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PEMBROKE

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Tell us about your journey

After completing a degree in Environmental Science I worked as a veterinary nurse, environmental consultant and primary school teacher. These experiences led me here. Pembroke is changing the way environmental conditioning is done within the industry - this has enabled me to have an exciting and rewarding career in conservation development and the resources industry.

What drives you to do this work?

My motivation comes from being a part of a multi-faceted team, where every member has a keen interest in doing mining differently. I'm extremely proud to be a part of Pembroke's koala and greater glider conservation program, where I use state of the art conservation technologies, such as infra-red drones and telemetry tracking to help protect these vulnerable species.

What's a challenge that shaped your journey?

Balancing working in the mining sector and raising a family has been a challenge. As a mum, it's often easy to think you're not doing enough. But this challenge has made me prioritise what is important in life, be grateful for what I have and not stress about the little things.

What's the best thing about your team and workplace?

The entire Pembroke team is connected to the environmental work we're doing on site. We take a whole-of-business approach to challenges and I love connecting with all aspects of the business to achieve shared goals. I enjoy working with our ecologists and environmental professionals and am constantly learning from their expertise.

What has this career made possible for you?

Personally, I have discovered many things about myself through this role that I didn't think were possible, in particular my confidence and adaptability. Professionally, I have developed skills in people and project management that will help me to continue delivering positive environmental and conservation outcomes.

What excites you about the future?

I'm looking forward to being part of future conservation initiatives within the industry. I believe we are amid an exciting time, where it's possible to incorporate advancing technologies and sustainable practices and where conservation and mining can run side by side with positive outcomes for both.

What does a future-shaping career mean to you?

It's about being part of a team that's working towards change for the better - whether through technology, community engagement or simply doing things in a smarter way.

What does 'Shape Our Future' mean to you?

My role isn't typical - and it shows how traditional jobs can evolve when the focus of a business shifts. A role dedicated to conservation in mining is somewhat unheard of, a unicorn job, and I see this changing in the future.

Your message to future students

There are so many unknown roles within the resources and STEM fields - sometimes it's the least advertised or promoted ones that turn out to be the most interesting and fulfilling. Sometimes you just need to get a foot in the door, it could lead to your dream role. Talk to people about what they love, focus on what interests you most, and take every opportunity that comes your way. Don't be afraid to ask for help or put yourself forward.