



Apprentice recognised for skills

CAPEL RTW Steel Fabrication and Construction apprentice Aaron Craig was announced as the winner for his performance at the 2009 WorldSkills Competition last week.

As a State level winner, Mr Craig is set to represent WA at a national level in Brisbane and could even go on to the international level to be the best in the world.

Mr Craig, a third-year apprentice, said he was honoured to be recognised for his skill.

“There was a project that they made up that tests several aspects of the skills that are involved in the trade and had to be completed in a set amount of hours,” Mr Craig said.

He said he was tested on his oxy-cutting, welding and general fabrication abilities.

“It was a good challenge that put us under pressure, but I had done a lot of it before through my work,” he said.

Mr Craig said he was enjoying learning the tricks of the trade through his apprenticeship and the competition proved to be an excellent avenue to test his skills.

“My apprenticeship is good fun, I enjoy the trade and it is something I looked into doing after doing work experience,” he said.

RTW operations manager Phil McClements said the company had two apprentices compete in the State competition, with fourth-year apprentice Michael Shaw taking out fourth place.

RTW owner Rick Tucker said recognition at the WorldSkills competition was just reward for the apprentices’ contribution to the company.

Their success in the competition follows that of RTW’s Jeremy Curtin and Shane Mowday in 2005 and Leslie Payne in 2008.



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