

LOCAL ELECTRICAL COMPANY ‘ELEKTRON’ BRINGS OUT THE SPARK IN BEN

Eighteen year old indigenous youth, Ben Perkins has taken on a 1st Year electrical apprenticeship hosted by local Electrical Contractors ‘Elektron’.

Based at Bateau Bay, Elektron is a commercial electrical contracting company with the majority of its work being based in Sydney.

Grant Binns is the business owner and said that: “Even though Ben only started last week he is doing really well and has a great attitude which will go toward ensuring a successful apprenticeship”.

A previous student at Brisbane Water High School in Woy Woy, Ben initially had interest in furniture making until his careers advisor suggested he complete a Certificate II in Construction Pathways. It was on completion of this Certificate that Ben then decided to embark on a career as an electrician.

This new indigenous apprenticeship is another example of just one of the schemes under the successful MAC Agreement between Wallarah 2 Coal and Guringai TLAC established in 2015.

The apprenticeship scheme under the MAC Agreement enlists the professional support of Central Coast Group Training (CCGT) for administration of the MAC apprenticeship program as an extension to the broader arrangements that Wallarah 2 Coal Project has CCGT and TAFE.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, was delighted to meet Ben recently at the office of Central Coast Group Training, Tuggerah and says that Wallarah 2 is proud to support the growth of youth employment on the Central Coast.

Ben is very excited for his future and will commence his TAFE course in Semester 2 at Wyong.

“We welcome both Ben and his host employer Elektron to the benefits of the scheme and wish them every continued success” Peter Smith said.



Peter Smith from Wallarah 2 Coal Project, Natalie Brolly from Central Coast Group Training and 1st Year Apprentice, Ben Perkins