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### **Liam Muldoon**

Well, this is my current workplace. I work for Lismore City Council as a heavy vehicle mechanic. A big part of what I enjoy about my job is the variety. And I work with anything from a little whipper snipper and a leaf blower, right up to big loaders. This is the new-school way of rolling the cab. The old way, hard labour. Garbage trucks, fixed plant. You name it, I get to work on it. It's the variety that, that keeps it really interesting. To be where I am today, it has been a bit of a journey. I spent a large period of time in gold mining.

I was over in WA. It's given me the ability to travel and earn incredible money. With studying, I was away in mining. When I was doing that, I was doing my Certificate IV in Mechanical Diagnosis. It had its struggles. Family time, availability was obviously really key. I was lucky that TAFE New South Wales, they gave me the ability to study remotely, so I got to do a lot of it online. The teachers were great, they're accessible by email and by phone. It made it doable, it made it achievable.

The beauty of having a trade is, you know, having the ability to change and with a young family, it's sometimes just time to look at coming home.

### **Speaker 2 (01:28):**

He is a real good role model for our children to see that you know, you, life is constantly about learning and I'm supremely proud of him and what he achieved and, this journey is not only Liam's but it's ours as a family. He has opened doors for us as well.

Liam Muldoon (01:43):

With the kids, I think, if they can pursue passion and enjoy what they do for a job then I think that's really important. This is, TAFE New South Wales Wollongbar campus this is where we do our automotive trades. It's funny to, to come back here because I actually did my trade here so, to jump back to 2003, I was sitting in the class room being taught and now back I'm here, teaching in the classroom.

I see it all the time, kids who are battling in the classroom but you get them on the tools and they just come to life, and you can see that's where the skills lie, which is pretty amazing to get that full experience and share some of the knowledge that I've been taught.

Work has been really good, I'm really interested in my job, I'm passionate about my job, I'm loving what I'm doing, Yeah, I'm really happy.

