



AJANTA JUDD

COMPREHENSIVE RESUME

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A dedicated and experienced leader in community development, advocacy, and program coordination, with a passion for fostering inclusive spaces and empowering individuals. Proven expertise in planning and executing diverse initiatives, securing funding, and facilitating impactful events.

Strong interpersonal skills, strategic thinking, and technological proficiency support effective engagement and organisational growth.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- **Community Leadership:** Extensive experience in program development, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy.
 - **Program & Event Management:** Expertise in coordinating diverse groups, fostering inclusivity, and delivering impactful community initiatives.
 - **Technology & Digital Literacy:** Skilled in IT training, website development, and digital literacy education for diverse demographics.
 - **Grant Writing & Financial Management:** Proven ability to secure and manage grants, ensuring financial sustainability of community programs.
 - **Writing & Communication:** Strong grant writing, professional documentation, and storytelling skills.
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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Victorian Learn Local Award (2020):** Trainer for the Digital Matters program, addressing social isolation through technology.
 - **Australia Day Award (1998):** Recognised for contributions to the Jaga Jaga Community.
 - **Excellence Award (2001):** Outstanding service to the Banyule Community.
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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Community Development & Program Coordination

- **Founder & Coordinator** | Byron Neighbourhood Community & Resource Centre (2004–2007)
 - Established a vital community organisation to bridge service gaps and foster collaboration.
 - Organised the Byron Bay Beggars Banquet, serving 600+ meals annually and raising homelessness awareness.

- **Manager** | Various Community Centres, Melbourne & Victoria (1988–2003)
 - Led diverse teams and community programs, overseeing funding, policy creation, and event coordination.
 - Managed teams of 40+, facilitated workshops, and established strong media relations.
- **Financial Manager** | Looma Remote Aboriginal Community, WA (2009–2010)
 - Managed a \$2.5M budget for a 450-person community, overseeing payroll, funding, and compliance.

Training, Facilitation & Mentorship

- **Trainer & Facilitator** | Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre (2019–2024)
 - Delivered digital literacy, work-life balance, and web design courses, supporting community education.
 - Led award-winning *Digital Matters* program to reduce social isolation through technology.
- **Women's Mentor & Job Trainer** | Women Connect, VIC (2019–2020)
 - Provided job preparation support, resume development, and interview coaching with a 76% employment success rate.

Advocacy, Counselling & Mediation

- **Counsellor & Advocate** | Private Practice (2005–Present)
 - Providing therapeutic support for individuals facing grief, trauma, and personal challenges.
- **Death Doula & End-of-Life Consultant** (2016–Present)
 - Assisting families with emotional and practical end-of-life planning, grief support, and funeral arrangements.
- **Credentialed Buddhist Chaplain** | Buddhist Council of Victoria (2018–Present)
 - Delivering pastoral and spiritual care for patients and families.

Technology Support & Digital Literacy

- **Founder** | Tech Teacher Services (2010–Present)
 - Providing IT & device training, resume support, social media & website development for community centres, businesses and individuals.
 - Contracted NDIS and Baptcare service provider, supporting digital inclusion for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Writing & Editing

- **Facilitator** | The Writing Den (2010–2017) Young Writer's Phillip Island (2017–2020)
 - Guided writers in editing, storytelling, poetry and creative development.
- **Editor & Consultant** | Tech Teacher Services (2010–Present)
 - Assisting with academic, creative, and business writing, including grant applications and memoir editing.

VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENTS

- **Founder & Vice President** | Byron Neighbourhood Resource Centre (2006–2010)
 - **Board Member** | Byron Bay Community & Cultural Centre (2004–2008)
 - **Pastoral Care Worker** | Bass Coast Health (2019–2023)
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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **BA Honours Double Major** | Social Sciences & Women's Studies | Latrobe University (1996)
 - **Graduate Diploma** | Buddhist Psychotherapy & Counselling | Sophia College (2008)
 - **Cert IV | Small Business Management** (2013)
 - **Cert IV | Community Services SACS Mgmt.** (1997)
 - **Advanced Death Doula Certification** | Life Options (2017)
 - **Midwifing Death & Caring for the Dying** | Dr. Michael Barbato (2018)
 - **Master of Arts (Writing & Literature)** | Deakin University (In Progress)
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LEGALITIES & OTHER CREDENTIALS

- Current Police Check
 - Working with Children Card
 - First Aid & CPR Certification (2023)
 - Full Driver's Licence
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REFEREES

- **Greg Thompson** – Principal, Thompson Strategic Consulting - 0411 062 030
- **Alison Parkinson** – Small Business Owner, Exhibiting Artist - 0419 185 776
- **Sandy Campbell** – Administrator, Discover Creswick - 0427 686 983
- **John Allan** – Psychotherapist, Buddhist Dharma & Meditation Teacher - 0428 991 189
- **Annie Whitlocke** – Assoc. Director at Social Health Aust., Death Doula - 0408 809 673