

Janine's bio

"Born in Kogarah, NSW, Australia, I have with one brother and one sister. After receiving a catholic school education up until final year, I gained the school certificate level. I went to night school to do shorthand and typing whilst also working to build my career in various jobs, including the Bank of Adelaide in Sydney CBD the, accounts department of a small group of Solicitors in Sydney, and the Post-Master Generals Department.

These changed gave me a great opportunity to learn n gain experience in many fields from different organisations. By aged 18 I was married to my Ronny and we saved until we could buy a block of land in Berkeley Vale on the Central Coast of NSW. Three years later we had our first son Warwick Subsequently, with three boys (Warwick, Peter and Aaron) either at school or home I needed the active working life and became a counsellor at Elderslee Retirement Village. This is where I found great satisfaction in my working career, moving up the ladder to become the Regional Administrator of three not-for-profit charities involved with self- care retirement villages in Bateau Bay. This role offered me the chance to travel and teach new staff various systems and procedures we had developed to assist with property management, personal care, work, health and safety and real estate sales.

During a break from this position, I was asked to join the board of the retirement villages I had been managing their not- for- profit charities, and this involvement has continued until today. Six months later I began working for Wyong Medical Centre which grew and I became the manager of Wyong Medical Centre in an industry which was changing much. This gave me the interest to expand my knowledge in both the Work Health and Safety sector and Accreditation. I was in my element again teaching other medical centres within our national group across both fields with a real sense of achievement, and I subsequently became manager of Wyong Family Practice.

I was now the Chairman of Elderslee Foundation Aust. Ltd, and recruited Dr Howard Oxley and Ms Ruth Jordon to become board members of this small board in the retirement village sector. With these fellow board members, I oversaw the transition of focus from accepting an offer from Australian Unity to buy the retirement village assets, to implementing a funding scheme which resulted in providing finances to over 80 projects over the next three years. Our most recent efforts have gone into the purchase of a building on the Pacific Highway in Tuggerah to attempt to achieve the well- being portion of our dream for our community, with the establishment of Elderslee@Tuggerah and The Red Tree Theatre.

There is so much to offer our local residents, so excited to be a part of such wonderful things with the other two amazing members of our Board, and I share with them our happiness to be doing things for OUR community, I can't believe I have been so fortunate in life."