



Libi Maxwell

Volunteer Guide

Born in Adelaide in 1944, I am a third generation Australian. Mine was mostly a happy childhood in an average suburban neighbourhood. Early in 1966 I sailed to England, and spent my first year there working for Baroness Sue Ryder, at her Suffolk home for survivors from Polish concentration camps. The 'bods' as they were called, were men and women of extraordinary courage and resourcefulness. Later I worked in London and Paris, returning to Australia after 3 years. In 1973 I spent 3 years working in Kenya, before returning to Australia and getting married, later adopting our two children, who now are grown with families of their own. For 19 of those years I worked as practice manager in my husband's medical practice.

Now widowed, in 2004 I spent 5 enjoyable years teaching English at a secondary middle boarding school in rural China. Since returning to Australia I have learnt of the work of Courage to Care. I totally believe in its message of empowering people to make a difference in the lives of others, and I endorse the sentiments of Caroline Jones, 'The price of liberty is indeed eternal vigilance, by all the people, on behalf of all the people.'