Job Description

SENIOR REPORTER

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<th>Department</th>
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<td>Reports to</td>
<td>News editor, Guardian Australia</td>
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<td>Normal location</td>
<td>Sydney or Melbourne</td>
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<td>Terms and conditions</td>
<td>12-month contract, full-time, working over a seven-day roster with early starts or late finishes</td>
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<td>Purpose of role</td>
<td>Provide news coverage for Guardian Australia newsroom</td>
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Key responsibilities and accountabilities

- Write news stories, including breaking news and longer term investigations, interviews and backgrounders to deadline and across a wide range of topics
- Generate interesting original content and cover stories in innovative ways including social, video and interactive reports
- Engage with social media to promote stories and uncover information
- Display a willingness for the audience to participate in your work, interact with readers through various threads, responding to ideas and using information as source material
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- Ability to make contacts and develop story areas, and break exclusives in those areas
- Be open to challenge and correction
Key contacts and relationships
Editor, Guardian Australia, Deputy editor, Guardian Australia, news editors, production desk

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and experience

- Experience of working in a fast-changing and pressurised news environment, preferably on a news website
- Able to write news, comment, features and punchy copy as directed
- Able to generate ideas for news and investigations
- Experience of writing news and features
- Good knowledge and understanding of domestic and international current affairs
- Good understanding of media law
- Familiarity and ease with social media
- Video and audio experience would be an advantage
- Live blogging experience would be an advantage
- An interest in a specialist story area or areas would be an advantage, particularly if not currently covered in depth by Guardian Australia

Skills / behaviours

- Excellent writing, communication, interpersonal skills
- Ability to deal with the stresses associated with tight deadlines
- Strong news sense and ability to generate fresh ideas and angles
- Ability to produce high-quality stories and lively copy under pressure
- Ability to multitask
- Creative/inquisitive
- Team player
- Organised
This job description is a guide to the work you will initially be required to undertake. It summarises the main aspects of the job but does not cover all the duties that the job holder may have to perform. It may be changed from time to time to meet changing circumstances. It does not form part of your contract of employment and as your experience grows, you will be expected to broaden your tasks, suggest improvements, solve problems and enhance the effectiveness of the role.