



Elora Baird

Geology

CAREER PATH: My ultimate career goal is to be a hydrogeologist working to secure our water supply for farming and community use. In saying that, there are so many things that interest me it is impossible to tell just where I'll be each year.

ABOUT ME: I am a Townsville local who knows the area well. I love to play hockey, go skateboarding, collect rocks and I am a fiend for bubble tea and brunch.

FUN FACT: One of my hobbies is pottery and I make my own funky tableware.



Michelle Donald - 2022 Mentor Leader

Science (Zoology & Ecology)

CAREER PATH: I am keen in working against the illegal wildlife trade and also looking into the effects it has on the genetic diversity of the population remaining.

ABOUT ME: I am originally from South Africa and have travelled the world extensively. I recently fell in love with scuba diving and have my advanced PADI which has led to a little bit of an obsession with reef cuttlefish.

FUN FACT: I have a naughty Jack Russel that likes to help my cats escape - epic prison break!



Luke Elliman

Advanced Science

CAREER PATH: I want to do something related to maths/physics. Nuclear physics or astronomy related would be interesting, but I am not sure right now as there are lots of choices.

ABOUT ME: I was born in Townsville and have lived here my entire life. I like to keep up to date about future and current technologies.

FUN FACT: I have had a cat for 15 years.

Kelsey Griffith

Science (Zoology & Ecology)



Christine Little

Advanced Science

CAREER PATH: I'm very excited to be a part of important and exciting research in Australia's science industry specifically in the fields of physics and applied math.

ABOUT ME: I was born in the Philippines and grew up in Townsville. I love music, festivals and coffee!

FUN FACT: I have three very cute dogs: Monty, Lily and Bindi.



Mohammed Matar

Geology

CAREER PATH: I want to be a geologist and explore all sort of knowledge in this field. Minerals and magma, earthquakes and volcanoes, the earth formation and its history are really fascinating me.

ABOUT ME: This is my third year in Australia. I'm originally from Saudi Arabia. In my free time I like playing football (soccer), watching movies and writing stories!

FUN FACT: I have a published novel (in Arabic) and I'm working to write another one.

Rebekah McCann

Advanced Science



Georgia Robinson

Science (Marine Biology)

CAREER PATH: I'm super interesting in working with sharks, particularly focusing on their brain activity and schooling behaviour, however that's a long way away! At the moment I'm keen on environmental policy work integrated with climate change effects on the oceans.

ABOUT ME: I'm originally from Alice Springs, but went to high school in coastal Victoria. I really enjoy camping, hiking & exploring, and just spent a week travelling up the east coast to come back to uni.

FUN FACT: I shaved my head for charity at the start of my degree.



Samantha Russo

Geology

CAREER PATH: I have just finished my Bachelor of Geology (minor in Chemistry) and am now commencing my Honours. After my Honours I may plan to continue my studies as I am very interested in research, particularly that of Geochemistry.

ABOUT ME: I am originally from Ingham and moved to Townsville in 2019 for uni. I have collected rocks since I was about 8 or 9 (and well now here I am studying Geology!)

FUN FACT: I am currently trying to teach myself how to make a punch needle rug (not going as according to plan ☹).



Maren Whaley

Marine Science

CAREER PATH: I wish to pursue a career in either looking at the chemical structure of biological toxins in the ocean and how to utilise them or investigating ancient sedimentation within ice core samples.

ABOUT ME: I'm an ex-Nursing Officer from the Army discharged in 2017, originally from New Zealand. I have two children 15 & 16 years old. I enjoy mountain biking, I'm a Scuba Dive Instructor and a Learn to Swim Instructor.

FUN FACT: Never go ice diving in a semi dry wetsuit - it's freezing !!!!!!!