

Maria Hutton

PEER MENTOR



When Townsville's Maria Hutton returned home from the Spinal Injuries Unit in 1980, she had no-one to talk to who had a similar injury.

"You had to work it out yourself, which is why I want to be there to chat to someone if that's what they're looking for," Maria said.

Just 20 at the time she sustained T5 paraplegia, Maria met her husband-to-be Neil, when she went back to work after her car accident.

Married since 1984, they have three daughters in their 20s – Rebecca, Sarah and Alana.

With Neil's work as an engineer taking them throughout North and Central Queensland, with time spent living in Home Hill, Sarina and Rockhampton, the Huttons moved to Townsville in 2001.

Maria has enjoyed a varied career, with different administrative roles and at one stage she owned her own craft shop, where she ran popular art classes and worked six days a week.

For fitness, Maria and a friend do a lap of their local neighbourhood for an hour each day, and Maria also uses a cycle machine to keep her circulation healthy and spasms at bay.



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