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EDITOR & WRITER

I am an accredited, highly proficient, experienced and dedicated editor and writer with especial expertise in the life sciences. With my excellent communication skills, creative flair, exceptional eye for detail, and the ability to translate complex material into lively text, I would love to assist you to produce first-class written outputs tailored for purpose and your target audiences.

Key Highlights:

- ✓ Highly accomplished scientific, academic, technical and nonfiction writer & editor
- ✓ Strong communication skills
- ✓ 15+ years of experience
- ✓ Accredited Editor

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Editing & Writing: science, academic, nonfiction
 - Journal articles
 - Grant applications
 - Reports
 - Promotion and award applications
 - Nonfiction books
- Life sciences, biomedicine – in-depth knowledge
- Workshops & tutorials in academic & plain English for postgraduate students & organisations
- Research processes, academic conventions, government reports – in-depth knowledge
- Expert knowledge of NHMRC funding requirements, APA and other styles
- Tertiary teaching, including life sciences & academic writing
- Editing for international writers
- Medical writing
- Translate complex science into lively text
- Veterinary science
- Working autonomously to deadlines
- Working as member of small teams
- Patient, enthusiastic, love helping others to achieve their potential
- Advanced MS Word skills
- Prepare documents to rigorous specifications
- Tailor communications to target audiences
- Exceptional eye for detail
- Quality management
- Edit to *Australian Standards for Editing Practice*

EDUCATION

Accredited Editor (by examination)
Doctor of Philosophy (Reproductive physiology of marsupials)
Bachelor of Veterinary Science (First Class Honours)
Diploma of Veterinary Acupuncture

Institute of Professional Editors
Murdoch University
University of Queensland
International Veterinary Acupuncture Society

CAREER HISTORY

Principal Writer and Editor

2010 to Current

TrueNature Writing & Editing, Maleny Queensland

Key contributions & achievements:

- Established my own freelance writing and editing business in 2010, offering **expertise in scientific, academic, and nonfiction writing and editing.**
- Provide freelance writing and editing services for clients, with repeat business and referrals from many satisfied clients.
- Successful work on writing and editing projects, including **general nonfiction editing, research papers, reports, grant proposals, theses**, award and fellowship applications, promotion applications, nonfiction books (**specialise in health, medical and life science disciplines**).
- Provide **writing and editing services for academics, academic support services, and students** at Australian universities, including UQ, Curtin, USC, CQU, QUT, UTS, Monash, UoT, Griffith.
- Edit PhD and Masters theses in a broad range of disciplines: medicine, biomedicine, nursing, sports science, education, social science, business.
- Tutor doctoral students in academic writing.
- Develop and present workshops in writing plain English.
- Work with experts and academics whose first language is not English to develop their work in idiomatic English.
- Perform subcontractor work for the Australian science information consultancy Biotext and Cadman Editing Services (scientific & technical editing).
- Edit informational material and newsletters for leading Australian pathology service.
- Edit informational material for Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA), the peak Australian body for exercise scientists and exercise physiologists.
- Edited for international and Australian publishing houses, including a Swedish publisher of sports books.
- Edited research reports for the National Research Institute, a government-funded research initiative in Papua New Guinea.

Text Minding Associate

2017 to Current

Mind Your Way, Virtual Appointment

Key contributions & achievements:

- **Enjoy the challenge of turning complex scientific material into lively, readable text that wins grants!**
- Successful developmental edits of NHMRC grant applications.
- Work within specialty areas such as medicine, biomedicine and life sciences.

Lecturer in Physiology and Science Writer & Editor, Faculty of Science, Health & Education 2007–2010

University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs Queensland

Key contributions & achievements:

- Taught academic writing, physiology, cell biology and pathophysiology in biomedical science, dietetics, nursing, paramedic and sports science programs within Faculty of Science, Health and Education.

- Assisted colleagues with writing and editing research papers, grant applications and conference presentations.
- Developed teaching, research and administrative skills within the academic environment.
- Coordinated courses and participated in learning and teaching research projects with colleagues.

Various roles, including veterinarian in private practice and research assistant
Pre-2007
Various locations

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

'Wow! That's certainly different from my effort. I like it!' [Comment on my developmental edit of his NHMRC Investigator Grant Proposal] *Dr James Sharman, Deputy Director, Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania.* January 2019

'I am thrilled by your edits. They are great.' [Feedback on my revision of his research paper] *Dr Bernhard Jenny, Associate Professor of Immersive Visualisation, Monash University.* March 2019

'Could you suggest anyone who is as good as you?' [Question asked when I was unavailable due to prior commitments] *Dr Margarietha Scheepers, Senior Lecturer, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, University of the Sunshine Coast.* May 2017