

**Name:**

**Mary**

**Tom**

**Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph:**

**I have graduated from Kerala University in 1979 and worked in an engineering consultancy in various roles till my migration to Australia with my family in 1990. I studied in RMIT Melbourne and Monash University to diversify my skills in the field of Information Technology and Computer Science.**

**I am with CQUiversity since 2000. During my career as a Lecturer I continued my research work to complete my PhD. My research interests are knowledge management, knowledge based systems, computation intelligence and software engineering. My PhD thesis is on 'An Initial Technology Roadmap for Home Automation: Home and Personal Life Management'. As a full-time employed parent I myself have realized problems in balancing work and life effectively. My research studies have exposed many areas where technology application can contribute to the problems created by contemporary life style. My PhD thesis has come up with a number innovative and interesting product ideas that I would like to pursue further. I am interested to collaborate with other people with similar passion.**