

## From the CEO's Desk

Firstly may I congratulate the Team for making the Governor-General's Reception such a success. It had been a gruelling week in Australia at the Global Skills Challenge and everyone was tired but they raised their game, did a splendid Haka, and Kirsty's speech was heartfelt and relevant. Our supporters and sponsors who attended the event got considerable pleasure seeing and meeting all the team as they prepare for London. Their encouragement for the 2011 Tool Blacks is very evident.

Speaking of which, preparations for the WorldSkills London event are nearing completion and the time for action is near. Tools have been dispatched and flights go firm later this week.

At the risk of sounding like their mother, I have a few of words advice for the 2011 Tool Blacks:

Start thinking about how you want to perform at London, and anticipate any problems you might encounter and seek solutions to them. If they happen, you will already have considered your options.

Start banking your sleep, as we learned at the team camp in Ramarama, in order to minimise the effects of jetlag and lack of sleep.

Start also to plan your packing so that it is not a last minute rush and you have time to consider all the things you may need. It is too late once we are there.

Our Australian colleagues will have taken stock from the Global Challenge and will have upped their game considerably since then, so don't feel you can rest on the results from that event.

There has been interest from the newspaper media both here in New Zealand and also about attending and filming us in London, so I am hopeful of a good competition which will give them a positive story to report on. Many of you will have been approached for comment by the media already and it is all good practice for any media interviews in London that you may be asked to do. And of course it raises the profile of the WorldSkills organisation as we start the process over again next year ...but I get ahead of myself... the focus for the moment is WorldSkills London and the 2011 Tool Blacks.

Next time I see you all we will be on the plane heading to the challenge of your lives.

Till then



Peter Spencer



## Countdown to London

February—October  
Individual Training

27 September—Technical  
Delegate and Deputy Chief  
Judges Depart ex Auckland

28 September—  
Experts depart—ex Auckland

30 September—  
Competitors, Team Leaders  
and Official Delegate de-  
part—ex Auckland

1—4 October  
Finalisation of projects,  
Familiarisation, One School –  
One Country Programme.  
Excursion around London

4 October 6pm—  
Opening Ceremony

5—8 October  
Competition

9 October 6pm—  
Closing Ceremony

10 October—  
Team Departs

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The team are in the final stages of preparation for WorldSkills London 2011. They are focused and are aiming to achieve. Here is what they say about their aims and aspirations:

### **Drew Avery—Car Painting**



In preparation for London I have been incorporating training into my every day work as well as sacrificing any spare time possible to train.

I am going over to do my very best to bring back the silverware and not only represent my self, but my sponsors and New Zealand. We're only a rain drop in the ocean but we have the potential to make a big impact in London.

Worldskills has given me the opportunity to prove myself and give back to those that have helped me along the way and I can't thank the WorldSkills team enough for this opportunity.

### **Daniel Berry—Industrial Control**



My main goal is to go for the gold. I'm also interested in meeting many more like minded, talented people around the same age.

The back section of our workshop has been taken over as "Training Central", as I have my panels set up and practise materials there.

Mentally I am trying to focus on my goal and am banking those "z's" as we heard about on the team camp.

### **Aroha Hebbard—Floristry**



My Goal is to win a gold medal in London and learn as much as I can! I am going to give 100 percent as I am honoured to be representing New Zealand.

Leading up to London I am pretty much training everyday and I think about how the design's I create at work could work for the WorldSkills projects in London. We don't get our test projects until we arrive so I have been keeping an open mind and am looking forward to the challenge, I am very focused on WorldSkills at the moment and that is taking priority over most other aspects of my life.

### **Scott Nicholson—Plumbing and Heating**



I have just arrived back home after a week of training at SIT, and will be having another week at CPIT soon.

Everything has been going well. I am very much looking forward to this competition. I personally think I'm on track to win a Medal at the 2011 London WorldSkills.

## Mat Pascoe—Polymechanics



In the build up to London I am training at Wintec and CPIT to improve the skills I already have and master as many new ones as possible. This training includes many hours of computer and electrical work as well as machining.

I aim to come out of the London competition with the knowledge that I have achieved at the highest level that I can. Training for London has shown me the potential to achieve in my industry and on my return from the competition I plan to continue my training.

## William Taylor—Sheet Metal Technology



My goal for London is to win the Gold medal in Sheet Metal Technology for New Zealand.

My preparation is going well. I am building my test project, learning from my mistakes and finding both better and faster ways around challenging areas.

## Andrew Watson—Carpentry



My goal in London is to get the gold medal and afterwards to use the experience to push me further forward in my career.

I have been preparing for the competition by giving myself time challenges at work and working through the plans every night developing strategies and focusing on challenging areas.

