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I have been a Dental Therapist for 30 odd years. Training in Newcastle and graduating in 1977. At that time Dental Therapists were transferred to different regions. I started my career in Western Sydney where I practised for the next 6yrs at several different clinics. After leaving to have a family I returned to Newcastle to live.

In 1985 I re-entered the workforce as a part-time DT for the Hunter region where I have been ever since, enjoying a challenging but rewarding career. Watching Dental Therapy changing over the years from a Certificate course to a Bachelor of Oral Health and private practise rights along with a successful pay increase has been interesting and long overdue and may finally bring about the respect for Dental Therapy that has often been lacking. Even so I have enjoyed being a DT and have found you are continually learning along the way.

In 2005 I was given the devastating news that I had Breast cancer. After successful treatment I have been in remission and hope to stay that way. I look forward to my next challenge of being a member on the executive committee meeting new people and hopefully contributing something positive.