

# MEET ASHFAQ AHMED SADMAN

A successful Graduate Mechanical Engineer, living and working in the Illawarra, who is fulfilling his dream to become one of the top Engineers in the world.



## ABOUT

### Why the Illawarra

- Ashfaq decided to move to Australia in 2018 after researching university rankings across the globe.
- In 2021 he received an Academic Excellence Scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wollongong.

### Employment

- Ashfaq secured a position as a Graduate Mechanical Engineer at BlueScope in 2022, and hasn't looked back since.

"Starting from my first job at a petrol station, to working as an engineer at BlueScope, I have always realised that honesty, punctuality, and consistency gets you a long way.

I am blessed to have some of the best work colleagues, who are very friendly, helpful, and cooperative."

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE REGION?

It is very diverse here, and the community is really good. I found people from my own culture which helped me settle. There are also plenty of food options that work within many cultures.

When I was a student, I started working at the Good Guys to develop my communication and teamwork skills. I have created a happy life and work family in the Illawarra, and have a job that my Mum and Dad are proud of.

"The Illawarra is one of the best places to live in Australia, the views are just unparalleled!"

## ASHFAQ'S TOP TIPS FOR THOSE LOOKING TO MOVE TO THE ILLAWARRA

### Tip 1

There are a lot of engineering opportunities, with many sectors available such as design, manufacturing, mining, and construction. **Just put yourself out there and keep trying.**

### Tip 2

Make sure you learn how to drive and cook before you come! If you **have a can-do attitude**, you will be able to achieve anything.

### Tip 3

**Do lots of research** on the area before applying to make sure it's the right place for you. Everything eventually works out, you just have to make the move.