# VIDEO TRANSCRIPT: HELEN ROBINSON

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Man landing on the moon! That was a great day. All the students that came to school, we put them all into the library, and um, with a television, and we had a television in the staffroom. The place buzzed, it was just a great feeling. That was a huge thrill.

I love teaching full stop. I love teaching Textiles and I love teaching Home Economics. I think you’ve got to be consistent. When a class walks in you’ve got to do the same thing, so they *know* what they’re going to do. And they know what you don’t like, and they know what you *do* like.

AALIYAH FESILI
So, my mum went to Reservoir High School and so did my uncle. My mum was taught my Miss Robinson, Home Economics and Textiles. It’s a bit weird, because, like, I go home and I say something to her, and it’s like ‘Oh my god, Miss Robinson used to say that to me as well! She used to say that to everybody!’

HELEN ROBINSON
I’m very proud of Reservoir High, and I’m proud of the students that have come through here. I love to hear what the students are doing, because I think sometimes teaching is like a book… but we never get to the end. We never, ever, in some cases, find out what they do. And I’d love to know.

MARIA GASBARRO
Helen is my old Home Economics teacher. What I remember making in, um, Textiles, was an apron. I think I still have it somewhere at home!

HELEN ROBINSON
Oh really?

MARIA GASBARRO
Yes!

HELEN ROBINSON
This set of three bowls, which each student has… a large, a medium, and a small, are the original ones when I first came here to Reservoir High School in 1966. And we’re still using them. And they still look in good nick!

OFF CAMERA INTERVIEWERThey’ve lasted as well as you!

HELEN ROBINSONI think they’ve lasted better!