

2010— WorldSkills International 60th Anniversary!

From the CEO's Desk

The WorldSkills National Finals held in September at CPIT were a testament to the sort of determination that is required to be the best in your field of endeavour, regardless of the situation.

CPIT managed somehow to hide the issues they were facing as a consequence of the earthquake to deliver a faultless competition allied with perfect weather but with just a few shakes thrown in so that we knew what they were going through.

Our thanks to the staff at CPIT for delivering us a Tool Black team despite the other issues they were facing.

The pursuit of excellence in skills and trades is what we are about and it was a perfect venue and atmosphere for just such an event.

Of course the skills we were showcasing at the WorldSkills competition are just the sort of skills that Christchurch will need to rebuild not just the infrastructure, but to sustain their hearts and minds through the rebuilding process.

There was an air of intense competition which started with a degree of tension that faded into a fun situation as the competitors realised that the projects were all within their skill sets, albeit to varying degrees.

I thank all the competitors and especially the judges for making the competition such an uplifting event.

I am currently moving around the country meeting with the place getters, their families and employers to discuss how we move forward to the next stage of forming the Tool Black team. So far I have been impressed with their level of knowledge of the WorldSkills Organisation and also their passion about being involved at the International level. I and my colleagues in the selection team are going to have to make some hard decisions! Whilst we may dislike having to make the hard calls it is preferable to not having a quality group of candidates of high calibre to choose from. I wish you all the best of luck when we do make the final call in early December.

Finally my thanks also to all the sponsors who helped us make the competitions possible, who provided the three m's, materials, money and manpower and whose continuing participation makes the WorldSkills Competitions possible.



Peter Spencer
CEO



Countdown to London

23-10 October 2010
WorldSkills International
General Assembly &
Youth Forum—Jamaica

October - December
2010—
Selection process for
Tool Blacks

December 2010
2011 Tool Black Team
announced

February—2011
Team camp—
Burnham Military Camp,
Christchurch

February—October 2011
Individual Training

August 2011
Team Camp

5-8 October 2011
WorldSkills
London

2010 Medal Winners

Skill Category	1st Place—Gold	2nd Place— Silver	3rd Place—Bronze
Autobody Repair	Jake Ackers	Andre Prinsloo	
Automotive Refinishing	Drew Avery	Wayne Ryder	Jason Kelly
Automotive Technology	Curtis Hartley	Rodney Nelson	Andrei Sevcic
Bricklaying	Ben Roche	Matt Lassen	
Carpentry	Andrew Watson	Ryan Thomson	Josh Harriman
Cooking	Alasdair Bennett	Megan Anderson	Mark Collings
Electrical Installations	Jason Armstrong	Trent McKenzie	
Fitting	Mathew Pascoe	Ashley Haywood	
Floristry	Aroha Heberd	Amalia Wilson	Kirstie Autridge
Hairdressing	Laura Simpson	Deniece Walters	Stephanie Winter
Industrial Control	Daniel Berry	Shaun McInerney	
Joinery	Chris Evans	Sam Power	Nick Carter
Light Fabrication	William Taylor	Bradley Miles	Warren Kemp
Marine Cabinetmaking	Robert Hamilton	Daniel Russell	Craig Allen
Off-Set Printing	Mitchell Tomai	Andrew McFadzean & Johannes Willemen	
Plumbing	Scott Nicholson	Cameron Collins	Robert Bowen
Restaurant Service	Kirsty Lister	Melissa Lind	Cameron Lingman
Welding	Brad Wood	Gwynn Capinig-Veale	Jaric Savill

Best in Region Award Winners

Northland	Megan Anderson
Auckland	Daniel Berry
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	Brad Wood
Central North Island	William Taylor
NZ Defence Force	Kirsty Lister
Wellington	Drew Avery
Canterbury	Aroha Heberd
Otago/Southland	Jason Armstrong

Inaugural Winners of the
Sir John Ingram Award
 (for Team with the Highest Average Score)

Wellington

Our Thanks to CPIT for hosting the 2010 National Finals.

The venue was excellent, the CPIT staff helpful and all went well beyond the call of duty to make this event work despite the shaky ground.

The Opening Ceremony started with a Powhiri



The Manuhiri (visitors) being led onto the Marae.



The Manuhiri stand to sing their waiata after Bruce Howat has given his Mihimihi.



The second speaker for the Manuhiri addresses the Tangata Whenua (CPIT officials and Canterbury Team)



Bruce Howat, WSNZ Board Chair and Kay Giles CPIT CEO exchange the Hongi.

Competitors from all Skill Categories were totally focused on their projects.

Our Judges gave constructive feedback and were open to questioning.

I enjoyed it a lot. Thanks!

The organization was amazing, to co-ordinate every competitor in each different region and skill category . It was a great experience due to great organisation.

This has been a really fun experience.

It was good. Very fair. The judges were very good and helpful when needed.

Great location, food, travel and accommodation . Thanks!

Most Excellent!



Meanwhile the Judges had a variety of tasks to perform!



This was the closest competition that we have had at the National Finals for many years.

We had good competitors who worked hard and showed their skills.

I was blown away by the skill level of the competitors.

I felt the competitions went very well and were a great success.

Being our first time on board as both organisers and Judges of the Automotive Refinishing competition, it was a learning curve for both Craig, myself, and indeed our company, RALI. Having said that, it was a very enjoyable experience.

The teams came from all over New Zealand

I wish I could do it all again.

It was an amazing experience. I will enter as many times as I can.

It was worth all the stress and hard work for the skills I learnt.

I give the competitions an over-all 10/10.

It was all good and fun as well.

The daily briefings were fantastic!

The competition was well organized and it showed that a lot of time and effort had gone into preparing and making it happen.



Northland



Auckland



Waikato/Bay of Plenty



Central North Island



Wellington

The facilities and staff at CPIT were excellent.

I really enjoyed the whole experience. The Judges gave very constructive feedback.

I met lots of great people from all trades and I learnt new skills and techniques.

The modules reflected the trends in the industry.

It was a very professional well run competition.

We had a good mix of judges both professionally and regionally.

It was a very good and practical project.



NZ Defence Force



Canterbury

Otago/ Southland



Congratulations to all the
Place-getters at the 2010
National Finals!



A big THANK YOU
to all the
Sponsors of the
2010
National Finals

And to finish we had the Award Ceremony...



Medals and trophies await their recipients.



We were honoured to have
Tjerk Dusseldorp, President of WSI
attend and speak.



**“Dog” had to come to see the people he
will be taking to London.**



All the teams were in attendance.



Kay Giles, CEO of CPIT and Fiona
Haynes, Dean officially close
the competitions.



The victorious Wellington team with the
Sir John Ingram Award.