Susan Davis

It has been my pleasure to be associated with Susan Davis for the past 20 years in a diverse range of roles all related to Massage Therapy. Besides her friendly cooperative and outgoing nature, I have always been impressed by her thirst for knowledge and her willingness to share what she knows.

We have been both colleague and competitor in business. Whist each running our own practices, we have freely referred clients to each other and acted in *locum tenens* when one or other of us has been unavailable, Susan has always behaved with the highest ethical standards and has never attempted to "poach" a client. My clients have also been very happy with the service that she provided them.

Whist in recent years she has reduced the size of her business, at its peak for over 12 years she was employing 3 therapists besides herself.

We have both taken the role of teacher and of student when presenting workshops, Susan is an excellent teacher and communicator who puts a great deal of research and effort into her presentations which are clearly understood by class participants with various levels of experience and training.

As a student she is participative and enquiring without flaunting her considerable depth of knowledge acquired over the years from her extensive study background, which started in 1977 when she qualified as a nurse and then went on to study massage at the NSW College of Remedial Therapy.

Sue has developed and taught massage courses at several institutions including TAFE, Cumberland College and Avondale Nursing College. Whist also gaining further education herself, including a Batchelor of Health Science, a Masters in CISc (lifestyle), Cert IV in Workplace Training and Certificates of Sports Training, and, Balance and Mobility.

Over her many years in the Massage Industry, Sue has successfully taken on the mantle of mentor in both a formal and informal situation assisting therapists and students to work through individual problems that confront them. Last year (2019) she was one of the pioneering Mentors in the newly developed mentoring program of the Association of Massage Therapists working with her selected mentee and also providing feedback to the program itself.

We are both active Members of the Association of Massage Therapists, Susan's membership goes right back to 1978! and she was Association Secretary for a number of years. She has a

considerable depth of knowledge of the origin of the massage profession in NSW which is valued by newer members.

She has been a regular presenter at Association workshops, conferences, and symposiums all the way through to the present day when she recently presented a workshop for a group of local therapists.

I have spent time on Susan's Massage Table as a client where, despite the obvious opportunity to cut corners because of our friendship, she has always acted in accordance with the highest professional standards.

Please feel free to contact me for Further information

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