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I have been employed in a variety of areas within my working life. Commencing in administration roles within Banking and Finance, I then moved into the accounting profession, undertook part-time study and completed a Commerce degree at Deakin University. My specialty at this time was Taxation and I was involved in this area for a number of years, during which I also ran my own small accounting business. I also spent a number of years teaching at the Gordon Institute of TAFE in the areas of Accounting and Business Law and tutored in Accounting at Deakin University.

I moved on to the commercial arm of Deakin University, DeakinPrime, as a Program Director for a variety of national training programs including the Financial Planning Association's Diploma and Certification programs and Medicines Australia Professional Diploma program. I was also the Quality Assurance Manager.

My next role was that of Operations Manger of the Logistics Division of Deakin University. This encompassed the management of the University Printeries, Course Materials Production, Warehousing, Pack Centre and Mail Centres across four campuses.

Most recently I have moved to the ACE sector and am now the CEO of Geelong Adult Training and Education (GATE), another new challenge!

I have had a great interest in coaching for a number of years and, in addition to the training provided by ACEVic, I have completed training with Results Life Coaching and the Institute of Executive Coaching.

I find that the majority of people already have all the knowledge and capability they need to successfully achieve their goals – they just need the key to unlock it and coaching will often provide this. Supporting people in reaching their potential and achieving their desired outcomes is a great privilege and something that I really love being involved with.