

Roslyn (Gilbert) Hakim – My Story

After leaving Northview I completed the obligatory 1 year secretarial course and then had a short period as a model prior to embarking on a career in travel which has now spanned close on 50 years



I started with Qantas and completed numerous training courses in Sydney, which at that time was really the back of beyond (I have pictures of myself with the Opera House in scaffolding!) and who could have imagined that I would land up living here so many years later.

After 5 years with Qantas, I moved to Air France, and similarly there many trips to Paris and beyond. During this time I met and married Claude Hakim a Gynaecologist who had recently returned from the UK. Two sons arrived in 1975 & 1977 respectively and in-between I completed a Public Relations Diploma at Damlin College.

We immigrated to Sydney in 1979 where I began part time work with a Travel Agency building a client base.

In 1995 on my 50th birthday, I opened my own boutique agency which I built up over 10 years and finally doing well I had thoughts of retiring, but long standing clients insisted on me staying, and I now just work with my own portfolio and am busier than ever with top end luxury leisure and corporate travel.

I am also an accredited space agent for Virgin Galactic and we have sold two flights at US\$250,000 each for this amazing experience; I have been in the simulator in the Mojave Desert.

I sometimes have to pinch myself that at this age I am still at this age doing what I love and describe my travels as Bali, Burma, Bhutan, and beyond – with many places yet to discover.

In my 'other' life I am on the Committee of the Sydney Children's Hospital annual signature fund raiser 'Gold Dinner'. It's very rewarding.

No grandchildren – yet. Living in hope!
Ros (Gilbert) Hakim



Ros with her family. (l-to-r):
Son, Daniel, Husband Claude,
son, Jean-Marc