Indigenous Apprenticeships Program – Blake

Blake:

My name’s Blake and I was born in Coonabarabran, New South Wales. I ventured over to the coast here on Port Macquarie.

I’ve taken a few different career paths and I found myself here at Services Australia. I was already working here at Services Australia for about 6 months when the Indigenous Apprenticeships Program popped up and a former apprentice that works in my office actually put it towards me, so I thought it was a good opportunity to lock in and progress my career in the APS further.

I enjoy it here in Port Macquarie. I’ve got a lot of family here in Port Macquarie and friends. I’m connected with a lot of local sports as well. I really enjoy being able to work here in Port Macquarie where I live as well.

I would definitely recommend the Indigenous Apprenticeships Program to others. My experience has been great and I think it’s a great opportunity for all Indigenous employees wanting a career in the APS.

It helps Indigenous employees take that extra step and further develop their careers. It’s helped me build on my confidence as well, and also look at other opportunities for APS5 and 6 Indigenous identified roles that have popped out while I’m in the middle of the apprenticeship, so there’s definitely things I’m looking at in the future.