

Careers Adviser – Julie, (Age 31 – 50)

Q1: What is your current job/career?

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Q2: Why did you choose your job/career? - did you have a plan? - what resources if any did you use?

The job I am in was suggested to me because the principal felt my skills were not being utilized properly in a Teachers Aide position. I agreed to a 1 term trail to make sure I could do the job competently and that the students, parents and myself were happy. I had to develop the position from scratch as it is a new school. I use a range of resource, on line, books, other careers advisers, LCP's, business, other staff etc.

Q3: How would you like your job/career to develop and what do you need to do to make the change?

I find I am constantly learning. I am doing the Cert IV in Careers as well as I have done 1/4 of the post Grad certificate in Careers Counselling. I love what I do and enjoy every day helping the students.

Q4: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A mum and a nurse. I became both of those but left nursing for medical reasons. So I feel my caring and nurturing role is still continuing but in a different field.

Q5: What challenges do you need to overcome to "get the life you love"?

Time/ work/ family/money balance. But as each year goes on I improve my delivery of service and it gets easier in some ways but then I take on more challenges and have to improve again.