



Ashley takes out gold with a silver creation

YOU are looking at a Queensland champion.

Twenty-two-year-old Ashley Naumann, a second-year apprentice at Maleny Jewellers, recently won a place to represent Australia at the next WorldSkills Olympics after his successful attempt at the regional competition.

Up against six others from the state, Ashley spent eight hours crafting a piece of jewellery according to a design given to all competitors, and was only allowed to make 0.2mm degree of error.

“They provided us with a design, showing four sides of an image, and we had to make an exact scale of the image on the paper,” Ashley said.

“We had to make it out of sterling silver, and it was really a test of our craftsmanship.

Although Ashley said it was exciting to win, now he’s focussed on the next step.

“I’m just putting in extra hours to practice the skills needed for the competition,” he said.



Apprentice jeweller Ashley Naumann with his handiwork.