



Gold strike for apprentice

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NOT many people can say they have won a gold medal.

However, that is something Leeton resident Josh Carn can say, as he recently won gold in the Riverina-Murray Regional Worldskills competition.

Mr Carn, who is a fourth-year electrical apprentice, took out the award in the electrical control category following the competition held in Leeton in August.

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

WorldSkills competitions challenge young people to achieve work skill excellence, with competitions currently being held throughout the Riverina and Murray area.

Mr Carn was pleased with the award.

"I didn't expect to win at all because I competed in the same category two years ago and I didn't even finish the project on the day," he said.

"I'm really glad I gave it another go, and because I



THAT'S GOLD: Fourth-year apprentice Josh Carn recently took out gold in the Riverina-Murray Regional Worldskills competition in the electrical control category.

knew what I was in for, that helped me out a bit.

"It is good for me to see where I stand alongside other apprentices and to prove that I can do it."

Other success at the regional finals were Leeton residents Mitchell Clark, who received silver in the electrical control category, and Nathan Hunter, who also won silver in the weld-

ing competition, and former St Francis College student Bryan Triaca who won silver in the turning competition.

Mr Carn will now travel to Brisbane for the national competition in May next year.

"I'm pretty excited about it, but a bit nervous as well," he said.

"It will be a good opportu-

nity for me to compare how I'm going as an apprentice with the other competitors.

"Hopefully I'll meet some new people and make some good contacts in the industry."

If Mr Carn takes out gold at the national competition he will then have the opportunity to compete at the world titles in London.