

Who are the women involved in STEM?

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What I wanted to be when I grew up

I wanted to be in the Navy - working on helicopters.

In year 10, I flew from Hobart to HMAS Albatross (Nowra, NSW) to do work experience. I saw a few passionate women working on the aircraft and was inspired to pursue a career in Defence Aviation.

Professional

Top-level responsibilities

Aviation Technician Avionics

Day-to-day work and skills

Leadership development; Officer Initial Entry Training; Mentoring for female engineering Officers and Sailors

The most rewarding part of my job is

Helping other women to overcome challenges associated with typically male dominated work environments. Also mentoring and coaching women to become aware of the opportunities and resources for both personal and professional development and trade mastery.

Personal

Current location and community

Jervis Bay, NSW

My interests and hobbies

Outdoors adventuring, Women's leadership and development and Veteran wellness initiatives

I am passionate about

People. I have shaped my career around coaching, mentoring and role modeling in order to bring out the best in others.

What I would say to 16-year-old me

You are going to have an amazing career travelling overseas, working with helicopters and good people. You don't know it yet, but you will be paving the way for others to follow your career path. This career is going to be a rewarding and worthwhile challenge.



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Year 10: Passes in Maths, English, Science

Trade training: Aviation Technician - RAAF Base Wagga and HMAS Albatross. Training on fixed-wing aircraft and Seahawk and Seasprite helicopters

Three overseas deployments on ships in the Middle East. Obtained technical mastery of skills working in the maritime environment. Worked as a technician, supervisor and manager of aviation teams.

RMIT: Aerospace Engineer Training - completed modules for a Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Aerospace Engineering.

Future: Continue mentoring and developing leadership and professionalism of women in STEM related service roles.