

Warrick Jackson

I started with Metropolitan Ambulance Service in 1985 after training as a Nurse at P.A.N.C.H. and thereafter as a Midwife at the Royal Women's.

Out of the blue, I received a request to attend an interview with a view to entry to the Service. I was one of 12 in bionics squad #34 and the AOTC 3 years training program; learning to dodge refrigerators falling from the sky in Nth Melbourne and not putting my face over a drug affected person's face in St Kilda to avoid getting punched... missed the fridge but not the punch.

A doctor in Box Hill intensive care put an end to my on-road activities, demanding we carry a patient that was too heavy for us, ultimately dropping the patient on the floor and tearing many muscles in my back.

Off road, I was offered a place in the Comms course which I took up only to be transferred after qualifying, into Human Resources where I learnt Payroll processing, Workcover, Recruitment, Salaries budgeting, and Industrial Relations the ambulance way.

The Kennett era brought me undone when I had a serious physical altercation with Mr Jack Firman over his plans to crush the Union... and was asked to immediately leave.

I returned 7 years later to take up the Information Technology role of Senior Database Administrator for all of the Service's databases. I remained in that position until I accepted a position with Rural Ambulance in the same role.

I finally left Ambulance in 2005.

Along the way, I became a qualified Accountant whilst also studying Business, Engineering, Computing, and Electronics. For the past few years, I have owned a Biomedical Engineering practice focussed on novel product development for the Health and Safety industries.