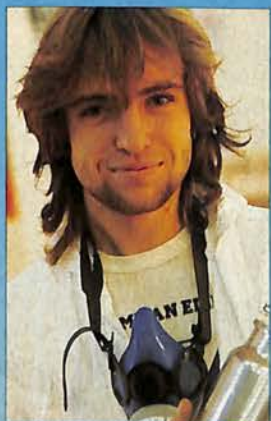
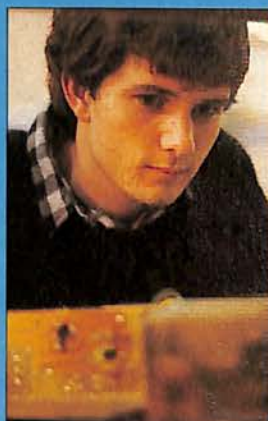


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THE WHAT OLYMPICS?

So you haven't heard about the Skill Olympics? Until now, it may be the best-kept secret of '88. But – and it's a big but – that's why February 18–21 will provide one of the biggest and best surprises of our Bicentenary Year.

Like the Olympic Games, the Skill Olympics brings together the world's best in their fields.

The difference with the Skill Olympics is that it centres on the work skills which keep our industries going. The Olympic categories range from computer controlled machining and industrial electronics, through to carpentry and bricklaying and on to commercial cooking and waiting.

In all, there are 34 work skill categories, with another 11 categories being demonstrated in the Sydney Olympics for the first time. These include landscape construction, smash repairs and pastry cooking.

Sydney is host to a great event. You're invited to join in the excitement!

The 400 competitors, from 19 nations, are everyday skilled workers aged between 18 and 23, with one very important exception – they're the best in their fields.

And they're all here in Australia to do battle in Skill Olympics 88. Here are a few good reasons why you should join them and share in the excitement:

• **World First** It will be the first time ever, in its 40-year history, that the prestigious Skill Olympics

has been held in the Southern Hemisphere.

• **First at Darling Harbour** The Skill Olympics is the first event to be held in the magnificent new Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour in Sydney.

• **Four Days of World-Class Competition** The best young tradesmen and women from 18 other countries will compete with the cream of young Australia.

• **Going for Gold** Australia has a magnificent chance to improve on its already impressive record from previous years.

• **Be There Free** Our young working stars will give the performances of their lives – and then some, especially with you there cheering them on. Admission is free. Come along and thrill to these ordinary young Aussies doing extraordinary things as they take on the world's best.

How the Skill Olympics Work

If you think breaking the tape to win track gold is tough, here's what it takes to be a Skill Olympics winner.

- Each event consists of carrying out a specified work project over a four-day period, which is issued at the start of the competition.
- Each competitor is supplied with the same equipment and materials, but uses his or her own tools.
- The competition projects have a set marking scale, with each component of the job contributing to the overall mark.
- The international panel of judges in each category spends two days examining the finished work. It's no beauty contest. A measurement must be spot-on, or no marks are awarded.
- Competition is intense – in the Skill Olympics, near enough isn't good enough. As guest competitors at Taiwan's National Finals last November, Australia won the bricklaying in a field of 16 – but it took a stunning score of 93 per cent to do it.



Last year's League Grand Final: apprentices 're-built' the Bridge at the Sydney Cricket Ground. It's young people like these who will compete in the Skill Olympics.



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WORKING AND WINNING FOR AUSTRALIA

The 34 young Aussies who'll carry the nation's flag for four hard days later this week have already come a long way.

They come from many of the 30 regions, across the nation, which organised the preliminary skill competitions involving over 4000 young tradespeople in one-day heats.

The best 500 at the regional level then went on to compete in a gruelling three-day national final held in Adelaide last June to determine one winner in each category to represent Australia.

Our national gold medallists now face the ultimate test of their skills when they vie for Olympic gold at world level.

They're a lively and a mixed bunch. But what else would you expect from people whose specialist skills are as varied as bricklaying and computer machining, gas welding and garment production, and whose homes are in five States and as far apart as North Queensland and Western Australia?

With the support of their employers, TAFE teachers and Work Skill Australia experts they aim to peak, just like top athletes, right on the day.



The Aussie team: working hard to take on the world's best.

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It's just one way of supporting the commitment our young put into their careers. (And it's also a good way of seeing who'll be doing our jobs in ten years' time.)



