

Hamish Carrington – Automotive Apprentice

NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador Program – Apprentice and Trainee Career Profiles



Bert Evans AO, NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador with Hamish Carrington, Automotive Apprentice and Jessica Lo Ricco, Human Resources Adviser at Sydney City Toyota located in Waterloo, Sydney.

Current role: 2nd year Automotive Apprentice, Sydney City Toyota.

Age: 23

What got you this role?

I would like to believe it was due to prior knowledge and experience within the industry and company, as well as my work ethic and passion for the company.

Formal qualifications:

Currently undertaking a Certificate III in Mechanical (Light Automotive) through TAFE NSW.
Bachelor of Music in Contemporary Performance from the Australian Institute of Music.

What did you want to do when you grew up?

Both music and cars were my life growing up so naturally I wanted to be a professional musician or, as clichéd as it sounds, a racing car driver.

Best school time memory?

School camps up Mt Ruapehu in NZ.

Work/life so far?

Fortunately my hobbies and interests have also been the basis for the two career paths I have gone down. This makes the work/life balance a lot easier and somewhat blurs the line between the two.

Career bumps so far?

Changing careers and starting at the bottom again. I studied and taught music for almost 5 years before starting in the automotive industry.

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?

My father, who has had a long and successful career in the industry. Certain work colleagues and management are also helping and supporting me where possible.

Current job description:

2nd year Apprentice, on the job training in repairing light automotive vehicles.

Strangest thing you've had to do?

Remove rat nests from engine bays.

Your strengths?

Hard working, organised, attention to detail.

Your weaknesses?

Perhaps a little obsessive with some tasks.

The best part of your work?

Learning about new mechanical principles and understanding how things work.

The worst part of your work?

Probably the long hours. While I enjoy my work, I wish I had more time to work on my own cars and projects.

Your greatest mentor/inspiration?

Probably my father who, as I have mentioned, has had a great career in the industry and a real passion for his job and the company he works for.

What job do you most crave?

Putting aside the racing car driver childhood dream, I would love to be involved in the designing, building and fabricating of race cars or special performance based vehicles.

Your work motto?

"Nihil Boni Sine Labore" - nothing is achieved without hard work.

Where will you be in 15 years' time?

I'm not entirely sure yet. I have only been working fulltime in the industry for less than two years, so I have a lot to learn and discover about where it can take me.

Learn more about this Apprenticeship

Start by searching the web at:

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

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.

For information on Apprenticeships and Traineeships visit

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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.