

# CURRICULUM VITAE – JANE FOGGON

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## EDUCATION

Graduate Diploma in Community Counselling, University of Canberra, 2001.

Partially completed Master of Education specialising in Child Development at University of New South Wales. Course work has been completed plus research for a thesis on childrens' attitudes towards illness.

Diploma of Education, University of New South Wales (secondary school remedial) 1980.

Bachelor of Arts, Australian National University (double major in Psychology) 1979.

Awarded NSW Teacher Education Scholarship.

Matriculated NSW Higher School Certificate, 1976.

Attended Canberra Church of England Girls' Grammar School.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**2000-2002:** Currently I am employed by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care as the **Manager** of a Day Program for adults with an intellectual disability.

**1999:** Employed by the Department of Community Services as a **Health Education Officer** on the Northern Sydney Program Services team.

**February 1994:** Transferred to **Health Education Officer** Position in the Hornsby/Ryde Area. This position was on the Special Programme Support Service (SPSS) team, which provided assessment, programming development and support to individuals who had an intellectual disability and were also exhibiting challenging behaviours.

**1993:** Working for the Department of Community Services, Southern Highlands Area, as the **Area Community Development Worker**.

**June 1993 – July 1993:** Acted in the position of **Assistant Manager** (Disability Services) Grade 8, Based at the Queanbeyan Community Service Centre.

**1992:** Employed by the Department of Community Services, Southern Highlands Area, as the **Area Community Development Worker**.

**December 1991 – May 1992:** Acted in the Position of **Assistant Manager** (Disability Services) Grade 8, based at the Queanbeyan Community Services Centre.

**1991:** Employed as **Queanbeyan District Community Development Worker**. (Position expanded to become an Area position on the Professional Support Team). This job involved doing Community Development work throughout the Southern Highlands Area (Queanbeyan, Yass, Cooma, Goulburn, Moruya, Bega, Eden and Bowral districts).

**1990:** Employed full time as **Community Development Worker** for the Queanbeyan District.

**April 1990:** I began working for the Department of Family and Community Services, South Eastern Developmental Disability Service (S.E.D.D.S.) as a member of the Queanbeyan Community Resource Team. Employed as a **Community Worker** and **Community Development Worker**.

**1989:** Employed as a **Coordinator** of Independent Video Inc., a community-based video organisation offering training and access to video resources and facilities.

**1988:** Employed as a **Project Officer** with the Woden Community Service Inc. Community Life Skills Program.

1987: Employed by the ACT Society for the Physically Handicapped as an **Education & Training Project Officer**.

1987: Employed as a **Tutor** by Bega CYSS to teach a program I devised called *Workwise*.

1987: Employed as **Coordinator** by the Bega Community Contact & Resource Centre.

1986: Employed by the ACT Schools Authority as a **Learning Centre Teacher** at Kambah High School.

1982 – 1986: ACT Health Authority, Intellectually Handicapped Section.

January 1982 – 1984: Employed as a **Social Therapy Aide** at Chapman Hostel.

November 1984 – July 1985: Acted as **House Manager** at Stirling Group House, a 6 bed Residential Home for intellectually disabled adolescents.

July 1985 – November 1985: **Community Worker**.

1981: **CONTACT Research Project**. I prepared a series of five slide/tape kits covering normal Child Development from birth to five years, to be distributed throughout NSW by the coordinator for CONTACT at the Lady Gowrie Child Care Centre. I also presented the kits as a series of public lectures.

1981: Worked as a Support Worker at a two week Holiday Program for Downes Syndrome and Autistic Children run by the Randwick Community Centre.

1980 – 1981: **Part-time Tutoring**. Remedial coaching to handicapped children and adolescents with learning difficulties.

1980: Completed **Wayside Chapel Councillors Course**. Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross. Continued to work regularly as a telephone counsellor for six months.

## SHORT COURSES

In 1995 I completed a course in Oral History under the auspices of the University of Sydney Centre for Continuing Education. The course was taught by Rosemary Block.

During 1993 I attended a series of workshops presented by the Music Therapy Association in Canberra, interacting with leading professionals in this field, including Ruth Bright.

In 1992 I attended a two day camp at the Aboriginal community of Wreck Bay (near Jervis Bay) organised by the Department of Community Services. This camp was designed for managers, and focused on raising awareness of Koori issues.

