



MARK

Tradesman

WHAT DO YOU DO AT WALSHS GLASS?

My official role is Tradesman which means I spend my time on a variety of machines, wherever is needed. I often am found at the Cutting Tables or the Furnace.

WHAT MADE YOU JOIN THE GLASS INDUSTRY?

I had family members that had worked at Walshs Glass previously and I also had some experience in the construction industry.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I really enjoy the variety of the role. Although I often work at the furnace, I also have the opportunity to learn new skills and try out other machinery regularly.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR CAREER JOURNEY AT WALSHS

I began my journey at Walshs as an Apprentice which normally run for three years. I was able to complete mine early and finished halfway through the third year. I would like to continue my career at Walshs and learn the skills needed to become a supervisor on the factory floor in the future.

WHAT TRAINING OR SKILLS DID YOU NEED TO GET YOU HERE?

I completed a Certificate 3 in Glass and Glazing through my apprenticeship and as part of that, have spent on-the-job training in the factory learning how to operate the machinery under a mentor or specialised operator. This includes manual handling techniques, safe loading and offloading, setting up the technical programs on the computer.

The processes are semi-automatic, but still require you to use your brain.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE GLASS INDUSTRY?

It's a really interesting industry to work in, you're always involved in new and different things every day.