



Apprentices tested

IT was the chance for Gladstone region apprentices to put their skills to the test.

The WorldSkills Competition, which challenges apprentices and their skills, was held at the Gladstone TAFE campus across six categories including electrical control systems, electrical instrumentation systems, fitting, heavy vehicle mechanics, turning and welding.

Gladstone students were among the winners who will compete at the national titles in Brisbane next year.

A win in Brisbane could earn the apprentices a place on the Australian team at the international championships in London.

Fitting winner Lachlan Mason, a mechanical apprentice at Yarwun, said the pressure was on during the project.



TOP SKILLS: WorldSkills medallists (from back) Cian Fothergill, Joshua Rigney, Kayla Rua, Brandon Gillett, Brad Allen, Adam Jaenke, (front) Liam Organ, Christopher Faux, Ryan Bellert, Shaun Walker. Picture submitted

“We only had one-and-a-half weeks to train for the competition, so there was quite a bit of pressure on the day,” he said. “But our on-site apprentice adviser taught me all the

skills I needed to successfully complete my task.” Medallists included Joshua Rigney, Adam Jaenke, James Keen. Ryan Bellert, Lachlan Mason, Christopher Faux, Liam

Organ, Bradley Liddle, Sean Thomas, Brendan Morris, Cian Fothergill, Brendan Scanlan, Brandon Gillett, Josh Oram, Michael Zimmerlie and Lindsay Radel.