



### Education, Experience & Achievements

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic) Hons, The University of Melbourne

What led you to choose Engineering as a career?

Both my grandfather and father were engineers. Also, engineering ticked all the boxes in what I wanted out of a career: challenging, technical, allows me to travel, meet new people, good for society, pays well, and is very satisfying.

What obstacles did you need to overcome to be an engineer?

Realising that I had all the abilities and support to become an engineer, all that was required was my own determination and passion. No one ever told me I *couldn't* be an engineer, I just had to overcome my own preconception of what & who an engineer is.

What engineering discipline did you decide on learning and why did you choose that discipline?

I chose electrical engineering because I wanted to work with renewable energies. The world's hunger for electricity is growing and will only continue to increase (especially when we're all driving electric cars!). Finding a clean source of that power is a challenge, and one I believe is solvable using renewable sources.

Were (or are) there any people who were role models for you?

Anyone who is passionate about their profession and strives for excellence is even in the smallest, seemingly insignificant task. Big machines are built from many small parts and even if your role is tiny, it can have an enormous bearing on the overall outcome.

And also MacGyver, if you can make a 2 way radio out of wire, a safety pin and used chewing gum, you are awesome.

What do you most enjoy about your career?

Being able to travel around Tasmania (and the world) to visit different hydro power stations and meet new & interesting people. You learn more from other people than anything you will read or study. Your colleagues, engineering mentors and associates are the people from whom you will learn the most. Being able to meet all these people and hear their stories is something I really enjoy.