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Science writing and editing
for food, agriculture and
natural resources

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Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BScAgr), agricultural economics and animal science majors, The University of Sydney, 1995.
- Accredited Editor (AE), Institute of Professional Editors Limited, 2009.

Current positions

- May 2005–present** **Freelance writer and editor, Canberra**
Writing (including research, interviews), editing, proofreading, writing for the web (websites, e-newsletters), and provision of website advice.
- May 2008–present** **Consultant, Biotext Pty Ltd, Canberra**
Preparing quotes and tenders; web content development, wiki-based style manual; writing, editing and proofreading, as required.

Previous employment

- Nov 2006 – Jul 2008** **Grant writer, Scouts Australia NSW, Sydney**
Developing projects; preparing applications and proposals; managing grants; and assisting local Scout Groups with grant writing.
- Jul 2002 – Oct 2005** **Web communications manager, Australian Wool Innovation, Sydney**
Managing two websites, intranet, e-newsletters and e-releases; developing web-based tools for farmers.
- Jun 2000 – Jul 2002** **Web communications officer, Meat & Livestock Australia, Sydney**
Managing two websites, intranet, e-newsletters and training.
- Jul 1998 – Jun 2000** **Communications officer, Meat & Livestock Australia, Sydney**
Work on issues management, food safety and school education programs, including event management, publishing and web content.

Writing and editorial experience

Tristan has written, edited and proofread magazine articles, fact sheets, brochures, guidelines and reports for a number of private organisations and government agencies.

- ***mLaPrograzier* and FRONTIER magazines, Meat & Livestock Australia, 2005–present**
Writing articles (research, interviews), sourcing photographs, sub-editing all copy.
- ***Feedback* magazine, Meat & Livestock Australia, 2005–present**
Writing articles (research, interviews).
- ***Spotlight* magazine, Cotton Research and Development Corporation, 2006–present**
Writing articles (research, interviews), sourcing photographs.
- **Australian Government Division of Land and Coasts, 2008–present**
Providing editorial advice, editing ministerial and departmental correspondence, ministerial briefs, reports, grant guidelines, fact sheets and website content.
- **Editing project proposal, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, 2009.**
- **Editing journal paper on water management systems, CSIRO Land & Water, 2009.**

Web communication experience

Tristan has produced web content and provided web communications advice to many organisations, including Biotext, Dairy Australia (for Corporate Ambience), Meat & Livestock Australia, Animal Health Australia, Cluster Navigators and Blossom Sugar Art.

- **Corporate website, Biotext, 2009–10**
Information architecture, writing new content, managing design and development.
- **Environment web section, Meat & Livestock Australia, 2009**
Information architecture, revising existing content, writing new content for website.
- **Farm case studies, Meat & Livestock Australia, 2009**
Writing nine farm case studies on drought management for MLA website.
- **Australian Government Division of Land and Coasts, 2008**
Editing content for the Australian Vegetation Information website.
- **Biotext style manual wiki, Biotext, 2008**
Converting a reference guide into a wiki for use by staff and subcontractors.
- **Information architecture tutorial, Biotext, 2008**
Teaching information architecture techniques to consultants for a healthcare website.
- **Web content and advice, Corporate Ambience, 2008**
Provision of advice for the animal welfare section of the Dairy Australia website, keyword analysis, technical writing, editing and proofreading.
- **On-farm R&D e-Newsletter, MLA, 2006–07**
Developing a template, sourcing articles, writing, production and distribution.
- **MLA More Beef from Pastures website, MLA, 2007**
Writing, editing and producing content.

Grant application and tender writing experience

Tristan has experience in developing and managing a grants database, project planning, preparing project proposals, and completing grant applications and tenders.

- **Preparing quotes and tenders, Biotext, 2007–present**
Responding to business inquiries, preparing quotations, searching for tender opportunities, preparing over 20 tenders for government agencies and private organisations.
- **Grant writing for Scouts Australia NSW, 2006–08**
Preparing over 20 grant applications for government and private grantmaking bodies, and assisting local, non-profit Scout Groups to apply for funding.
- **Grant writing for Burwood Soccer Club, 2006–07**
Preparing small grant applications for private grantmaking bodies.

Professional development

Affiliations

- Member, Australian Science Communicators, 2008–present
- Member, Canberra Society of Editors, 2008–present

Courses, workshops and seminars

- 2010 *Building Templates in Word 2003*, Canberra Society of Editors
Hot Air Symposium, *Australian Science Communicators' National Conference 2010*, Canberra
- 2009 *Business Basics 1*, Canberra Business Point and Deloitte
Editing as a Business, Canberra Society of Editors
Introduction to Proofreading, Canberra Society of Editors
Overview of Editing and Publishing, Canberra Society of Editors
Science editing training modules, Biotext, Canberra
- 2008 *Talking with Graphic Designers*, Australian Science Communicators, Canberra
Science Writing and Editing, Biotext, Sydney
- 2007 *Successful Grant Writing: Grant Submission Workshop*, Our Community, Sydney
- 2004 Personal Influence Skills, Australian Institute of Management, Sydney
Presenting Company Information on Corporate Websites, Hoa Loranger, NNG
Web Usability 101, Jakob Nielsen and Hoa Loranger, NNG
- 2003 Advanced HTML, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney
Basic XML, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney
- 2002 Information Architecture, Lou Rosenfeld, NNG
Writing for the Web, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney
- 2001 Photoshop 6.0 Advanced, Skill Master Computer Learning Centre
- 2000 Dreamweaver Advanced, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney
Dreamweaver Introduction, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney
- 1999 Priority Manager Workshop, Priority Management
Spanish, Certificates I and II, NSW TAFE
- 1996 Hygiene Training Course for Food Handlers, Food Safety Operations
HACCP: Principles and Applications Course, Food Operations

Volunteer activities

- Parents and Friends Committee, St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor (2010–present)
- Parent helper, 13th Canberra Scout Group, O'Connor ACT (2009–present)
- Canteen duty and other activities, St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor ACT (2008–present)
- Treasurer, Lyneham Preschool Parents Association Incorporated, Lyneham ACT (2009–10)
- Editor, CSIROCare Early Childhood Centre, Black Mountain ACT (2008–09)
- Competition secretary, Burwood Soccer Club, Burwood NSW (2006–07)
- Team manager, Burwood Soccer Club, Burwood NSW (2005)