

# High hopes for car enthusiast

ASK Joey Wellham what he is interested in and the answer is swift and definitive.

"I can remember as a little boy, my parents used to get their car serviced and I used to love the mechanical shops," he said.

"Then when I got older I fell in love with cars."

Especially Subaru.

The Glenwood High School graduate was a school prefect in his final year of school, and plans to lead another project, the creation of a Subaru museum.

Mr Wellham hopes to become a qualified mechanic and has completed a pre-vocational course at Granville TAFE. An apprenticeship in the automotive industry would suit the Nova Employment candidate perfectly.

"The experience from the automotive industry will give me enough experience to keep the cars running," he said.

"I am hoping for about 10 cars. It's going to be only Subaru SUVs — Forresters and the other wagons.

"For the museum I already have five Subarus, so I'm halfway to the collection.

"I've got three older wagons. They were before Subaru crossed over into the modern car. They have the original Boxer engines with the carburettors instead of electronic fuel injection and computers.

"When I retire — this is long term — I'm going to run the museum for the rest of my life.

"My dad bought a brand new Forrester when I was five years old and we've still got it. It's mine now. We've taken it everywhere and it's always been a great car."



Mr Wellham also plans to compile the history of the vehicles and make the museum interactive.

Nova employment manager Bernie Davey said he would be an asset to any employer.

"Joey has always been consistent in his ambition to work in the automotive industry," he said.

"He's got the technical ability."

**High achiever:**

Joey Wellham is dedicated to his mechanical career goals.

Picture: Natalie Roberts

THE News has partnered with Nova in the Employ-ability Challenge to find jobs for 12 candidates in 12 months. The service helps people to find award wage jobs and offers post-placement support. Details: 8814 5076 or visit suite 105, level 1, The Cutaway, Rouse Hill Town Centre.



**Spectrum of achievement:** Shannon, Callum Brayshaw, job coach Leisa Furnari, Emilie Pacella and Kyle Oxenham practise their interview skills at the organisation's Rouse Hill office.

Picture: Natalie Roberts

## Service seeks best methods

AN INCREASE in the number of young people diagnosed with autism and a recent conference in the US have prompted Nova Employment to measure programs against global best practice.

Nova Employment Rouse Hill manager Bernie Davey was part of a team of four from the disability employment service who attended a conference in Missouri.

"Nova has realised that there is pattern of young people coming through the schools that have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, in particular Asperger syndrome, and wants to make sure it is putting itself in the best place to support people in their transition from school to work," he said.

"Our employment program and transition program are good programs, but we want to make sure we are delivering the best practice when it comes to helping people who are on the spectrum get employed."

The *Autism Works* conference was attended by academics, medical profes-

sionals, parents, employment services and other service providers.

"We were over there to look at three things: how we stack up against best practice in other countries; the latest technology and advances that we may be able to use and adapt; and also to make any connections with similar service that may be able to complement Nova's services here in Australia."

Author and director of technical assistance at Virginia Commonwealth University's Autism Centre For Excellence Carol Schall will be guest speaker at a free seminar on Monday, April 16 at 6pm.

Autism and the Transition to Employment will be held in the concept room, Novotel Sydney Rooty Hill, 33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill (next to the RSL).

**Details, bookings: Amie Ross, 9833 2500, or email autism@novaemployment.com.au.**

## THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

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The Hills Shire celebrates National Volunteer Week 14 - 20 May 2012

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We are offering 2 FREE tickets per volunteer via a ballot system to either a movie, musical or theatre performance.

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**TO ENTER: Post to:**

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CASTLE HILL NSW 1765

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Alternatively ballot papers can be dropped in at Council's Customer Service Centre Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
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Fax: 9843 0409

**NOTE:** Tickets are free and are limited to two per volunteer. Successful applicants will have their tickets posted to them prior to the event.

**Privacy Statement:** Any information provided by you will be stored on a database that will be only accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions. To be eligible to enter the ballot draw and receive tickets you must: 1. Be a volunteer | 2. Complete all details on the ballot form in block letters | 3. Nominate your preference in number order | 4. Provide the name and suburb of the organisation where you volunteer

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Wednesday 23 May 2012 | Movie Commences 7pm, followed by supper
- HILLS MUSICAL SOCIETY, NORTH ROCKS** Eurobeat  
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- THE PAVILION THEATRE, CASTLE HILL** 39 Steps  
Friday 17 August 2012 | Performance at 8pm, followed by supper

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