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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Wilmar Sugar apprentice takes out award**

Wilmar Sugar diesel fitting apprentice Aiden Favero is Tec-NQ's Engineering Mechanical Apprentice of the Year.

The 22-year-old Burdekin man beat other mechanical trade apprentices from north Queensland to take out the award for 2020.

Each year the Townsville, Cairns and Mackay based trade school acknowledges those apprentices who are at the top of their class in each discipline.

Mr Favero, who is in the fourth year of his apprenticeship at Wilmar's Burdekin mills, said it was a great feeling to be recognised for his skills and hard work.

"It was a surprise but I'm really happy I won the award.

"I was up against some of the best apprentices in north Queensland," Mr Favero said.

The judging panel took into consideration Mr Favero's work ethic and passion for his trade.

Tec-NQ facilitator Neal Larsen said Mr Favero was a model student who showed great potential.

"Aiden's hands-on ability during practical tasks and results in theory assessments are both commendable," he said.

"He has a genuine passion to his chosen trade and strives to give 100 per cent.

"He has displayed a professional attitude to his studies and has always regarded his facilitators and fellow students with the utmost respect.

"I am sure he will do very well and would be an asset to any employer upon completion of his apprenticeship," Mr Larsen said.

Wilmar Sugar Training Superintendent Daniel Shipard praised Mr Favero and his workmates for the achievement.

"The award isn't only recognition for Aiden's work, but also the work of all the skilled tradespeople at our Burdekin mills who have helped him develop his trade," Mr Shipard said.

"He's worked on a lot of challenging projects alongside some very experienced tradespeople who have shared their knowledge with him.

"It's a great outcome for everyone involved," Mr Shipard said.

Wilmar Sugar will open applications for its 2021 apprenticeship program next month.

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