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A student of the forestry school, starting in 1992 (I was Jodie Dover then). I actually started out doing the SREM degree but switched in 1993 to Forestry. I graduated in 1997 with a BSc (For), later than scheduled, due to work commitments as a seasonal fire fighter for the then Department of Conservation and Land Management in WA. I'm still working there, but in its new form of DBCA and in a much different role.

1996 was my final year, graduated in 1997. It took me an extra 6 months to finish my degree due to work commitments in WA so therefore graduated a year later than my class mates.

I can remember names such as Ivan Zirngast, Kerri Spicer, Peter Lezaich, Chris Dare, Peter Merry and Alicia Oke, who, if I remember correctly, would have graduated 1996. I remember Paul Dargusch and Dan Ryan who are already listed I believe.

I started work with Department of Conservation and Land Management as a seasonal fire fighter in the crews in Manjimup, I think it was the 93/94 fire season was the first one, then I came back for the next two fire seasons as well. I spent 6 months in Walpole as a Forest Officer around 1996/7 after going back and finishing my degree. My main role there was supervising logging crews. I went through the Cadet School at Dwellingup, graduating in 1998, the same year I married my husband who I met in the crews.

In 1997/8 I transferred from Walpole to Manjimup Forest Management Branch as a level 1 dieback interpreter and stayed in that position for many years before applying, in 2005, for my current position as a project officer, still in Manjimup. Here, I am responsible for data capture involving harvesting, informal reserves such as streams and old growth and managing the current dieback interpreters across the 3 DBCA regions. I also have run in the past, projects involving mapping of peat swamp systems in the Walpole area, monitoring water tables in relation to their effect on rare flora and the mapping of the forest estates two tiered karri cohort.