

My Nursing career expands over a thirty year period; my experience has mainly been in the surgical division with approximately twenty years experience in Theatres. My current role is as Theatre Sister in General Surgery.

I was extremely excited to be invited by Dr Deshpande to travel to India and work as part of the team in B.K. Walawalker Hospital with the initial camp five years ago. I have been fortunate to be able to return with subsequent visits since then. Being involved in charity work of this nature has been one of my lifelong ambitions.

Despite the combined breadth and depth of knowledge of the team, each year many challenges have been faced with each of the camps, however despite this the trips have been enormously enjoyable and rewarding and my life has been greatly enriched by the whole experience.

I have felt great joy at being able to impart the knowledge and skills I have gained in my nursing career to staff at the B.K.Walawalker hospital. It is evident that this sharing of our knowledge has improved care delivery and patient outcomes. Each year I have been amazed at the ability of the staff to improve care on a year on year basis with so few resources. Their dedication, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment have encouraged me to return annually over the five year period and continue with fundraising to enable the hospital to continue to improve.

Gaining charity status in 2009 has been a great achievement, my commitment to the project has been formalised by being nominated as a Trustee member in the role of Treasurer to SVJC charity.

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SVJC Treasurer