

# George Dimovski – Automotive Master Technician

NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador Program – Apprentice and Trainee Career Profiles



Neil Dodimead, Service Manager and George Dimovski, Diagnostic Master Technician with Bert Evans AO, NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador at Sydney City Toyota in Waterloo, Sydney.

**Current role:** Diagnostic Master Technician

**Age:** 47

### What got you this role?

Many years of study and being with the same product has given me a great understanding of the Toyota product. It has led me into a position of authority and respect from management and fellow co-workers.

### Formal qualifications:

Motor Mechanic Certificate III. Also through training provided by Toyota Motor Corporation Australia, I am a Diagnostic Master Technician.

### What did you want to do when you grew up?

To work in real estate, but my love for cars took over and the rest is history.

### Best school time memory?

Studying science and art history. These subjects have left an impression in my life to this very day.

### Work/life so far?

I have been with the Toyota product for over 20 years now and I am still active on the floor as a technician and mentor. This position allows for a good work/life balance.

### Career bumps so far?

My only shortfall in my career is that I did not start this trade earlier than I did. I was almost 27 when I decided to become a mechanic. Although this was a setback, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn overcame this hurdle.

### About this trade

- Light Vehicle Motor Mechanics are also known as Automotive Technicians, Vehicle Mechanics and Car Mechanics.
- Light Vehicle Motor Mechanics service, repair and overhaul the mechanical part of motor vehicles including the engine, transmission, and suspension systems.
- The role suits people who enjoy practical and manual work and who have an aptitude for technical activities and problem solving.
- Light vehicle mechanics may advance to positions including diagnostic specialist, service adviser, and service manager.
- Keeping up to date with changes in motor industry technology is important.

### A snapshot of this Apprenticeship

- At Sydney City Toyota successful candidates receive on-the-job training and the opportunity to obtain an Automotive (Light Vehicle Mechanical) qualification.
- The apprenticeship usually takes up to four years to complete.
- With further Toyota Institute training and experience, career advancement can lead to Diagnosis Technician and Master Technician and Service Management roles.

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### **Who are your career development supporters?**

First and foremost it is my wife. She encouraged me to pursue a career that best suited my abilities even though it was going to have a financial impact on our lives during my apprenticeship. Today I have the support of the entire team at Toyota in further developing my knowledge and career.

### **Current job description:**

These days I mainly take on the role of mentor. I involve myself in jobs that are tricky to diagnose, especially electrical work. I enjoy this aspect of my work.

### **Strangest thing you've had to do?**

Looking for a rat that was chewing on the wiring in a vehicle!

### **Your strengths?**

Determination to solve a problem.

### **Your weaknesses?**

Saying no to people, even if that is what they need to hear.

### **The best part of your work?**

Coffee in the morning, but apart from that it is seeing a happy and satisfied customer.

### **The worst part of your work?**

Intermittent problems. They are frustrating to both the customer and the mechanic.

### **Your greatest mentor/inspiration?**

My greatest inspiration comes from the words of Jesus Christ, he said "listen and you will hear" and "look and you will see". Apart from the religious connotation this has, it is just as relevant to our working lives. Paying more attention to a concern that a customer may have will almost always bring a favourable outcome. Paying attention and never assuming is where success lies.

### **What job do you most crave?**

Electrical work. It can be challenging at times but satisfying when the problem has been solved.

### **Your work motto?**

Coming to work with a positive attitude will give you positive results.

### **Where will you be in 15 years' time?**

Hopefully retired!

## **Learn more about this**

### **Apprenticeship**

Start by searching the web at:

- State Training Services
- Sydney City Toyota
- Auto Skills Australia
- myfuture
- Job Outlook

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### **Steps to starting an Apprenticeship**

To make informed career decisions you'll need to know:

- The range of apprenticeships and traineeships available.
- Where to search for an apprenticeship or traineeship vacancy.
- How you start and successfully complete an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Who can help and the types of assistance available to you.

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### **Apprenticeships and traineeships:**

- Are great ways to start a career or change career direction.
- Consist of structured off the job training which compliments the on the job training in the workplace.
- One of the best ways to get job training and qualifications.
- Are highly regarded by business and industry.
- Are nationally recognised.
- Can be full time or part time or school based.
- Are regulated by State Governments to ensure fairness and compliance with all state laws.
- Are competency based so they are completed when the apprentice or trainee has achieved the relevant qualification and competencies to industry standards.