



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Malcolm Whinham
Skill: Automotive Technology
From Wellington

Malcolm Whinham has been selected to attend the World Skills Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2009 as judge in the Automotive Technology skill category. After gaining City & Guilds and NZ Advanced Trade Cert, Malcolm has had 40 years experience in the automotive engineering industry and is currently employed by the MTA.

There is an extensive history of engineering in Malcolm's family beginning with his grandfather, then his father and now continuing on with his son as an Automotive Engineering apprentice and his daughter who is a Professional Engineer.

Malcolm entered the training field while serving in the NZ Army. Upon his release from the military, he decided to continue his career in the training environment. He enjoys contact with young people who are motivated and keen to learn. Malcolm enthusiastically promotes automotive technology as an industry with endless career opportunities.

Malcolm has been involved with WorldSkills for 12 years and would encourage any young trades' person to enter the WorldSkills Competitions as it broadens their outlook and skill base whilst developing them as a person. He is looking forward to working with Marcel Woods over the coming months and has high hopes of him gaining a podium finish.

He believes New Zealand trades people are amongst the best in the World and feels that with a more long term commitment by employers to training and skill preparation, our young people will excel on the World stage and showcase the great work that is being achieved here in New Zealand.

Malcolm is being fully funded for his trip to Calgary by the Motor Trade Association (MTA) and the Motor Industry Training Organisation Inc (MITO). WorldSkills NZ and Malcolm would like to thank the MTA and MITO for their support of the Automotive Technology Competition.

