

Hello! My name is Jill Lovett.

You might be wondering if I'm Australian. I'm not!

I was born and raised in England.

When I was younger, I was a very keen swimmer.

In 1965, I competed in swimming for Great Britain at the World Deaf Games held in the United States of America.

During that time, John was working and travelling in London.

We met through our involvement in sports. We both played badminton in London and were involved with the Deaf community.

We got married in 1967 and then made the decision to significantly change our lives and move to Australia!

When we arrived in Australia, I continued my involvement in sports, representing Victoria in swimming and netball.

I supported and encouraged John to continue his passion for sport when he became secretary of the Australian Deaf Sports Federation which is now known as Deaf Sports Australia.

John became President of the CISS and spent a lot of time away from home due to all the overseas travel.

However, I encouraged him to continue his work. I travelled with John and supported him at the Deaflympics and other events.

John and I raised two sons.

I enjoyed volunteer work, including my work with Deaf Women's Health Group, helping a hearing family with a young Deaf boy, and working with the Deafblind community amongst other things.