



## Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

**Name:** Peter Rushworth  
**Skill:** Industrial Control  
**From** ETCO, Auckland

Peter has been selected to attend the WorldSkills International Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2009 as a judge in the Industrial Control skill category. He is currently Chief Executive of the Electrical Training Company Ltd (ETCO) which employs and trains Electrical Apprentices, placing them with "Host Companies" for their practical training.

Peter's involvement with World Skills goes back to the inaugural meeting at the Auckland Town Hall in 1987 when Career Skills NZ was launched. He worked as a volunteer for the next ten or so years helping with the running of regional and national competitions and with setting up the first sponsorship arrangements. Peter was the judge for Industrial Wiring, as it was known then, in Sydney in 1988 and Birmingham in 1989. He then went to the Taiwan International Competitions in 1993 as the Official Delegate and to France in 1995 as the Technical delegate.

Peter's role at ETCO became so busy that he was unable to do justice to both organisations so he reluctantly withdrew from involvement in WorldSkills 10 years ago and focused on building the company. During the last ten years, he assisted with setting up the National Electrical Apprentice of the Year Competition known as the ECANZ Challenge and helped with the running of their first few competitions.

Then, about a year ago, Peter Spencer, the new WorldSkills CEO, approached Peter with a fresh vision for World Skills NZ, and he got all excited about the process again. "I don't know if I am any less busy at work but at least I now have some people that I can delegate to," says Peter.

Peter is very aware of what is ahead for him but he is looking forward to the challenge and to the opportunity to work with Daniel Hunt the Industrial Control competitor to ensure he is well prepared for the competition in Calgary. "And," says Peter, "We got a bronze and a silver medal in Industrial Control when I was last involved, so I feel I have unfinished business!"

## You can help Peter get to WorldSkills in Calgary

Peter has funding from ETCO, HPM Legrand, Electrical Suppliers Ltd, and ECANZ. Both Peter and WorldSkills thank these organisations for their support of the Industrial Control Category. Further donations towards Peter's total costs of \$13,900 would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of Industrial Control skill levels in New Zealand. You will also give Peter the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern and represent New Zealand among the top trainers and industry representatives from around the world.

