

KIAH HICKSON

FRONT-END DEVELOPER

I'm **Kiah**, a front-end developer from Sydney.

I have a people-oriented entrepreneurial mind-set with a keen grasp of growth and business objectives, development and data analysis as core focuses for decision-making processes.

My deep understanding of modern business methodologies including agile and lean allows myself and the team to learn fast and learn often - this is complementary to my growth, product-market fit and early adoption mentality, building the one thing that matters and aligning value propositions for the critical first-user segment.

I have a strong people-first and networking attitude and value relationship nurturing and opportunities through new connections. I am extremely passionate about the impact of IoT and wearables on everyday life and my LED wearables startup explores the true nature of the beauty in technology.

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

2012 - present

Freelance - Graphic Designer

I utilise the adobe creative suite including Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator & Muse to create marketing content, book covers and business proposals.

April 2015 - November 2015

First State Super - Contractor (SYD) - Admin Assistant

Ad hoc administration duties with added skill sets in data reporting and analysis regarding high level settlements.

I was also involved in the Social Committee.

October 2014 - March 2015

Tracey Hughes Education (QLD) - Personal Assistant

Ad hoc personal assistant duties with added skill sets in social media management & marketing content creation.

March 2013 - August 2014

Colquhoun & Colquhoun Solicitors (SYD) - Legal Secretary

Ad hoc legal secretary duties with CRM management, responsible for the monthly newsletter along with being the company representative for the Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce

SOCIAL

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SKILLS



EDUCATION

Nov '15' General Assembly - Sydney
to WDI is General Assembly's Web Development
Feb '16' Immersive course. Think of it as a bootcamp.
Immersive means all day, every day, weekends
and weeknights, for 12 weeks straight.

2011 Certificate III in Business

Workplace Traineeship

VOLUNTEER WORK

2012

Oct 2015	Sydney Community Foundation Sydney Women's Fund Assisted in the design and creation of a web-page for Sydney Women's Fund.
2008 to	Surf Life Saving Australia Bellambi Beach

Volunteer Surf Life Saver



LED WEARABLES DRESS

After discovering I had a deep passion for IoT and LED wearables I decided that I wanted to explore these concepts further. After a google search on LED wearables I came across a few informative resources and decided this was certainly an idea I wanted to pursue. I purchased my components from Little Bird Electronics and these were Adafruit hardware. I have used a combination of Flora, Neopixals, LED sequins and a gyrometer sewn together with conductive thread. To complete this project I used Javascript to customise the frequency and colors of my LED's.

FLICKSEED

Flickseed was initially born out of an idea to create a Tinder-like application for pitching project ideas and sourcing appropriate team members to be on the project. After some deeper thinking I decided to pivot my idea to ideally be used for Seed and Angel investors seeking new start-ups to fund. The app was created using Rails, Javascript, HTML & CSS. This current state of the application was created in 4 days. Extra features that will be included are a refine search feature, in-app messaging and an popularity indicator for start-ups who have been shortlisted often.

GIPHY GOSSIP

Giphy Gossip was a group project completed with two other team members. The idea was initially born out of wanting the use the giphy API. We brainstormed and decided we would create giphy stories. The web application takes a sentence and identifies key words that start with a # symbol. An AJAX request takes places and pulls in giphys that associate with the key words. A story is inputted on the screen and gives the user the opportunity to share this on a public feed aptly named the Gossip Gallery. Additional features include refreshing the individual giphy before sharing with the public. The app was created with Rails, Javascript, Backbone, Giphy API, HTML & CSS.