

## Case Study: Mining forum serves up hospitality jobseekers

**A** MMA Skills Connect's recent Perth forum was a testament to the power of direct engagement with jobseekers, proving that people from all career backgrounds can work in Australia's \$550 billion resource industry.



100 people attended the AMMA Skills Connect Jobseeker Forum

After many years in hospitality roles, forum attendee Candice Litchfield first dabbled in mining support services when her skills were temporarily sought during recent times of peak project construction.

So when in need of a new job in late 2013 and upon learning that AMMA Skills Connect was holding a resource industry jobseeker forum, Litchfield was keen to explore further what the sector had to offer.

"I had wanted to get back into working within the mining sector and registering for the forum seemed like the perfect place to start again," she explains.

Candice joined 100 jobseekers to hear directly from industry recruitment experts [miningoilandgasjobs.com](http://miningoilandgasjobs.com) and some of the country's largest employers including ESS Support Services Worldwide and oil and gas company INPEX.

Litchfield left the forum armed with information on the variety of projects, flexible workforce practices, training opportunities and upcoming job vacancies. Shortly afterwards, she was invited to take part in ESS Support Services' recruitment selection process.

Needless to say, Litchfield's passion for the industry and previous hospitality experience shone through and she is now one of the company's newest FIFO relief utility workers.

"What appealed to me most about working in a support service role in the resource industry was the opportunity to gain new experiences and be in a position where I could save some money," she says.

"My many years of hospitality experience definitely paid-off and has helped me in my roles within ESS, performing kitchen, bar and cleaning duties."

Litchfield looks forward to progressing her career and urges other jobseekers to keep chasing their dreams.

"I highly recommend people attend events like the AMMA Skills Connect jobseeker forum to open up opportunities to break into the industry," she says.

"I have met some incredible people working for ESS Support Services and love the FIFO lifestyle. I look forward to working my way up the ladder to bigger and better opportunities."

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