

Staff Profile

I am the new Clinical Manager here at Cherrywood Grove in Orange. I started here at the end of June 2010 and can't believe that it has already been seven months!

I am the mother of 9 year old girl. I am originally from Melbourne, but my family moved to Coonabarabran after we bought a business there when I was a teenager.

From there I moved to Sydney to do nursing when I was 18. I completed my Enrolled Nursing at Concord Hospital in 1996 and started my Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Technology Sydney in 1998. I lived and worked in Sydney for 6 ½ years, working at Concord Hospital in the Neurosciences Ward, followed by Agency Nursing, where I worked in most of the major hospitals.

The last two years I was in Sydney I worked at Monavale Hospital. Looking for a change from Sydney living, I moved to Darwin (Northern Territory) in 2001 and worked at the Royal Darwin Hospital in a surgical ward for 6 ½ years before moving to an Aboriginal Community Clinic for the last 2 ½ years, where I was the Clinical Supervisor. I loved living and working in Darwin but the tyranny of distance has brought us back down south to be a bit closer to family.

Initially when I started work here, we were living in Bathurst and I was commuting back and forth on a daily

basis, which compared to the ease of moving about to Darwin took a fair bit of getting used to.

However, we moved to Orange in November and have settled in nicely despite the shock to our systems with the difference in climate – in the last couple of weeks I have actually taken off my jumper and ugg boots!

I am new to aged care and have numerous qualifications which were not only handy when I worked in the community, but are useful in aged care. In the last six months I have attended courses in dementia, woundcare and ACF and I am currently completing a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and will commence a management qualification later in the year.

Thank you to all the staff, residents and family who have made me feel welcome here at Cherrywood Grove and I look forward to the new challenges and experiences going forward.



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