

Health Library Staff Member Spotlight

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When did you first start working in a health library?

In 1997 the Royal Hobart Hospital Engineering Department was privatised and I retrained in the admin and clerical stream, library and corporate records. A few years on and library was split from records and moved to a new location, I went with library as a library assistant.

What was your first professional position?

When I was appointed as a library Technician.

How do you describe your current position?

Interesting. I am part of a committed team dealing with day to day running of a 3-person library. This includes dealing with a variety of clients, volunteers and return to work people and my supplying document delivery articles and electronic table of contents service.

Do you have a favourite website or blog?

Gumtree or Ebay (Sorry)

What do you find most interesting about your current position?

Due to Covid our face to face training had to be modified to produce Online training packages. This opened new fields for all of us and was an exciting time.

What has been your biggest professional challenge?

From not being a library person and understanding how they work or having any computer skills to now being a part of team that is promoting the value of libraries and their existence.

How did you join health librarianship?

When I joined the Wingfield library it inherited me, and I inherited it.

What was your previous employment background, prior to health libraries?

A plumber in private enterprise and later with the Tasmanian Health Department (Royal Hobart Hospital). When the positions were abolished at the RHH I was seconded to the Library and Records Department of The Department of Health and human Services (DHHS).

What would you do if you were not a health librarian?

Still be a plumber or any occupation to do with sailing or being on the water.

What do you consider the main issues affecting health librarianship today?

Keeping libraries relevant in today's situation of lack of funding, not enough staff, covid restrictions on libraries and our patrons.

What is your greatest achievement?

Gaining my Diploma in Library and Museum Studies, and being on the Gratis Australia wide committee.

What is your favourite non-work activity?

Restoring and sailing my yacht.

