

Heather Saxena

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Professional Profile

I have over ten years' experience as a journalist, editor and ghostwriter. I thrive on the challenge of finding, researching and writing 250-600 word news stories through to 2000-3000 word features. I have written for Australian Doctor, Medical Observer, the Australian Financial Review and Pan Macmillan.

Skills

- Clear, concise writer
- Able to research stories independently
- Energetic and organised
- Excellent interviewing skills
- Unfazed by tight deadlines
- Familiar with writing for a target audience
- Familiar with submitting tight copy that needs minimal editing
- Able to write punchy leads that draw readers in.

Relevant Experience

2000-2014: Worked as a salaried and freelance journalist for Australian Doctor and Medical Observer. I broke many medical news stories that were also picked up by mainstream newspapers. This led to a commission from the Australian Financial Review to write an article on the corporatisation of general practice. I have interviewed federal health ministers and other high profile medical identities.

I worked as a full-time freelancer for Australian Doctor from 2004 until 2009, when I went part-time to pursue other projects. This included ghostwriting two non-fiction books for Pan Macmillan.

2014-present: I am currently managing a children's shoe store. My temporary change in career was for personal reasons (supporting a close family member).

Education

Bachelor of Applied Science, Podiatry. Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences. [Now Latrobe University.]

Referees

Available on request.