



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Caitlin Thorburn
Skill: Floristry
From Wellington

Caitlin 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.

Caitlin has been working at Bunches Floriste in Wellington for all of 2008 having completed a National Certificate in Floristry Practice, Level 3, at Waikato Institute of Technology in 2007.

Caitlin was selected to compete at the WorldSkills National Finals because of the high standard of her work. She found that being in the competition was an excellent way to test her skills against other florists from all over New Zealand. She would encourage other young florists to enter the WorldSkills competitions because "it is a fun way to see where you're at in your profession and you never know how far it will take you."

Caitlin is looking forward to competing at the international level and to meeting the other floristry competitors at the WorldSkills International competition. She hopes to make contacts that will help her get work as a Florist in other parts of the World.

You can help Caitlin get to WorldSkills in Calgary

By contributing toward her total costs (\$12,900) you are confirming your commitment to the development of the Floristry industry in New Zealand. You will also give Caitlin the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern, represent New Zealand, and gain valuable life experience through testing her skills against top young Floristry competitors from around the world.