



Biography - Paul Nieuwenhoven

I began my general registered nurse training at Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) in 1983. My days as a student nurse and as a RN at the RAH were some of the best years of my life. However I chose a different path and left South Australia for a taste of adventure in the Northern Territory, accepting a job at Royal Darwin Hospital in 1988. I was only planning to stay for 12 months, but I enjoyed my clinical work and the fishing so much that I couldn't leave the place. I worked in the operating theatre and emergency department, then began a six year stint as a nurse coordinator.



In 1999, just after volunteering to become a Branch Councilor for the ANF NT Branch, I offered to fill the vacancy of the outgoing NT Branch Secretary. I served in that role for nearly four years before becoming a ministerial advisor for the then health minister in the new ALP government in the NT. From there I moved into nursing project work under the NT Principal Nursing Advisor. Much of the work we did as a project team mirrored that of the National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N3ET), established by the previous federal government.

In 2006, having always wanted to try my hand at being a DON of a hospital, I successfully applied for the position of Executive Director of Nursing at Alice Springs Hospital (ASH). I have been extremely grateful and privileged to work with a fine group of nurses and other hospital staff for the past three years. I chose to run for ANF Federal Vice President late in 2008 as I enjoyed my time with the Federation in NT enormously. I was fortunate to win the position. Now I have the opportunity to contribute my experiences gained in the last six years to an ANF Federal Executive, brimming with experience and fine leaders. I thank them for their warm welcome returning to Federal Executive. I am looking forward to the next two years contributing as ANF Federal Vice President.

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