

TRADES AND TRAINING

To Industry Leaders

WA College of Agriculture – Denmark is going through an exciting period of development in industrial trades and experiences. We will successfully train our young people to become effective, skilled operators in a range of industries.

The Trades and Training Team

As newly grouped learning area, the ‘Trades and Training’ team focus is on employability and skills development in young people. As an ever-developing area we need to know what industries want from young people. What skills and abilities do we need to develop and demonstrate to get our students selected for employment?

Outside of the Agricultural Qualifications, we currently offer Certificate 2 level courses in:

- Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Engineering Pathways
- Forest Operations
- Horse Care
- Beekeeping Skillset

In addition to looking for information to support the development of our students we are also keen to hear about possible work experience placements, employment, apprenticeships and opportunities for our trainers to visit workplaces to ensure they know what is happening in the industry right now. This process of ‘Industry Currency’ is an essential part of a trainer’s professional development, leading to vastly improved outcomes for students. I am available for a discussion on any topics mentioned above via phone on **9848 0200** or via email at:

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What is Industry Currency?

Trainers and assessors need to maintain their industry currency by staying up to date with current industry knowledge, skills and practice.

Industry Currency is usually related to:

- Gaining an understanding of technological innovation.
- Changing legislation and regulatory requirements.
- Understanding changes to industry practice.
- Keeping up to date with emerging skills and specialisations as work practices change.
- Avoiding technical skill degradation

Kind regards,

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