

## Case Study: Daniel Hamill stands guard in new job

**D**ANIEL Hamill proudly calls himself a 'people person'. So when he heard about a program connecting Indigenous jobseekers to training and employment in mine site security, he knew it was an opportunity not to be missed.

"I'm renowned among my family and friends for my social skills and in the security industry you need to have that. I like people, I like randomly asking people how they are and sparking a conversation," Hamill says.

Under the program delivered by the industry-government collaboration AMMA Skills Connect and its alliance partner Access Working Careers, Hamill is one of a group of Indigenous candidates that undertook a fully-funded Certificate II in Security Operations.

Not one to shy away from an adventure, Hamill had previously relocated from the east to the west coast after discovering the resource industry is one of the fastest growing employers of Indigenous people.

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"I originally moved from Queensland to Western Australia more than two years ago after watching a 60 Minutes program about Indigenous employment opportunities in the mining sector," says the ambitious Hamill.

"I hit the ground running and got a job labouring on a mine site but unfortunately was made redundant. When searching for more work in the industry, I heard about the security training course and jumped at the opportunity.

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Following completion of the four-week program, Hamill gained employment with Tri-Shield Services, an Indigenous Australian company providing security services to the West Australian resource sector.

He will soon commence a fly-in, fly-out role to a mine in Western Australia's Pilbara where he will hold a variety of responsibilities including the management of visitors to the site.

Preparing for an exciting new chapter in his working life, Hamill's new qualification and eagerness to engage with others foretells a long and successful career.

"Despite it being difficult at times, I'm really looking forward to working with the variety of people who visit the site and are involved in the mine's operation," he says.



Daniel Hamill (centre) with mine security trainees and representatives from Access Working Careers and AMMA Skills Connect.

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