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Discharged from RAAF on 20JAN78 as WOENG 34 Sqn Fairbairn. Applied for and was accepted as Maintenance Engineer at Honeysuckle Creek *Deep Space Communication Complex* about 30km outside Canberra. About 5 years later, Honeysuckle was decommissioned. Dismantled the antenna and resurrected her at Tidbinbilla. Spent another three years looking after both antennae.

Had enough of the cold weather so we bought "Chicken Time" a fast food shop in Noosa, QLD. Three years later the shop was sold and I drove school buses for another year or so. My old boss from Tidbinbilla contacted me to come back and be his 2IC on a major upgrade of the 64 metre antenna. After his third offer I couldn't resist anymore; after all, it was only for three months. Towards the end of this contract, government informed us that we had asbestos in our ceiling so instead of going back to Noosa, I contacted Jan and had her come back to Canberra.

Had to find a job!! Got tangled up with Precision Metals. After about 12 months, we were in the middle of Paul Keating's "Recession that we HAD TO HAVE". Money was short, jobs were short. We needed a contract or an investor. After some long nights and much discussion with Jan, I bought into the business. Thankfully, we got through the recession and the business went from strength to strength. Sold my share of the business 2014 and am now (2020) happily fully retired and living in Merimbula on the far South Coast of NSW.