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One of the great highlights whilst working at Mt Magnet was being part of the team that discovered the Eridanus deposit. Who would have thought that a ¾ million ounce gold deposit would be lurking virtually at surface between Lone Pine and Theakston’s pits? Of course, this was not the only discovery that was made, there were also a few ‘technical successes’ (as they are referred to when the deposit is financially uneconomic to mine).

I started my career here in WA at Mt Magnet nearly 17 years ago, albeit with a different company that operated Mt Magnet Gold prior to Ramelius Resources taking over in 2010. For approximately 15 years I oversaw the exploration activities at Mt Magnet, where some big changes occurred during that period; going from being in ‘care and maintenance’ mode, to a brief flurry of exploration activity (which only lasted for a few months, before that company went into administration), to commencing drilling in the Galaxy mining area.

Once Ramelius acquired Mt Magnet, things also fluctuated a bit; going from quite an active exploration department, to having to make exploration geologists redundant within a period of a few years. Fortunately, that all turned around in the mid-2010’s and since then we have been pretty busy exploring at Mt Magnet (and elsewhere of course).

I have seen the RMS share price at 6c, to \$1.20 while we were mining Wattle Dam high grade underground, to it’s high of \$2.53 on 18 September 2020.

Since the beginning of 2022, I have been overseeing exploration activities at the Rebecca Gold project in the Eastern Goldfields. Completely different to working at Mt Magnet in pretty much all aspects, but no less challenging. We are yet to make the next ‘big discovery’ in that region, but we are working on it.

Having a good team of dedicated people who work safely is key to ensuring that progress is made, and I have had (and still have) the privilege of working with some really first-class guys (and girls) over the years. My only regret, however, is that I do not get to spend quite as much time out in the field as I would like.

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