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Edward Milne
Executive regional manager, Skilled SA

What was your first job?

I started working in my first job while I was still a student in high school. This was a part-time job working as a cleaner for my local butcher.

What was your foot in the door at Skilled South Australia?

The consistent good results that I was achieving in my previous role meant that I was poached by Skilled to work in this one as its executive regional manager.

What is the hardest slog of your job?

The hardest part is attending to emails – and there are lots of them. But I believe learning to be technologically savvy in the job is paramount.

What has been your best day at work to date?

I'd say that nearly all of my work days have been my best days at work. It is a joy for me to be able to go to work in a job which I do enjoy being at every day.

What has been your worst day on the job?

This was when I had to let workers go from the organisation. Unfortunately this was during the economic downturn which was caused by the global financial crisis.

I wish I knew...

How I can engage every one of the employees who work at Skilled South Australia during every second of every work day.

Edward Milne is a volunteer with the Advantage SA Speakers in Schools program.

Science adds to greening of mine and building sites

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AN increasingly environmentally conscious world is leading to growth in the number of science professionals who are employed in the construction and mining industry. Environmental scientists, engineers and consultants are picking up work on construction sites and exploration areas in the preparation, development and mitigation of projects.

Changes to federal and state environment protection legislation in recent years have provided better environmental controls on business operations, waste disposal and remediation of sites.

LBW Environment managing director Jarrod Bishop says the changes have increased and expanded the workloads of companies which then hire or contract specialised staff to do the work.

"What that has done is increase the obligation with all sorts of companies and activities within the broader market to be compliant with any legislation," he says.

"There's been increasing awareness of the market to be compliant and be good environmental managers. It's increasing the demand for environmental consulting services across a whole range of different fields."

Before a site may be developed, remediation of land can be needed to clean up the ways of companies

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in years gone by when environmental controls hardly ever were considered necessary. Waste fill from excavations also needs to be disposed of correctly to not pose a risk to the community.

The amount of contamination varies from small amounts to significant levels in soil and waterways which needs to be eliminated completely, to safe levels or managed before developments can proceed.

Monitoring projects can be ongoing for several years.

Mr Bishop is an environmental scientist by profession and says staff enter the industry from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Workers with qualifications in chemistry are needed to understand how contaminants behave in environments and geology qualifications are used to find how they interact with the land.

Toxicology knowledge can provide data on how contaminants affect humans, plants and animals.



LBW Environment managing director Jarrod Bishop says staff enter the industry from a wide variety of backgrounds. Picture: Sarah Reed

"So, you do not have to be a greenie but it's good if you're passionate about the field that you're in. You can be quite successful," Mr Bishop says.

"My training was in environmental science so I was interested in finding a profession where I could apply my science background."

"The environmental consultant industry is one which is multi-disciplinary. It requires quite a lot of scientific understanding, engineering understanding in respect to civil engineering and understanding of construction practices."

Mr Bishop says it is an interesting

job in which workers can do something different each day. Workplace environments can vary from building construction sites and remote mine areas to conservation reserves and waterways.

"Every site you work on has its own unique set of issues that have to be assessed and understood," Mr Bishop says.

"The focus of chemicals and environment is different to every site. There are always new challenges to learn and test you personally."

"It's a very interesting field to get into."

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