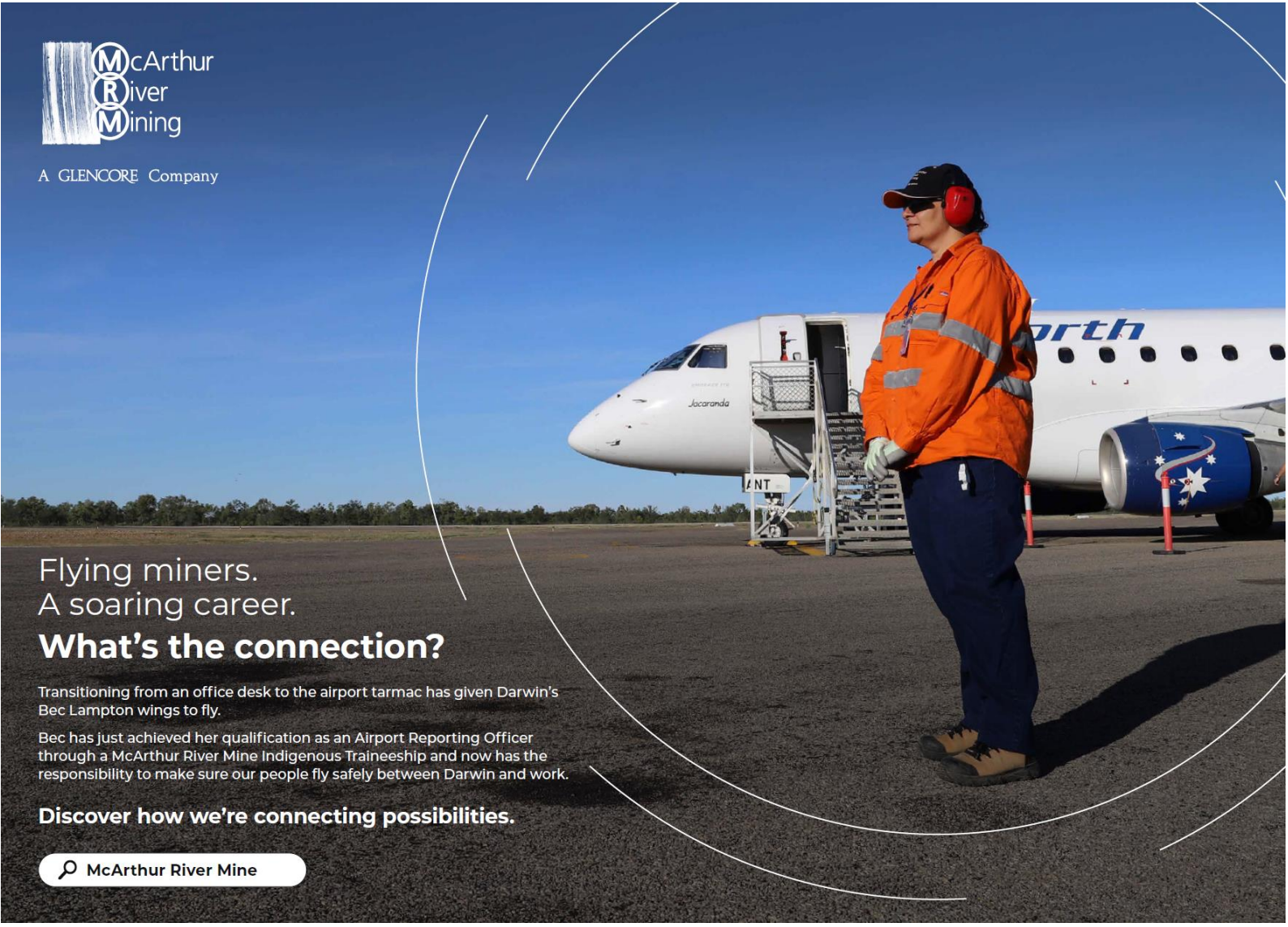


There are a lot of important jobs at a mine but none come close to ensuring people get home to their loved ones.

Rebecca Lampton is part of the team in charge for this immense responsibility at McArthur River Mine (MRM).

Bec began at MRM in 2012 as a Travel Coordinator in the administration team. Here she made it her mission to get to know everyone who stepped foot through the door and greet them with a friendly face.

"It's hard with new people but I try hard to put faces to names," Bec said.

In April 2019, Bec was asked if she was interested in an Airport Reporting Officer (ARO) traineeship that had come up on site.

"The Health, Safety, Environment and Community Manager was dawdling at my desk and looked at me and said 'Bec what do you think about the ARO training position?' and I sort of looked at him funny and he said it's an Airport Reporting Officer. I said I know what it is but what are you asking me for!" she said.

"When I realised what he was asking me I said I would be very interested."

After finishing school Bec toured with the National Aboriginal and Islander Dance Academy where she danced for two-years before moving back to Darwin to welcome her daughter.

Despite beginning her career in dance, Bec always knew she wanted to work in travel.

"I knew I'd be doing something in travel from way back. I actually wanted to be a flight attendant," she said.

Bec admits her roles involves a lot of responsibility but says she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I love all aspects of being an ARO," Bec said.

"With the mentorship, training and encouragement from my Senior ARO Chris Pratt, ARO Jake Kalugamage, Airport Manager and MST team, it makes it exciting to come to work – no day is the same."

Bec is looking forward to progressing in her role.

"I'd like to be here for a very long time and mentor others as I've been blessed with this wonderful job," Bec said.

"We have the best office at the aerodrome. I can't help but smile".

"My family and friends are very supportive and proud of me."