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I am the General Manager of the Tablelands Cluster, Hunter New England Health Service. My cluster is rurally located and consists of six health services including one District Hospital, one Community Hospital, two Multi Purpose Health Services and two Community Health Centres. My work involves the Leadership and Management of these facilities. Hunter New England Health provides care for approximately 840,000 people, covers a geographical area of over 130,000 square kilometres (the size of England), has approx. 14,500 staff, has 1500 medical officers and has 1600 volunteers we have a budget of \$919 million per annum.

I have worked in Health for 36 years initially commencing my nursing training in 1973. I am a Registered Nurse and Certified Midwife. I specialised in Midwifery and worked in this field for 20 years with the occasional sojourn in Emergency nursing. I have worked in Health Management for 16 years. I have a Bachelor of Health Management, Masters in Rural Health and Diploma in Project Management. My primary interest is Rural Health.

I was born and live in Guyra with my husband Peter we live on a cattle property in a beautiful part of New England. Guyra is a small, rural community with a population of 2,200 and is situated on the top of the Great Dividing Range. Major industries for the area include fine wool production, fat lambs, beef cattle, potatoes, tomatoes and tourism.

I have two sons Matthew (25) and Sam (22). Matt has a Bachelor of Journalism and Sam is in his final year at the University of Queensland doing Bachelor of Environmental Management. My mum also lives in Guyra and is an active volunteer at the local Health Service. My hobbies include bushwalking (with my dogs), gardening (I have a 5 acre garden) and travel.

I have had two unique holidays one when we rode camels through the Simpson Desert in Queensland and one when we rode horses through the Kosciusko National park (Mt Kosciusko is the highest Mt in Australia). I have previously travelled through Europe, USA, Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

Whilst on Rotary Group Study Exchange I would like to see / experience

- Acute Health Services
- Primary Health Care Services
- Indigenous Health Services
- Cattle Property
- The lifestyle and culture of your country

Something special about me: I am an extremely positive person, fun-loving, energetic and love meeting people.

Quote: "Life is like a box chocolates. You never know what you are going to get".