

**Executive Officer, Vocational Education and Training Program (Secondary students) – Kath, (Age – over 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?**

In my youth I attended a career advice session and was disappointed with the outcome because limited options were presented. As a returnee to the workforce I was fortunate to be offered a job as a resume writer and mentor for long term unemployed in job placements. This experience affirmed my resolve to work towards my goal as a career development practitioner. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others so that they would discover a full range of career options.

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

To set up a consultancy in Career Development. Develop a business plan.

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

A Jillaroo! I had a romanticize ideal of a career of adventure. A lack of female role models didn't help in conceptualising a career pathway. The era didn't foster a range of options for women i.e. nurse, teacher or office admin

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

Develop the systems and processes to develop a career development consultancy.