

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Macknade Mill employee a Training Awards finalist**

A former Ingham State High School student, now qualified tradesman, has been named a finalist in the Queensland Training Awards North Queensland Regional Final.

Wilmar Sugar employee Dale Goodfellow is one of three finalists shortlisted for the Apprentice of the Year Award.

Mr Goodfellow completed his trade qualifications with Wilmar Sugar as a fitter fabricator and welder earlier this year.

He is currently employed at Macknade Mill as a qualified mechanical tradesperson.

Mr Goodfellow said there were significant advantages to completing a mechanical trade qualification, including the “ability to adapt across a range of industry and employment opportunities”.

“I selected this trade, based on a strong interest in this area, along with the potential to gain full-time employment in the Herbert region,” he said.

“During my secondary studies I undertook subjects which focused on practical, industry-based skills. I was exposed to welding and fabrication tasks.”

The theory component of Mr Goodfellow’s trade training was completed through TAFE North Queensland.

He said he hoped he was a positive role model to Ingham high school students considering their career options.

“It is possible to remain locally and receive a trade qualification that results in a long-term career,” he said.

The North Queensland Regional Final of the Queensland Training Awards will be held on Saturday 30 July.

Wilmar Sugar is a finalist in the Large Employer of the Year category.

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