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NURSE Julie Tansing has celebrated her 20-year milestone with Resthaven, along with an impressive 54 years in the nursing profession.

In the last two decades, Julie has become an integral part of the clinical team, spearheading a specialised Parkinson's disease training program for staff across the organisation.

Julie began her nursing career in 1969 working in hospitals, the community and doctor's clinics before making the move to Resthaven in 2003.

After initially being employed as a trainer, Julie soon moved to the position of program manager of Training and Development (now Workforce Development), before becoming preceptor of the organisation's Transition to Professional Practice Program mentoring nurse graduates in 2012.

Now, Julie visits staff across Resthaven, passing on her in-depth knowledge of Parkinson's disease.

This has resulted in a significant improvement in

clients' everyday experience and long-term quality of life.

"There have been moments of great challenge and reward," she said.

"It was a special time for me when I worked with the graduate nurses, nurturing them to grow into the professionals they are today. And now, I find a lot of fulfilment in conducting specialised

Parkinson's disease training for our current workforce - a diagnosis I am both personally and professionally motivated towards."

Julie said she has enjoyed the opportunities provided for her to impart her knowledge to others, and to implement an important education program for the future of aged care. "It is a real honour for me, and looking back, I

couldn't imagine doing anything else."

The Resthaven board and executive team celebrated Julie's 20 years of service at its annual Staff Appreciation Awards.

The organisation is a corporate member of the Australian College of Nursing and Julie is on the leadership team.



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Julie Tansing as a young nurse in 1972 and today. Pictures supplied