



Name: Fearghus

Age: 19

Qualification: Certificate III Light Vehicle Automotive

Employer: Mercedes Benz Sydney

Completed Citi New Recruits Program Phase IV

Fearghus completed the Automotive Pre-apprenticeship Citi New Recruits program in November 2016 and is now employed at Mercedes Benz Sydney as a light vehicle automotive apprentice.

Feaghus' interest in the automotive industry sparked when he was in grade 10 playing around with an old car. He says "it was interesting finding out how it all works, it got me thinking of doing an apprenticeship like my older brother who is also an apprentice at Mercedes Benz."

After accomplishing his goal of graduating year 12, Fearghus had considered joining the Army. With his Mathematics and English skills not quite at the required level for the Army, Fearghus decided to undertake an Apprenticeship and join the Army Reserves.

Growing up in Nowra, Fearghus tried to secure an Apprenticeship locally, but there were no vacancies. Fearghus relocated to Sydney where there are more opportunities and has been adjusting to city life, he says "I had to rapidly become independent".

Since commencing his apprenticeship Fearghus says "I have made a new group of friends. I work in a great place, the people are fun and we have a laugh. It's a welcoming place to be". As a first year apprentice, Fearghus' day begins early. Describing a typical day in pre-service he says it's a 6:30am clock on, "then I rearrange the car park to fit in more cars. Morning duties include emptying oil, changing bins, checking hand towel. I get to drive top of the range Benz from one warehouse to another with my P-plates on. The good thing is I look forward to coming in to work every morning".

Fearghus says it's important to work hard, still have a positive attitude at the end of the day and be keen to come back. He has some sound advice for other apprentices, "go in with a good attitude. Show the employer you are willing to learn new things on a daily basis".

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