



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Michael Lyon
Skill: Joinery
From Otago

Michael gained a gold medal at the WorldSkills NZ National Finals in September 2008. He 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.

Michael has been in the joinery industry for four years, working at Kaye Kitchens in Dunedin. He is registered with the Joinery ITO and has completed all the unit standards towards his National Certificate in Joinery – Craftsman Level 4. By the end of 2009 he will have completed the hours required for his qualification and will be fully qualified. Michael attended block course training at the Southern Institute of Technology in Invercargill.

Michael enjoyed competing at the WorldSkills Regional and National competitions because “they added a thrill to every day work.” He would encourage everyone to get involved and to try something “challenging and different.”

Michael is looking forward to both the competition in Calgary and the opportunity to see how joinery techniques differ from country to country. He knows it will be a great experience and is prepared to put in the hard work to bring his skills up to the standard required for the international competition.

You can help Michael get to WorldSkills in Calgary

Michael has funding from the Joinery Industry Training Organisation, Southern Victorian Trust, Pub Charity, Southern Trust and WorldSkills NZ Southland Region. WorldSkills NZ and Michael would like to thank these organisations for their support of the Joinery competition.

Further contributions toward Michael’s total costs (\$13,900) would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of the Joinery industry in New Zealand. You will also give Michael the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern, represent New Zealand and gain valuable life experience through testing his skills against top young Joinery competitors from around the world.

