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I am 2021 graduate from the University of Canberra with a Bachelor of Conservation. Heritage and Museums. I am a motivated, trade qualified French Polisher who has been working in the industry for over nine years. Specialising in traditional hand polishing, I have a passion for woodwork and heritage skills. I was award 2020 NSW Furniture finishing apprentice of the year. Looking to expand my knowledge within heritage and conservation studies.

## EDUCATION

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<b>Bachelor - University of Canberra, Heritage, Museums and Conservation</b> Major in Heritage and Conservation Minor in Conservation science	Apr. 2021
<b>Apprenticeship - South Western Sydney Institute of technology</b> Furniture Finishing (French Polishing)	Nov. 2017
<b>Cert III – Canberra Institute of Technology</b>	Jun. 2015
<b>High School Diploma – Canberra College</b>	Dec. 2013

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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<b>U21s Women’s Hockey Coca-Cola Bottler Award</b> Recognises a female under the age of 21 who has significantly contributed to hockey in the ACT on and off the field.	2017
<b>President’s Award, Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club</b> In recognition of your significant contribution to the club through my involvement in the driver training unit. Always willing to get involved with the club and help other members.	2018
<b>French Polishing Apprentice of the Year, NSW.</b> To recognise an individual’s outstanding achievement in their apprenticeship.	2020

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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<b>French Polisher, The Traditional Furniture Restorer</b> Awarded 2020 French Polishing Apprentice of the Year NSW Trained Apprentices in methods of French Polishing.	Jan. 2011 – Present
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Operated equipment following safety procedures.  
Supervised, coordinated, and scheduled work activities.  
Quoted materials and work requirements to complete jobs.

**Personal Trainer, Pound 4 Pound.**

Jan. 2015 – Jun 2019

Planned fitness routines, selected appropriate music and different movements for each muscle groups, depending on participants' capabilities and limitations.

**OTHER**

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**Interest and Hobbies**

Travel, camping, hockey, Antiques, dog training and four-wheel driving.

## REFERENCES

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