



Tony Buchly (left), Louise Buchly (right)

## Retirement is the rest you've earned!

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Often, we assume that once we reach the golden 50, the chances of taking a big leap in your life reduces considerably. That is definitely not the case for Louise and Tony Buchly. This brave couple uprooted their lives in Durban, South Africa and moved to Australia in 2007.

Two weeks after moving to Australia, Louise secured a job at Jacques Technologies as a Technical Draftsperson joining the Engineering team. A few months later, Tony joined Jacques' Production team as an Electronics Assembler. That year - Jacques gained two hardworking employees, both with complex roles which are critical to the development and manufacturing of Jacques products.

### Louise

Louise's drafting has seen tremendous transition through her career. Back in '69 she recalls drafting by hand on extensive sheets of paper for the local municipality Electricity Department plotting coordinates for underground cable maps which were used by electricians in the department. From drawing by hand (which leaves limited room for errors) to software-based designing and drafting intercoms, "You could say I've seen the metamorphosis of drafting", says Louise. It is through this strenuous experience that Jacques have had a seamless designing and drafting process for product development. Besides creating all technical and engineering drawings for Jacques engineering and production teams, Louise was involved in drafting all intercoms panels at the company during her tenure. Her role within the research and development arm is both varied and challenging, from Product Kits, 3D modelling, and stress analysis, the list goes on. These designs move to production to be built, which is where Tony's expertise comes into play.

### Tony

Working with the onset of digital technology early in his career, his electrical engineering skills have evolved with the advancements of the day. Working with cash registers (NCR), and gradually moving into maintaining computers that were large enough to fill the space of a room, he eventually moved into mechanical engineering where he worked with a major rubber manufacturing company. After moving to Australia and joining Jacques, Tony became an integral part of the company's Production team. As such, he was part of a manufacturing company where attention to detail, and accuracy of products are among the defining features of success – production is a critical component to the business. He has seen 3 product generations, including Jacques' entry into the video intercom market. "All good things come to an end, I am sad to leave", says Tony.

Married 49 years and working together at Jacques for nearly 13 years, the time has come for the next chapter in their lives. Through their journey at Jacques, Louise and Tony have seen a number of employees, new products, and watched the company transform to the global reaching company it is today. They are both truly exceptional employees that have been an integral part of the growth of Jacques. Their contribution over the duration of their tenure not only positively impacted their roles and teams, but helped modernise the company keeping it future focused. They have truly left the company with rare shoes to fill, it is with a heavy heart that Team Jacques bids them farewell. To a happy and fruitful retirement!