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What or who influenced you to start skydiving?

When I was young I saw a clip of someone jumping from KL tower in Malaysia, I was instantly fascinated by it and researched how I could someday do it myself. Not long after, my sister did a tandem skydive and I couldn't stop watching the video. After annoying my Dad for long enough he ended up taking me for a tandem for my 18th birthday and haven't stopped since.

What keeps you jumping?

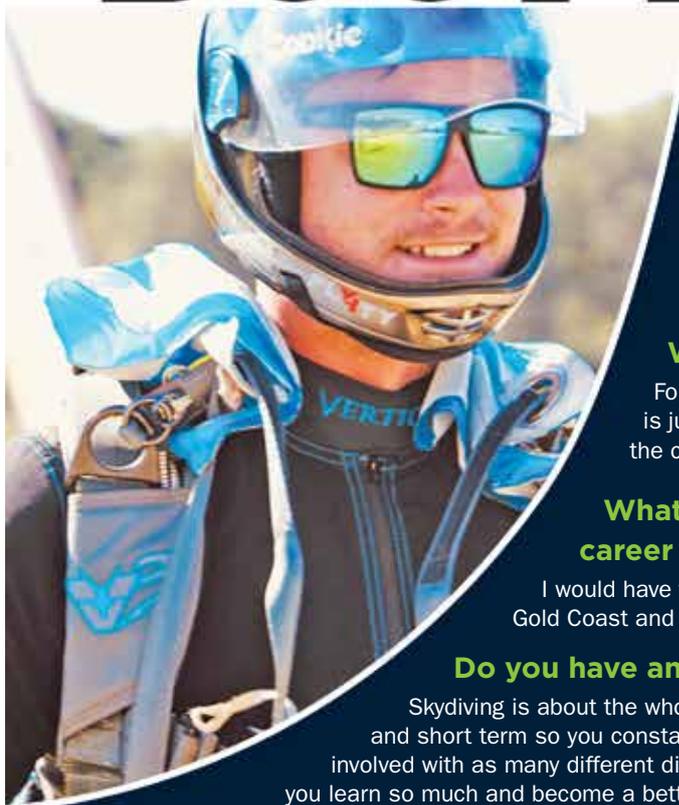
For me it's become a lifestyle, it's my work and my passion, everything I do is jumping related. I love the places it takes me, the people that I meet and the constant learning curve it provides.

What is the biggest achievement of your skydiving career so far?

I would have to say coming third in VFS at the 2018 world championships on the Gold Coast and also the 164-Way Freely World Record back in 2015.

Do you have any advice for up and coming skydivers?

Skydiving is about the whole journey so enjoy it and don't rush, set yourself goals, both long term and short term so you constantly have something to work towards. I also encourage people to be involved with as many different disciplines of skydiving as they can, not only does it keep it interesting but you learn so much and become a better and safer all round jumper.





When we did our AFF together back in 2004 did you think you would ever do 10,000 jumps?

Back then I thought 1,000 jumps was unfathomable let alone 10,000 but after a year or so of jumping I knew it was going to be something I would do forever.

What was your actual 10,000th jump?

Funny enough with the way the timing worked with weather and work my actual 10,000th jump was sadly a tandem with a smelly, sweaty, 94kg guy with no video, quite possibly a stitch up from the manifest girls but nonetheless, finished off the day with a fun tracking jump over the beautiful Wollongong beach with some of my best mates.

Hang on, 94kg and no video?

[Laughs] When they hit 95kg you get paid more money and video is also more money.

You have jumped all around the world, what's your favourite drop zone?

My favourite DZ in Australia would definitely be Skydive Oz in Moruya, the location and facilities are world class. My favourite overseas drop zone would be Skydive Chicago, once again amazing facilities and some of my most memorable jumps have been there.

What are some of the more memorable jumps you have done?

My top three best jumps would be:

1. A wingsuit jump out of a helicopter over the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland with my good mate Matty Gilso.
2. A jump out of a helicopter onto Mackay Cay with Ty Baird, which is a small sand island about 50kms off Port Douglas on the Great Barrier Reef.
3. And I'd say the most memorable jump I have done was the Freefly world record jump in 2015, it was just the perfect big-way, it was quiet and smooth and was some of the most amazing visuals I have seen.

What's your most hectic malfunction?

I have had 11 malfunctions in my skydiving career. I'd say the most hectic situation I have been in was a jump back in 2013, it was an assessment jump for a visiting overseas jumper. Long story short I ended up chasing him down trying to dump him out. By the time his main had lifted off I was way below my hard deck and out over the trees and hills, luckily I was smart enough to go straight to my reserve and ended up with a seven second canopy ride, landing in a clearing in the trees. If I had gone for my main I would most probably be dead. I learnt a lot from that jump and it changed the way I go about student jumps ever since.

Demo jumps?

I love demo jumps! The feeling I get brings on the nerves like it was my first jump all over again. The two I remember the most was a demo onto the road outside iFly Downunder which was super scary, and the pretty well-known demo we did onto a giant waterslide in the Hunter Valley.

How many World Meets have you done?

I have done four world meets back-to-back now which has been a bit life consuming but amazing.

Any more items on the skydiving bucket list?

It would be amazing to be world champion with Team Focus at the next world championships. Other than that I can happily say that I have achieved every other goal I have set myself. So now it's time to set new goals and come up with new ideas so hopefully I come up with something super fun!

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BASE

What do you like about BASE?

I enjoy the mental challenge of performing while really scared and of course the amazing locations it takes you that you wouldn't normally go to.

What are your most memorable BASE jumps?

It's hard to say because there are so many special ones. Usually it's the ones that don't go to plan ha ha, or the coolest icons and all the firsts. I'd say one of my most memorable was a double front flip I did off a building in the city and was met with a couple of detectives on landing who didn't think it was as cool as I did.

Do you have any advice for people considering getting into it?

I'd probably say don't do it, but if it's something that you really want to do and you have thought through all the consequences then do it right. Two hundred jumps minimum like the courses say is just not enough. I'd say minimum 500 – 1,000 skydives to help your chances of survival and do a course like Dougg's LTB. Whilst being expensive, what's your life worth? They cover every aspect of BASE and get you as prepared as you can be in such a crazy sport.