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EDUCATION

March 2003 – June 2006 **Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.**

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Vertebrate Palaeontology.**

The stratigraphy, vertebrate fauna and taphonomy of the Early Pleistocene Nelson Bay Formation, Portland, Victoria.

Project analysed and interpreted a 1.5 million year old mammal fossil site at Nelson Bay, Portland, Victoria, Australia. Advisors: Prof. Pat Vickers-Rich and Dr Tom Rich.

September 1996 – June 2000 **University College London, UK.**

- **Master in Science (MSci) Geology (First Class Hons).**

Broad-based degree covering all aspects of geology including a total of fifteen weeks fieldwork in the UK and Europe. 4TH YEAR THESIS: *Exceptional preservation in Early Cretaceous salamanders from Las Hoyas, Spain – a taphonomic and morphological study.*

September 1989 – June 1996 **Launceston College, Launceston, Cornwall, UK.**

- **A-levels** Mathematics (A), Further Mathematics (A), Biology (B), Chemistry (B).
- **9 GCSE subjects** 4 A*, 3 A, 2 B.

EXPERIENCE

Communication

- **Chapterhouse proofreading and copy-editing** correspondence course August 2006–July 2007. Obtained a certificate of competency in proofreading and copy-editing.
- **Science writer and copy-editor** for *The Epoch Times* international newspaper print and online editions. March 2005–present. Produced over forty, 300–600 word published articles on varied topics from quantum physics to archaeology aimed at a general readership.
- **Web-editor and writer** for human rights organisation *Free China* Melbourne branch, June 2005–June 2006. Wrote articles for website, reported on local events and produced monthly newsletter.
- **Presenting research results at conferences** developed my ability to convey technical information to a non-specialist audience in both oral and poster presentations. Awarded Best Oral presentation in Vertebrate Palaeontology session at the Victorian Universities Earth and Environmental Sciences Conference 2005.
- **Publication of research results** in peer-reviewed journals taught me editing and proofreading skills, and introduced me to the publishing industry. Six papers produced to date (2005–2007).

Research

- **PhD and MSci dissertations** – Skills developed: large-scale data collection and analysis; project planning and management; effective presentation of written and oral information; attention to detail; effective researching and reviewing of literature; taxonomic description; species recognition from teeth; palaeoecological analysis; fossil collection in the field; specimen curation.
- **Prospect Solution** – freelance researcher, completed two 2000 word essay assignments on geology topics (November 2006–January 2007).

Employment

- **Freelance proofreader and copy-editor, Cornwall UK.** June 2007–present. Work includes copy-editing and proofreading articles for medical journals, books (fiction/non-fiction), theses, reports and business letters.
- **Assistant Scientist, Scientific Services, South West Water, Exeter, Devon UK.** August 2001–January 2003 – Inorganic chemistry laboratory. Analysed soils, sludges, clean and waste water samples for in-house quality control and private customers. Wrote new instrument methodology.

Computer skills

- Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint; Adobe Acrobat, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign; Macromedia Dreamweaver MX; OCR RSA touch typing certificate.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journals

- Piper, K. J. 2005. An early Pleistocene record of a giant koala (Phascolarctidae, Marsupialia) from western Victoria. *Australian Mammalogy* 27:221–223.
- Piper, K. J. and N. D. Herrmann 2006. Additions to knowledge of the early Pleistocene wallaby, *Baringa nelsonensis* Flannery and Hann, 1984 (Marsupialia, Macropodinae). *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of N.S.W.* 127: 125–131.
- Rich, T. H., K. J. Piper, D. Pickering and S. Wright. 2006. Further Ektopodontidae (Phalangerioidea, Mammalia) of southwestern Victoria. *Alcheringa* 30: 133–140.
- Piper, K. J., E. M. G. Fitzgerald and T. H. Rich. 2006. Mesozoic to early Quaternary mammal faunas of Victoria, southeast Australia. *Palaeontology* 49: 1237–1262.
- Piper, K. J., 2006. A new species of Palorchestidae (Marsupialia) from the Pliocene and early Pleistocene of Victoria. *Alcheringa Special Issue 1*: 281–294.
- Piper, K. J., 2007. Early Pleistocene mammals from the Nelson Bay Local Fauna, Portland, Victoria, Australia. *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* 27: 492–503.
- Price, G. J. and K. J. Piper in prep. Gigantism of the Australian *Diprotodon* Owen 1838 (Marsupialia, Diprotodontidae) through the Pleistocene. *Journal of Quaternary Science*.

Conference Abstracts

Oral presentation

- Piper, K. J. 2005. Preliminary taphonomic and palaeoenvironmental interpretations of the early Pleistocene Nelson Bay Local Fauna, Portland, Victoria. 19th Victorian Universities Earth and Environmental Sciences Conference, September 2005. *Geological Society of Australia Abstracts* 80: 33.
- Piper, K. J. 2005. The Nelson Bay Local Fauna – a diverse assemblage from the early Pleistocene of Victoria. 10th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology (CAVEPS) & Systematics and Quaternary Extinctions Symposium. Naracoorte, SA. pp. 58–59.

Poster presentation

- Piper, K. J. 2004. Unusual morphological features in fossil marsupials from the early Pleistocene of Victoria. 18th Victorian Universities Earth and Environmental Sciences Conference, September 2004. *Geological Society of Australia Abstracts* 75: 36.
- Piper, K. J. 2003. Mammalian biochronology of Australia – an Early Pleistocene assemblage from Nelson Bay, Portland, Victoria. 17th Victorian Universities Earth Sciences Conference, September 2003. *Geological Society of Australia Abstracts* 70: 19.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Associate Member of Society for Editors and Proofreaders (UK), 2008–present.
- Ordinary Member of the Palaeontological Association (UK), 2002–present.