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LES Gaskin maintains hundreds of tyres a day.

He began work as a tyre pressure maintenance technician at Beaurepaires Wetherill Park in September, a job he secured through Nova Employment's Rouse Hill office.

"I always liked tyres and the smell of burning rubber," he said.

"You come here, you smell rubber everywhere. As a young person growing up I didn't mind that — I think all teenagers sort of like that.

"I said to [employment consultant] Debbie we'll start to look for a job in tyres and the next day Beaurepaires people called me and said 'We have a position, are you interested?'"

Mr Gaskin visits truck depots to check and maintain the pressure of all tyres within the fleet, including those on the trucks used by Australia Post.

"I don't actually fit them. I mainly check the pressures and pump up the tyres, put air in them and make sure that they're up to standards.

"When I'm not doing that I'm working in the shop here or pumping up tyres," he said.

Manager Craig Hill said the pressure maintenance of fleet vehicles was an important part of Beaurepaires' business.

"It's not a job that is just a job," he said.

"It's a lot of responsibility and as a company we rely on people like Les.

"Tyre pressures are the most important part of a tyre, not the actual tyre.

"If you don't maintain the tyre pressures you don't get the wear out of them, you don't get the kilometres on them and you're not getting value for money out of your tyres.

"So it's a very important job and he's grabbed it and run with it."

Mr Hill said Les impressed him as keen to learn the trade during his interview.

"He's been with us for three months now and he's progressed really well.

"Les gets along with everyone here and at the moment he's going great guns," he said.

"He turns up to work with a big smile on his face, he's always helpful and that's good customer relations

for us."



Opportunity in motion: Nova Employment client Les Gaskin on his first day of work at Beaurepaires.

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