

## Regional Industry Career Adviser – Beverley, (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?**

I enjoy helping people to plan their career pathways. While employed with Centrelink as a Disability Officer and JET Adviser, I saw many people who really wanted to work, but felt their personal circumstances prevented them from paid employment in a suitable career. Working with them to achieve realistic employment outcomes was such a great feeling. I often said I had the best job in the world, and I was paid to do it! When I completed a Certificate in Work Place Assessor & Trainer through Curtin VTEC in Kalgoorlie, to complement my training as a JET Adviser and Disability Officer, I realized there were possibilities to extend my interest in career advice. After Contacting Australian Career Development Studies via their website, I studied further in this area and really enjoyed the interaction and privilege of working with someone to help them identify and plan their pathways to reach their career goals. My employer at this time was very encouraging and supported me in my studies. I have completed other studies in Occupational Health & Safety, Psychology and support programs through Department of Education and Training WA to ensure I am able to offer a competent and accredited service to those I assist.

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

I am now hoping to extend my career into Human Resources and use my knowledge and skills to help people retain their employment. I will be applying to study a Diploma in Business (HR) and possibly a BA in this area later. I believe we need to continually update our employability skills and knowledge and to run a "health check" on our career every so often.

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

As a child, I always wanted to be a science teacher. However, at that time there was little money to allow me to continue my studies. After leaving school, I studied nursing and worked in this area for many years. I have always enjoyed working with people and believe all my experiences have allowed me to enjoy my current role.

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

With my sights set on a career in the Human Resources sector, I will need to successfully complete at least a Diploma in this field. Obtaining employment in HR and studying at the same time will require a supportive employer who is able to accept my life skills and my commitment to the opportunity to work in my chosen career with their business.