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Women in STEM
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FUTURE you PATHFINDERS

MY NAME _____

MY SCHOOL _____

MY SKILLS _____

NAME Louise Azzopardi

JOB Heavy Vehicle Mechanic

AKA The Fixer



FIND your PATH

GOOD JOB!

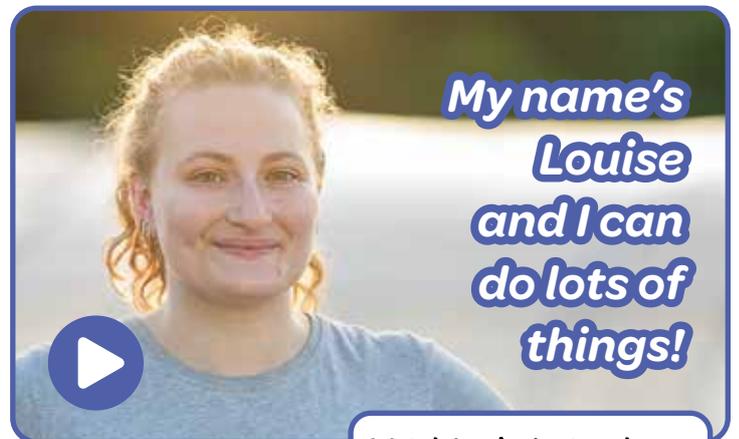
Louise Azzopardi is a heavy vehicle mechanic.

She can do cartwheels, ride a motorbike and she can fix giant trucks. She also teaches people about her job and helps to train others.

How Louise became A Fixer:

- She grew up on her family farm and loved helping to fix the machines.
- She followed this interest to study mechanics and electrics at TAFE (where you can train to get a skill).
- She learnt on the job by doing an apprenticeship (a scheme where you work and study at the same time).

"I always wanted to work with my hands!"



My name's Louise and I can do lots of things!

Watch Louise's story here:



LET'S TALK...

Talk to your family, your friends or your teacher about the things you could fix if you were a fixer.

...ABOUT THE JOB!

What are two cool things about being a mechanic?

1. _____
2. _____

What are three jobs that don't involve sitting at a desk?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name three jobs that involve fixing things:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

...ABOUT YOU!

Louise can ride a motorbike, fix big trucks and do cartwheels.

What can you do?

What are some of the things you can't do – but might like to learn to do?

Can you think of some places you might like to work?

1. ON THE TOOLS

It's not all pliers and spanners. A mechanic's tool kit is full of skills as well as tools. Circle what you think you need on the job:

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A curious mind | Patience and attention to detail |
| Writing skills | Knowing about engines |
| Work experience | Being good at talking and listening |
| Practical skills | Being able to sit at a desk all day |

2. SUBJECT SELECTION

In high school you can choose some of your classes based on what you like to do. Here's some ideas for classes that can help you be a fixer. Tick the subjects you might be interested in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal technology | |

3. CAREER MATCH

Tick of some of the things that you like to do. If you tick more than 3, it could be a match for a job as a fixer like Louise.

- You love being outside
- You're a problem solver
- You love anything hands-on and practical
- You like tinkering and experimenting
- You like to help others
- Learning while on the job sounds cool

4. WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Find out about mechanics:

- Check out your school library for books and other resources and ask a librarian to help.
- Create a club at school for kids that love fixing things.
- Read/listen to the Imagining The Future stories on Future You (coming soon!)
- Talk to your teachers about what subjects you love and what you might need to study to work as a fixer.
- See if there's anything at home that needs fixing.
- Ask a local mechanic if they will show you how they fix things. But ALWAYS get your carer's permission first.

see you in the **FUTURE!**