



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Rinus Pope
Skill: Restaurant Service
From In House Catering, Wellington

Rinus has been selected to attend the WorldSkills International Competition in Calgary, Canada in September 2008 as a judge in the Restaurant Service skill category. He is currently manager of In House Catering in Wellington and is highly decorated within his field.

Rinus began his career in Restaurant Service as a waiter and has been named 'New Zealand Waiter of the Year' on two previous occasions and 'West Australian Waiter of the Year' in 1997. He also achieved a gold medal for Restaurant Service in the 'New Zealand Restaurant of the Year' competition in 2005. As his career has progressed, he has taken on the role of judge at various culinary competitions and in 2006 joined the WorldSkills judging panel for the Restaurant Service skill category.

Rinus thoroughly enjoys the art of Restaurant Service and the challenge of bringing people and good service together. He gains great satisfaction from investing his time in training young people and helping them to grow and realise their full potential. He sees taking part in the WorldSkills competition as a fantastic opportunity to gain experience and knowledge that he would be able to impart to his students and as a chance to highlight the Restaurant Service trade within New Zealand as a great career choice.

With a 'Go for it!' attitude, Rinus would encourage anyone to enter the WorldSkills competitions, as it can give you the opportunity to compete against the best in the world. He will be dedicating his time over the coming months to training his competitor to be able to perform to the best of her abilities and really show what you can achieve if you work hard and are motivated.

You can help Rinus 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 Hospitality skill levels in New Zealand. You will also give Rinus the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern and represent New Zealand among the top trainers and industry representatives from around the world.