

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE INNOVATE OUR WORLD

MEET GRACIE

**MINING ENGINEER IN THE MINING
OPERATIONS TEAM AT SOUTH32**

AGE: 25 TITLE: **Operations Technician**

COMPANY & LOCATION: **ConocoPhillips,
APLNG Facility / Curtis Island**

TYPICAL TASKS: • **Going underground**

- **Designing & planning**
- **Collaborating with mine staff**

TEN YEAR GOAL: Senior Mining Engineer



Why did you become a mining engineer?

I finally made the decision to change into mining. I chose mining because I did a mining elective during my chemical engineering degree and really enjoyed that class.

What do you enjoy most about mining engineering?

My favourite thing about being a mining engineer is how dynamic and fast paced my job is. Everyday I'm dealing with new challenges – it keeps it very interesting and I'm never bored!

Work/life balance?

With eight days on and six days off, this lifestyle works great for me as I can schedule my break so that I see my family, partner and friends. It feels very rewarding flying back home to a six-day weekend.

How will innovation change mining engineering?

Mining will always be a big part of our lives. Any kind of innovation that can change mining engineering for the better would be well received in the industry as this ultimately provides a flow-on positive effect to the consumers of mining – our society.

**“If you’re considering
mining engineering
I say... go for it!
I really couldn’t
imagine doing
anything else. If you
love problem solving
and new challenges
everyday, mining
engineering will keep
your brain moving.”**

– Gracie