



# Beauticians test skills

By Jason Wallace

EIGHT young women enjoyed more than five hours of pampering yesterday when apprentice and student beauticians tested their craft in the World Skills Beauty Care Competition at Mount Gambier's TAFE campus.

Contestants demonstrated their prowess at facials, waxing, manicures, make-up application and lash and brow treatments to impress the judges at the facility's hair and beauty studios.

"This is the first time the Beauty Care Competition has been held in Mount Gambier," WorldSkills beauty co-ordinator Mignon Harris said.

"The competition has been extremely well received and supported by local industry and is an excellent opportunity to showcase local talent."

Eleven other WorldSkills competitions have been held at the campus this year, including electrical and fitting and turning trades and business services, with a construction steelwork section still continuing.

A presentation night for all 12 competitions will be held on November 20 and some local winners will have the opportunity to represent the region at a national competition in Brisbane.

TAFE SA hair and beauty administration coordinator Michele Cranage said seven young women from Mount Gambier and one from Naracoorte took part in yesterday's hair and beauty competition, bringing their own models.

She said participants included apprentices and students who are completing qualifications in the hope of securing work.



□ Mount Gambier's Emma Larcombe, who works at Coco Body and Beauty, focuses on a facial to impress the judges yesterday at the WorldSkills Beauty Care Competition at the city's TAFE campus.

"It is a great experience for them all," she said.

"Once students have done one WorldSkills competition they tend to want to improve and re-enter."

Judges included TAFE SA lecturer Lorraine Stevens of Evolve Hair and Beauty, Linda Anderson of Murray T Martin Pharmacy Indulgence and mobile Mount Gambier make-up artist Andrea Rout.

WorldSkills Australia is a not-for-profit organisation providing young Australians aged 23 and under the opportunity to gain

new skills, compete against peers in their chosen trade and fast track their career development.

All Australian apprentices, trainees and VET students have the opportunity to compete and if eligible, medallists can compete on the international stage in the Skill Olympics.

"The WorldSkills competitions are a wonderful opportunity to highlight to the community at large the outstanding skills of the youth in the Limestone Coast," TAFE SA general manager Dr Ruth Schubert said.