



## **Introducing NZ WorldSkills Team Member**

**Name: Greg Sinden**

**Skill: Bricklaying**

**From: WelTec**

Greg has had 28 years in the Brick & Block Laying industry, following in his father's footsteps when he "started at 11 years of age, as a labourer in the school holidays, and then becoming an apprentice when I was 18." Greg worked his way up to Foreman and then took over the running of the family business until he became the WelTec Masonry tutor in 2005.

Greg has worked all over the world and has been involved as a board member of the Brick & Block Laying Federation' as well as being President of the Wellington Bricklaying Association. He has a great passion for the industry and for promoting the skills, craftsmanship and knowledge to the next generation coming through. As a tutor, he tries to encourage the traditional values and expertise that are required in the craft.

Greg ran the last round of the WorldSkills Regional and National Bricklaying Competitions and was thrilled to see how the competitors raised the level of their work and adapted to the pressure of competition with their problem solving and decision making. He is thoroughly behind the WorldSkills concept and sees it as an experience of a lifetime for young people that will open many doors in a career.

This will be the second time Greg has represented New Zealand as a judge at the WorldSkills Competition and is really looking forward to it and says "Canada has a worldwide reputation for high standards and qualities which I greatly admire, I have no doubt it will be an extremely well run and organised event." He hopes to further his expertise by being exposed to new techniques and procedures which will be brought home and applied in his tutoring.

Having travelled overseas, Greg believes New Zealand standards are high for a qualified tradesmen and he will be making every effort to give his competitor the chance of a podium finish.

### **You can help Greg get to WorldSkills in Calgary**

By making a donation towards his total costs of \$12,900, you are confirming your commitment to the development of Bricklaying skill levels in New Zealand. You will also give Greg the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern and represent New Zealand among the top trainers and industry representatives from around the world.