
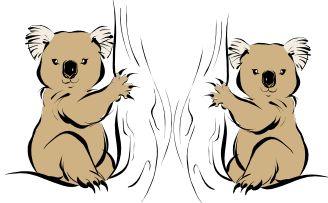





**Profiles and motivations of selected text correctors working in the Australian Newspapers service <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/>. February 2009.**

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| <p><b>Julie (Australian)</b></p>  |   |
| <p>Located: Victoria, rural town near Bendigo.<br/>         Interests: Family history, local history.<br/>         Age and status : 31-45 (stay at home mum)<br/>         Focus on single newspaper title 'The Argus', region around Bendigo and own family names. Always adds tags to articles as well as correcting text (some articles need more than 50 tags). 15-45 hrs per week.<br/>         Why she does it: "I enjoy the correction - it's a great way to learn more about past history and things of interest whilst doing a 'service to the community' by correcting text for the benefit of others".<br/>         Why keep doing it: " The knowledge that you are doing something that will benefit future people that wish to access articles on their family history"<br/>         Will you carry on indefinitely? "Yes"<br/>         Is it addictive? "Yes. A must do mission"<br/>         What would keep you motivated? "More papers added"</p> |    |
| <p><b>Lyn and Maurie (Australian)</b></p>   |   |
| <p>Located: Queensland, Brisbane<br/>         Interests: Family history, local history, shipping.<br/>         Age and status: 55-62 (retired couple)<br/>         Background: working together on research. Not tagging. 15 hrs per week. Also transcribing shipping lists for <a href="http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au">http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au</a><br/>         Why they do it: "We are sick of doing housework"<br/>         Why keep doing it: "Because it's addictive. It helps us and other people"<br/>         Will you carry on indefinitely? "Yes"<br/>         Is it addictive? "Yes, hard not to correct errors when you see them"<br/>         What would keep you motivated? "Working on specific projects/topics that need help"</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Mick (Australian)</b></p>   |   |
| <p>Located: NSW, Sydney<br/>         Interests: Family history, early Australian history, local history.<br/>         Age and status: 41-60 (retired)<br/>         Background: 12 hrs per week. Tags only occasionally.<br/>         Why he does it: "I have recently retired from IT and thought that I could be of some assistance to the project. It benefits me and other people. It helps with family research"<br/>         Why keep doing it: " I am interested in family history and early Australian history and newspapers are an excellent source of information"<br/>         Will you carry on indefinitely? "Not sure"<br/>         Is it addictive? "No"<br/>         What would keep you motivated? "More papers added"</p>   |  |

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| <b>Catherine (Australian)</b>   |  |
| <p>Located: Washington DC, USA (for 10 yrs)</p> <p>Interests: Doing something to help other people (not researching own family history)</p> <p>Age and status: 31-45 (working full-time)</p> <p>Background: 15 hrs per week. Never adds tags. Doesn't watch much TV. Also helping transcribe BMD (<a href="http://www.freebmd.org.uk">www.freebmd.org.uk</a>).</p> <p>Why she does it: "I enjoy typing, want to do something useful and find the content fascinating"</p> <p>Why keep doing it: "To benefit others. The content and historical perspective is fascinating"</p> <p>Will you carry on indefinitely? "Yes"</p> <p>Is it addictive? "No, but I enjoy it"</p> <p>What would keep you motivated? "Being given ideas on topics to explore and correct"</p> |   |
| <b>Fay (Australian)</b>   |  |
| <p>Located: Queensland, Brisbane.</p> <p>Interests: Family history research.</p> <p>Age and status: 61-80 (retired)</p> <p>Background: Adds tags as well. Time spent varies</p> <p>Why she does it: "I need something to do in my spare time. It benefits me and others"</p> <p>Why keep doing it: "I enjoy the challenge and I enjoy doing it"</p> <p>Will you carry on indefinitely? "Yes"</p> <p>Is it addictive? "Yes, a challenge and I enjoy it"</p> <p>What would keep you motivated? "?"</p>  |  |