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I remember attending the 2008 Beijing Olympics as a 5-year-old and being in awe of the atmosphere at the event. That is the origin of my love for sport. This saw me represent my school teams at sporting events from a young age and led me to Australia to pursue a career in the sport industry. I have since had the chance to work with high-profile major events and sporting organisations, deepening my understanding of the business of sport.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business (Sport Management)

2022 – 2024

Deakin University

EXPERIENCE

Accreditation Officer, Australian Grand Prix Corporation

Jan – Mar 2026

The AGPC is responsible for staging the Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix. I worked with the Accreditation Team to:

- act as primary liaison for 100+ external suppliers and contractors, coordinating access control and compliance requirements
- liaise with key stakeholders and companies to determine access requirements and staffing needs
- assist with onboarding and managing accreditation assistants and collaborating on accreditation printing and distribution strategies

Accreditation Assistant, Cricket Australia

Oct 2024 – Jan 2025

Cricket Australia is the national body for cricket in Australia. Operating within the sports and entertainment industry, it is responsible for overseeing and promoting cricket on a national level. I worked with the Accreditation Team to:

- manage accreditation applications on the 'Accredit Solutions' portal
- coordinate production and distribution of accreditation passes for stakeholders
- support match-day operations by managing accreditation centres at stadiums

Event Day Staff, Melbourne Cricket Club

Jul 2024 – Current

The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) has dual responsibilities: managing the Melbourne Cricket Ground and serving as a private club with a membership base that includes 14 sports under the club's banner. I assist the customer service team with:

- verifying ticket validity and managing queues at venue entrances
- providing patrons with event day information about the event, venue and location of amenities

Events Intern, Hockey Australia**Jul - Sept 2024**

Hockey Australia is the chief governing body for hockey in Australia, and it delivers events across the high-performance and participation sectors. I assisted the events team to:

- review and draft policies for their national championships
- complete post-event reporting in line with tourism bodies' requirements
- summarise meeting notes and identify action items
- manage participant databases and competition schedules on AltiusRT and RevSport

Volunteer Management Intern, FIFA Women's World Cup**May – Jul 2023**

The FWWC was one of the biggest women's sporting events and received unprecedented viewership and attendance numbers. I worked with the Workforce team to:

- manage 460+ volunteers on Rosterfy
- guide volunteers through the accreditation process
- develop training and match day rosters

President, Deakin University Sport Society**Sep 2023 – Sep 2024**

Deakin University Sport Society aims to provide social and professional development and career networking opportunities for students enrolled in sport-related courses. I led the committee in:

- planning for and delivering events for the student body
- chairing meetings and overseeing the clubs' financial position
- being the spokesperson for the club at faculty and industry-led events

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Winner, Challenge Cup, National Sports Forum**Oct 2023**

I represented Deakin University in a team of four at the NSF Challenge Cup, a 2 week-long case study designed to push students to excel in a real-world, fast-paced environment, similar to working conditions in the sports industry.

- Developed and presented an integrated marketing strategy for Angel City FC (National Women's Soccer League) to a panel of academics and industry leaders from the American sport industry
- Was the only international university and won the inaugural NSF Challenge Cup, over 12 American colleges

INTERESTS

Cooking – Cooking is an avenue for me to unwind and relax. Eating home cooked food gives me a sense of comfort. I often cook for my housemates and use it as an opportunity to catch up with friends after a long week.

REFERENCES

Available on request