Who's Who in the Australian Team

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

Devin Flor, North Queensland

BRICKLAYING

Stephen Perryman, Brisbane

CABINETMAKING

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CARPENTRY

Robert Weymouth, Toowoomba

CNC MACHINING

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FITTING

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GAS WELDING

Roy Lim, Sydney

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INDUSTRIAL WIRING

Russell Cooper, Central Queensland

INSTRUMENT MAKING

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Michael Brookes, Sydney

STONEMASONRY

Sean Dibben, Sydney

TOOLMAKING

Patrick Semmler, Melbourne

TURNING

Colin Twigg, Defence

WAITING

Scott Plane, Adelaide

WOOD PATTERNMAKING

Mark Burns, Toowoomba

And Something Extra...

In addition to the medal competition, you'll be able to admire the skills of top performers in a number of demonstration categories. These may become full medal events in the future.

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Richard Harris, Tasmania

Brett Pelham, Tasmania

BUTCHERY

Michael Elliott, NSW

Stephen Telley, NSW

Andrew Videon, SA

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Stephen Wilde, NSW

Mark Fury, NSW

Michael Longton, NSW

Kurt Russack, NSW

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Sharon Grant, NSW

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Dianne Jesson, Victoria

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Australia was a latecomer to the highly competitive world of the Skill Olympics. But if we arrived late, we've made up for it fast.

The first team of young Aussies competed in Austria in 1983 at the 27th Skill Olympics (the event was founded back in 1950).

Our 12 competitors created quite an impression - no medals, but 10th position in overall placings.

Two years later, in Japan, the 18-strong Australian team came home with six medals and a placing of equal fifth with Austria.

Now our 1988 team has set its sights on holding those gains and trying to do even better.

There's a bonus to all this excitement and competition, one that all Australians share. After all, if this country succeeds in encouraging the skills of our young workpeople, then we all benefit.

In the build-up to the Skill Olympics 88, over 4000 young tradespeople took up the challenge, as many as took part in both the previous two challenges combined.

Young people are getting the message. So are employers in large and small businesses, educators



and tradespeople, politicians and governments.

The Work Skill Australia Foundation, a non-profit organisation in partnership with industry, unions and government, has a simple aim - to raise the standards and status of young, skilled workers.

With a national network of hard-working volunteer regional organising committees, it has conducted skill competitions since 1982.

The Skill Olympics is the climax - a great opportunity to see how the old 'she'll be right' mentality can be turned into a new belief that 'we can be the best'.

'The NSW Government, by granting \$1.4 million up front, won these Olympics for our Bicentennial against many nations. Why? International skill competition sharpens our economic edge. And that's our strategy. NSW is Australia's largest employer of apprentices (44,000) and our Government invites school leavers and parents to watch us compete with the world's best at this spectacular Darling Harbour venue.'

**- Pat Hills
NSW Minister for Industrial
Relations and Employment**

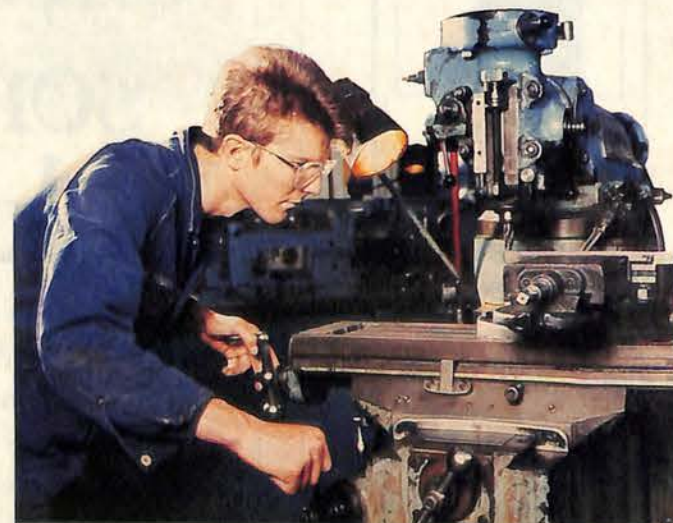
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Their employers win because these contests - and the regional competitions which precede them - ensure higher standards of performance and dedication amongst the young people in their workforce.

The people of Sydney win. They will be spectators at an exciting international event to be held at an equally exciting venue - the new Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre.

Finally, all Australia wins. With such fine young people as the contestants in the Youth Skill Olympics, our future is in highly productive hands.



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NOW THE WORLD SAYS 'DARLING'

Darling Harbour, that is. Skill Olympics 88 is the first event to be housed in Darling Harbour's spacious and eye-catching new Exhibition Centre in the heart of Sydney.

The tall masts and steel lines of the Centre, reminiscent of a grand sailing ship, have become an instant landmark for Sydneysiders.

