

From the CEO's Desk

After changes to the date and the location due to the Christchurch earthquake, we did manage to run a very successful and beneficial Team Camp at the ETCO Induction Centre at Ramarama. This facility, generously loaned to us by ETCO was excellent for our purpose as we had the place to ourselves and allowed us to focus completely on the job at hand. My grateful thanks to Mr Peter Rushworth from ETCO for his support and to Luke Boustridge.

The purpose of the team camp was for everyone to get to know one another and become a "team" so that when they are overseas they know they will have the support of their team mates. It was also an opportunity for some expert/competitor interaction and for some of the category groups to work together as a collective on subjects which affect them all.

We are also grateful to NZ Defence who provided the facilities and personnel for a team building exercise at the Papakura Camp. This had all the expertise of Defence Team Building techniques without the Sergeant-Major yelling and was a fantastic start to the weekend.

Through our contacts at SPARC we were able to engage Dr Tom Patrick who spoke to us on mental stamina and the psychology of winning. He shared some great insights into his experiences with many Olympic medal winners, and also his work with the Auckland Blues. Most of his comments were pertinent in our general life as well as in the WorldSkills arena. Did you know for instance that you can "bank sleep"? No, that is not sleeping on a bank, it means that getting regular 8-10 hours sleeps puts you in good stead when you slip into a sleep deficit situation.

I hope you all will utilise the media presentation prepared especially for you by Mr Greg Ward. We will have it available on the website for you to download and view. Unfortunately Greg was unable to attend the camp so we are most appreciative of his efforts on our behalf to prepare this presentation for us.

We also managed to sort out our team uniform and we will be distributing this prior to our departure for the Australia Global Skills Challenge in July.

I am aware that it is extremely tough out there on the sponsorship front however it is never over till it's over..... so don't give up!

My final thanks go to the "tea ladies" Ms' Osborne and Wynham for quietly and smoothly organising all the meals.

I say final so that in the interests of consistency I will forget to thank Sally Gray, our fantastic Event Organiser, who is ultimately the reason why our events run so smoothly.

I look forward to seeing you all again when we go in to bat against the Aussies in the inaugural Global Skills Challenge.

Best Regards



Peter Spencer



Countdown to London

18-20 March
Team camp—
ETCO Training Facility
Auckland

29 March—3 April
Preparation Week for
Technical Delegates, Chief
Experts and Deputy Chief
Experts—London

February—October
Individual Training

4-9 July
Global Skills Challenge—
Australia

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

4 October 6pm—Opening
Ceremony

5—8 October
Competition

9 October 6pm—
Closing Ceremony

10 October—
Team Departs

2011 Tool Black Team Camp— ETCO Training Facility, Ramarama, Auckland

The focus of the camp was Team Building.

The first major activity involved the competitors (and some Experts) undertaking a task from a different Skill Category.



The Bricklayer, Mechanic, Car Painter and Polymechanic had a go at folding table Napkins



The Hairdresser, Cabinetmaker and Carpenter had to sort out an Auto Electrical problem



The Welder, Panelbeater and the two Electricians cooked an omelette each



The Florist, Joiner and Plumber had to wire a plug



The Cook, Sheet Metal, and Restaurant Service competitors fixed a door hinge

Then it was off to the Papakura Army Base for some Trust Building and Team Building Activities.



Sunday involved mostly Classroom Learning

Sports Psychologist, Dr Tom Patrick talked to the team about the psychology of competing and gave them plenty of tips on how to prepare themselves mentally and physically for the competition.





Vic Nicholson Plumbers, Dunedin

Employer of Scott Nicholson,
2011 Plumbing Tool Black

Established in April 2002, Vic Nicholson Plumbers is very much a small family orientated business having started off with Vic and his wife Fiona but now having grown by 2 apprentices (one being their son) and another Craftsman Plumber, Gas fitter, Drain layer.

