



## Introducing Tool Black Team member:

**Name:** Jemma Bond  
**Skill:** Automotive Refinishing  
**From:** Whangarei

Jemma gained a gold medal at the WorldSkills NZ National Finals in September 2008. She meets the criteria and high performance standards required for WorldSkills, and has been selected to be part of the Tool Black team competing at the 2009 WorldSkills International Competition to be held in Calgary, Canada in September 2009.

Jemma has been working at Rowsells Collision Repair in Whangarei for 3 ½ years and completed her National Certificate in Automotive Refinishing in March 2008. Jemma was registered with the NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Inc) for her training and attended NorthTec for her off-job training. Before starting her career as a car painter, Jemma completed a Visual Arts course at NorthTec and her artistic skills have a direct impact on her success as a Car Painter. Jemma is proud that she is a woman and has succeeded in a male dominated industry thereby showing other women that they too can succeed. She says, "One small step for man – one giant leap for woman!"

Jemma enjoyed the WorldSkills regional and national competitions because "it helped me to improve and gain more work skills while having fun at the same time." She recommends that other young people give the competitions a go as "you always have a lot to gain from the experience and nothing to lose."

Jemma is looking forward to going to Calgary and is working hard to prepare herself for the intense competition at the international level. She is keen to see how her skills stack up against the rest of the world's competitors and will give the competition her best shot.

## You can help Jemma get to WorldSkills in Calgary

Jemma has funding from the Motor Industry Training Organisation Inc (MITO), the Motor Trade Association and the Collision Repair Association. WorldSkills and Jemma thank these organisations for their support of the Automotive Refinishing competition.

Further contributions toward her total costs (\$13,900) would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of the Automotive Refinishing industry in New Zealand. You will also give Jemma the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern, represent New Zealand and gain valuable life experience through testing her skills against top young Car Painting competitors from around the world.

