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I was born in a small town in Malaya called Seremban, but for most of my younger life I lived in Singapore. In 1967, I arrived in Sydney to study at the NSW Conservatorium of Music. Whilst fulfilling my dream I missed the loved and familiar, and my family and friends.

However, Australia has become my home and I know how lucky I am to live in this beautiful country. With two grown up boys, my husband Stan and I still live in an idyllic suburb in Sydney's south, close to the bush and river and surrounded by a close knit community.

Though my family did not experience the horrors of the Holocaust, I am still aware of the trauma caused by such conflict. Both my parents were interned in Changi Prison during the Japanese occupation in Singapore in WWII.

From 1972 to 2002 I worked for the NSW Education Department, teaching Music in high schools and initiating Student Welfare programs.

I now guide student groups at the Sydney Jewish Museum and am delighted to join the Courage to Care team in its mission of working with our young leaders to cherish the gifts of freedom and tolerance we experience in Australia.