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EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Major Zoology, with Distinction - Monash University

EXPERIENCE:

Founder & President

April 2025 - Present

Emerging Scientists Network, Royal Society of Victoria | Melbourne, Aus

- Career pathways & industry opportunities for students, recent graduates & young professionals.
- Mobilised RSV leadership to invest, designed brand kit & strategy, hosted events & workshops.
- National Science Week grant awardee: 3 events in one week, 80+ attendees, 10 speakers, partnered with 3 clubs, 84% expressed an interest for future events, 55% applied for our committee.

Wildlife Researcher & Science Communicator

Oct 2025 - Nov 2025

University of Florida, Croc Docs | Florida, USA

- Surveying & biological sampling of American Alligators, Telemetry tracking of Burmese Pythons, Trapping invasive Argentine Black & White Tegus.
- Expedition photographer, social media content creator/host & outreach event educator.
- Diverse wetland conditions, working varying hours of the day/night, in small airboats.

Coral Reef Restoration & Photographer

Nov 2025 - Dec 2025

Coral Reef Restoration Program | Cozumel, Mexico

- Monitoring of transplanted coral fragments & restoring coral platforms.
- Collaborated and produced professional photos to enhance their digital presence.

Interview Host

Sept 2025 - Sept 2025

Jackson Wild, Wildlife Filmmaking Conference | Wyoming, USA

- Pitched, branded, produced & hosted an on-the-ground interview series, called 'WildSide Chats'.
- In three days: interviewed 29 people, first ten videos reaching over 28,800 views on Instagram.

Camera Operator

Nov 2024 - Jan 2025

WildEarth, Live Safari TV | Kruger National Park, South Africa

- Filmed live safari game drives & set-based presenter-led shows for ~7 million global viewers per month.
- Behind-the-scenes photographer/videographer & social media content creator.
- Pitched, branded, produced & hosted a pilot science talk show (2 episodes), called 'The Wild Deep Dive'.
- Trained in traditional animal tracking, identification & monitoring.
- Lived in a remote bush community, in tight quarters, working in harsh conditions.

Researcher & Outreach Coordinator

Nov 2023 - Sept 2024

Eco Detection, Environmental Tech-Startup | Melbourne, Aus

- Lead a new initiative to identify, build & grow partnerships with researchers & scientific institutions.

Field Research Scientist & Photographer

May 2023 - Jun 2024

EnviroDNA, Biodiversity Monitoring | Melbourne, Aus

- Platypus surveying, tagging & biological sampling. Capture eDNA & analyse.
- In-field research expedition photographer/videographer.
- Remote field work, operating in the dark, for extended periods, in small teams.

Educator & Presenter

Dec 2023 - May 2024

BBC Earth Experience, Immersive Natural History Exhibition | *Melbourne, Aus*

- Pitched an educational department & co-developed the curriculum design.
- Presented workshops to ~3,000 students aged 6-16-year-olds on biodiversity & climate change.

Lead Sustainability Consultant

Aug 2023 - Dec 2023

Enel Green Energy | *Melbourne, Aus*

- Managed a team of four consultants to produce recommendations on how best to co-use solar farm land.

Science Communication Journalist

Mar 2023 - Aug 2023

STEM Hub, Youth Magazine | *Melbourne, Aus*

- Research & share industry insights, interview professionals & design educational editorials for issue 03.

Conservation Researcher & Storyteller

Feb 2023 - May 2023

National Geographic Society & The Nature Conservancy (1% acceptance rate) | *Melbourne, Aus*

- Researched how Melbourne's urbanisation impacts freshwater ecosystems & platypus populations.
- Scored 100%, offered exclusive mentoring, presented (4% selected) & awarded \$2,000USD seed funding.
- Organised a global meeting with Senior Director of Talent at National Geographic for my fellow externs.

Education Facilitator

Mar 2021 - Sept 2024

Zoos Victoria | *Melbourne, Aus*

- Presented 200+ hours of educational programs to students aged 6-16-year-olds, in groups of 20-150, on wildlife, conservation & sustainability.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Event Facilitator - Wild Earth Oceania

Australia's first ever international wildlife film festival.

