STUDENT STORY

Taj

Qualification:

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)-2021

Why did you choose your degree and what do you enjoy the most about it?

Chose Civil Engineering due to the amount of work available in the field, available in both Australia and abroad. Most enjoyed the connection I made through the course, with like-minded people.

How important is having the CUC in your local town to you and why?

I would not have been able to complete my thesis without the centre, the ability to step away from my desk in my bedroom and find somewhere dedicated to purely studying helped the most. It provided a great environment to focus on what needed to be done.

Were there any specific challenges that you faced as an online regional student? How did the CUC help you to overcome these challenges?

The lack of support from other classmates wh<mark>en I moved</mark> online was a challenge, I couldn't go to uni and study with my friends, which made it hard to motivate myself at home. Going into the centre fixed the lack of motivation however.

What advice would you give to other regional and rural people who are considering higher education?

Find a centre like this or even a regional library, breaking the study at home routine was helpful for hitting deadlines. Would also recommend moving to university, as the friends I have made there have been priceless.

Taj is currently working as a Geotechnical Engineer at Silver Lake Resources, Western Australia.