Contrary to some people's belief – Dunedin has a market for solar work and Vic and his team enjoy this aspect of plumbing, along with solid fuel heating installations, gas fitting, drain laying and plumbing – both maintenance and new projects.

As a small team, we have the advantage of being able to bounce ideas off each other and come up with solutions to problems – a useful tool alongside on job training.

Vic has helped train 2 other apprentices when in a previous business partnership, 1 of whom now is in business for himself. We are soon to take on another keen young cap and no doubt there will be plenty of input from all the team to insure he learns the skills needed to become a qualified plumber, gas fitter and drain layer.

As with many jobs there are perks and pitfalls – Perk – Being the resident plumber on call at the “House of Pain” – (Carisbrook), watching the rugby, Nitro Circus, Crusty Demons in case there is a plumbing problem – this is a perk.

Crawling around under musty old buildings, sometimes ending up covered in s.....t – this is a pit-fall. But overall, Plumbing is a great trade to have.

All the best for the 2011 TOOL BLACKS –
do us proud!

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*From the left— Vic (the boss) Vince (admin & craftsman) ,
Rory (apprentice) and Scott*

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Employers of Daniel Berry

2011 Industrial Control Competitor

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We have a strong focus on training and quality, which we are very pleased to have been recognized for in recent awards.

- ECANZ Excellence Awards in Industrial Automation - winners 2010
- ECANZ National Industrial Apprentice of the year - 2010
- ECANZ Auckland Industrial Apprentice of the year - 1st place 2010
- ECANZ National Industrial Apprentice of the year - 2009
- ECANZ Auckland Industrial Apprentice of the year - 1st and 2nd place 2009
- ECANZ Auckland Industrial Apprentice of the year - 1st place 2008
- ECANZ Excellence Awards finalist in New Automation Projects 2007

Our World Skills representative Daniel Berry and previous national winner Cole Jackson, were both employed by Dalton Electrical under contract from the Electrical Training Company. ETCO provides quality candidates, and on going support on and off the job. This has proved to be a great partnership for us, and we continuing the winning formula with another 4 ETCO apprentices on board at present.

Major Sponsors of the Industrial Control Category:



Bruce Dalton, Managing Director of Dalton Electrical with Daniel Berry outside their workplace



Employer of Aroha Heberd 2011 Floristry Competitor

Nina Stanley, owner of Pink Poppy Designer Florist in Blenheim started the business in January 2003. For her it was an obvious next step after managing florist shops in both Wellington and overseas. Blenheim was her home town, so that too was an obvious choice for her.

Pink Poppie has 4 staff, Nina and 3 other women – one of whom is part time. Aroha is the latest of 5 trainees that Nina has had over the last 8 years. Many of her trainees have gone on to start their own businesses.

Pink Poppie is a very busy florist shop which covers all aspects of floristry from Weddings and Funerals to special events and birthday flowers. The shop has gained a very good reputation and many wedding venues use Pink Poppie as their florist on a regular basis. Nina has done the flowers for some very large weddings and often does weddings in the Marlborough Sounds in some pretty amazing venues. Marlborough being "Wine Country" often has big launches of new wines and Nina has done the flowers for many of these, including one which required her to order in thousands of purple orchids.

Nina says that the most important thing in training a new florist is to make sure they thoroughly understand the principals and elements of design. Once they know the rules she likes to give her trainees the space to be creative. Nina leads by example by being innovative and creative herself. She and her team constantly strive to keep abreast of innovations in, not just the floristry world but also in the world of fashion and design both in New Zealand and overseas. This training method obviously pays off as it has enabled Aroha to develop her skills and become a top class young florist.

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Nina and Aroha at Pink Poppie



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Welding	Weldwell NZ
Cooking	City& Guilds, Aoraki Polytechnic
Restaurant Service	City & Guilds, NZDF
Floristry	MEET, Floramax
Hairdressing	HITO, Pivot Point
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