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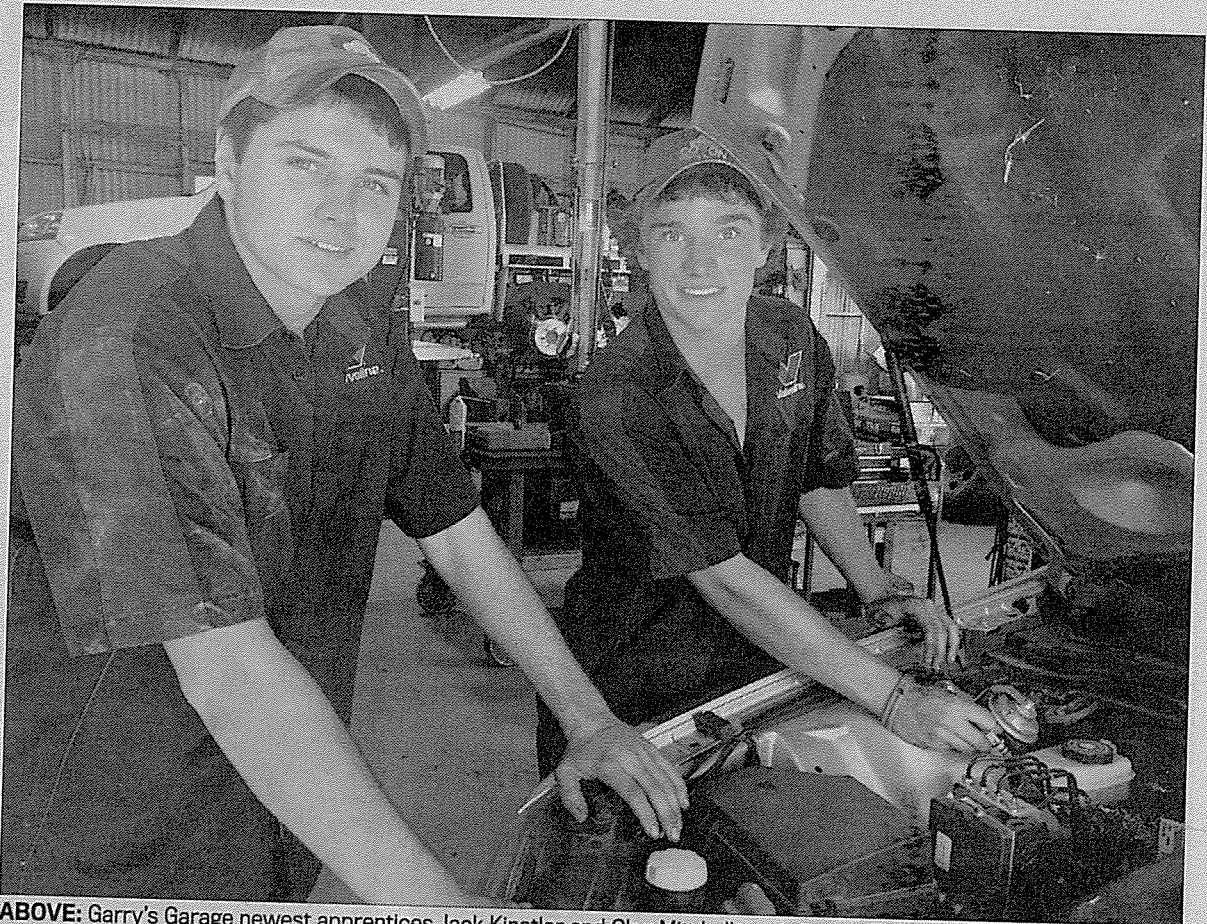
he wanted to do for a career was an easy one: "I grew up helping out in dad's garage, sweeping the floor and helping to keep things tidy. Bit by bit I got to do more and more and I always liked the challenge of pulling something mechanical apart and re-assembling it. I like to see how things work."

"It's a good team here and I like learning and having a regular income now. One day I'd like for this to be my garage."

With Jack, growing up on farm meant that he too was accustomed to spending time in the work shed tinkering with utes and bikes: "Medium to long term, I'd like to be farming so becoming a qualified mechanic will give me skills that are really useful and important on the farm. They're skills I can use right into the future, whatever I do," he said.

Mrs Widauer said: "During their last two years at high school both Clay and Jack attended TAFE in Narrabri as part of their Automotive Certificate II studies. From here both of them will attend TAFE in Narrabri once a week. By 2018 these young men will be fully qualified mechanics."

When it comes to our customers,



ABOVE: Garry's Garage newest apprentices Jack Kinstler and Clay Mitchell are enjoying their first year of work.

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"We really value our relationship with companies in our town and

ways for young people to transition from high school into their first job