Rosemary ‘Razz’ Morgan
‘The Mechanic Behind the Machine’

Rosemary Morgan is the current Campus Manager at TAFE NSW Illawarra Nowra and started her career as a trainee. Read more about Razz!

What year did you start?
I started my TAFE journey as a trainee in 1979. This was the first time traineeship programs were introduced as the State Youth Employment Trainee program.

What roles have you had over this time?
I initially started as the Office Trainee and now I’m Campus Manager. Over the years, I moved into different roles including Senior Typist, Registrar, Educational Training Consultant, Institute Personnel Services Manager, Teacher, and Manager District Operations South Coast.

What are some of the biggest changes you have seen at Nowra during your time?
TAFE has never stopped changing or growing. There has been increased local demand for training, and changes in the training that is focussed on the needs of trade and industry. The relocation of all course and administration delivery from the Berry Street Campus created a massive impact and cultural change for staff, students and the community. We transitioned from a central ‘hub’ in the centre of Nowra to two campuses at Shoalhaven and Bomaderry. I have also seen several major building works including the TAFE building on the Shoalhaven Campus.

Have you done any TAFE study?
I’ve taken advantage of the training that TAFE offers including Certificate III in Management, Certificate IV in Human Resources and a Graduate Certificate in Leadership in the Workplace to name a few.

What is the most rewarding part of your role?
Many things! Working at a Campus that has a great sense of community with a focussed Customer Service and support staff team. Working alongside a dedicated team of training professionals and watching them produce amazing results for their students. Seeing students achieve, AND many of those students coming back to further training and achieving even more – that makes my role so rewarding! Training students in fitness for the IPROWD program and witnessing their success to become our future Police Officers or take on other roles to support our Indigenous communities.

What is the most challenging part of your role?
I feel that life is full of challenges - this is what shapes and moulds each individual, and every day there are challenges in my role. That’s what makes my job interesting.

If you had your time again, would you do anything differently?
I have often thought about this during my career. First and foremost, I would love to have the training opportunities given to me when I left school that are available right now. The training was limited to Secretarial Studies or employment as an option. In a time of recession, I cold called on every business in Nowra and asked for work but to no avail. I really wanted to be a mechanic or vet assistant in a time when women in trades was not as popular as it is today. In saying that, there is nothing I would change. I have a fantastic career in TAFE NSW, have seen so many changes, have faced so many challenges, have seen amazing students, and created life-long-friendships.