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Professional Summary

Education and workforce-development executive with 20+ years' experience delivering large-scale learning ecosystem design and skills-sector reform across Australia, the Pacific, SE Asia and the UAE. Expert in multi-stakeholder coordination, transparent provider engagement, and quality assurance systems within corporate, RTO, government, and not-for-profit programs. Skilled in curriculum and qualification framework design (AQTF / EQAP / PQF) and monitoring and evaluating program KPIs and outcomes.

Currently engaged by **Palladium / Scope Global** as **Short-Term Adviser (TVET Qualification Development)** under the **Kiribati-Australia Skills for Employment Partnership (KASfEP)**, leading the design and accreditation of Kiribati's *Certificate III in TVET Teaching*; the Pacific's first PQF-aligned teacher qualification validated by EQAP. Recognised for strengthening national capability, ensuring policy alignment, and mentoring ministries and training providers through QA and validation processes.

Regional Education & Development Portfolio

- **Kiribati – KASfEP (DFAT / Palladium):** Design and accreditation of Certificate III in TVET Teaching; alignment to PQF & EQAP standards; national validation with MoE Kiribati and KIT.
- **Fiji – USP & University of Fiji:** TESOL and workforce programs for teachers and adult learners.
- **Nauru – Adult & Police Training Programs:** English and vocational curriculum design in post-crisis contexts.
- **Australia – ForestWorks Ltd (Jobs & Skills Council):** National QA, industry consultation, and training-package reform across trades sectors.
- **UAE – Miral Destinations Academy:** Corporate academy design for 3,000+ staff in hospitality and tourism; co-developed Graduate Certificate in Theme Park Management with Rosen College / Disney University.
- **SE Asia / Sri Lanka / Global – Adventus.io (EdTech SaaS):** Directed global QA and compliance oversight for 1,700+ education-provider contracts across 27 countries, ensuring all articulation pathways and course data met accreditation, transparency, and regulatory standards. Led multicultural teams in Sri Lanka and Australia, maintaining quality systems, probity, and student-information integrity throughout international provider networks.

Advisory Focus Areas

- Programme review, validation & TNQAB / PQF accreditation processes
- Competency-based curriculum & assessment design (CBT, RPL, moderation)
- Content sequencing, assessment mapping & evidence frameworks
- Institutional QA systems & continuous-improvement mentoring
- Teacher professional-practice development (andragogy / pedagogy)
- Policy alignment & reporting to DFAT / EQAP / regional ministries
- Industry engagement & workforce development planning
- Safeguarding, GEDSI & locally led capacity building

Selected Achievements

- Led national accreditation of the *Certificate III in TVET Teaching* (Kiribati – first of its kind under PQF).
- Directed AU\$45 million in national training-package projects under the Jobs & Skills Council framework.
- Managed partnerships with 1,700+ global education institutions (Adventus.io) ensuring QA & probity.
- Authored and validated 15 accredited programs (Cert II to Diploma) across multiple industries.
- Winner – *Service Skills Australia Industry Collaboration Award* (2014).

Professional Experience

Short-Term Adviser (TVET Qualification Development)

Palladium / Scope Global | Kiribati Skills for Employment Program (KASfEP) | Australia & Pacific

Oct 2025 – Present (Estimated Completion: March 2026)

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- Supporting the development and alignment of the Certificate III in TVET Teaching under the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF) and accredited to EQAP standards on KIT scope.
- Facilitating collaboration between MoE, KIT, EQAP, and employer partners to ensure qualifications align with the Kiribati Workforce Development Strategy 2030.
- Developing assessment mapping, bilingual delivery materials, and employability-skills integration for TVET teacher capacity building.
- Contributing to quality assurance, monitoring, and reporting on program performance and progress.
- Delivering curriculum sequencing, validation, and accreditation documentation for EQAP submission
- Engaged through project milestones from design through pilot implementation and validation (target completion 16 March 2026).

