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Skills Champions Going for Gold...Team Australia to be Announced

The WorldSkills Australia Team Australia will be officially announced on Thursday 6th November at Doltone House in Sydney. The 29 competitors will embark on their quest for gold at the 40th WorldSkills International Competition in Canada next year.

Team Australia, labelled the 'Skillaroos', are 29 of the country's medal winning skill and trade champions and are set to test their abilities against the best in the world in Calgary, Canada in September 2009.

The Australian team will train for the next 10 months, refining their skills similar to athletes preparing to compete amongst the best competitors from around the world. The Australian team will be representing 26 different trade and skill categories from Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy to Automobile Technology and Landscape Gardening.

The International Competition will be a showcase of the global standards displayed by 50 countries and is expected to draw crowds of over 250,000 people. Team Australia competitors will not only face the pressures of excelling in their categories, but also defending Australia's current 5th place ranking in the world – a great legacy from the preceding Australian Team at the 2007 WorldSkills International Competition in Shizuoka, Japan.

The Skillaroos are young medallists from the 2008 WorldSkills National Competition who competed amongst 500 of their peers coming from 30 regions across Australia. The event, held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in July, was an impressive showcase of the talent of young skilled trainees and apprentices currently available in the Australian workforce.

These young Australians will show unequalled dedication and passion to succeed for their country. This will be achieved through calling on the resources of countless volunteers, the enormous goodwill of their employers and the support of local educational institutions and training companies.

WorldSkills Australia is a not-for-profit national organisation that has been actively celebrating and promoting the standards and status of vocational training and skills excellence for 27 years.

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