



Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member

Name: Roland Spirig
Skill: Polymechanics
From Waikato

After 41 years in the trade Roland still enjoys his vocation. "Fitting & Turning is challenging and creative," he enthuses.

Roland qualified with an Advanced Trade Certificate whilst employed for Hamilton Engineers Ltd, and later moved into self-employment. 20 years ago he gained a Certificate in Adult Teaching and became a Fitter & Turner tutor at Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) where he is now Deputy Chief of Polymechanics. "I am always keen to pass on my skills and experience to young engineers" says Roland.

Following the 2002 competitions, Roland was appointed National Skill Expert for Fitting. "The rewards when you see young people develop their skills and achieve success are great!"

Roland is proud to be wearing the Silver Fern and representing NZ for the fourth time at a WorldSkills International competition.

As an international judge, he looks forward to seeing New Zealand's young trades people achieve at an international level. "WorldSkills International 2009 is going to present an exciting challenge for our competitors, and I am working extensively with this year's competitor Tony Wells (BLM Engineering Ltd), to prepare him for the arduous and challenging competition ahead."

"My participation as a judge will benefit me personally and professionally as it gives me the opportunity to meet and work with skill experts from around the globe and to bring new ideas and techniques back to New Zealand."

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