

Not knowing what to do career wise or in the future can be an overwhelming feeling for many young adults. It's a feeling that can cause all sorts of emotions and it's a feeling that Lachlan was experiencing after moving to Australia from New Zealand after graduating high school. He had odd casual roles doing a few hours each week, with no employment direction or ideas for his future career. Lachlan had family members within the aged care industry but was unsure on how to get into it himself and how to get training.

Since Lachlan has joined the Transition to Work (TtW) program, he has been provided with various amounts of assistance ranging from driving lessons to obtain his provisional licence to being given the opportunity to complete CIII Individual Support (Aged). Additionally, Lachlan has been given clothing to complete training, resume writing assistance and general support/mentoring while completing training.

The reason behind Lachlan's chosen new field is simple yet touching: he enjoys the company of mature aged people because of their knowledge and stories. Aged care sparked a keen interest for Lachlan when worked alongside his grandfather at the RSL in Surfers Paradise.

Lachlan has since completed his Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged), obtained his provisional licence and obtained employment with Blue Care Pioneer Lodge. He is now financially independent and used money saved from his new job to buy his first car.

Looking forward, Lachlan wants to complete a Certificate III in Allied Health and move back to the Gold Coast to work with his grandfather. He has plans to live independently and eventually go on a well-deserved holiday to Hawaii. Lachlan advises other young people who may be struggling employment wise to "listen and take every opportunity". As for the Transition to Work program, he said: "It changed me and gave me a better career pathway. A solid 10."

