Introducing Damon Bradley

Damon was working in the construction industry, surrounded by a number of negative influences and in a bad place physically and emotionally. Damon in his own words: "came to a low point where I had to not just change something but change everything.". His hand was forced when he was made redundant, which became the impetus for Damon to reinvent himself.

Damon first attended the Introduction to Computers course at the City of Marion in 2018 knowing nothing about computers. He had a huge fear of computers, which presented a barrier for him in being able to move forward with further study and employment. During training, the tutor was able to gently challenge Damon to work through his fears and build the skills he needed to problem solve and search for solutions. Damon learnt to use Microsoft Word, be aware of the importance of keeping information safe online, navigate through Microsoft PowerPoint and Excel, and perform a variety of word processing and internet related tasks.

Damon completed that course with a newfound confidence and moved on to the Computers for Work course in early 2019. Since finishing the second computer course, Damon is now in the process of completing a Certificate 3 in Community Services. He still finds study nerve-racking, but knows that he has the tools to work through those nerves. Damon has a great attitude and recognises that he needs to focus on what he can do rather than what he can’t. From his time in the construction industry, he uses the analogy – "lay a brick for the wall he is building" and we would also add "lay the bricks for the future he is building."

Damon’s goal is to complete a Certificate/Diploma in Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol support with the view of one day walking alongside others on their healing and personal transformation journeys. Damon has a passion for helping people. His personal goal is to be able to support others to overcome their challenges and to break free from their addictions, loneliness or other issues - he has lived it and now wants to mentor others.