



World-beating worker



ELECTRICIAN ANITA BOUGHEN proudly shows off her WorldSkills Games medal alongside Wayne Wendt.

ANITA Boughen's progression from fumbling apprentice to award-winning auto electrician has barely taken five years.

Succeeding in a male-dominated trade has come naturally for the 21-year-old, who this week took out the national title at the WorldSkills Games in Brisbane.

Ms Boughen qualified for the national competition after blitzing her peers at the regional level back in November.

She credited her boss of the past five years, Raceview-based auto electrician John Wellings, for helping her develop her skills.

"I started a school-based apprenticeship when I was in grade 12 and really enjoyed it, but I started off as most apprentices do – pretty average," she joked.

Ms Boughen is still unsure whether her win at the national level will result in her being able to compete at international level.

Regardless, she said she would continue to enjoy working in the Ipswich area.

Mr Wellings said that was fine by him.

"Female customers especially love the fact that I have a female tradie," he said.

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