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About Me

I grew up in rural Queensland and moved to Perth to study Engineering, but accidentally discovered my passion for development instead. During my time in Perth I worked and studied at Curtin University, worked at an agency and most recently started running my business fulltime while working as an evangelist for YOW! Conferences and spending time in the tech community. I've been involved helping run several community groups the past few years, including volunteering as a committee member for DDD Perth. During the past few years, I've also started speaking at events, first at local and interstate meetups and since then have had the opportunity to speak at a wide range of events and conferences.

Employment History:

Developer Evangelist	February 2018 – Present	YOW! Conferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hosting YOW! Nights and participating in YOW! Events- Representing YOW! at community events and meetups- Strategy and planning for regional community outreach- Experience working in a distributed multi-national team across timezones- Rebuilding YOW! website to be more performant, user friendly and maintainable <i>Tech stack includes: React/Gatsby, PHP/WordPress, CSS/Sass, HTML, Vanilla JS</i>		
Front End Developer	January 2014 – Present	AimHigher Web Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Developing easy to use and maintain websites for clients- Estimating and planning projects and maintenance work- Managing workloads and timelines- Writing content and documentation for website and blog- Stay up to date with changes in technology and industry <i>Tech stack includes: React/Gatsby, PHP/WordPress, CSS/Sass, CSS-in-JS/Emotion, HTML, Vanilla JS</i>		
Lead Tutor	March 2020 – Present	She Codes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teaching provided materials for HTML and CSS day of She Codes Flash program- Providing feedback on course content improvements- Assisting other lead tutors on python, data and hardware days- Monitoring video call and various communications channels during Virtual She Codes Flash program- Assisting students with any coding or technical issues <i>Tech stack includes: HTML, CSS, Python</i>		
Tutor	March 2018 – November 2018	Codemaster Institute
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assisting lecturer with the running of bootcamp classes- Assisting students with questions and issues throughout the class- Running classes according to scheduled lesson plan where required <i>Tech stack includes: React, PHP/WordPress, CSS, HTML, Vanilla JS</i>		
Front End Developer	December 2016 – November 2017	Dash Digital
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Build, revitalise (update design, layout and mobile responsiveness) and maintain client websites- Provide support, training and point-of-contact for existing clients- Project Management and scheduling of support jobs- Development and implementation of support documentation and procedures <i>Tech stack includes: PHP/WordPress, CSS/Sass, HTML, Vanilla JS, jQuery</i>		

Community:

DDD Perth (2019-Present) – Committee Member & Speaker Team Lead - DDD Perth is an inclusive non-profit event for the Perth software community. Our goal is to create an approachable conference that anyone can attend or speak at, especially people that don't normally get to attend / speak at conferences

- Working with other members of the web team to improve and update DDD website
- Working with other members of speaker team to coordinate speaker related events and support
- Planning and facilitating Global Diversity CFP Day workshop
- Planning remote speaker workshops (CFP writing and presentation skills) to replace in person workshops during COVID pandemic

She Codes (2017-Present) – Mentor – She Codes (formerly Perth Web Girls) empowers and teaches women to code

- Mentoring at She Codes hack days, assisting students with any development or technical issues throughout the day
- Mentoring a She Codes Virtual Coding Party, assisting students with any development or technical issues throughout the day

Muses Code JS (2018-Present) – Mentor – Muses Code JS (formerly Node Girls) runs free coding workshops - on JavaScript, Node.js and more - for women, non-binary and trans folk around Australian

- Running through tutorial content before workshop
- Assisting class participants with completing tutorial

Perth Azure User Group (2020) - organiser

Fenders Perth (2016-2020) –past organiser - Fenders is the group for anyone who has interest or passion for web development (in particular front end). Events include social gatherings, workshops, presentations and GSD (Get 'Stuff' Done) days.

Awards and Certifications

Current

- **Microsoft MVP** (Most Valued Professional) – Awarded December 2019 in the Developer Technologies category
- **Twilio Champion** – Awarded June 2019

Notable Speaking

More talks and full descriptions available on speaking profile - <https://speaking.amyskapers.dev>

- *Where to host a Quokkabet* – Microsoft Build Online 2020
- *How to Build an Inaccessible App* – NDC Porto Online 2020
- *How to Build a Quokkabet* – Microsoft Ignite the Tour Sydney 2020
- *Wait, I have to test the front end too?* – NDC London 2020
- *CSS Grid – What is this Magic?!* – NDC London, Minnesota, Oslo & Sydney, Laracon AU 2019
- *Being a More Sustainable You* – ACS Diversity Dinner 2018 (keynote)
- *The Art of Failure* – Google DevFest Melbourne 2018 (locknote) & Bodies of Information 2019 (keynote)

References

References available on request