



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Barry Warner
Skill: Electrical Wiring
From NZ Defence Force

Barry Warner has been selected to attend the World Skills Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2009 as judge in the Electrical Installations skill category. Barry has been in the electrical industry for 25 years and is currently employed by the NZ Defence Force.

Barry always had a passion for working with electricity – “even at a young age I was pulling things to bits and putting them back together,” says Barry. He began his apprenticeship in Tauranga and then joined the Military where he continued his apprenticeship within the Royal New Zealand Engineers. He qualified in 1988 and went on to complete his Advanced Trade Certificate in 1990 and his Electrical Inspector Certificate in 1996.

Barry began instructing apprentices in 1992 and became the Senior Instructor of Electrical apprentices in 1997. He continued in this role until 2002 when he joined a NZ Defence Force Engineer Construction Squadron as overseer of construction trades (electrical, plumbing and carpentry) engaged in projects within New Zealand and also overseas.

During his time with the Military Barry has served on a number of missions around the world designing and implementing electrical distributions systems which depend on generators and, when possible, making use of local systems and resources, as well as updating infrastructure and carrying out maintenance.

Barry has been involved with WorldSkills since 2006 and took a competitor to the 2007 International competitions in Japan. He is looking forward to taking this year’s competitor, Ben De Groot, to Calgary.

You can help Barry get to WorldSkills in Calgary

Barry has funding from HPM Le Grand, the Electrical Training Company Ltd (ETCO) and Idea Electrical Suppliers. WorldSkills and Barry would like to thank these organisations for their support of the Electrical Wiring Competition.

Further donations towards his total costs of \$13,900 would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of Electrical skill levels in New Zealand. You will also give Barry the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern and represent New Zealand among the top trainers and industry representatives from around the world.

