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NATHAN DAVIES

THEY'RE calling it the Great Resignation, a once-in-a-lifetime employment event that has rocked the US and, according to the experts, could be coming to Australia.

Also known as the Big Quit, up to 58 per cent of Aussies want to join the post-pandemic job swap phenomenon.

Ex-professional figure skater and airline manager Josef Milano, 35, is among the switchers and has just graduated as a protective services officer.

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Protective security officer graduate Josef Milano at the Police Academy on Monday.
Picture: Brenton Edwards

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FORMER professional figure skater and airline manager Josef Milano's dreams of becoming a police officer are a step closer, following his most recent appointment.

Mr Milano, 35, will graduate today as a protective security officer (PSO) for SA Police. He was part of a mass recruitment drive, Project 114, aimed at easing pressure on police during the Covid response.

The project, announced in June, saw the recruitment of 114 PSOs to work in medi-hotels. The Adelaide-born man applied while working as the airport manager for Air New Zealand, in Melbourne.

"The timing was just perfect," Mr Milano said. "When I was thinking about moving back to Adelaide and looking for jobs, SA Police just

happened to be doing a massive intake for this role; it just felt right."

His diverse past has seen him win gold at the Australian Figure Skating Championships in 2016, but Mr Milano said he has wanted to work for SA Police since he was a teen. "There's a lot of development opportunities within the PSO title, so even though I haven't applied to be a police officer, going down the PSO path will have opportunities of its own," he said.

Superintendent Carolyn Schild, the officer in charge of recruitment at the SA Police Academy, said the final group of PSOs will graduate in March.

"Moving our protective security officers into the hotels enables release of police back to the front line," she said.

"All 114 PSOs recruited and trained will be deployed to the medi-hotels, with redeployment available to other PSO roles as necessary."



Josef Milano will graduate as a protective security officer today. Picture: Brenton Edwards