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MEET MATTHEW

HEAVY DIESEL FITTER

AGE: 23

COMPANY & LOCATION: **Hastings Deering, Brisbane**

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Where did you study?

Hastings Deering Caterpillar training facility Brisbane.

What degree or trade qualification did you receive?

Currently still conducting my apprenticeship, as a 2nd year apprentice with caterpillar.

What interested you in studying to become a heavy diesel mechanic?

I was interested in becoming a diesel fitter due to my previous studies at university doing Mechanical Engineering. Also tinkering and fixing anything to do with a moving part has always been a passion of mine. My dad also has been a large influence in my life and his guidance growing up, teaching me to be inquisitive and ask questions.

What do you enjoy most about working in this industry?

The infinite opportunities in which it could take me. There's not any one path, which means by putting my best foot forward, means only I am the limit to my success in this industry. Bringing a positive attitude to every situation is an opportunity to better myself and eventually become someone who is seen as a leader.

What does your average workday look like?

Removing tracks off a D11, Testing machinery, Fitting blades/buckets, Calibrating machinery, no 2 days are the same and that is the beauty of this industry. It's unique in itself, for never repeating even the smallest task. Friendships are formed

through helping one another and these will be life long, reaching outside of work as well.

How has this career of choice given you great work/life balance?

The work hours are super manageable, you can opt for OT if there is work, everyone is super flexible so nothing is expected of you. As long as you bring a positive attitude to work, it radiates into your life and honestly it has allowed me to become who I am as a person.

As an apprentice myself, I can't stress enough to never settle for anything less of the best, always ask questions, be inquisitive and want to learn.

When you're not at work, what are your interests and hobbies?

Fixing cars, fixing bikes,

helping mates, learning about machinery, four-wheel driving, motorbike riding, spending time with family, renovating my house. I have been told that my motivation and work ethic is very hard to find. This means I encourage this in everyone, and find what they need to enjoy the work and also want to learn more.

How do you feel your role in minerals and energy is shaping our future?

By being a diesel fitter, my role is one small step in the right direction towards a future in which the minerals and energy sector is at the forefront of innovation and ground breaking technology for Australia and the world. I would love to make a difference in any way I

can, to help shape this future, and there are more than one way for you to help with this also.

What is a piece of advice you'd give to a school leaver looking to study for a career in minerals and energy?

There's no correct path outside of school, don't feel pressured to do anything. Find your hobbies, utilise your interests and allow yourself to decide what is right for you. You can change your mind, try new things and eventually you'll find your passion in the right field. I recommend the minerals and energy career path because, I have never had a boring day and I'm lucky enough to say I love my job. Bring on the rest of my career!