



Dale revved up for world stage

MYAREE mechanic Dale McMullen is spending several hours a day under the bonnets of cars for work and training for an international competition.

The 22-year-old will head to Japan in November for the International WorldSkills Competition and compete against mechanics from around the world.

He won gold at last year's National WorldSkills Competition in the automotive mechanics category.

His performance led to his selection in the Australian National WorldSkills team and he is part of

the Skillaroos team.

It includes 28 young competitors representing 25 skills from hairdressing and bricklaying to web design and auto repair.

Dale works five days and trains about four times a week. He studies for about 10 hours a week.

He said he hoped to win gold at the competition.

He said he had followed in his father's footsteps as a mechanic and played with cars a lot when he was younger.

His father Graeme runs the G-Mac Auto Centre, where Dale works.



Dale McMullen will be competing against mechanics from across the world at the International WorldSkills Competition.

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