With its great roof canopy stretching over 2.5 hectares, it's only when you step inside the vast, column-free exhibition space that you realise what a magnificent venue this provides.

Here, over some 15,000 square metres of floor space, you'll be able to watch the best of the world compete in the Skill Olympics.

A foyer runs the length of the Centre, with a glass facade that looks out over the lawns, trees and fountains of Darling Park. Above, a spacious observation deck provides great views of the Chinese Garden and the city skyline.

The Exhibition Centre is the creation of famous architect Philip Cox.

"It's a building that doesn't imitate any other exhibition building in the world," he says. "It's the first in Australia and it's unique in the world in being so close to the city and in such a marvellous location."

'The Australian Bicentennial Authority is proud to support Skill Olympics 88. We believe the skills being developed by today's young tradespeople are crucial to the future of Australia. Skill Olympics provides both a forum for young people to show their skills and an incentive to strive for individual and national excellence.'

**— Jim Kirk AO,
Chairman of The Australian
Bicentennial Authority**

Skill Olympics is the first event to be housed in the Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour.



'Australia needs skills – Young Australian Workers have already shown their desire to improve their standards and status in the work place by being involved in their thousands in regional Work Skill competitions leading to the Skill Olympics.'

**— Simon Crean
President of A.C.T.U.**

You're Invited

Admission to the Skill Olympics 88 is free. Beginning on Thursday February 18 and running for four days to an exciting finish on Sunday February 21, every day is packed with activity as the young competitors work on their projects.

Feb 14–16 Second World Congress on Vocational Training.

Feb 17 Opening Ceremony of SKILL OLYMPICS 88. In the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke and the Premier of NSW, Mr Barrie Unsworth, Work Skill Australia will stage an entertainment spectacular featuring John Williamson, Richard Wilkins, the Marching Koalas and 500 young stars – courtesy the NSW Dept of Education. Sydney Entertainment Centre – 7.30 pm.

Feb 18–21 SKILL OLYMPICS 88 – Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre. Open to the public
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
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A Brick In Time

Waiting for Glenn Brasen at Sydney Airport on his return home from his first trip overseas were a group of people brandishing a house brick.

Glenn broke into a characteristic broad grin when he saw the brick, suitably painted gold, which was presented to him as a memento of the 900 bricks he had laid in Osaka Japan, to win Australia's first gold medal on only the second occasion that Australia has participated in the highly competitive Skill Olympics.

With a total of six medals, Australia placed fourth or better in 10 of the 18 categories we competed in. On aggregate marks, we placed equal fifth in the overall competition. It's on the basis of these results two years ago, that Australia has built its third challenge for the 29th Skill Olympics to be held in Sydney this week.

Organiser of Skill Olympics 88 is the Work Skill Australia Foundation, a non-profit body, funded by industry and government and backed by trade union support to promote the status and standards of industry work skills.

Foundation Executive Director, Jack Dusseldorp describes Australia's preparation for the 29th Skill Olympics as being like a mountain-climbing expedition, "A few make it to the top, but only because of the long lines of support stretching up from the base".

"The 34 young Australians in our 1988 team are the result of a coordinated grassroots effort that is already being prepared for the next Skill Olympics to be held in England," he said.

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

Work Skill's regional competitions are setting demanding new standards of performance that your people are able to test themselves against. According to Jack Dusseldorp over 4500 young tradespeople participated in Work Skill's third round of competition leading up to these Skill Olympics. "Work Skill is in fact a voluntary testing service which so far has provided over 8000 young tradespeople with the chance to find out how they rate and help identify their strengths and weaknesses," he said.

Regional winners go on to contest a national finals which determines the team to represent Australia in the Skill Olympics which are held in a different member country every two years.



Over medallist Stephen Clark, Industrial Wiring; Gold Medallist, Glenn Brasen, Bricklaying; Chairman of the WSA Foundation, Mr John Ducker; Bronze Medallist, Carolyn Ruddy, Cookery.

INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND TRADE UNION SUPPORT

So why have companies donated cash, equipment and materials amounting to millions of dollars to back Work Skill around Australia? And why have hundreds of TAFE teachers, industry trainers and apprentices willingly given their time to help organise Skill Olympics 88?

The answer says Dusseldorp relates to the nature of the Work Skill program which has been built up over the past six years. "What we've done is come up with a practical way of harnessing the frustration, talent and aspirations of growing numbers of ordinary people who want Australian industry to kick-on, and who believe improving our training efforts is a way to do it."

Although work skill contests probably go as far back in our history as sporting events, it's taken Work Skill Australia to develop a fast growing competition structure which now covers some 45 occupational skills ranging from bricklaying through to computer machining.

