



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Tony Wells
Skill: Polymechanics
From Hamilton

Tony 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.

Tony has been working at BLM Engineering in Morinsville for 3½ years and is working towards a National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering – Fitting & Machining (Level 4). His training is being managed by Competenz and he attends block courses for his “off- job” training at Waikato Institute of Technology in Hamilton.

Tony was selected to compete at the WorldSkills National Finals because he won the regional Fitting competition for Waikato. He believes everyone who has the chance should have a go at the WorldSkills competitions because “they are good skill testers and give you a good idea of how you compare against other competitors.”

Tony is looking forward to the challenge of competing at the WorldSkills International competitions in Calgary and has already started extra training to prepare him for this experience. Tony hopes to come away from the competition with a medal but even if he doesn't he will know that he has “given it my best shot.”

You can help Tony get to WorldSkills in Calgary

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