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## Young gun on the job

"I like employing young ones - to give them a go," said General Manager of the Inglewood Organic Free Range Chicken farm Andrew Hooker.

Surrounded by a number of young men and women who had just finished their shift, the easy companionship of the group was testimony to the supportive environment in which they work. Andrew and his kill floor supervisor Tony Badesso were high in their praise of the young people who work there.

Centre among this group was Kody Doyle, a young man who a couple of years ago 'was doing nothing' in his own words and is now a full time employee thanks to Gateway To Training (GTT)'s Transition to Work (TtW) programme.

Kody, like the majority of the 100 people who work at the chicken farm, lives in Inglewood, five kilometres down the road. As an early school leaver, Kody had limited opportunities to secure fulltime employment in his local area.

Working on the kill floor, Kody is proud of his achievements and delights in telling that he can do most jobs. It has been a great learning curve and one that if he wants will be able to take him straight into a job with any of the hundreds of chicken farms around the country.

"I have made great friends here and we have a lot of fun, as well I have a job which I really enjoy and it has taught me a lot," said this laid back young man who now is full of confidence.

"Without the support GTT and TtW I would not have gained this position or have kept it," said Kody.

GTT, in consortium arrangements with DISCO, is contracted by the Australian Government to deliver TtW services across the Darling Downs region. TtW provides pre-employment support to improve the work readiness of young people aged 15 to 21 years and helps them into work and/or training.

For more information about TtW and how it can assist young people be job ready and support them into employment, contact GTT on 07 4671 2258 or [info@gttc.com.au](mailto:info@gttc.com.au).



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