



# Age no barrier for Eulys

SEVENTY-nine-year-old Eulys Tedford has proved age is no barrier when it comes to getting a new career.

She recently completed an aged care course at the Challenger Institute of Technology in Mandurah and has secured employment at a local aged care facility.

Eulys said the reasons she undertook the aged care course were quite personal.

“I was in a stage of my life where I needed to place my husband of 58 years into a dementia ward,” she said.

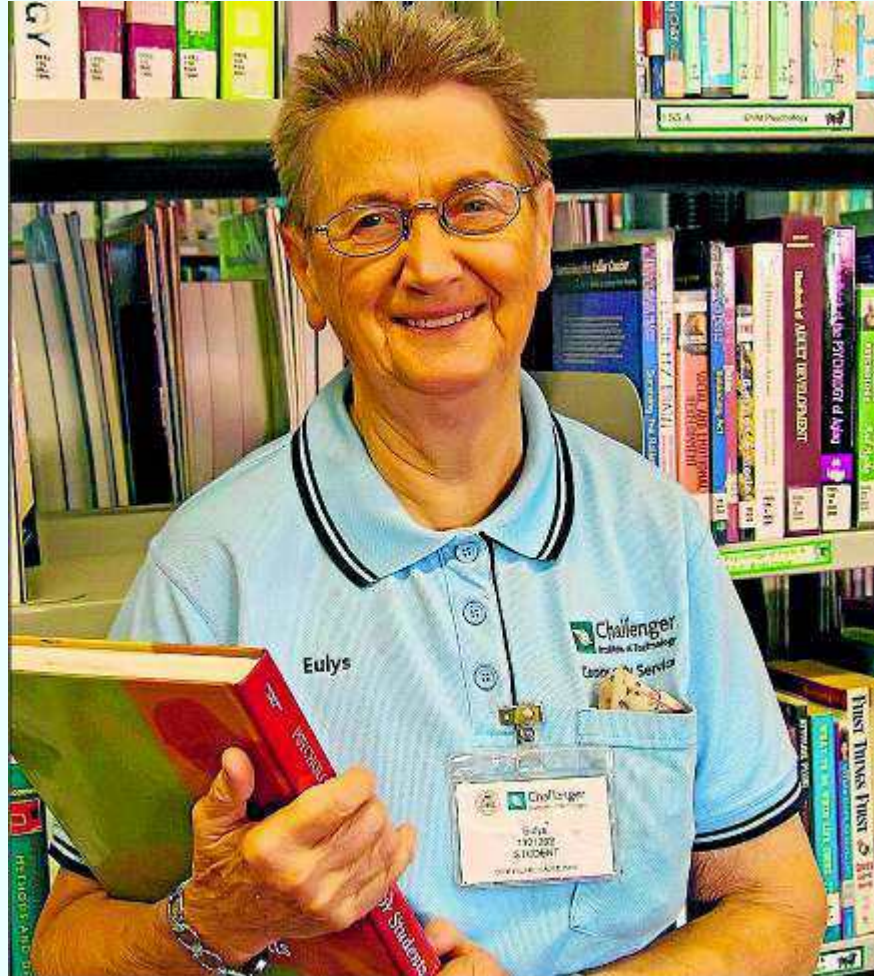
“I felt I needed to acquire knowledge to allow me to accept this situation, and to have an understanding of my current circumstances.

“I found the course thoroughly enjoyable and the satisfaction is now in being able to help others.”

Eulys said she learnt lots from the interaction with fellow students who were as young as 17 years and she was well accepted.

Aged Care lecturer Jan Shaw said Eulys had been a great source of inspiration to her fellow students.

“Not only does Eulys have a wonderful sense of humour, which put everyone at ease, she was a consistent motivator for the younger students in the course.”



**Never too old:** Eulys Tedford has completed an aged course at the age of 79 years.

Challenger Institute Community Services program manager Leigh Cook said the community services industry currently had a widespread need for skilled aged care workers.

“The success rate for

gaining employment from the Challenger Institute aged care program is between 80-95 per cent, which is promising for students that are looking to pursue a career in this rewarding field,” he said.

“We encourage more mature-aged students to consider a career in the community services area, especially those who want a career change or fresh start but feel discouraged because of their age.”