



WorldSkills New Zealand News

Welcome to our WorldSkills NZ October Newsletter.

Summer is just around the corner, the days are getting longer and it's starting to warm up. Another place where things are 'hotting' up is with preparation for our national competitions. Our regional competitions have just been completed and we are on track with our revised national competition format.

It's also a time for learning and networking. Next week, 85+ member countries from the WorldSkills movement come together (mostly virtually), for the WorldSkills International Vocational Education and Training conference. In

November, the Global Apprenticeship Network NZ (GAN NZ) are hosting an online conference - the APAC TVET forum. All are welcome and encouraged to attend both events, see below for more information.

Carl Rankin - General Manager

Update on Regional Competitions

We've done it! Our regional competitions for 2021 are done and dusted. Due to COVID related delays, it's taken us a bit longer than normal, with our last regional skill competition taking place on 16 October. Congratulations to all competitors from the various events, who have put themselves forward to test their skills. This drive to compete demonstrates a desire to succeed, and irrespective of placing, we are sure every competitor has benefited from the competition experience. We would also like to acknowledge our skill managers, regional co-ordinators, volunteers, competition hosts and supporters who have freely given their time and resources to support these events.

Last regional for 2021

Our last regional competition took place on Saturday, October 16, in Tauranga, a welding skill competition. Special thanks to our host Toi Ohomai, and our welding skill partner BOC.

Below, WorldSkills welding skill manager, Bruce McQueen presents the highest scoring competitor, Kalis Simmonds, with a Raptor Welder, very generously supplied by BOC. *[Bruce is finding it hard to let go...]*



National news

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on gathering sizes and potential risks, the National Competition to be held at Ara Institute of Technology in Christchurch has had to be cancelled. Our Plan B is to hold each National Skill competition in a separate region. All going well, our **Aircraft Maintenance** national will be held at the **Wigram Air Force Museum in Christchurch on 19-20 November** and **Welding** national at **Toi Ohomai in Tauranga on 4-5 December**. A National competition for Automotive Technology is yet to be determined. Keep an eye on our website for information.



We would like to thank our partner Ara Institute of Technology for their keenness to host the National Competition and planning throughout the year. It's really disappointing for everyone that circumstances have prevented us from running this showcase premier event this year.

WorldSkills International Conference

Please join us online during 25-29 October for the [WorldSkills Conference 2021 - The Road Ahead: Skills for a Resilient Future.](#)

This free conference is spread over the week, 2 hours each day, 8.30pm to 10.30pm NZ time, and attendees can choose which events they would like to attend. The sessions will be recorded and will focus on the following three tracks:

- **SKILLS FOR GREEN JOBS** – evaluate the progress achieved so far in the greening of VET systems and institutions, as well as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that have impacted this shift.
- **POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SKILLS** – explore how governments can promote broad-based economic growth and initiatives

that lead to the creation of productive employment, which can offer a pathway out of poverty. Participants will gain insight on positive examples from across the world on how to address poverty through skills development.

- **THE FUTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEMS** – explore the resources available for policymakers as well as providers, including employers and educators, to improve apprenticeship systems and make them relevant in the post-pandemic era.

Check out the extensive [schedule of sessions](#) now!



WorldSkills NZ Champions at APAC TVET Forum

The [APAC TVET Forum](#) organised by Skills Consulting Group, Te Pūkenga, and Education New Zealand is running on Friday 5 and Friday 12 November. It will feature a high powered list of presenters including a panel discussion with past WorldSkills competitors, and focus on sharing vocational educational and training knowledge and insight across the Asia Pacific region.



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