



*Seasons Greetings to
all our WorldSkills
Supporters!*

From the CEO's Desk

I wish all WorldSkills supporters an excellent Christmas season and I thank you all for your input and effort into what has been a great year.

The WorldSkills Calgary event showcased New Zealand talents and education to a high degree and we can be well proud of the 6 Medals of Excellence that we came home with. We can also mention the “near medals” which so nearly could have been, but which highlight how close competition is at this level.

Well done, to the 2009 Tool Blacks.

We now start planning for WorldSkills London 2011. We are instigating a few changes in the selection process which we hope will ensure we improve our ranking at this next WorldSkills International competition.

Planning is well under way for the WorldSkills NZ National Finals at CPIT in Christchurch in September 2010 and I look forward to seeing you all there if not before.

Good luck for your Regional finals and other events which lead to the WorldSkills NZ National Finals.

National Office will be closed from the 22nd and reopen on the 18th January.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Peter Spencer

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CEO



**Countdown to
London**

March—May 2010
Regional Competitions

22-26 September 2010
National Finals CPIT,
Christchurch

October 2010—February
2011

Selection process for
Tool Blacks

February—October 2011
Training, Team Camps,
Fundraising

**5-8 October 2011
WorldSkills
London**

**Now is the time to
sign up for Regional
Competitions.**

Encourage all the trainees you know to get their names in.

Competitors can be any age at Regional competitions but preference is given to those who are born in 1989 or later and only those who are age eligible can come through to the National Finals.



Calgary Achievements



Ben on the stage at the Calgary Closing Ceremony



Ben De Groot from Connor & FitzpatrickBetta Electrical Ltd, Gore with Expert, Barry Warner



Marcel Woods From Kaikohe, Northland being congratulated by Peter Spencer

Best in Nation

Ben De Groot—Electrical Installations

Medallions of Excellence

Marcel Woods—Automotive Technology

Ben De Groot—Electrical Installations

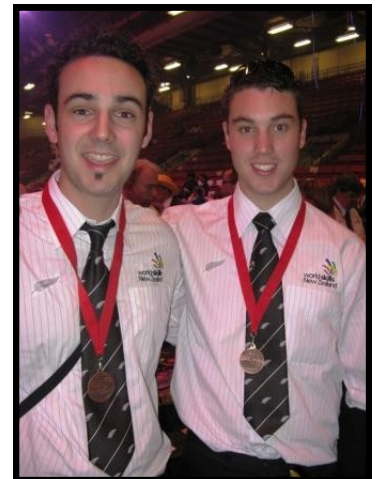
Thomas Townsend—Cooking

Royce Richards—Off-set Printing

Elliot Wilkes—Sheet Metal Technologies

Jared Lamb—Welding

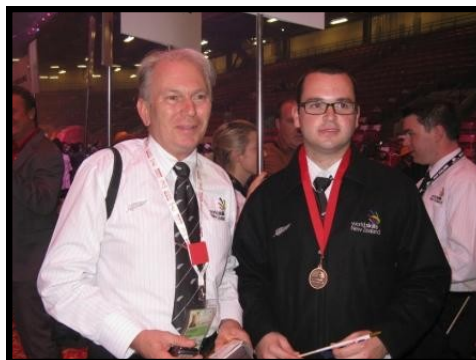
Well Done Team!



Elliot Wilkes and Jared Lamb Both from Total Sheet Metals NZ Ltd, Palmerston North



Royce Richards from Rainbow Print Ltd, Christchurch being congratulated by Peter Spencer



Thomas Townsend from Sky city, Auckland with Expert, Stephen Pope



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**If you want to register for a Regional Competition get a registration form from the Website www.worldskills.org.nz and send it to the appropriate regional contact person
Or contact [Sally Gray](mailto:Sally.Gray@worldskills.org.nz) for more information**



**Thank you to all our
Sponsors for
working with us to
send the Tool
Blacks to Calgary!**

2010 Regional Competitions

Central North Island 26 March 2010 UCOL, Palmerston North	Steve Brooks s.brooks@competenz.org.nz
Southland 27 March 2010 SIT, Invercargill	Glenys McKenzie glenys@apprenticeships.net
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty 10 April Wintec, Hamilton	Roy Adams R.adams@skills4work.org.nz
Wellington/NZDF 17 April 2010 WelTec, Petone	Vaughan Crimmins crimmo@netaccess.co.nz
Northland 8 May 2010 NorthTec, Whangarei	Simon Phelps sphelps@northtec.ac.nz
Auckland—MIT Date yet to be set MIT, Manukau	Daniel Woolaston Daniel.Woolaston@manukau.ac.nz
Auckland—Unitec Date yet to be set Unitec—Auckland City	Naringan Singh nsingh@unitec.ac.nz
Canterbury 22 May 2010 CPIT, Christchurch	Bryn Holland bryn.marion@xtra.co.nz
Otago Date yet to be set Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin	John Findlay John.findlay@tekotago.ac.nz