

Careers in the defence industry – Project Management

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Looking for an exciting and rewarding long term career?

Join the thousands of people using a different set of skills to supply and support our defence forces. WA's defence industry provides stable and local employment in defence related activities such as **ship and submarine building, maintenance and sustainment**.

To become a project manager in the defence industry, you usually need to gain a qualification in project management, or engineering, and relevant industry experience.

University and Vocational Education and Training (VET) are both common study pathways. Alternatively, you can undertake a degree in any discipline, followed by a postgraduate qualification in business administration or project management.

CAREER SWITCHER...

MARK CLAY

Project Manager

PATHWAY: Work experience > Diploma Project Management

“ I finished high school and studied sport science at university. I struggled to find work and joined my dad's family business, which was predominately in defence.

I wanted to become a project manager so I completed a diploma of project management, Prince Foundation training, leadership courses and a health and safety course.

I then secured a role at a shipbuilding company managing the Offshore Patrol Vessel contract.

This project is a **12 vessel program for the Royal Australian Navy**, with the first two vessels being built in Adelaide and the remaining 10 being built here in Henderson.

I lead the team that delivers the outcome for the project, comprising of commercial, scheduling, budgeting, quality, production and engineering.

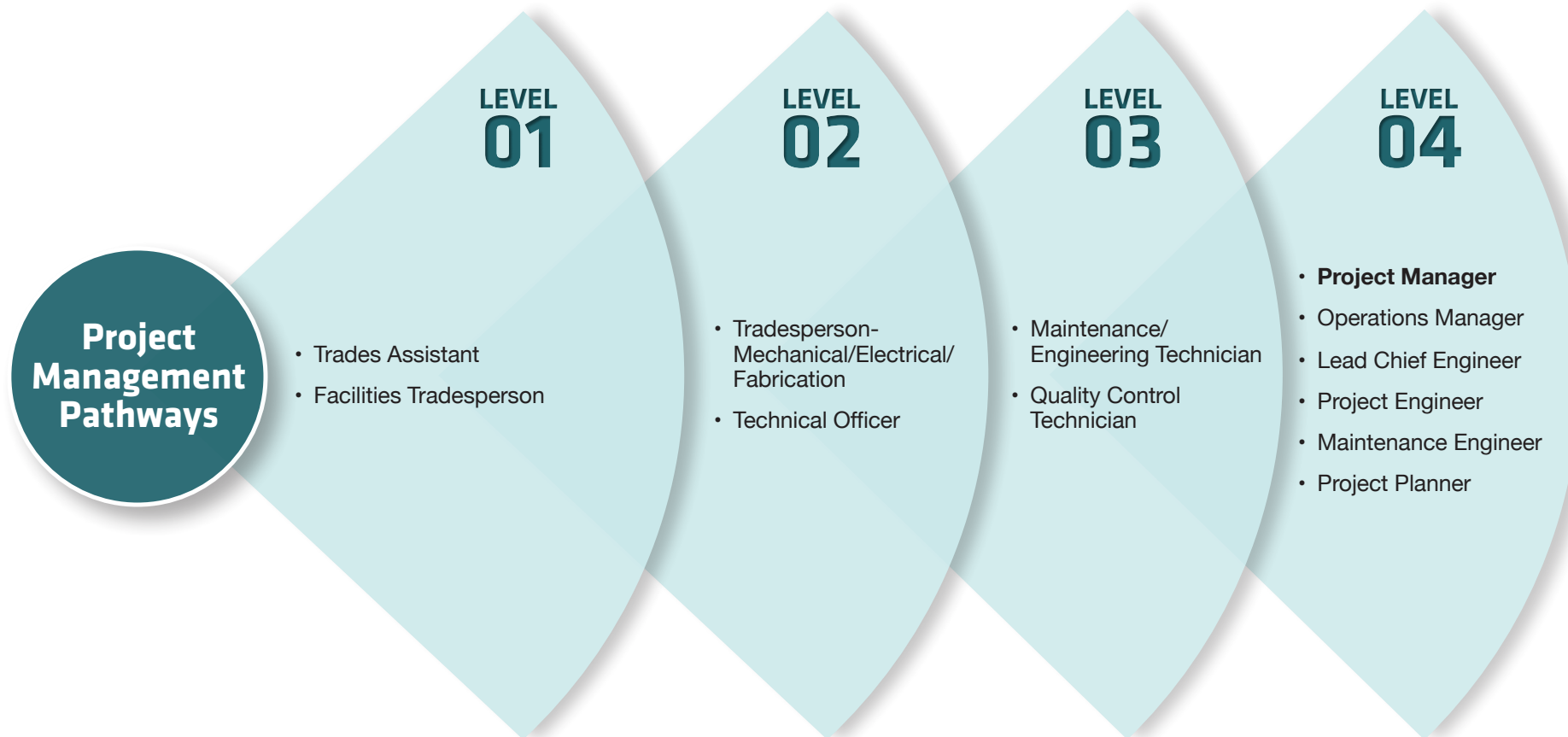
I visit the shop floor every day to talk to the production team and physically check the progress of the project.

The biggest benefit of the defence industry is the **longevity of the work**. It's great to see the progress that you've made and take great pride in what you are achieving. **Working locally** is fantastic, there is no FIFO and you get to go home every night. ”



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BSB51415 Diploma of Project Management



KEY

LEVEL 01 – All job titles in Project Management that require a skill level of year 10, a senior secondary certification of education, Certificate I or II. Australian apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

LEVEL 02 – All job titles in Project Management that require a Certificate III or IV, or at least three years relevant experience. Australian apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

LEVEL 03 – All job titles in Project Management that require a Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Study is often undertaken through TAFEs or Registered Training Organisations. Some universities offer studies at this level.

LEVEL 04 – All job titles in Project Management that require a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification. Study is often undertaken at a university.