

A good fit



▲ Members of the Skillaroos. Centre is John Rudge who won a silver medal in electrical.

THE 27 Skillaroos who represented Australia in the Worldskills International Competition in Japan demonstrated their skills in front of an audience of 200,000 as they competed against 48 countries.

These talented tradesmen and women found quality competition in plumbing, electrical, landscape gardening, metal team work, bricklaying and painting and decorating events.

To qualify to compete they had to have won a medal in the 2006 Worldskills regional and national competitions.

The quality of the competition has traditionally been fierce and, as any advantage is welcome, they were 'wrapped' to have Skillers Workwear and Flexi System as a sponsor, as their gear

was judged to be the most flexible and the quickest to use.

Having the right tool in the right spot can save important minutes and potentially hours over the competition. One team leader stated his Skillaroos knocked an hour off their overall time.

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Australian invention wins Asian Innovation Award

DEAN Cameron, the inventor and MD of Biolytix Water, was presented with the Asian Innovation Award in Singapore recently.

The award, which is sponsored by The Wall Street Journal (Asia), is open to companies in the Asia-Pacific region that "create new technologies that improve our quality of life". The Biolytix Sewage Treatment System, which beat all other technologies including IBM and Shell, uses 90 per cent less energy than conventional sewage systems, and has the potential to massively reduce greenhouse gases globally.

After 12 years of studying and mimicking nature (the science of Biomimicry), Cameron designed the Biolytix, which is cleverly powered by nature, not electricity. The system emulates the genius of nature to harness the energy stored in sewage, including toilet paper, to nourish the organisms that convert the sewage into clean water.

Being modular it can be used by households individually, or scaled up for commercial use, or linked for neighbourhoods in a Biowater Scheme. □