## Brad Wood—Welding



Preparation for London has involved working on every aspect of the projects that could possibly be set before me at the competition. I have been sticking to a strict training programme which has meant lots of hours and hard work.

My skills have improved and I look forward to whatever comes my way after the competition.

My goal for London is to go there and win.

## Megan Anderson—Cooking



My goal for London is to be the absolute best that I can be. I want to show that New Zealand is small but has the best trades people in the world. Our entire team is dedicated to winning gold medals in London and I am sure that we will all come back feeling proud and accomplished.

My training for London has been a long journey that sees me spending my days off driving 4 hours north to get the best possible training that I can. I have been blessed with the most fantastic support which has enabled me to let this competition take over my life in some way. I spend my free time planning and going over every little detail in order to ensure that when I get to London I will be Prepared. I will be relieved to finally get to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity. Every day I strive to put in 100% into my cooking - I want to come back with a gold medal.

## Rob Hamilton—Cabinetmaking



Working in the NZ marine industry has been a very rewarding career for me in the three years I have been involved. There is nothing as satisfying as looking at a finished project in the water at Auckland's Viaduct Basin. I take pleasure in taking family members through on launch day and pointing out cabinets I have built and installed. I'm really proud of the finished products we build.

Participating in the World Skills International competition is something that will not only help me grow personally but professionally. I know the trade skills I learn in training will make me a better cabinetmaker, but the management and communication skills needed in fundraising and planning training will be valuable for my entire career. I think this is a once in a lifetime experience to learn and be judged alongside some of the world's best up and coming trades people. Representing New Zealand on a world stage is something I never thought I would do.

## Shaun McInerney—Electrical Wiring



My training at the moment consists of practicing for precision and speed. I am working on making the project 100% perfect every time I do it. In my job I spend about 40% of my time on practical work, so each day I am pushing myself to improve my skills because I want to become the best I can be.

A gold medal is the ultimate goal of my trip to London but I am also looking forward to forming friendships with people from around the world and taking advantage of the networks for the future.

## Laura Simpson—Hairdressing



Since I came back from the Global Skills Challenge in Australia I have been experimenting with colours and different techniques of using my tools. I will be going to Auckland in a few weeks time for some intensive training. Earlier in the year I was extremely pleased to be able to have some training with two women from Finland, one of whom gained a medal at WorldSkills. They were amazing and put me on the right track with what I need to aim for.

I have learnt so much over the last year and I really want to be able to pass that on to others and help WorldSkills to become bigger in New Zealand. I am looking forward to developing great networks with like-minded people. It would be wonderful to bring home a gold medal.

## Andre Prinsloo—Autobody Repair



Worldskills London is a once in a life opportunity and I don't want to waste it, so I'm aiming for gold!

Being involved with WorldSkills is a big career boost and you get the opportunity to compete against the best in the world, and learn new skills from other competitors.

To be given the opportunity to represent NZ has motivated me to aim higher to ensure that I become the best tradesman I can be and one day become a successful businessman.

## Kirsty Lister—Restaurant Service



My goal in London is to give the competition everything I've got, have fun and enjoy the moment.

Meeting new people from different countries is going to be awesome too.

Seeing how people do things differently will also help me develop my skills.

## Ben Roche—Bricklaying



Of course I want to come home with a Gold Medal! At the moment I am in Wellington on a Block Course and spending evenings and weekends working with my Expert Greg—building the project, working out what could be part of the 30% change and trying out some different possibilities. I'm studying my plans and making sure I am familiar with what is required.

I'd be really stoked if I was offered a job in France after the competition. My plan, once I have completed my apprenticeship is to start my own business so the WorldSkills experience is forming a great foundation for me to further develop my skills.

## Chris Evans—Joinery



In London I aim to do the best I am capable of, achieving a top result. I have no immediate plans for after the competition, but one day I will start my own business.

At the moment, I am practicing every weekend for the competition, making the projects and honing my skills.

## Curtis Hartley—Automotive Technology



Up to now I have not done a lot of training, but—as from next week I am going to be full-time training. I am taking a month off work in the lead up to the competition and moving down to Whangarei so I can train every day with my Expert, Simon. I have left the training until now so that I can get out of work mode and into competition mode and make sure that everything is fresh in my mind when I get to London.

My aim in going to London is to prove to myself and the rest of the world that I am a good mechanic—and a gold medal would really prove that! I'm also doing this for my Parents.



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We have so many sponsors this year that there is not space in this newsletter to mention you all by name.

WorldSkills New Zealand, and the whole team, are extremely grateful for your generosity and commitment to enabling the 2011 Tool Blacks to take on the World at WorldSkills London 2011.

The 2011 Tool Blacks aim to do you all proud.



The 2011 Tool Blacks at Government House Auckland with our Patron His Excellency the Hon Sir Anand Satyanand and Lady Susan Satyanand.

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