



Silver medallist Kyle shows how

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CAMDEN'S Kyle Butler impressed Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard with his award-winning and finely tuned skills at Parliament House recently.

The young tradie, who won a silver medal in the manufacturing team challenge at the 40th WorldSkills International competition in September, was part of the recent "Try a Trade", inviting several MPs to don the overalls and hard hats.

The event aimed at promoting the Government's Kick-

start Apprentices program. While manoeuvring mortar on a trowel and learning how to generate power by a bike built by the manufacturing team, the MPs, who included Penny Wong and Greg Combet, also gained insights into new sustainability practices used in each of the trades as well as learning how these practices have affected the industry and the consumer.

The event was a first for WorldSkills Australia, which is a not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting youth in trade since 1981.



An impressive display: Kyle Butler leads from the front (centre) with (from left) fellow manufacturing team challenge silver medallist Andrew Arthur, Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, WorldSkills CEO Mark Callaghan and Senator Mark Arbib, who took part in the WorldSkills "Try a Trade" event at Parliament House.