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☆ Australian citizen

☆ AGSVA: Baseline (to 2024)

☆ Member: IUCN CEM; AFSS; ASFB;
AMSA; ASA; CBCA; SCBWI

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Over 20 years pioneering, brokering & implementing solutions at the science/policy/legislative interface in Australian Government agencies:

- **Basin Plan Evaluation, Riverine Ecology, National Fish Recovery Strategy** – MDB - ecological research & analysis, policy, science communication
- **World-first** aquatic ecosystem-scale **EPBC Act TEC assessments** (e.g. River Murray, Coastal Saltmarsh, Macquarie Marshes, Salt-wedge Estuaries)
- **First assessment** of Australia's Coastal Vulnerability to **Climate Change**, including brokering science for adaptation & impact, and methodological research on biodiversity, fisheries, and coastal & marine environments
- **Delivering and evolving National State of the Environment Reporting & indicator development**, including **Staff & Communications** management
- major **Program Evaluations** (\$80 m BITS Incubator Program; \$5 m NSW Environmental Grants Program; 2020 Murray-Darling Basin Plan)
- high-level **Policy development** with the *Australian Academy of Science*
- **Pioneering research** with Australia's first deep-sea **Fishing Industry**
- Past **National President Australian Marine Sciences Association**
- Over 60 publications & 60 oral presentations (incl. as **keynote speaker**).

SKILLS/CAPABILITIES

- Technical Analysis & Assessment
- Project Planning & Management
- Policy Development & Innovation
- Team, Staff & Graduate Management
- Ecology–Aquatic/Wildlife/Conservation
- Science Communication/ Translation
- Climate Change Science & Adaptation
- Liaison - Stakeholder/Industry
- Advanced Writing & Editing
- Brokering Scientific Research
- Grant & Contract Management
- Workshop Design & Reporting

EDUCATION

- Master of Science Communication, Australian National Uni., ACT, 2004
- PhD Aquatic Ecology & Hydrology, Deakin University, VIC, 1995
- Honours, Limnology, Adelaide University, SA, 1980
- BSc Marine Biology/ Zoology, James Cook University, QLD, 1979

AWARDS

- Ron Kenny Award, AMSA 1987
- DPIE Secretary's Award 1993
- CBCA Eve Pownall Award 2017
- Royal Zoological Society NSW, Young Naturalist Award 2017
- ACT Children's Book of the Year 2017

REFEREES

- Matt White, DAWE 0434568368
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- Sam Roseby, MDBA 0402473634
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RECENT POSITIONS

- **Senior Policy/Research Officer, Riverine Ecology, Murray-Darling Basin Authority (6/2018 -present)** [*Evaluation methodology; Interpret legislation; Project management; River ecology, research, analysis; Native Fish Recovery Strategy - Stakeholder liaison, Policy, Comms.*]
- **Assistant Director, Ozone Protection & Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Program, Dept. Environment & Energy (11/17 - 6/18) non-ongoing** [*Staff & Contract management; Industry liaison; Policy; Comms.*]
- **Senior Policy Officer, 20 Million Trees, DoEE (5/17-11/17) n-o & Senior Program Officer, Ag & Vet Chemicals, DAWR (11/16-5/17) n-o** [*Grants & Contract admin; Service Provider liaison; Guideline devel.*]
- **Assistant Director/SPO, variety of APS agencies (3/15-11/16) contract** [*Communications, Policy development; Project management, Grants*]
- **Researched & Authored multi-award winning 164p children's information book *Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks* (publisher - National Library of Australia) (6/2013-2014)**

PRIOR WORK HISTORY

- **5 y - Assistant Director (with periods A/g Director), Threatened Ecological Communities, DoEE** [*Complex scientific assessments against Regulated Criteria under the EPBC Act; Staff man.; Engagement - States, community, experts, First Nations; Policy; Communication products*]
- **0.5 y - Assistant Director (secondment) Water Policy, DoE** [*Integrate climate change into water reform via National Strategy*]
- **3.5 y - Assistant Director, Australian Greenhouse Office** [*Staff & Project management; State/expert engagement; Brokering research, Policy development, Contract administration; Tech. Editing*]
- **2 y - Senior Science Policy Analyst, Australian Academy of Science**
- **5 y - Assistant Director (with 9 m A/g Director), Environment Australia, National State of the Environment Reporting** [*Complex Project and Staff management; Stakeholder engagement; Indicator/Data management; Communications & Technical writing; Contract & Tender management*]
- **8 y - Assistant Director, Bureau of Rural Sciences, Commonwealth Fisheries** (Fisheries Scientist - lead on 5 demersal trawl fisheries) [*Fisheries science; Liaison with managers & industry; Fisheries data analysis & reporting; Policy advice under Fisheries Management Act*]