

DEBBIE WESSELS

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT PROJECTS



How long have you been with L2B and what do you do here? I started at L2B, 1 April 2008 as a researcher in the tenders Department, several months later transferred when a position became available in the Projects Department and I was appointed as the HOD of the Projects Department in February 2011

Give us insight into your day to day? Updating existing projects on the database, sourcing new developments to add to the database, attending to queries and enquiries from subscribers and staff.

What do you enjoy most about L2B? I enjoy several aspects – the staff, researching, solving any issues that crop up and self imposed routine to keep me on track with daily tasks

What is the best career lesson you've learned so far? Enjoy what you do! You spend majority of your waking hours at work and if you don't enjoy what do you, look for something else.

If you could change one thing at L2B, what would it be? Have a uniform. "What shall I wear" is then no longer part of your daily time-waster in the mornings

What is your biggest achievement to date? Raising (with my husband) two awesome young adults that I am very proud of.

Highlights from your time with L2B so far ? The most exciting, unexpected highlight was the first time I won the annual Content Award. There have been many other highlights during the years, golf days, year end functions, to name a few.

Three words to best describe you: Planner, Introverted-Extrovert, Truthful

How do you define success? Happiness. If you are happy doing whatever you do, that's success

What gets you out of bed in the morning? Things to do, places to be, people to see.

What do you like to do when you aren't working? Family time, reading and creative hobbies such as scrapbooking and icing biscuits.

What's something most people don't know about you? I have an unexplained irrational fear of mosaic images at the bottom of a swimming pool.

What's the most interesting trend you see today? Not the most interesting but more disturbing trend of entitlement.

Do you have a favorite website/blog/app? Facebook and Instagram

How do you balance your career and family? 8-5 is work and the balance is family, it works.

Favourite song: All the different renditions of Hallelujah...get goosebumps every time I hear it

Favourite movie: Dirty Dancing

What did 2020 teach you? Learn to adapt, don't plan too far ahead or you will miss what's happening right now, live and love your life, nothing is promised including tomorrow.