

Marilyn Edwards

I was born in Auckland, educated at Cornwall Park Primary school, Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Business College.

During my working life I had a variety of secretarial positions in private industry and at Hillary College in Otara. My family moved to Whangarei in 1975 and following employment at Whangarei Boys' High School, I commenced at Whangarei Base Hospital in 1978 working for the Chief Nurse/Head of the School of Nursing; Health Promotion & Resource Unit; Planning Department, and from 1992 worked solely in Mental Health/Alcohol & Drug Services. For short period before retirement in 2004 I worked in the NDHB Mental Health/Health of Older People/Disability Department.

For the past 7 years I have been on the committee of Parkinsons' Northland Society and am also a member of the Parkinsons' Employment Sub-committee.

I am passionate about services for Mental Health, Disability and Health of Older People, particularly with an advocacy focus.