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Personal Information

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I was born in 1980 in Brisbane, Australia. My parents are Scottish and English, one a direct immigrant and the other a first generation Australian.

I’ve lived most of my life in Queensland and just recently (end of 2018) moved to Tasmania to open a business.

I have previously worked in the IT industry, having worked for over a decade as an executive on a Domain Name Registrar, a Drop Catcher, A PPC search engine and an Affiliate Network. During this role I picked up some technical skill in mySQL and basic front-end Development, however I would really like to expand this and become a real technical expert.

An interesting fact about me is that after I left the IT industry a couple of years ago I decided to try a completely different industry and I moved to Tasmania to open my very own Laser Clinic. We perform permanent laser hair removal, skin treatments and even cosmetic injectables like anti-wrinkle and filler.

Besides work, I love hiking, camping, renovating, motorbikes and dogs. Here’s a picture of my bike:

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My first exposure to computers was on a Commodore 64 my father purchased in the 1980’s. It was all command line interface as GUI’s did not exist then and games were loaded by a tape deck. This computer got me interested in computers in general as the command line interface felt really nice to work with.

After this computer we eventually upgraded to an x86 series of computers with DOS. It was here that I truly started to appreciate computers and IT more as I gained exposure to writing batch files to accomplish tasks and editing simple game files to cheat and make my characters more powerful.

Over the years I have dabbled in IT, doing some simple online certificates in Html, CSS, databases etc, but I always wanted to do a full Bachelor and really get some in depth knowledge so that I could make it a career.

I chose to study at RMIT as I run a business and the online nature of the course offers me the flexibility I need to balance work and study.

During my studies I aim to dip my toes into the varied aspects of IT including networking, backend development, AI, cyber security: all the things I have not touched before so I can get a stronger idea where I want my career to head. By the end of my studies I expect to be fluent in a few programming languages and have a couple of areas of interest that I’m going to focus on to become an expert.

Ideal Job:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/jobs/air-force/cyberspace-warfare-officer>

My ideal job is a Cyberspace Warfare Officer (CWO) with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

The Cyberspace Warfare workforce in the RAAF is specifically selected, trained and prepared to conduct cyperspace operations to enable Air Force and other joint military objectives.

The Officer role is a senior role and the unit is also composed of regular units with the title of Cyberspace Warfare Analyst.