



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Rick Anderson

Skill: Team Leader

From: New Zealand Defence Force, Wellington

Rick has been selected to attend the WorldSkills International Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2009 as the Team Leader. He is a Captain in the New Zealand (NZ) Army and is currently the Senior Instructor of the Engineering Wing at the NZ Army Trade Training School, Upper Hutt. In his role he is responsible for a mix of 25 military and civilian trade training instructors and support staff who are tasked with developing, delivering and managing trade and operational training over six engineering trade categories for over 300 students.

As one of the largest employers of young people in NZ, the NZ Defence Force is committed to quality trade training to recognised external standards and has a long relationship with WorldSkills NZ since its establishment in the early 80's. In the late 80's, due to its commitment to trade training, NZ Defence became a separate region for WSNZ Competitions, running its own Regional Competitions until the late 90's when it combined with the Wellington Region. The New Zealand Defence Force continues to be a Major Sponsor of WorldSkills New Zealand.

Rick has over 20 years experience in Engineering Trades and Trade Training within NZ Army. He is Advance Trade Certificate qualified in Auto Electrical, Automotive and Industrial Electrical Engineering (specialising in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning). He also has Electronic Technician qualifications (specialising in Medical and Dental equipment repair).

Rick's involvement with NZ WorldSkills dates back to the 80's and 90's when he was involved with assisting the running of the NZDF WorldSkills Regional Competitions at Army and Navy base repair facilities. He has been the Chairperson and Team Leader of the NZ Defence Force Region since taking up this role in 2007.

Rick is proud to be involved with the 2009 Tool Blacks as the Team Leader. "Team Leaders get their motivation by doing everything they can to ensure our team members perform at their absolute best and achieve their utmost potential", says Rick. He brings to the role of Team Leader a wide knowledge of industry and industry training, leadership and management of young trade trainees which will give him a good understanding of any issues the competitors may have.

Rick would like to thank the New Zealand Defence Force, New Zealand Army for sponsoring his involvement in the 2009 Tool Black team.