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Working Holiday
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PROFILE

Product designer by training, and a creative in all aspects of that word. Seven years designing things people actually use: mini golf courses that take a daily beating from the public, a DJ booth built from sketches through to steel, event graphics for a thousand-strong student society. I've noticed I do my best work when I'm designing for something I'm into myself. I thrive in situations that let me bounce ideas off other colleagues, but I'm equally happy bouncing them off the wall and back to myself on solo projects. Recently relocated to Sydney on a Working Holiday visa and available for work now.

EXPERIENCE

Property Inspector, Rent Connect, London 2025-2026

At Rent Connect I evaluate the safety and quality of properties used for temporary accommodation. It has sharpened my customer-facing skills and put me in a role where the work helps vulnerable people feel a bit safer. It has also taught me a good deal about property maintenance and stretched my already respectable DIY skills. I've enjoyed the change of pace, but I'm keen to apply myself in a creative industry again.

Design Manager, UrbanCrazy - 2018-2025

After graduating I embarked on a fairly unusual career designing miniature golf courses. Over seven years I led the concepting and creation of a wide variety of courses, from large-scale outdoor 18-hole layouts to indoor, bar-style venues aimed at student and nightlife audiences, as well as modular and portable installations for events and exhibitions.

One of those took me to Manchester City's training ground, designing a portable foot-golf course for an end-of-season campaign with Nexen Tire. As a lifelong football fan, being asked to design something for a Premier League club is still the best brief I've had.

More recently I designed an 18-hole locomotive-themed course for Play2Day in Wisbech, and a 15-hole course for Lambeth Council in the heart of Brixton, themed around the history of the borough so that players pick up something about the area while they play.

Alongside the physical design I produced all of the company's graphic design, covering large-scale course graphics, branding, product brochures, social media assets and visual mood-boards. The role gave me hands-on experience across product design, interior architecture, furniture, landscaping and user experience design. I presented work both internally and externally, helping to win new business and maintain long-term client relationships.

Bespoke DJ Table Project, Nottingham - 2018
I designed and fabricated a custom DJ booth for Mimm, a creative collective and retail space in Nottingham. The project combined furniture design with brand expression and user-centred thinking, and was tested in front of a live club crowd before I adapted it for batch production in plywood.

President of the DJ Society, Nottingham Trent University - 2016-2018
I was elected to lead NTU's largest society, which gave me experience in event planning, branding, flyer design, budgeting and running DJ workshops. It sharpened my leadership, creative direction and team coordination, and opened the door to collaborations with Stealth, Rough Trade, Red Bull and Smirnoff.

Curious Townhouse, Cocktail Bar, Nottingham - 2015-2017
I honed my people skills in a fast-paced hospitality environment (and mastered the perfect Margarita).

The Fishery, Pub, Hertfordshire - 2012-2015

Stockroom Manager, Richer Sounds, Watford - 2011-2012

EDUCATION

2nd Class Degree B/A Hons Product Design — NTU, Nottingham, 2018

A-Levels / BTEC Level 3 in 3D design - D,M,M (Equivalent to A,B,B) — West Herts College, 2012-2014

GCSEs - A,B,B,B,C,C,C _Art, English Lit, History, Maths, Double Science, English Language respectively)

SKILLS

I'm fluent in Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, SketchUp, SolidWorks and AutoCAD, along with Microsoft Office and the Apple ecosystem.

INTERESTS

Outside work I'm an avid music lover and have been DJing for over 15 years. I'm a devoted football fan (Tottenham, if you're asking), a keen runner, a classic car enthusiast, and a self-confessed nerd with a deep love of geography, history and science. I'm also pretty handy in a pub quiz and never turn down the chance to show off some general knowledge.