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### OVERVIEW

My corporate background has been in the finance industry mainly in equity sales, financial planning and corporate training roles. I have worked on some of Australia's largest equity and futures trading desks and thrive in the busy and hectic pace that comes with that environment. I have held business development roles with financial planning groups and worked as a financial planner myself for several years. In addition to this, I have worked as a corporate trainer, both writing and facilitating three-day training courses to groups of financial planners.

In 2012 my husband and I started our own business, Bright Employment and a not-for-profit charity called Bright Hospitality that was dedicated to supporting people from vulnerable communities across Sydney and Tasmania (refugees, asylum seeker & local Australian communities) through the delivery of training programs with direct employment outcomes. Over 5 years we assisted 1,200 people and secured employment for over 700 people. The company expanded quickly growing to 25 staff members and in 2015 I moved into the CEO role.

As CEO I was involved in all aspects of the business, including company operations, overseeing finance and marketing, developing training models, human resources and attending large stakeholder meetings. As CEO I was ultimately responsible for developing and keeping to budgets and developing and implementing business operational improvements to improve our costs and productivity through efficiencies and the implementation of technology.

Last year I started a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Teaching (Economics & Business Studies) degree at Macquarie University majoring in marketing which I have currently deferred as I pursue paid employment.

### My personal attributes

- Highly Collaborative approach to working within a team
- Highly competent organisational skills and knowledge of business systems
- Lateral thinker and measured decision maker
- Fun and creative with a positive attitude, bringing energy and ideas
- Strong communication and sales skills
- Strong Excel and mathematic skills