

Jewellery Manufacturing Apprentice Shines!

4 weeks in, Brock makes finalist in national jewellery competition

Since the age of 14, Brock Hodgson has dreamed of becoming a jeweller.

Fast forward to eight years later and he is on his way, thanks to an apprenticeship opportunity in jewellery manufacturing with Stephen Dibb Jewellers, signed up through BUSY At Work.

Just weeks into his apprenticeship with the reputable Brisbane jewellers, Brock was chosen as a finalist in the emerging talent category for the national Diamond Guild bi-annual competition for his creative, concept drawing of a ring. The ring was then produced with the help of the team at Stephen Dibb and submitted for the finalist's award night held in Melbourne.

Brock's employer Stephen Dibb said that "Brock was only four weeks into his apprenticeship when he was chosen as a finalist against some tough competition. The winning design was entered by someone who was nearing the end of her four year apprenticeship, so we couldn't be prouder of Brock. He received some very positive feedback from industry specialists there on the night".

According to Brock, the work is keeping him very busy and he is learning a lot of industry skills that will help him achieve his dream.

"Without the support from BUSY At Work in finding me this apprenticeship, I wouldn't have had this opportunity. The work is very busy, I'm learning heaps and my favourite part of the job is seeing a concept sketch turn into a finished product. Stephen and the team are very supportive and passing on their incredible knowledge".

Brock's employer, Stephen Dibb, believes Brock has what it takes to succeed.

"Brock is completing a dual trade which will provide him the skills to become a diamond setter, a jeweller and a designer. It's a lot to learn but Brock has a high calibre of wanting, he's always been interested in this career path and that sets him up for success. He fits in well with the team and we couldn't be happier. We are grateful for the support and interest shown towards Brock from BUSY At Work".

Paul Miles, Managing Director at BUSY At Work stated "Like Brock, whatever your career dream, there's an opportunity to fulfil that through an apprenticeship or traineeship. There are literally hundreds of opportunities to choose from and across a wide range of industries.

We are looking forward to seeing Brock's future progression in the jewellery trade which already looks extremely promising."

For more information on employing a trainee or apprentice for your business or how an apprenticeship or traineeship can kick-start your career, contact BUSY At Work on 13 BUSY (13 28 79) or visit www.busyatwork.com.au

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