

## Get your engines started in 2012



Left: Kimberley Training Institute Automotive Lecturer Phil Barton.

Before you head on your holiday break, have you considered your plans for next year? If you want to drive your career forward and gain a steady trade certification, Kimberley Training Institute is offering a new course in Certificate III in Automotive Mechanics (Light Vehicles) starting in 2012.

The training helps mechanical apprentices develop their skills in servicing and repairing engines, transmissions and suspensions. Students will train under lecturer Phil Barton, a Broome local and full member of the Institute Automotive Mechanical Engineering, who has twenty-one years experience as a mechanic in the Kimberley and an illustrious speedway career spanning twenty-three years (including multiple season victories at Broome Speedway).

With the rapid changes in automotive technology, motor mechanics are becoming more specialised in their areas of work but Mr Barton says the challenge in the Kimberley is to have in-depth knowledge of all mechanical aspects. *“It’s important to be able to diagnose all kinds of vehicle problems in the Kimberley and be competent at it.”*

*“I have also found through my experience in the Kimberley that mechanics need to have an in-depth understanding of components. You need this knowledge so you can repair vehicles to keep them mobile until correct parts have arrived”* he added.

Prior to this course being offered in Broome, students were undertaking their studies in Port Hedland and Perth, with trainers of the Motor Traders’ Association (MTA) flying into Broome to conduct block delivery of the program. *“The advantage of this*

*program is that students can train locally and we can focus on the mechanical demands and standards of the Kimberley region”* said Mr Barton.

Flexible training options are also available if you are unable visit Broome on a regular basis. We can also tailor delivery or carry out Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for people in other communities. For more information, contact Phil Barton at Kimberley Training Institute on 1300 996 573.

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