



# David leaves his mark on his work

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DAVID Spencer-Cotton is already making his mark in the sign-writing world – and he hasn't even finished his apprenticeship yet.

The 23-year-old sign-writer, who works at Albany's Eyerite Signs, has won the WA section of the WorldSkills Competition sign-writing category and is off to Brisbane in May to compete on a national level.

If he wins his division at nationals, he will travel to London to compete against the rest of the world.

Eyerite Signs owner Jodi Johnson said she thought he had a good chance.

"If he hadn't won in WA, I would have been quite shocked," she said.

Mr Spencer-Cotton said he was pleased by the recognition and he

was passionate about his trade. He said he was due to finish his apprenticeship in June and eventually hoped to buy his own business.

"Sign-writing is good fun. I do so many different things and it's creative," he said.

The fourth-year apprentice paints cars and does traditional sign writing in his workplace.

Ms Johnson said he also got to use his advanced graphic design skills.

WorldSkills Australia is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to benchmark skills achievement in VET nationally and globally through skills competitions, thereby promoting respect for skills excellence.

Sign-writing featured in the competition for the first time this year.

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