



Stephen Klein (workshop foreman at DiesElectrics) presents Ken Imison with a Certificate of Encouragement last Thursday at DiesElectrics, assisted by Kristie Miller (career and transition officer at DISCO).

Getting early leavers ready for workforce

Attending a Get Set for Work Program recently has changed the career prospects of 15-year-old Dalby boy Ken Imison.

Ken attended the program which was held by Downs Industries Schools Co-op (DISCO).

As part of the program, Ken gave a talk on his enthusiasm for becoming an auto electrician.

He researched the industry, compiled and presented the talk to the Dalby Automotive Group, which is part of the Skills Formation Strategy Project.

Stephen Klein, workshop foreman at DiesElectrics, heard Ken's talk and was so impressed that he offered Ken a day's work experience at DiesElectrics.

To encourage Ken to continue to work

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towards his career goal, DiesElectrics presented Ken with a Certificate of Encouragement and a gift of a crimping tool to start his tools of trade.

Ken will be returning to school next year to complete year 10 and get good marks to obtain an apprenticeship as an

auto electrician.

The Get Set for Work Program is for young people aged 15 to 17 who are not in the school system and aims to get them ready for work.

The program is funded under the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

The DISCO office is located at Iona and is recruiting for the next program to start in February.

The office will close on December 22 and re-open on January 8.

Young people aged 15 to 17 who are no longer in formal education, but are not employed, are welcome to attend the program to assist with obtaining employment and achieving career goals.

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