



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Rick Lunn
Skill: Autobody Repair
From Regent Training Centre, Whangarei

Rick has been selected to attend the WorldSkills International Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2009 as a judge in the Autobody Repairskill category. He is currently working at the Regent Training Centre in Whangarei as the Manager of Modern Apprenticeships.

Rick has been in the Autobody Repair industry for 25 years. He gained his first qualification through City & Guilds in London and since being in New Zealand he has gained his Advanced Trade Certificate, Panel Beating. Rick has been teaching in the industry for 10 years and in his role at Regent Training Centre he is responsible for 50 apprentices. In addition, Rick does some work for an American based training company, I-CAR and he is on the Executive Committee of the Northland Collision Repair Association. Rick has a passion for training and passing on knowledge to apprentices which is only matched by his thirst for building his knowledge of the industry, new materials and techniques.

Rick has been involved in WorldSkills for 8 years. He has organised 7 regional competitions and judged at 4 National Finals. He is looking forward to working with Autobody Repair competitor, Jesse Clinton and he believes Jesse has what it takes to be in the medal stakes in Calgary. Rick is thrilled to get the opportunity to travel to Canada to be amongst the world's best in his industry. "I see this trip as a great opportunity for both personal growth and that of my industry. I also see this trip as a great opportunity to bring back some valuable insights as to what developments are occurring in my industry on the world scale."

You can help Rick get to WorldSkills in Calgary

Rick has funding towards his costs from the Motor Industry Training Organisation (Inc) and the Motor Trade Association and both Rick and WorldSkills thank these organisations for their commitment to the Autobody Repair competition. Further donations towards his total costs of \$11,500 would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of Autobody Repair skill levels in New Zealand. You will also give Rick the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern and represent New Zealand among the top trainers and industry representatives from around the world.

