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What is your name and job title?

I'm Pearse Kohl, I'm a Project Geologist within the Exploration team

How long have you worked for Ramelius?

I started with Ramelius late Feb '22, so just over a year now

Which Ramelius Mine site do you work at?

I work mostly with the team at the Rebecca Project. We don't have a mine yet, we're in advanced exploration stages. But we're trying to deliver one!

What's your favourite thing about working at Rebecca?

We are remote, which obviously has its challenges. We do enjoy a degree of autonomy you may not see in a mine site or larger camp, cooking for ourselves means a varied menu across the week, and there's plenty of interesting things to see out bush. Sunsets and the night sky are always big hits

What are you most proud of in working for Ramelius?

I worked as a contractor for about 4 years prior to Ramelius, so the job itself is a point of accomplishment. We've come far at Rebecca and source most of our solutions ourselves, which has created a tight team

In the last six months, what's been yours or your team's greatest achievement at Rebecca?

The Rebecca team bumped up the confidence level and total resource by a healthy sum last year, achieving what we set out to do with our resource development program. Hopefully this gives us a solid platform to continue regional exploration

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What does a typical day at Rebecca look like for you?

We're usually about a team of six - with up to two drill rigs that I've seen. Right now, we are aircore drilling and completing rehabilitation of historic drill sites which came with the Apollo (Rebecca) purchase. I help co-ordinate some of this and log some chips if I'm lucky. Our accommodation is in a small remote camp on site, so we also cook and clean for ourselves

What is something you enjoy about working at the Rebecca Project which you haven't experienced working at other locations?

It's more dynamic than in some other employment areas. We're exposed to different drill rigs, techniques, and programs. There's always something going on

We do get to build relationships with the drillers too which means opportunity to learn a bit more about how the rig functions and how the driller achieves what they can

Further afield than Rebecca, the exploration team does get to move between sites occasionally or as needed - I've been able to take part in water drilling programs for pit planning at Symes Find between Westonia and Narembeen, and back at Rebecca we are completing a sterilisation program, testing over locations designated for future mining infrastructure

What are your three main tips for maintaining a happy & healthy mindset doing FIFO?

1. Exercise and stay healthy - build good habits and routines including sleep
2. Keep contacts and relationships healthy - I moved to Perth from Brisbane in 2020 - I've had to build a new contact circle and keep touching base so I don't become too much of a hermit
3. You need to form good relationships with people at work and co-operate - you'll spend more than half your day-to-day work with your team on 8:6. It can't work well or for long, unless everyone is onboard. Outcomes are only more intense in small, remote teams

What would you say to new graduates who are considering starting FIFO work?

If you're looking to get into exploration work, I'd suggest spending at least some time working as a Field Tech to get some ground-up knowledge - you'll definitely see a lot of how most things work day to day

Beyond that I learned a lot more just getting in and doing it vs the broad learning you get in education. Having a sense of humour helps too when you live, eat and work with your team

Off the Record

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

Food - I'm heavily reward motivated

What are you reading or watching on Netflix right now?

The housemates' dog ate the remote so not much lately on TV. I've heard good things about 'Alone' though. I'm reading The Kindly Ones by Johnathan Littell. I've been dragging my feet on it a little bit because it's a pretty heavy and dark book, and paperback, but the main character is developed very well - the reader is almost in his shoes