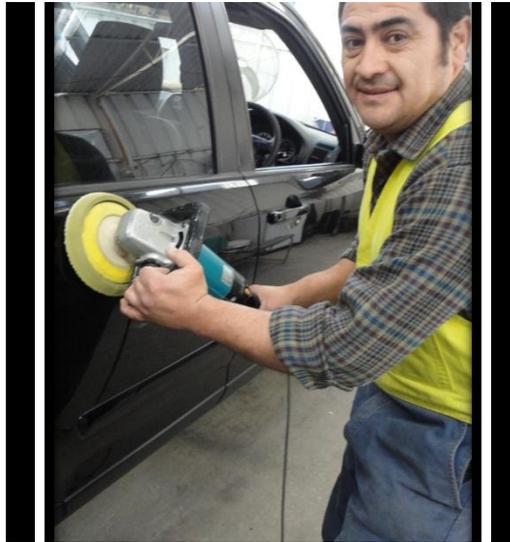


Carlos Delgado



Carlos Delgado's message to employers is 'please give migrants a go. You will be pleasantly surprised by their enthusiasm, attitude and skills towards the job.'

Carlos was born in Chile and arrived in Australia in 2007 with his wife and their two daughters. He wanted to experience life with his family in Australia.

Carlos is an experienced mechanical engineer and spent many years working as a senior executive in the gas industry, in Chile.

Soon after his arrival in Hobart, his friend and neighbour was able to offer him a job in his brother's bodyworks business, European Technology Bodyworks, as a car detailer.

Although this was not Carlos' chosen field he realised that he was very lucky to be offered a job so soon.

He was able to gain valuable Australian work experience, referees and made friends while earning a wage at the same time.

Having applied himself to his work with diligence, he was soon a valuable member of the team.

"My skills and reliability became evident to my employer and my role evolved into quality control and I am now solely responsible for checking the work on vehicles to make sure everything is done to an excellent standard," said Carlos.

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As well as working and studying English, Carlos completed the Work It Out program through Migrant Education at the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

The work-focused course allows students the opportunity to learn Workplace English and become familiar with Australian workplace culture and practices.

Carlos found the Work It Out program very useful in many ways, including getting a taste of the Tasmanian workplace culture which was very different to that of Chile.

“I also made contacts and could practice my English in those early days.

“I was placed at Gasmania, a gas fitting and plumbing business in Hobart, for a few weeks work experience.

“I developed a very good friendship with the owner and also gained another valuable referee,” said Carlos.

“Since arriving in Australia I have been studying and working on increasing my English skills at the Tasmanian Polytechnic and I have very good fluency now,” said Carlos.

Carlos is both grateful and thankful for the opportunities he has had in Australian workplaces and says that his job has made a big difference to his self-esteem and his family situation.

“I did not want to stay at home with nothing to do. It is important to contribute and to feel useful.”

Carlos is still studying at the Tasmanian Polytechnic and is considering his future pathways.

“I may even go on to university in future,” he said.

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