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**Graduate Diploma of Vocational Education & Training
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My career in education started after a career change in the early '90's, having spent eleven years in the agricultural industry I decided it was time for a change. I commenced work as a Job Club trainer for a Skillshare in Warrnambool and thoroughly enjoyed training so much I enrolled to do my Diploma of Education at the University of Melbourne. From there I spent twelvemonths as a Case Manager, managing long term unemployed, which I found extremely challenging.

In 1997 I moved to Merton near Bonnie Doon to a lovely rural grazing property and that is where I live today with my husband two daughters six and two. Later in 1997 I commenced work for The Centre in Wangaratta as a sessional tutor as well as MACE in Mansfield and ECEC in Euroa, which meant a lot of travel and juggling of time schedules. The Centre offered me a position to investigate New Apprenticeships as another business opportunity for the organisation, I became the New Apprenticeship Manager managing the budget and staff plus liaising with businesses across the Hume region.

1999 saw me leave The Centre and take up the position of Program Manager at Euroa Community Education Centre (ECEC) where I am currently the Executive Officer a position I have held for almost two years now. I have a passion for the VET sector and continue to train the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, as I believe in equipping trainers with the right tools.

Some of the projects I am currently undertaking and are involved in are, studying my Master's in Professional Education and Training with Deakin University which I have almost completed, and have near completed a Diploma of Business Management with RMIT. I was lucky enough to be funded under Reframing the Future to be a Change Agent looking at us ACE providers how we embed the employability skills into our training practices. Another role I have taken on voluntary is chairing a Continuous Improvement Group in the Hume Region made up of 10 ACE providers whom come together to look at their practices and how we can work together in providing a consistency across the region in what we do as providers.