Council Member - Royal Society of Victoria

Est. 1854, serving as a youth representative.

Science Journalist - Cool Green Science

Published an article for The Nature Conservancy.

Editorial Committee - Science Victoria Magazine

Responsible for youth & early career initiatives.

Voice Artist - National Geographic

Host of MapMaker, World Water Map Tool.

Radio Host - School Broadcast Network

- SwitchOn Radio: Walk on the Wild Side.

Panellist - ACMI: Meet the Filmmakers

Presented to 200+ aspiring media students.

Event Speaker - EarthEcho & GenSea

Presented on digital storytelling in conservation.

Interview Host - In2Wild

Created and produced an interview series.

Ambassador - Jackson Wild, Collective

Engagement for wildlife filmmaking nonprofit org.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Dean's Award: Science Communication - Monash University

Academic achievement & contribution to fellow students.

Exhibition Artist - Melbourne Museum

Created an immersive 180° video-art exhibition.

Filmmaking Grant - National Geographic & TNC

Produce & direct a short documentary on the platypus.

Science Speaking Winner - Let's Torque

Victoria's annual competition, presented on biomimicry.

Young Explorer Nominee x2 - National Geographic

Fulbright Recipient - Masters of Science



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CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

Courses:

- Certificate III, Tourism
- Rescue Scuba Diver + Nitrox
- Kite Surfing Level 2
- Commercial Drone Operator License

Programs & Software:

- Adobe Creative
- RStudio
- ArcGIS
- ArcStoryMaps
- DaVinci
- CapCut
- Unity (VR video) *learning*

Personal interests:

- Triathlons
- Camping
- Family

Research Skills:

- Biological surveying, monitoring, sampling & tagging.
- Telemetry tracking
- Camera, pitfall, tomahawk & Elliott trapping.
- Bird misting & banding
- Sequencing and microscopy
- eDNA

Mentee - CoalitionWILD

Global mentorship for conservation changemakers.

Generation Leader - Earth Minutes (UK)

Climate communications masterclass program.

Green Steps Leadership Program - Monash Sustainable Development Institute

Innovative and practical sustainability consultancy training.

Data Storytelling for Environmental Impact - trubel&co (USA)

Investigated impact of rising sea levels on climate equity in Florida.

VISIONEERING:

Definition: The act of 'engineering' a vision, transforming an idea, purpose or challenge into a tangible reality.

Aim: A trip around the world to learn how other countries support scientists, wildlife filmmakers and storytellers.

Self-funded trip 1.0 - UK and Africa | 2024

- Attended Wildscreen, international wildlife film festival (Bristol, UK). Accepted into selective Mentorship Scheme & exclusive Talent Speed Networking, hosted at BBC Studios.
- Created 'In2Wild', an on-the-ground interview series with wildlife filmmaking professionals.
- Attended Royal Geographical Society Explores Festival (London, UK).
- Interned with WildEarth TV (Kruger National Park, South Africa) - see above.
- In person meeting with my CoalitionWILD mentor (Nairobi, Kenya).

Self-funded trip 2.0 - USA and Mexico | 2025

- Worked at Jackson Wild, international wildlife film summit (Wyoming, USA) - see above.
- Attended The Explorers Club (NYC, USA). Met with VP. Exclusive tour of the club.
- Met with Senior Director of Partnerships at Extern (NYC, USA).
- Exclusive tour of National Geographic Society office (DC, USA). Multiple meetings with executives.
- Interned with The University of Florida, Croc Docs (Everglades, USA) - see above.
- Exclusive tour of PBS office (Florida, USA). Met with Senior Manager of Science and Environmental Content.
- Attained Padi Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver and Nitrox certificate (Cozumel, Mexico).
- Worked with Cozumel Coral Restoration Program (Cozumel, Mexico) - see above.
- Toured Rice University to discuss possible MSc research projects (Houston, USA).

Thank you, Brendan Cohen.



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