Self Employed: Program Manager – Learning Academies

Miral Destinations Academy (via Talent Bridge HR) | Abu Dhabi, UAE | Feb 2025 – Jul 2025

- Established Miral Academy for 3,000+ staff across theme park and hospitality.
- Designed Graduate Certificate in Theme Park Management (with Rosen College/Disney University).
- Delivered leadership and customer service programs aligned to UAE Vision 2031.

Chief Operations Officer / Operations Manager/Acting CEO

ForestWorks Ltd (Jobs & Skills Council) | Australia | Mar 2023 – Jul 2024

- Directed multi-industry workforce and skills projects (AU\$45m) under the Australian Government's Jobs and Skills Council framework.
- Oversaw provider coordination, stakeholder consultation, and compliance within DEWR and industry regulatory standards.
- Managed KPI performance reporting, risk identification, and continuous improvement across national training reform initiatives.
- Facilitated engagement sessions integrating inclusive and locally relevant delivery practices.

Director of Operations (Inventory, Data & Research)

Adventus io (EdTech SaaS) | SE Asia & Australia | 2018 – 2023

- Scaled team from 11 to 56; managed global catalogue of 100,000+ courses across 1,700 institutions.
- Managed procurement and onboarding of 1,700+ education providers across 27 countries; designed RFP criteria, evaluated bids, conducted due diligence, and executed contracts.
- Implemented provider performance monitoring systems and risk registers to support organisational KPI tracking and reporting.
- Maintained data integrity and compliance consistent with Australian Government value-for-money and probity standards.
- Implemented Agile/Prince2 project management to deliver education QA and compliance.
- Produced board reports, tenders and compliance frameworks, enhanced platform QA
- Mentored multicultural staff during crises (Sri Lankan bombings, COVID, riots).

National Projects Manager – Education Initiatives, Learning & Compliance

Franklyn Scholar (later Kaplan and VU Group) | Australia | 2009 – 2015

- Managed compliance under AQTF, Skills Victoria, NSW/QLD Training Services, CRICOS.
- Delivered VET in Schools, VCAL, CGEA, workforce programs for Indigenous & disadvantaged learners.
- Authored successful tenders and coordinated RTO partnerships across multiple states (\$22m in bids and tenders, including workforce projects with Australian Hotels Association/Tasmanian Hospitality Association.)
- Awarded Service Skills Australia Industry Collaboration Award for innovative partnerships.

Founder / Education Consultant

KT Education Consulting / Australia & Global / 2014 – Present

- Designed accredited programs for BSchool, Australian College of Aromatherapy, and industry associations.
- Delivered compliance frameworks, TAS documents, validation matrices, and audit-ready evidence.
- Secured AU\$11m in consultancy tenders including DFAT and local government projects.

Education & Accreditation

- Master of Education (Leadership & Administration) – Deakin University
- Master of Applied Data Analytics (partially completed) – University of Melbourne
- Postgraduate Certificate in TESOL – University of the South Pacific, Fiji
- Bachelor of Education – Deakin University
- Diploma of Teaching (Primary) – Australian Catholic University
- Certificate IV in Training & Assessment (TAA40110) – SkillsPlus (equivalent to TAE40122)
- SAI Global Management Systems Auditing (VBM535)
- Certified Business Management Professional – Australia
- Certified Business Leadership Specialist – Australia
- Certified Training and Assessment Specialist – Australia
- Memberships: Australian Institute of Management; International Association for Learning and Development (IALD)

Awards & Recognition

- Winner – Telstra Victorian Microbusiness Awards (Showkidz) (2017)
- Winner – Service Skills Australia Industry Collaboration Award (2014)
- Finalist – National Workforce Development Awards (2016)

Board & Advisory Roles

- Committee Member – Gender Advisory Services Board, Monash Hospital (Victoria, Australia) | 2021 – 2024

Regional Experience

Extensive professional and personal engagement across Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tuvalu and the wider Pacific through DFAT-funded education and skills-development programs. Skilled in culturally responsive consultation, co-design, and mentoring approaches that build local capacity and sustainable quality systems. Husband (ex) of 27 years was Tuvaluan.

Led a national team of Stakeholder Engagement Managers to build collaborative RTO networks and consult on workforce development priorities and AQTF-aligned skills reform initiatives, ensuring industry and government alignment.