



## EMPLOYMENT

# Job is 'amazing ride'

FROM an eight-year-old fascinated by her father's motorcycle business to a young woman jetsetting off to the US on a scholarship, Ellearn Savvidis always knew she wanted to be a mechanic.

"I'd always been around cars and this was something I always wanted to do," Ms Savvidis said.

"At school they were all about your ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) and going to uni, but I was never interested in doing that. My brother also doesn't really want to go to university and I have advised him about maybe doing an apprenticeship, too."

The Taylors Lakes woman applied through

WPC Group and got a position through the Citi New Recruits Program.

"The program helped me get job ready," she said. "I got an insight into what it is like having a full-time job."

The 20-year-old is now in her third year as an apprentice mechanic at Mercedes-Benz Melbourne Airport. "I'm getting to do what I love and I get paid for it," she said.

She was also among 500 applicants chosen to visit Fletcher Jones Motorcars Mercedes-Benz in California next month, to expand her knowledge.

"It has been an amazing ride - they really look after me," Ms Savvidis said.



**Occupations with the  
largest number of new  
jobs expected by 2020**

General sales assistants  
**65,800**

Registered nurses\*  
**51,400**

Aged and disability carers  
**43,000**

Child carers  
**39,000**

Accountants  
**31,100**

Electricians  
**26,000**

General clerks  
**22,400**

Contract, program and  
project administrators  
**20,400**

Chefs  
**19,200**

Waiters  
**19,000**

\*Requires a Bachelor degree

Source: Australian Jobs 2016,  
Department of Employment



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