RAISING STANDARDS AND STATUS

According to Jack Dusseldorp it's the competitors who have the most organised approach to their work who shine through. "If there's one weakness we have seen in the work of thousands of young apprentices across Australia, it's the lack of job planning skills."

"It's almost as though planning is seen as a waste of time rather than the key to delivering the goods," he said.

Another widespread deficiency observed in the Work Skill Australia competitions, especially in the metal trades, is the repeated failure to achieve the accuracy required. Close enough isn't good enough. A particular piece or item is either within tolerance or it receives no

marks. These demanding standards are reflected in Australia's performance in the two previous Olympic competitions, in which we have participated.

Our strengths lie with the building and service industry skills, while we trail in the metal and engineering trades as compared to Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Switzerland.

Jack Dusseldorp believes this relates to the decline in status of jobs associated with Australian manufacturing.

"We've had apprentices tell us they are ashamed to tell their girlfriends that they work in a factory for a living. And there's constant pressure on young people to concentrate their energies on the 'leisure' culture promoted so vigorously within our society. There's a greater challenge in performing in the surf and on the sportsfield than there is in performing on the job".

CHANGING ATTITUDES

Work Skill Australia is playing a part in turning these attitudes around. An encouraging sign is the fact that growing numbers of past competitors are continuing their involvement by joining the various organising committees and passing on their enthusiasm.

"We like to say Work Skill competitors are unique because there are no losers," concluded Dusseldorp.

Already Work Skill regional committees are recruiting competitors for the next round of competition which begins in Canberra in May and then continues across 30 regions in all parts of Australia in the leadup to the 1989 National, and then International competition. Any person in NSW interested in more information should contact their local committee or contact The Work Skill Foundation at: Suite 402, 1-12 Angel Place, Sydney 2000.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

If you want some more details about the next round of Work Skill Australia competitions please contact:

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The world's finest apprentices from 19 nations, plus members of the International Organisation for Promotion of Vocational Training (I.V.T.O.) and overseas technical experts are here for the first international event at the new Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre.

School children and parents are invited to come and see the world's best apprentices in action, at the Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, from 18th to 21st February, 1988.

For further information contact the Apprenticeship Directorate, NSW Department of Industrial Relations and Employment. Phone (02) 266 8811 or 266 8822.

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SPEAKING OUT - THE FUTURE IS AT STAKE

This year is a milestone for Work Skill Australia. By hosting the Skill Olympics, the organisation brings to fruition its first Five Year Plan that has highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of trade training practices. It has established tangible national standards of skill excellence.

The Second Five Year Plan is ready to begin, with aims that will achieve even more.

From February 14 to 16, immediately preceding the Skill Olympics, an international gathering of specialists in vocational training will take place in Sydney at the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel.

The Second World Congress on Vocational Training has the theme "Skills in industry - making our future work".

Congress chairperson and Principal at Sydney Technical College, Dr Sandra Humphrey, says both the Congress and the Olympics will attract many hundreds of people from overseas and focus attention on our young people's work skills.

The Congress provides a unique opportunity to explore the future of skill training. Over the three



Dr Sandra Humphrey: welcoming the world's work skill experts.

days, vocational training practitioners will meet their international counterparts and hear keynote addresses by leading experts.

What could be more fitting? By exchanging

practical experiences and ideas, it's a case of the experts improving their own work skills.

The young people of the Skill Olympics will approve.

'CIG has a strong commitment to training and developing young people and we see Work Skill Australia as playing a vital role in the community. The Skill Olympics 88 is exciting proof of the value of the work of the Foundation. We are very proud to be associated with and sponsoring Work Skill Australia.'

**- Gordon Scott
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Moving Into Overdrive

Devin Flor, Automotive Mechanics

When you find the conversation turning to diagnostics you might think you're in the company of doctors. Not so. Devin Flor of Mackay, Queensland, drops the term as easily as he'd tune up your car.

His category is 'Automotive Mechanics', one of the most revolutionary areas of the late 1980s. As Devin points out, these days there's as much technological theory in car repairs as dirty hands.

"The way projects are designed in the Skill

Olympics," he says, "there's not only an emphasis on speed of work, they also look for your skills and the quality of workmanship."

He is reluctant to identify where the hot competition will come from because so much depends on the nature of the project and the vehicles selected.

But he's convinced he has benefited from being in the Work Skill program.

"The best thing is that it lifts your standards. You have to try to perfect your skills to 100 per cent. You suddenly realise you've got to work hard to knock off the next bloke."

