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Born in Cape Town in 1963 and lived mostly in Durbanville, my father was sure I was going to be a boy! After much argument with the nurse who came to tell him that he had a baby girl, he finally resigned to the fact, but that did not deter him, and I was to be his small assistant in the building of two yachts, one small and one bigger. I then went on to be first mate and I remember holiday after holiday spent sailing with him!

After completing matric, I went on to UCT. I was unsure of the direction I wanted to go in, and chose the subjects in which I was most interested. I graduated with a BA in Geography, Environmental Resource Management (which was a very new subject in those days), Archaeology and Cultural History of Western Europe. All of which are still of interest to me to this day.

The same week I wrote my final exams, I applied for, and was offered a job with Shell South Africa. I worked in the corporate world for four years, having many different jobs within the company.

I married in 1984 and we now have two grown boys, of whose achievements we are extremely proud. I could not see myself sitting behind a desk any longer and I left Shell in 1988 when our first son was born, I stayed at home to look after him.

My husband started a business at more or less the same time and I became involved doing the accounts. Over the years, my involvement has grown from contributing a few hours a day, to today, where I run the business on a full time basis - where I am known, I believe, as "Madam Speaker"!

During 2000, I started an Organic Market with a friend in Durbanville. This was spurred on by the fact that my second son was gluten intolerant. Even though it is only 16 years ago, both gluten intolerance and the severe effects it has on a person, as well as the organic "movement", were not well known; especially not in South Africa.

I realised more and more how the food we eat and the water we drink affects us, and that we are responsible for our own health and wellness as well as the obvious long-term effects of caring properly for one's own body.

We chose to close the successful little market five years, because it became unsafe to operate out of the building we were in, however our family still eats as healthily as we can.

OXIDANE

I started attending Pilates classes at Maureen's studio about 9 years ago, and we instantly got on with one another and we also shared a common interests in health and wellness.

I became aware of Oxidane while going to classes and chatting to Maureen and I saw the fantastic potential of the product – especially from a humanitarian point of view. Maureen invited me to become formally involved, which I am extremely excited to be. I introduced Maureen to Marion Moore as we all realised that we needed someone with financial expertise. I knew Marion would fit in with the team and she has!

The camaraderie of the team has made working together towards getting Oxidane to this point a pleasurable experience.

We have no doubt whatsoever that Oxidane will become a household name internationally, and bring safe drinking water to millions.

