

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Objective

To facilitate social, economic and ecological sustainability through development of projects that support community and organisational capacity, sharing skills, promoting awareness and responsibility and improving quality of life through better design.

Employment History

- Feb 2009 – Present: **CitySmart Schools Education Coordinator** – *Brisbane City Council*
- Sept 2000 – Present: **Founder and Principal** – *Living Schools Education for Sustainability*
A social enterprise specialising in community-based education for sustainability, *Living Schools'* focus is on experiential, participatory and inquiry-based learning, learnscape development and transformative learning. Clients include *Australian Association for Environmental Education (NSW)*, *Peace Boat (Japan)*, *City of Sydney Council* and *Institute of Permaculture and Ecovillas of the Cerrado (Brazil)*. See www.livingschools.org.au or our organisational plan for details of our philosophy of learning.
- Oct 2005 – Jul 2007: **Project Coordinator Urban Stormwater Integrated Management** – *Marrickville Council*
- Jan 2005 – Oct 2005: **Coordinator Raymond Terrace Community Garden** – *Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre*
- Aug 2004 – Oct 2005: **Editor Hunter Organics magazine (volunteer)** – *Hunter Organic Growers Society*
- 2003 – 2005: **Work for the Dole Supervisor** (community gardening and revegetation projects) – *Wesley Uniting Employment*
- 2003 – 2005: **Coordinator Skills for Sustainable Living Community Education Program** – *Dungog Neighbourhood Centre*
Skills for Sustainable Living received an award for excellence in the Newcastle and Hunter Region Environment Awards 2005.
- Aug 2001 – Nov 2004: **Coordinator Dungog Community Garden** – *Dungog Neighbourhood Centre*
- July 2000 – July 2004: **Adult Educator** – *Barrington Adult and Community Education*
- June 2000 – Dec 2000: **Communications Officer** – *Maitland Landcare and Environment Centre*
- 1999 – 2000: **Environmental Education Officer** – *Trees in Newcastle Community Nursery*
For the '*Biodiversity in Schools*' program I received the 'Youth Eco Hero' award from the Community Biodiversity Network.
- 1997 – 1999: **Community Projects and Volunteer Coordinator** – *Trees in Newcastle Community Nursery*

Education

- 2009: **QLD Working with Children Blue Card**
- 2008 – Present: **Masters in Social Ecology** (For a deeper understanding of my interests in this area read my paper *Facilitating transformative learning for ecological consciousness through mindful design of ecologies of learning*, available upon request)
- 2008: **Enabling change workshop**
- 2008: **Influencing and motivating others workshop**
- 2007: **Program evaluation workshop**
- 2007: **Domestic greywater management for sustainable reuse workshop**
- 2007: **Organisational change management workshop**
- 2004: **Occupational Health and Safety Green Card**
- 2003: **Designing and developing assessment tools workshop**
- 2002: **Statement of Attainment in Organic Agriculture**
- 2001: **Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training**
- 2001: **Permaculture Design Certificate**
- 2001: **Certificate I in IT**
- 2001: **Certificate IV in Small Business Management**
- 1998: **Certificate II in Bush Regeneration**
- 1996 – 1998: **Bachelor of Arts (Communication)** incomplete

Other relevant experience

- 1999 – 2001: **Secretary of the Management Committee** – *Trees in Newcastle Community Nursery*
- 2003 – 2004: **Publicity Officer** – *Hunter Organic Growers Society*

Referees

Sue Martin – Secretary, *Australian Association for Environmental Education (NSW)* – (02) 9242 4000, sue.martin@lgsa.org.au

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