

Dylan's career hits hot start

NORTH Bendigo's Dylan Mason has welded his way to success.

The Bendigo Technical College student was recently presented with the Manufacturing and Engineering Skills Advisory Board part-time apprentice of the year award.

Dylan, 17, said he was pleased with his achievement.

"It was just a surprise," he said.

"I wasn't expecting it.

"Out of so many people, I didn't think it could be me."

Dylan is completing the first year of his apprenticeship and hopes to become a fully qualified welder.

At the same time he is completing year 12 at Bendigo Technical College.

He is employed as a school-based apprentice with the Australian Industry Group Training Services, and is hosted by W. McCulloch & Son.

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The former Eaglehawk Secondary College student said that for the past three years he knew he had wanted to become a welder and had always had a passion for "hands-on" work.

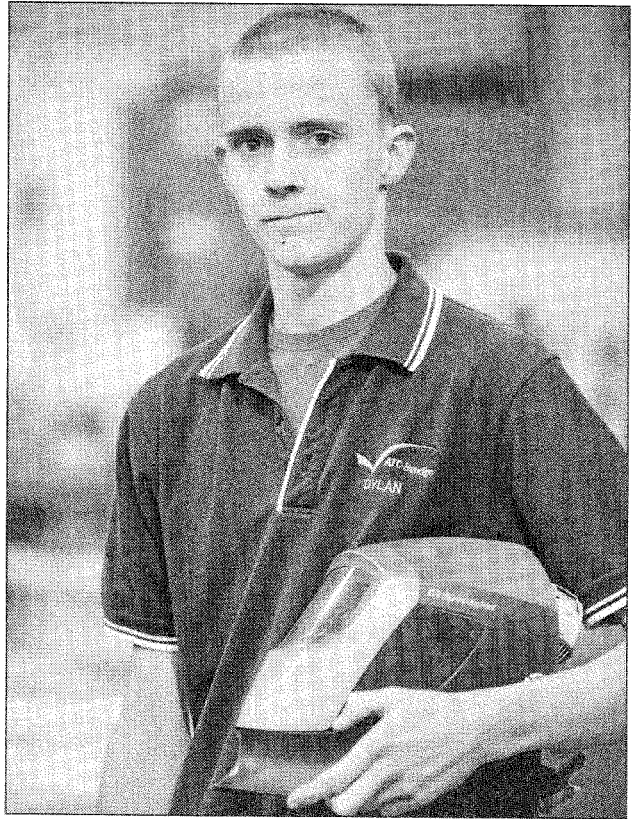
Dylan said he had always enjoyed engineering, welding and woodwork subjects at school.

Bendigo Technical College deputy principal Gerard Francis said the award recognised Dylan's achievements and passion for the industry.

Mr Francis, who used to teach Dylan, described him as a focused student, and commended him for his efforts.

"He's an excellent role model," Mr Francis said.

"He's someone who is motivated, dedicated, manages his time well, (and) is enthusiastic about his trade."



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