



# MICHAEL

## Production Systems Manager

### **WHAT DO YOU DO AT WALSHS GLASS?**

I am the Production Systems Manager which means I ensure our production systems are managed, both software and hardware in the factory. I also manage a team to make sure we schedule the processes correctly, optimise the glass and manage capacity.

### **WHAT MADE YOU JOIN THE GLASS INDUSTRY?**

I had a mate that worked here and he said it was a good place to work. I was young and working at Boost Juice at the time, and decided it was time to step into a different environment and learn new skills.

### **WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?**

The learning curve - I enjoy the challenge of learning new systems and working out what's going on behind the scenes.

### **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR CAREER JOURNEY AT WALSHS**

I started out 16 years ago as a Material Handler, just moving glass. After taking a short break, I came back as a Machine Operator and began to learn new processes. I worked my way up to 2IC on the Afternoon Shift, and eventually stepped into this role which has evolved over time into the management of our Production Systems.

### **WHAT TRAINING OR SKILLS DID YOU NEED TO GET YOU HERE?**

Most of my initial skills were learnt on the job, however I have spent a lot of my own time studying outside of work hours to understand the systems. I love learning how something works, and so I have enjoyed putting in the extra effort.

### **WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE GLASS INDUSTRY?**

There is always something new to learn. It's exciting to see where the industry is going in regards to automation and digitisation.