



Working in the Country

"I have recently made the transition from working in a large Regional Centre to working with Bowhill Engineering in a country rural community.

The transition has been great not only do I enjoy working within the friendly atmosphere of Bowhill Engineering, but I also enjoy being able to get out in the fresh air at lunch time and watch the Murray River on its slow journey down stream.

I find the people with whom we deal in the country very kind and courteous always having time for a chat and a smile. They accept you as you are and don't put you down.

Life in the country seems easier some how, not as many stresses and cares as you find in the city or the larger regional centres.

There is a heap to do outside of work as well, whether that is sport or other recreation. With the river so close many water sports are available as well as the more traditional sporting activities such as tennis and cricket.

The community of Bowhill is very accommodating and invite you to join many of the different activities, which happen in the area. The local shop is a great place to hang out for a few drinks and a light meal.

I personally enjoy the calm cool serenity of the River and the bird and animal life, which it supports. It is relaxing, with less traffic yet all of the conveniences that you need to live a comfortable life in a great setting."

"I was originally persuaded to give country life a go, by a few of my friends & family who had also made the move, whether permanently or through holiday homes. I felt that I didn't have any valid reasons for not giving it a go, and I'm still here two years later! I enjoy the friendly family atmosphere of not only Bowhill Engineering, but also within the local community. I feel that this is a relaxed and safe environment for me to make a permanent move to. I have purchased land and eagerly anticipate the excitement of building my new home here."

It was refreshing to move away from the hustle and bustle of city life into a more relaxed country lifestyle, close to the river.

The people are friendly and helpful, the traffic is non existent and the social activities are frequent.

I have never regretted moving here.

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Having the chance of being put through an apprenticeship after leaving school was one thing in life that I was after. It has the potential of so many things and you have it to all back on later in life. I have just completed my apprenticeship in metal fabrication which has given me skills to work as a team members, communicate with fellow workers and clients and much more.

It's a job that has the opportunity to do small and big projects and travel to different places.

I have only been an apprentice for 1 ½ years, but have already learnt a lot about the trade. I began working as a casual employee and not long after I was offered an apprenticeship in the Heavy Metal Fabrication Trade.

Before I started my apprenticeship I used to think it involved mainly welding. I quickly learnt the trade has a lot more skills to offer such as reading drawings, fabricating stell, repairing machinery, processing steel, using forklifts, knuckle boom license, working as part of a team, drilling, cutting & notching steel.

Some projects I enjoyed working on were repairing the council Rock Breaker, upgrading of Locks 8 & 9, Building a 9900L diesel tank (for my dad), building the Riverbank Pedestrian Bridge that links the casino to the festival theatre.

For me, this apprenticeship is a stepping stone to a career in possibly engineering or drafting roles.