



WorldSkills Try'a Trade 2009

Try'a Trade's third year was held at the Wrest Point Convention Centre on 21 May 2009. This year it formed part of National Career Development Week activities, as one of three Lead Activities in Tasmania. Nearly 800 Year 9 students from thirty-six schools as well as Home Education participated.

Students gained a hands-on experience of three of the twenty trades represented, as well as practical information about what a career in that trade would be like and the pathways needed to get there.



Try'a Trade coordination is a team effort involving SCOPE, RICA, Department of Economic Development, Department of Education (Guaranteeing Futures), Association of Independent Schools and WorldSkills Australia. Master of Ceremonies was Sam Cawthorn, Young Tasmanian of the Year, who motivated students into the right frame of mind for activities to follow. Heather Butler officially opened the Event on behalf of Premier David Bartlett, and Tony McKinlay of WorldSkills gave an overview of that organisation. Carolyn Daly from Work Cover talked to young people about the importance of occupational health and safety *before* they enter the workforce. Rosny College Tourism and Hospitality students provided logistical support, and Elizabeth College VET Hospitality students looked after the catering.



Feedback from teachers and students has once again been overwhelmingly positive.

"I certainly enjoyed it and have pretty much 100% planned out my future career thanks to Hydro Tasmania"
(Student, Rose Bay High Schools)

"I strongly am going to consider electronics in the army when I leave school because I get to fix all the "toys".
(Student, The Hutchins School)

What they did:

Agriculture - Join Ag Pipe etc

Auto Body - Body panel filling

Auto Mechanic – Wheel Balancing, replace engine parts

Bakery - Decorate biscuits

Barista – Make espresso coffee

Beauty Therapy – Skin care, apply make-up



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Broadcasting – Produce Edge Radio promotion

Carpentry – Shape & polish laminated placement, plane timber

Cookery - Make omelettes

Electronics – Solder components

Electrotechnology – strip and join cable

Floristry - Make floral corsage

Forestry – Use GPS systems

Hairdressing - Hair styling

Horticulture - Pot-up seedling

Hospitality - Make mocktails

Metal Fabrication - Make a dustpan or keyring

Painting & Decorating - Paint door

Plastering - Repair plaster wall

Textiles - Pattern making



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