

**Name:**

Cathy Tringham

Country:

Australia

Company:

Wagstaff Cranbourne Pty Ltd

Job Title:

Group Quality Assurance Manager

What is your current role?

I am the Group Quality Assurance Manager at Wagstaff Cranbourne Pty Ltd.

Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

I wanted to ensure that I had the skills to implement & manage the product safety system required in the new Version 8 of the BRC Global Standard at our company sites, I also wanted to develop my personal skills & abilities to try be the most professional & best Quality Assurance Manager I can be.

What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?

The certification confirms my skills in product safety & risk management & brings recognition for the work I put in to accomplish to BRCGS Professional certification. It also demonstrates my knowledge of the systems & expectations of any GFSI recognised Standard that I may have to handle & the BRCGS Professional certification is accepted globally as a high standard of personal development.

How has/will the recognition programme impacted your work?

I hope that our customers will see participation in this programme as evidence of our commitment to product safety as we expand & develop our global supply chain, that it will have a positive effect on my colleagues who will be encouraged to participate in the course themselves & motivate our staff to know that the company is investing in the future.

Would you have completed the component courses anyway?

I would have done the Version 8 conversion course. The other components would have come later.

How did you get to your current role?

I worked as a Technical Manager for a large UK meat company for many years and I was actually working there when the first BRC standard started in 1998! I came to Australia in 2014 to work for a traditional meat company who were starting to develop in to global markets and wanted to adopt GFSI standards.

What is your educational background?

I don't have a degree as I came into the food industry later in life. I Have a Diploma in Meat and Other food Inspector, I am a IRCA certified Lead Auditor, have a Advanced Certificate in HACCP Principles, I am a IEMA certified Environmental Auditor & qualified Animal Welfare Officer & now a BRCGS Professional.

What are your career ambitions/aims?

I am now 60 years old so my aim is pass my knowledge & experience on to my QA team members & encourage them to advance themselves into Safety Management roles by education such as this type of certified course .I want them to see that it's never too late to invest in your future & advance your skills.