I have completed the following courses during my employment with the Department of Community Services (Training & Development Branch):

October 1993	Team Building
October 1993	Grievance Procedures
August 1993	Staff Performance Appraisals
June 1993	Stress Management
June 1993	Management Level Two: Managing Change, Maintaining Effectiveness
April 1993	Equal Employment Opportunity Committee Training
March 1993	Train the Trainer: Communication & Learning Styles
November 1992	HIV & AIDS Awareness
October 1992	Time Management
September 1992	Train the Trainer: Teaching Skills
July 1992	Advanced Driving Awareness
July 1992	Train the Trainer: Presentation Skills
June 1992	Framework III Word Processing

I also hold a current first aid certificate (valid until 2004).

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Native Animal Care/Rescue:** during 1999-2000 I completed a number of courses with WIRES (Wildlife Information and Rescue Service) including basic training, possums and lizards. I am a licenced animal carer with NSW Parks and Wildlife.

**Blue Folk Community Arts Association:** for five years I was an active member of this Association, which runs group activities to encourage all age groups to develop their artistic potential. I was the Group Leader at the Blue Folk Homestead, where children made costumes and creatures to fit the weekly theme (circus, medieval village, Indian tribe). In addition I gave basic instruction in games, pottery, spinning, silk screening and acting.

**Drama/Music/Percussion:** I have acting, singing and playing experience. In 1982 I attended a workshop with Aldo Gennaro designed to stimulate personal growth, body awareness, coordination and concentration in the intellectually disabled individual. This led me to produce and direct the Chapman Hostel Musical Review at the AGSOMD Conference.

I participated in a 20 week percussion workshop run at TAU Theatre based on the idea of using percussion as a music therapy, and have used these skills in live performance in a group called Los Immigrantes. Until 1991 I was also the manager of a reggae band The Wailing Cockatoos.

**Radio:** Trained in Community Radio Announcing and Management at 2XX Community Radio Station. Participated in another Announcer Training course run by EAR Public Radio Moruya. Involved in organising and setting up lobby group for Public Access Radio and a Community Newspaper in the Bega Valley.

**Video & Photography:** I have studied video editing and production with Independent Video, and have worked as a **production assistant** on numerous productions for Independent Video and LOWeANGLE Productions. My voiceover work includes various documentaries and community service advertisements for Pedal Power (broadcast locally), Conflict Resolution Service (broadcast locally) and Red Cross First Aid Education (broadcast nationally). Employers in this area include EMU Productions, the Instructional Resources Unit (IRU), Howe Electronics, Animagic Animation and LOWeANGLE Productions.

In 1993 I won first prize in the B & W section of the Photo Focus Photography Competition (open to all ACT Tertiary students) for *Now?* Another photograph, *Cloud Boy* was also chosen for exhibition.

**Film Production:** I have been involved as **Director's Assistant** in two short films produced through the Australian Film Television and Radio School, *Freestyle* and *The Two Wheeled Time Machine*. Both have been successful on the national and international festival circuit. I travelled with David Lowe to the prestigious Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival in France in 1997.

**Woden CYSS:** Acted as Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee for two years (1987-1988). Became very involved in the planning and application for a transition to a Skillshare project.

**Advisory Roles:** Because of my previous experience working with disabled people, I am often approached to join committees or invited to meetings about new services. Some of the committees I have been involved with are: Sport & Recreation for people with Disabilities, Community Options, Life Be In It, and the Civic YMCA.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

I am currently a member of Amnesty International, Australian Conservation Foundation, Animal Liberation, WIRES and Greenpeace.

When I worked in the Southern Highlands Area Office I was the Environment Officer. I was also an elected representative on the EEO Committee and the Staff Development Committee.

I have travelled widely in Australia and overseas, including historical location research and oral history gathering assistance with David Lowe.

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In 1985-86 I did two basic massage courses to aid my work with people with disabilities, and have gone on to develop an interest in aromatherapy and its uses in stress management. I completed an evening course in Aromatherapy during 1998.

I am an experienced user of the Internet and various PC-based hardware and software systems. In my spare time I enjoy swimming, belly dancing, reading, canoeing, bushwalking, gardening and working with heavy horses.