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## EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS

<b>UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY</b> Graduate Certificate in Restructuring & Turnaround	<b>2022 - Current</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN RESTRUCTURING INSOLVENCY &amp; TURNAROUND ASSOCIATION</b> Advanced Certification in Restructuring & Turnaround	<b>2021</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN RESTRUCTURING INSOLVENCY &amp; TURNAROUND ASSOCIATION</b> Advanced Certification in Insolvency National Highest Achiever Award, Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> in Australia	<b>2019</b>
<b>CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA &amp; NEW ZEALAND</b> Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting	<b>2016 - 2019</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES</b> Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance) Awarded Dean's List for Academic Excellence	<b>2013-2015</b>

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**MANAGER** **APRIL 2021 - PRESENT**  
**WEXTED ADVISORS**

Direct management of complex advisory and formal insolvency engagements, reporting directly to Partners. Management of up to six junior staff on any given engagement.

**SENIOR ASSOCIATE, RESTRUCTURING ADVISORY** **OCTOBER 2019 - APRIL 2021**  
**GRANT THORNTON**

Supervision of medium and complex engagements, reporting directly to SM/Partner, and direct management of associates and graduates. Key engagements in prior 12 months include:

- Miniso Australia (Hong Kong owned, Australian-arm of international retail brand):
  - Successfully implemented restructure through an earn-out DOCA and Creditors' Trust;
  - Managed successful trade-on of over 30 retail stores through COVID-19 pandemic;
  - Facilitated negotiations with 16 lessors resulting in significantly improved lease terms, including reductions in future gross rent and preserving rental bonds. Demonstrated rental savings of c. \$5M within 12 months to management;
  - Managed key relationships with Chinese / Hong Kong stakeholders (proficient in spoken and written Mandarin) including senior management, shareholders and franchisees.
- VA and Receivership over two different shopping centres. VA resulted in a profitable trade-on followed by a 100c/\$ DOCA, and resolution of disputes between Chinese-based shareholders. Receivership is ongoing, and is due to be refinanced after the resolution of a number of disputes between the lender, borrower and agents.

- Confidential matter: Conducted large-scale Public Examinations and investigations of a corporate group suspected of phoenix activity, tax fraud and organised crime, working collaboratively alongside the Australian Taxation Office.
  - Worked directly with solicitors and Counsel to source evidence and synthesise effective lines of questioning for each examinee;
  - Next step is to source additional funding from ATO and/or private funders to commence litigation against a number of related-parties.
- Independently operate smaller matters (CVLs) without management from seniors.

**SENIOR ACCOUNTANT  
WORRELLS SOLVENCY & FORENSICS**

**JUNE 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Managed team ledger of approximately 100 active formal and informal engagements, including Voluntary Administrations, Receiverships and MIPs, Court Liquidations, CVLs & MVLs, forensic / litigation support and investigative accounting engagements.
- Experience with complex trade-on and restructuring engagements including:
  - Foodora Australia: Berlin-based food delivery and gig economy app subject to litigation with Australia's Fair Work Ombudsman for misclassification of employees as contractors. Managed the data modelling of the Company's 5,000 employees' and contractors' underpaid entitlements;
  - Napoleon Perdis Cosmetics: Cosmetics giant with 56 stores across Australia. Managed the successful sale-of-business campaign (implemented through DOCA and Creditors' Trust) and associated and data-rooms. Built relationships with successful Chinese buyers, working with their advisors towards expansion of business to China.
  - Custom Bus Australia: Bus manufacturer and key supplier to Australian government. Collaborated with legal advisors to successfully vest 75% of key assets (completed busses and WIP) against claims of secured creditors with defective security instruments.
- Direct supervision and training of 3 accountants, reported directly to SM/Partner.

**GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT  
RETAIL SUPPORT GROUP**

**AUGUST 2016 - JUNE 2017**

- Conducted business analyses and financial modelling, budgets and forecasts;
- Identified business issues and opportunities, and presented to management;
- Liaised directly with management to address day-to-day operational issues.

**COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE DIRECTOR  
IQPC AUSTRALASIA**

**FEBRUARY 2016 - AUGUST 2016**

- Conducted feasibility analysis and market research directly with external C-Suite executives;
- Procured, synthesised and curated relevant and timely information into professional agendas, and secured 25-30 industry thought leaders to speak at each event;
- Worked in cross-functional teams (sponsorship, operations, marketing, delegates) to maximise revenue on a per event basis;
- Established and maintained relationships with external industry leaders and senior management speakers;
- Prepared and presented business cases to exploit new opportunities.