

Tim's Story, NSW.

I spent years loving and raising my two beautiful children. 18 months apart, they grew up as the best of mates and looking back I could honestly say I thought I had it all. Two healthy, happy children, a loving, supportive wife, a nice family home in a middle class area and good secure jobs. Life was pretty good and I had absolutely no reason to doubt or believe otherwise. When my youngest daughter turned 18, she went on to university and started studying a Bachelor of Health and Medical Science. It was here that sparked her interest in learning about her heritage and ancestors. She ordered a kit online, completed her samples and was eagerly awaiting her results. The results arrived and it was that very day that changed our lives in so many ways forever. There were discrepancies, many that didn't add up and the attention was suddenly turned to my wife for an explanation. With very little hesitation we were offered an apology straight up, a "mistake" had been made. Nearly 20 years had passed and just like that in one conversation there was immense emotional pain and turmoil that suddenly ripped apart our family. I was desperate for more answers and ordered 2 DNA paternity kits straight away. Results confirmed my nightmare I was living in. My two precious children were in fact NOT my biological children at all. It turns out they had been fathered by a family friend instead. Our two innocent children and I had been denied their origin, their biological family. Every child deserves to know who his or her parents are, and my children missed out on that. This took a massive toll on our mental health as we navigated a lifetime that had been a lie. Fortunately enough for me, my children had grown so emotionally attached to me, they both made the decision not to pursue a relationship with their biological father despite now knowing who he was. It's been a rocky road, exceptionally traumatising for everyone involved. Had my daughter not had an inquisitive desire to learn more about her heritage, maybe the truth would have never been uncovered??