



Apprentice skills on show

A QUARTET of south-east corridor trainees are in WA's largest team for the national WorldSkills competition in Brisbane in May.

They were chosen from the best 103 trainees in the State-level round of the competition.

Armadale apprentice jeweller Natalee Hibbins (19), and Thornlie fitter and machinist Cameron Goodwin (21) are in the team, Training and Workforce Development Minister Peter Collier announced last week.

Ms Hibbins, who has worked at Maddington's Soklich and Company jewellers for the past two years, said she learnt from her father to take pride in her work.

"Seeing the customer happy at the end is unbelievable," she said.

Mr Goodwin's boss at Canning Vale Camco Engineering, Eric Le Clercq, is supporting his employee by buying practice materials before the Brisbane competition.

"I have a strong will to learn and I am always pushing myself to learn more skills," Mr Goodwin said.

Roleystone butcher Gavin Olsen and Westfield painter Reece Baldwin are also in the 50-strong team for the competition.

"The skills and qualities of each member of the team reflect the depth and strength of the State's training system, which is an integral part of a skilled and flexible workforce," Mr Collier said.

The winners in Brisbane will represent Australia at the International WorldSkills competition in London next year.



Apprentice jeweller Natalee Hibbins is part of WA's WorldSkills team Picture: Marcelo Palacios www.communitypix.com.au d327839