## CASE STUDY





## Case Study: Tri-Shield secures star trainees

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OBERT Seth goes to work every day with the intention of increasing Indigenous people's involvement in the Western Australian resource industry.

Learning that an AMMA Skills Connect initiative was putting a new group of Indigenous jobseekers through a mine security training and employment program, the managing director of Tri-Shield Services was determined to see the group transition into real jobs.

"Tri-Shield Services is the most active Indigenous mine site security company in Australia. We promote the employment of Indigenous people to our business and many others just don't have the opportunities that we can provide," says Seth.

The Perth-based company was instrumental in providing the jobseekers with on-site experience to complement their fully-funded Certificate II in Security Operations delivered by Indigenous employment centre Access Working Careers. But Seth is adamant that every new Tri-Shield employee must show dedication.



Jobseekers studied security operations before embarking on work experience and employment in the resource industry.

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"None of the participants had previous security experience so this is a new adventure that allows them to advance in the mining industry in a new field," he says.

"We compete with all other trades and services, but getting people security cleared and licensed can be incredibly difficult, especially Indigenous people who have lived on the land or in communities where they have faced social challenges.

"You can provide as much opportunity as humanly possible but at the end of the day, they've got to want to be involved in it."

As the program's participants receive security licences and become job-ready, Seth is preparing to place many of them on fly-in, fly-out roles at a mine site in the Pilbara region and is confident in their ability to perform a variety of responsibilities.

"They will control people coming in and out of the site and will also do patrols in security vehicles to ensure there's nothing untoward going on," he says.

"But importantly, they will also be interacting with up to 5,000 other employees on site. They have a responsibility to keep the order but also integrate and use their communication skills.

"The group we've got through this program are a great bunch. We look forward to them all becoming a part of the industry."

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