



MEET ALEX

Project Mine Geologist

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Since wrapping up at Tampia, I have been involved in the startup of Symes Gold Mine, working as a Project Geologist with some of the old Tampia crew. We are still based in the small farming town of Narembeen, which has definitely grown on me over the last few years. I try to round up the gang for a pub mission once a swing, as they serve a fantastic rendition of a Big Mac burger called "The Workers Mac".

Growing up in New Zealand, I was always curious about the natural world, surrounded by volcanoes, endless coastlines, rivers to raft, and lots of mountains to climb. When it came time to decide on a university course, Earth Sciences sounded like a perfect fit. After doing my Honours Degree, I worked in the civil construction industry on a large freeway improvement project, as an Environmental Advisor. I then transitioned into the tunnelling world doing a mix of environmental and geotechnical work on the Central Interceptor Project, a 14km tunnelling project that is still ongoing in Auckland, NZ. A few university friends were doing FIFO in WA and twisted my arm to relocate, right at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ramelius has been a great company to work for, largely thanks to the people I have worked with and the supportive management. I feel that the Company genuinely wants me to progress in my career and actively supports me through training and courses to upskill and develop. I have obtained my Cert III in Emergency Response and Rescue and am currently working on WHS risk management units to be able to fulfil the Site Senior Executive statutory position one day.

I have been with Ramelius for almost 3 years now, starting my mining journey on a grade control rig at the beginning of the Tampia project, which we have since completed. Tampia was an exceptional project to start on, with numerous challenges, exciting and complex geology, and a fantastic team. A highlight from my time at Tampia was being able to work with CSIRO and GSWA on a multi-year research project. The focus was the local geology, mapping the Tampia pit and geochemistry to give us a better understanding of the gold mineralisation.

I was also fortunate enough to be a participant in the Ramelius team that completed the 200km MACA ride in 2022. It was punishing on the old legs at times, and I am still not sure about the whole lycra cycling gear thing, but overall, it was very rewarding and a lot of fun. I also enjoyed the banter and friendly competition with other gold companies at the Gold Industry Group netball event that Ramelius participates in each year. We did well in 2022, and I hope to see mighty Horse Power take the cup one day.