University
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Chris Ronalds SC
Frederick Jordan Chambers
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2002
Roberta Sykes Foundation

Golden Key Honour Society

2000
Inducted Member for Outstanding Scholastic
Achievement

Duncan Brown Scholarship
1998
University of Wollongong

Arts Law Scholarship
1998
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References

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