



Further Information

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Brisbane automotive apprentice wins the Ultimate Apprenticeship

Biloela resident, Matt Hibble has won his Ultimate Apprenticeship, a trip to England to work as part of A1GP Team Australia.

Matt Hibble entered the Ultimate Apprenticeship competition run by SkillsOne.com.au at the end of last year and was amazed to find out he'd won.

"When I got the call from SkillsOne to tell me I'd won the trip to Brands Hatch, England I was absolutely blown away.

"I'm in the fourth and final year of my automotive apprenticeship at Calide Dawson Group Training, so to be able to work with the Australian A1GP team at a race in England is incredible.

"I'm so excited about the opportunity to learn from the best mechanics at Team Australia and to be in such an exciting environment, whilst seeing just how far a career in automotive can take me.

"I'm going to work as hard as I can when I'm over there and who knows, maybe I could pick up a job to work with the team when I finish my apprenticeship" said Matt Hibble.

Matt will travel to Brand's Hatch with the Australian A1GP team between the 30th of April and the 4th of May 2008. .

Brian Wexham from SkillsOne said that the experience that Matt will have will give him a chance to experience working as a mechanic at the top of the industry.

"Winning a prize to travel to Brands Hatch, England to see the Australian A1GP team in action is obviously going to be hugely advantageous for Matt's career. It's simply an amazing opportunity.

"Thanks to A1GP for providing the prize. This has enabled SkillsOne to demonstrate just how far a skilled trade can take people.

“The Ultimate Automotive Apprenticeship is one of three Ultimate Apprenticeships that SkillsOne have given away and we plan to run similar competitions across other trade skill areas over the coming year” said Mr Wexham.

The other two Ultimate Apprenticeships that have been won are for cookery, where the winner will travel to Japan to work alongside some of the world's top chefs and for horticulture, where the winner will travel to the Singapore Garden Festival.

Matt's prize includes economy class airfares, 5 nights' accommodation staying with A1Team Australia Crew, return transfers between London airport and accommodation, meal vouchers at the A1GP racetrack for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily and an exclusive A1 Team Australia uniform and 1 “Hot Lap” around the Brands Hatch track and is valued at over \$10,000.

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About SkillsOne

SkillsOne is the multi-media platform of The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence.

SkillsOne is made up of SkillsOne Television and the website www.skillsone.com.au which feature engaging television and web programming that focuses on people who are passionate about what they do, the exciting career opportunities available across many industries, and the skills in high-demand in the 21st century.

The TV programming airs nationally on Foxtel's Aurora Community Channel each week in a block of programs presented as a branded channel and full broadband website featuring videos, rich content and resources. The television programs is also distributed by the Austar channel to various regional schools throughout Australia.

About The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence (The Institute) has been established to promote and advance learning, teaching and training in Australian trades education and elevate the status of traditional trades and trades education as career choices.

The Institute is an industry led, Government funded body that promotes the learning, teaching and training in Australian trades education.

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence will achieve its vision and purpose through:

- Developing strategies to improve the profile and status of trades and encourage the recognition of the importance of trades in the general community;
- Recognising high performing Registered Training Organisations with preferred provider status;

Fostering and recognising excellent standards and teaching in trades education and training, in areas of skills shortage represented by eight Industry Reference Groups.

About WPC Group

WPC offers apprenticeships, traineeships and job placement to people wanting to pursue careers in skilled occupations. They are a leading provider of skilled people to the hospitality industry, engineering and automotive trades, horticulture and business administration.

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