

## **JOSHUA – THE APPRENTICE THAT DAVEBILT**

Joshua Rourke started in early 2019 with Davebilt Industries in Gosford as a mature-aged apprentice. The local firm owned by Greg Byrne has a proud 54 year history in metal fabrication in Gosford and has a significant record in employing and training apprentices.

Joshua, 27, is thrilled with his new job: “I am now working close to my Gosford home and have the local TAFE also close by.” Previously he spent several hours a day commuting to and from Sydney while working in construction of one of the tunnels forming part of the extensive Sydney transport infrastructure program.

He is now looking forward to undertaking welding and related work as part of the capable team at Davebilt industries which services industrial and commercial projects as well as top-end architectural designed houses.

With the extra time Joshua now has with this great and very convenient local job, what does he do? “I enjoy getting on the motorbike and also doing the odd running exercise with a mate or two” revealed Joshua.

Joshua’s apprenticeship has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Group Training and the Wallarah 2 Coal Project who continue to provide funding and support to apprentices seeking placement in the electrical, automotive and engineering trades.



*Davebilt Supervisor Mick Rasic with 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentice Joshua Rourke and Peter Smith from Wallarah 2 Coal Project*