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# Secondment to PERTH

## What influenced your decision to be seconded to Perth?

The decision to be seconded to Perth was influenced by a combination of factors. I embraced the opportunity because I believe in taking on challenges when they arise and when I have the chance. Being seconded to Perth presented a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, experience a new work environment, and broaden my skills in a different setting. Embracing challenges is a key part of my approach to career development, and the prospect of working in Perth aligned well with this mindset.

## What type of work did you undertake while on secondment?

I had the opportunity to be involved in audit work within both the financial services and mining industries, marking a significant shift from my previous role at Baker Tilly Malaysia. In the financial services industry, my primary focus is on ensuring adherence to rules and regulations, requiring a comprehensive understanding of regulatory frameworks. Conversely, while auditing the mining industry, my attention was directed towards tasks like asset valuation, assessing the company's financial viability (going concern), and ensuring compliance with environmental and regulatory standards. This transition reflects a broadening of my skill set and responsibilities across diverse industries, presenting an exciting and varied professional journey.

## How did you make friends during your secondment?

Taking breaks for coffee, playing card games during lunch, and enjoying Friday drinking sessions with colleagues make our workplace social and lively. It's a friendly atmosphere, and it's even more fun when they introduce us to their friends during hangouts. These connections not only enhance our work experience but also contribute to building lasting friendships. Here's to a fantastic balance between work and social life.



## What was the highlight of living and working in Perth, as opposed to visiting the city as a tourist?

The culture here is incredibly friendly; everyone makes you feel welcome and is always ready to help. There was one instance when Yee Ling (my colleague) and I were exploring Fremantle market, and we found ourselves followed by two homeless individuals. A senior citizen kindly asked us to stand behind him to avoid any unwanted interaction with homeless individuals. The senior citizen even shared his contact information with us and asked us to reach out if we needed any assistance. This gesture was incredibly heartwarming, especially when you're in a new country and find yourself in such a situation.

## What was the best thing you ate during your secondment?

Japanese cuisine, especially Ramen. Every weekend, when I'm on my own, I love heading to the Tonkatsu Ramen spot nearby. There's nothing better than slurping up hot soup in the freezing weather. It's my go-to before heading to work and makes for a super enjoyable time.

## How do you think this secondment will impact your career?

Getting into a secondment program is like a turbo boost for your career. We learn new skills, make new work friends, understand different work styles, and the opportunity to show everyone that you're a flexible and valuable team player. It's a win-win for your personal and professional growth.

## What has been your most memorable or valuable experience at your secondment?

Having the opportunity to work with colleagues from the Philippines, Australia and India at Pitcher Partners Perth allowed me to learn and appreciate the many different cultures and backgrounds.

This is good because it encourages everyone to work well together in an inclusive and friendly work environment. I believe that being able to share ideas and learn from each other creates synergy that ultimately makes the company stronger and better.

