

# **RESUME**

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## **ACADEMIC STUDIES**

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I am a first-class honours graduate of the **Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture** at the University of Melbourne, Burnley Campus. Completed sequences include:

- Plant Biology
- Plant Ecology
- Plant Botany, identification, morphology and classification
- Nursery production and culture
- Plant Production and public & private vegetation maintenance
- Soils science and growing media
- Urban water management & irrigation design
- Plant pathology and protection
- Selection and aesthetics of plant and landscape design
- Landscape technology and construction
- Urban tree management and arboriculture
- Landscape design; Vectorworks 2015, gCAD and hand drafting
- Human resources, OH&S and business practices of workplaces

I have previously studied for **Bachelor of Journalism** at Monash University Caulfield, where I was trained in the effective use of communication within the media and in a general professional environment. I am familiar with constructing media releases, photography, video packages, audio segments and grabs as well as short to full length print articles and can construct advanced websites and PDF documents to deliver this content. I have worked as a freelance journalist and copy-writer in the past on a piece-by-piece basis.

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## HORTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Australian Garden, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria**

**Cranbourne**

Horticultural Technician

**November 2016-February 2017**

Work full-time as a horticultural technician, actively participating in the horticultural and curatorial maintenance and management of the Australian Garden as a significant public landscape. Duties performed include general maintenance, weeding, hand pruning and operation of power tools. Required knowledge of horticultural operations, plant curatorial principles and practices, as well as a sound and specialist knowledge of a diverse range of Australian plants and their cultivation requirements. Worked both independently and as part of a team to deliver high quality horticultural outcomes across a range of situations. Responding to public enquiries on an ad-hoc basis, and participated in public programs activities.

Also worked in the on-site nursery as part of the role, utilising prior specialist knowledge and experience to perform plant propagation (seed, cutting and division), seed collection and storage, record keeping, general maintenance and weed control, working with third parties (Friends of Cranbourne, Australian Native Orchid Society), monitoring water levels and irrigation systems, general nursery hygiene and glasshouse monitoring. Worked both independently and as part of a team, and provided experienced input on propagation and operations. Was solely responsible for nursery operations for whole site over Christmas break period.

### **St. Kilda Indigenous Nursery Cooperative**

**Port Melbourne**

Director, Board Member

Nursery assistant

**2014-Current**

Work part-time as a nursery assistant, to perform duties like plant propagation (seed, cutting & division), preparation of nursery stock for retail sale, record keeping, picking and filling orders for clients, general maintenance and weed control, seed collection and storage, public enquiries and retail. Involves coordinating and supervising a team of volunteers & employees with diverse teams of people with different backgrounds and abilities. Conduct public workshops around themes of biodiversity and conservation. Also perform ad-hoc contract work as a representative for the nursery around landscape consulting and maintenance work.

As a board member and director I am responsible for the on-going management & viability of the co-op, in addition to decisions about all areas of operations of the organisation as a whole.

## **Lisa Ellis Gardens**

**Malvern East**  
Horticultural Services  
Administrator/Communications  
**June 2016**

Working in a office administrative role, ensuring maintenance, projects and designs are scheduled and delivered to clients effectively and to deadlines. Requires time management, and communicating effectively with clients, field staff and suppliers to ensure time frames are adhered to. Heavily reliant on MS Office suite, Apple Calendar and Daylite.  
Also employed in a communication capacity, to increase profile of business. Achieved through and complete website redesign, increasing social media presence & content creation (filming and editing videos, photography).

## **Do it on the Roof**

**CBD**  
Horticulturalist, intern  
**2016**

Interning with Do it on the Roof, a company concerning with urban ecology and designing green roof and wall projects in Australia for Australian conditions. Current work I am involved in includes ongoing public & private green roof garden maintenance, interviewing and editing for development of audio tours for council, public & primary school interactive workshop delivery around urban ecology.

## **HORTUS X SEVEN SEEDS**

**Docklands**  
Horticulturalist  
**2015**

Responsible for the ongoing maintenance, upkeep and appearance of the vegetation in this specialist setting that represents a combination of public open space, hospitality industry and art installation. I maintain species that range from indigenous to exotic houseplant, working within the unique environment of the site and preserving the public face of the business and the original intent of the artist. I work independently without any supervision, and am the point of contact for the business regarding horticultural issues and respond pragmatically as issues arise. In addition to general landscape maintenance at the site, I also provide feedback on all parts of the horticultural system; designing and repairing automated irrigation systems, replacing degrading plant stock, propagation from existing plant stock to replenish numbers & ongoing pest control

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## PERSONAL SKILLS

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- Current employee Working with Children Check
- Current Agvet Chemical User Training Program
- Current Mental Health First Aid
- High proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite, Audacity, FinalCut Pro, Vectorworks, Adobe Premiere, InDesign & Photoshop
- Established good work ethic & understanding of professional standards
- Strong conflict resolution experience in the workplace and when dealing with the public
- Strong communication experience and training
- Awareness of the importance of occupational health and safety standards (including heavy lifting and machinery operation)

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## REFERENCES

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**David Sparks**

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