

Short biography of Tony Fawdon

Born: 3 January 1944

Place: Oxford U.K.

Education: Swanbourne House Preparatory School 1952-1956

King George Fifth School Hong Kong 1956-1958

H.M.S. Worcester, Thames Nautical Training College, London 1958-1961

Marine Industry (1958-1964)

Tony's first "calling" was the sea, where he attended in 1958 H.M.S. Worcester, Thames Nautical Training College, London as a Cadet Midshipman, learning all things nautical and man management officer training. He then elected to join the British Merchant Navy as an Apprentice Officer, joining the tramping ship company, Hains Steamships Ltd. His last position at sea was as a Second Officer (2nd Mate) with Everards Steamship Company. Tony left the sea in August 1964.

Pastoral Industry (1964-1971)

Tony landed in Australia in October 1964, and took a position as a Jackeroo (Trainee Manager) with the Killen Family Company at their head station, Moonagee Station, Nyngan in central western NSW and later was seconded to their Northern Territory Station, Willeroo near Katherine. He took up positions as Head Stockman and acting Manager at the Government Aboriginal Station at Beswick N.T. 1966.

He then took a position with North Meat Ltd at the Katherine NT Abattoirs as Stockman assisting the manager, in charge of their cattle and farm operations. He left the N.T. in December 1968, was married and took various positions as Manager/Sales team Country Wide Foods and Assurance Consultant T & G, these were to be formative years in commercial sales.

Exploration Industry (1971-1976)

Tony had always had passion for fossicking and part time prospecting, mainly for gold, opals and sapphires. He naturally gravitated into the mining exploration industry in 1971 and went to work with some major miners.

Tony took a position with the Canadian Miner as the INCO-Field Supervisor at its Bathurst Office NSW, managing the drilling operations at the Kempfield Ag, Zn, Pb, discovery and gold targets, he had generated. He joined with U.S. Steel Inc as Prospector/Geologist generating gold, tin and base metal targets,

unfortunately both INCO and US Steel pulled out of Australia because of the Whitlam Labour Government exploration policies.

Tony then took a position as Field Manager with AMOCO Minerals (mineral arm of Standard Oil Group) in Western Australia, mainly operating in the Murchison drilling for gold and base metals.

Mining Industry (1977-1980)

In 1974 Tony made a decision to leave exploration (Peg for himself & no conflict of interests with employer) and became an airleg miner and developed mining skills, contracting to Metal Exploration (first one) at Nepean Nickel Mine, Coolgardie WA. This allowed him to prospect and peg tenements in his own right. He also mined several of his prospects both open cut and underground, tolling ore at North Kalgoorlie Mill and State Batteries, until the gold boom in 1980 when crushing facilities were overloaded by demand.

Exploration Industry (1980 - Present)

In 1980 Tony was head hunted by the Canadian Teck Corporation to start up and manage the West Australian operation, he went onto discover the Granny Smith Gold Mine, surface mineralisation foot print, and other prospects.

In 1983 Tony with a fellow prospector formed a partnership Fawdon & Skett, which was successful in generating many targets and dealt projects to numerous IPO floats and established companies, notably Kalbar, Delta Gold, Central Kalgoorlie, BHP Gold, Rio, WMC, BP Minerals Seltrust and Newmont. The partnership went onto seed with funds and projects Emu Hill Gold Mines NL and Mount Burgess Gold Mines NL, Tony was the Founder Director of both listed companies.

Tony in partnership with and grubstaked by Delta Gold, started exploring for projects in Queensland in 1990, he identified gold targets at Yarrol, Monto SE Qld and through contacts Triple Crown, Mt Garnet in North Qld.

Strike Mining NL

Tony had a successful IPO and listed the projects in Strike Mining NL as Managing Director on ASX in March 1994. later targets were developed in a JV with BHP, with Strike Mining as the manager for exploring the Mesozonal Sedimentary Gold in Victoria and the Palmer Goldfields in North Qld for Sukhoi Log style deposits. The crash of 2000, forced a position for Strike, that it did an RTO with a Telco.

Diatreme Resources Limited

In 2001, Tony as Executive Chairman CEO, formed Diatreme Resources Limited (Minstrike) and projects were acquired in Queensland, NSW and later WA. The company was floated in 2005 on the ASX. In 2007 Tony and team discovered The Cyclone HMS Zircon Deposit in the western central Eucla Basin WA, which resource today stands at 140 million tonnes @ 2.4% high end zircon and leucoxene, and in addition identified the 2 billion tonnes high end Silica (99.99%) Deposit at Cape Bedford North Qld. Many other resources were discovered but were never followed up.

In 2014 the Chinese majority Shareholders decided to remove Tony and the Management Team, and install a Chinese centric Board.

Traprock Mining Limited (later Qmines Limited)

Tony and David Jelley left Diatreme and in late 2014 started Traprock Mining Limited. They acquired the Mount Chalmers VHMS deposit near Rockhampton and the southern Traprock Goldfields and proceeded to map and sample the project areas. The following years were tough on unlisted entities in the metalliferous sector. In 2020 the project portfolio was put into a purpose startup shell, Qmines Limited and was listed later onto the ASX Ltd in May 2021.

Tony declined a directorship and became a top 10 shareholder in the company.

Granite Belt Exploration (later StanAurum Limited)

Tony and Graham Rolfe (who worked together in Strike Mining NL) proceeded to "peg" 128,000 hectares in the Granite Belt and western Traprock for tin, critical metals, industrial minerals, rare earths and gold, all of which have numerous occurrences in the region, in midyear 2021 and into 2022.

Surface exploration has identified several hard rock tin prospects and a few stranded colluvial tin deposits. They perceive these as a tip of the iceberg, and many more tin and gold resources will be identified, as exploration progresses.

Queensland Resource Council (1999- 2008)

During his time in Queensland, Tony has served on the lead Mining Industry body, as a director of the Queensland Resource Council for 9 years from 1999 till 2008, and was Chairman of the Exploration Committee.

Tony was also founder and Chairman of the Geoscience Forum, and the Minister for Mines Exploration Committee, he was largely responsible for starting and pushing through the Smart State Exploration Government initiative which raised \$40 million to modernise the exploration data base for Queensland.

Tony also was a member of the Federal Government Action Agenda Committee for Exploration from 1999 till 2003, and also lobbied for change to exploration and flow through shares scheme with Canberra MPs.

Tony also served a Secretary/Treasurer of the Coolgardie Branch of the APLA W.A. (Amalgamated Lease Holders and Prospectors Association WA) and later as Association Vice President 1977-1980.

Tony has also been involved with the Fawdon Family farm, which is run by his son and wife team, Justin and Ellen Fawdon. The farm was taken up in 1997 as a stonefruit orchard, but since the drought (2018- 2020) which changed its course and now operates as a successful lavender producer, Budburst Australia selling value added products in southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Philosophy

Tony's philosophy has been that he focusses on one company, he works for the company 100%, to achieve the best outcome for shareholders, team and himself, with the cards that are dealt. Tony has a high awareness of risk and how to manage that for the benefit of the Company. He places high priority on teamwork, which in turn is creative with innovative outcomes. The Company has to create substantial value so that it can be realised, through mining, JV or sales, whatever is seen as being appropriate by the Board, when the time comes.

Tony Fawdon 2025