



National Meat Industry  
Training Advisory Council Limited  
**MINTRAC Scholarship Program**

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## **Bernadette Dorahy**

**MINTRAC Families scholarship 2003 - 2006**

**Sponsor: Monbeef Pty Ltd**

**Qualification: Bachelor of Communication - Journalism**

**Tertiary Institution: University of Canberra**

### *The Scholarship*

The MINTRAC scholarship has made undertaking study a lot less stressful. Without the grant I would have found going to university much more difficult financially as I would have probably had to have had to work many more hours than I did to cover expenses such as accommodation and text books. Having the grant meant not having to handle full time study and work at the same time. It also meant I had guaranteed employment during my holidays as well.

### *Personal benefits of the study*

Apart from getting a great job that I really enjoy, I have developed self confidence, have made and maintained contacts and have developed lifelong friendships. I have also learned how to balance time better and to communicate with others on personal and professional levels.

### *Benefits to the company*

The periods that I was working, which tended to be over the Christmas holidays were often the busiest times for Monbeef, so having the extra hand on board during those peak times was good for them at the same time giving me work during university holidays. I was able to work in a wide variety of areas within the plant so it made it easier for the foreman as I was able to undertake a lot of tasks and was able to fill in when people were away.

### *Benefits to the meat industry*

I am not currently working within the meat industry, however I would be interested in undertaking a HR or PR role if one arose. My communication degree did not only cover the fundamentals of journalism but also a lot of communication theory, meaning that I learned how to deal with people on a professional level and also how to communicate within the workplace. Therefore if I were to gain employment within the meat industry I would be able to apply these skills resourcefully and in turn this would hopefully contribute to a well run workplace.

### *Future plans*

I accepted a position with a magazine in November 2006 and have been working there since. I am really enjoying the job and believe it will be a great start to a writing/journalism degree. I would be interested in

gaining a HR or PR job within the meat industry in the future as it (the meat industry) has been part of my family for a long time.

### *Suggestions*

The Project Officer changed a few times at the commencement of the scholarship, which was confusing at times. Other than that everything was great. MINTRAC even allowed me to postpone my scholarship while I had a year off study. I am extremely grateful to be a recipient of the scholarship; it made going to university even more enjoyable and affordable.



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