From Vietnam to Oz to French Cuisine

Muoi Trinh, Cookery

It's a far cry from her arrival here in 1980 as one of Vietnam's 'boat people' to representing her new country as our top young cook, but Muoi Trinh is modest about her achievement.

"I don't feel much of a pressure," she says, "cooking is a matter of fun for me."

Adopted by a Brisbane family, Muoi now lives in Sydney where she works in a major hotel.

The Skill Olympics are great for future



Muoi Trinh: cooking is fun.

references, she believes, and especially to set standards so that young people can measure themselves and their abilities against others.

The cookery competition is based on French cuisine, so it's not surprising that Muoi reckons the Swiss, French and German teams will be the hardest to beat.

French is her specialty too.

"I find Asian food boring," she says, "though I'm a little bit interested in Vietnamese cooking. What the judges really want to see is creation."



Devin Flor: aiming for 100%.

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Glenn Brasen won in 1985. In 1988, everyone wins.



In the 1985 Skill Olympics, Glenn Brasen won Australia's only gold medal – for bricklaying.

This year, although he is past competition age, Glenn is actively involved with Work Skill Australia in coaching and encouraging other young apprentices for the Olympics.

Yet, regardless of how many gold medals are won, with Work Skill Australia everyone wins.

The thousands of apprentices whose skills are honed and perfected through competition.

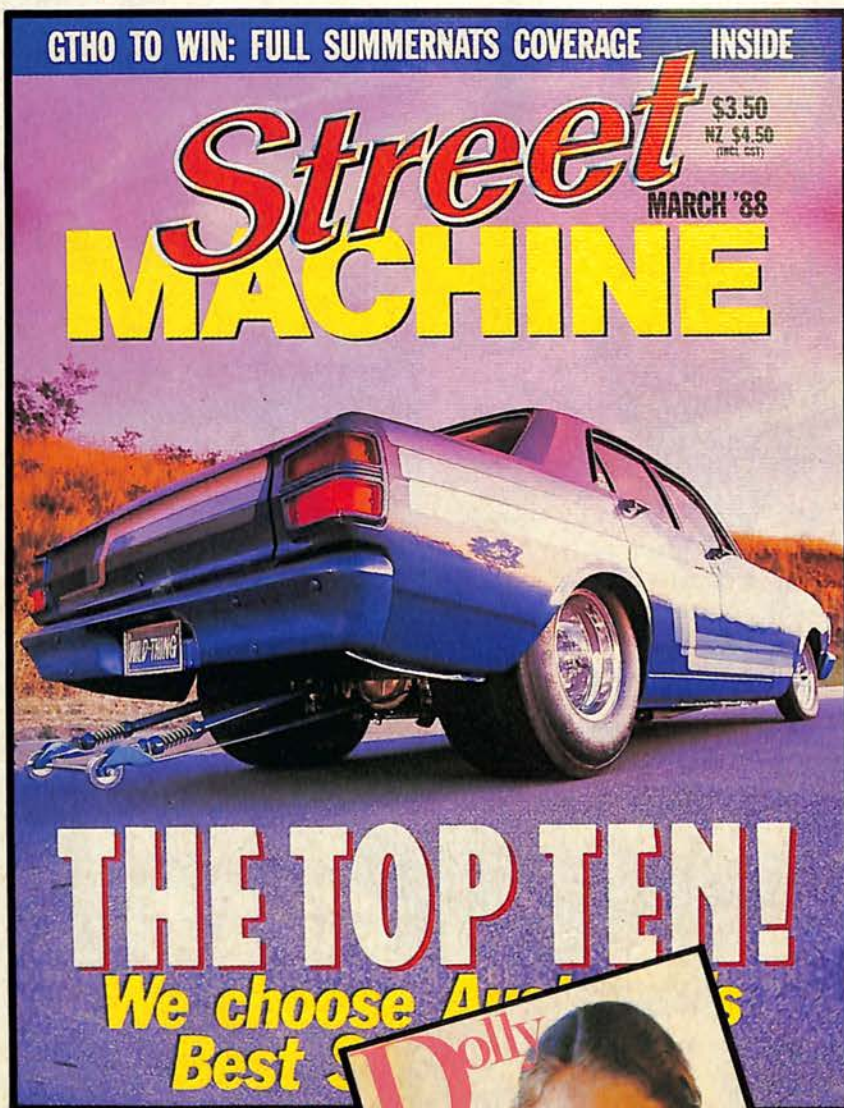
The industries which so desperately need those skills. And the people of Australia who ultimately profit from increased standards in the workplace.

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