
WENDY BOWN

PROFILE/GOALS

I am looking to work in a creative environment where I can help a team with my current skills and also build new skills by learning and developing myself. I am a fast paced creative individual who strives to work hard. I work well as part of a team or self directed. I have a strong interest in visual story telling and imagery making.

EXPERIENCE

PHOTOGRAPHER / CAMERA OPERATOR / FREELANCE PRODUCTION COMPANY, 2018 - CURRENT

After taking a break to have children I have been working as a freelance camera operator, video editor and photographer. I run similar to a production company but with a focus on environment stories. Here producing video or stills for Govt agencies including NRC, MPI, DOC, MFE as well as smaller non profits. Examples of this work can be viewed on my website. Link below.

PHOTOGRAPHER / CAMERA OPERATOR / VIDEO EDITOR, WETA WORKSHOP WELLINGTON, 2011 - 2016

At Weta I worked my way up from camera assistant to senior photographer, camera operator and video editor. Within my role I shot behind the scenes, production, product video and stills, edited short films for production and advertising purposes and put together documentaries. I learnt a wide range of software and how to problem solve on my feet. This was an extremely fast paced, challenging environment where I developed excellent time management skills, ability to cope under pressure and to think outside the square.

PHOTOGRAPHER / PHOTO ASSISTANT / DIGITAL OPERATOR, FREELANCE, AUCKLAND, 2009 - 2011

I worked as a professional freelance photographer, photographers assistant and digital operator. Working for advertising and editorial photographers allowed me to continue advancing my technical skills in photography, photoshop and lighting on location around Auckland and in the studio. I also shot a number of commercial projects while developing my personal portfolio and website.

DECKHAND, MOTOR YACHT IN CARIBBEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN, 2007 - 2008

As a savings plan to buy more photography equipment, I joined a motor yacht in Spain which was destined for the Caribbean. Here I worked maintaining the vessel, navigating, helming and learning sailing techniques. We journeyed from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean and back, working and sailing through each place. I developed time management skills, the ability to work long hours with little sleep and extreme attention to detail.

PHOTOGRAPHER / ASSISTANT, CROYDON STUDIO, AUCKLAND, 2005 - 2007

Here I worked full time assisting three photographers within a busy photography studio in central Auckland. We shot automotive, still life, fashion, jewellery and food for magazines and advertising. I eventually moved into a photographers role, shooting in a studio environment for commercial and editorial clients.

ENGLISH TEACHER, SOUTH KOREA, 2003 - 2004

After graduating from my Fine Arts degree I worked as an English teacher to pay off my student loan. I taught Korean students a range of subjects, including science, music, art, phonics, theatre and spelling. I gained experience in public speaking, preparing classes, writing lesson plans and organising events throughout the school.

SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTOR, CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO USA, 2001 - 2003

Working through two winter seasons instructing people of all ages and abilities to snowboard. I learned skills in managing teams, leadership and preparing and instructing lesson plans.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS 2001 OTAGO POLYTECHNIC

SKILLS / AWARDS / SHORT COURSES

- Currently working on a postgraduate diploma- Postgraduate study in science communication - Otago University
- Adventure Film School Wanaka - 5 day documentary filming course for current film makers - Professional development 2023
- Sales, marketing and small business strategy workshop - 2013 Christina Force - Professional Photographers agent and folio consultant
- Quoting, client negotiating and licensing workshop - 2013 Christina Force - Professional Photographers agent and folio consultant
- Premiere pro weekend workshop 2012 - Natcoll
- Photoshop and Adobe Raw seminar: retouching, processing, workflow: 3 day seminar 2011
- Adobe certified Photoshop workshop: 2010
- Advanced photoshop workshop: 2009
- Be your own boss: 4 week business course 2009
- Competed in Coast to Coast multi sport race 2007
- Runner up Metro Young photographer of the year 2006 - images published in Metro

REFERENCES

Referees available upon request



