

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PAYS OFF FOR JAMES

Seventeen year old James Dalton, has taken on a 1st year Automotive Mechanical Technician apprenticeship hosted by local business Shents Automotive.

Based in Wyong, Shents Automotive has been operating for almost 6 years and business owner Phil Shenton couldn't be happier with James' performance so far.

"Its early days' said Phil, 'but James is already showing a great work ethic and enthusiasm to learn".

"Employing James was quite an easy decision for me", added Phil. He is a good mate of my son and I was already quite familiar with him.

A former Wyong High Student, James completed work experience at Shents Automotive late last year and at the time he was unsure of a career path. After 2 weeks work experience James had made a decision and Phil was happy to offer him a start.

James's apprenticeship has been made possible through the Wallarah 2 Coal Project's Apprenticeships Scheme.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Central Coast Group Training enables Wallarah 2 Coal Project to continue to provide funding and support to apprentices seeking placement in the electrical, automotive and engineering trades.

Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager for Wallarah 2 was impressed with his recent site visit at Shents Automotive.

'It's great to see the smiles on the faces of any new apprentice and James certainly seems over the moon with his new placement', said Peter.

James has commenced Tafe at Wyong and will be required to attend every Thursday.

In the meantime James, who is currently on his L's, is hoping to get as many hours as he can so he can sit for his provisional licence later this year.

"Good Luck James".

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Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager Wallarah 2 with Phil Shenton, Business owner of Shents Automotive and 1st Year Apprentice James Dalton