



## Kick starting young apprentices

Kyogle's Josh Harris, who won a bronze medal for welding at the Worldskills International competition in Canada earlier this year, has been showing off his skills in Canberra.

Politicians including Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard watched Josh wielding his oxy-torch when he took part in 'Try a Trade' on the lawns of Parliament House last Thursday.



**Josh Harris sparks up.**

The aim of the day was to promote the government's Kickstart Apprentices program that will more than triple the first-year bonus paid to employers who take on traditional trades apprentices this summer.

Around 400,000 Australians are already in apprenticeship schemes covering more than 500 occupations.

For further information on the apprenticeship Kickstart program visit [www.busyatwork.com.au/news/government-stimulus-kickstart-apprenticeships](http://www.busyatwork.com.au/news/government-stimulus-kickstart-apprenticeships).