



HUMANS OF THE ROYAL

Cluny Seager



Cluny Seager graduated from what was then known as the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 1968. Her four years training and living in the Lady Lamington Nurses Home was some of the best times of her life.

Cluny then commenced work at the Greenslopes Hospital in Brisbane but a move to Sydney saw her practising private nursing for many years.

Cluny then joined the army, at the height of the Vietnam War, and was stationed at the 1 Military Hospital at Yeronga for a year and then a year at 3 Camp Hospital in Puckapunyal in Victoria. Wound care and Tropical Disease Nursing were new challenges during this time.

She then became a theatre sister in then ground-breaking radiology treatments for heart disease. Theatre work was her great love and she saw the start of cardiac angiograms where they would put the dye in the patient and the camera would take a picture of it.

After leaving nursing she moved into medical sales in the areas of cardiology, paediatric endocrinology and ophthalmology. This took her travelling around Queensland for 20 years.

In this time, she would also travel, a couple of times a year, to work with Dr Bill Glasson, an eye specialist who did clinics in Longreach and surrounding areas.

As the Former President of the Royal Brisbane Hospitals Nurses Association and Nursing Museum, Cluny has made a huge contribution to preserving the history of nursing in Queensland. For example:

In 1868 there was an assassination attempt on the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney. They nursed him at Government House and the nurse's name was Annie Miller. He gave her his fob watch in appreciation for what she had done. Miller, a Florence Nightingale-trained nurse, moved to Brisbane in 1871 and the watch was later donated to the Nursing Museum. It was made by Christie's, sold by the royal jewellers Garrards and engraved: "HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to Sister Annie 6th April, 1868. Sydney, New South Wales.

You can see this watch and a lot more within the Nursing Museum.

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