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TRANSFORMED: Moranbah woman Elizabeth Hanley photographed before and after her cosmetic facial procedures

A new face won me a better job

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ELIZABETH Hanley spent \$20,000 on a new face to find a better job.

And after four hours of surgery and a couple of weeks healing, she did just that.

An increasing number of middle-aged people are having cosmetic surgery to improve their prospects in the workplace, plastic surgeons report.

Mrs Hanley, from the central Queensland mining town of Moranbah, now believes she looks 15 years younger.

"I am 55 and I didn't want to look that way," she said. "It was affecting how I felt about myself. And people used to discriminate against me because of the way I looked."

Mrs Hanley said she wanted a better job after working in an office for a freight company for years.

"So I decided to get a new face so I could get a new job," she said.

"I sent my resignation in before

SKIN DEEP: Where the money went

Full SMAS facelift
- includes removing
excess supporting
structures of the face
Temple lift
injections to
"crows feet" around eyes
Necklift and tuck



Removal of fat and
excess skin from upper
and lower eyelids
Makeover by hair and
makeup experts
Anti-wrinkle gel injected
into chin creases

the surgery because I had my mind set on getting a new job.

"My husband is 14 years younger and I was sick of looking like his mother. So he got me the surgery as a present."

Mrs Hanley and her husband Mick went to Melbourne in February for the surgery.

Toorak plastic surgeon Chris Moss, who performed Mrs Hanley's operation, said most of his clients were now seeking plastic surgery to improve their prospects.

"Many men and women who have had facial rejuvenation surgery with me do so to improve their prospects in the workforce or to make a

fresh start in their personal life. They are not at all vain or indulgent.

"These are motivated people who choose to make positive changes in their life and take control of their future," Dr Moss said.

Mrs Hanley had a full deep layer facelift and necklift, upper and lower blepharoplasty (eyes) and a temple lift. She also had injections to her "crows feet" and the filler to her chin creases.

Dr Moss said the facelift option was a "natural technique" that required a minimal healing time but was not a "one size fits all".

"We spend a lot of time with our clients tailoring the procedures for the individual," he said.

Mrs Hanley now has a front-of-house hostess job at a motor inn that pays over \$200 a week more than her previous job.

"I got the job because I look younger and feel fantastic. It is the best investment ever - much better than renovating the kitchen."