



June 2015.

Jane Roberts awarded overseas travel scholarship from the foundation.

Winning a New Zealand Craftsman Training Foundation (NZCTF) overseas training award is exciting news for Jane Roberts.

Jane works for the Department of Conservation (DOC) as a National technical adviser for recreation, based in Rotorua (Jane has worked for DOC in various recreation

planner roles for the last 5 ½ years). Jane is actively involved in providing advice and support around mountain biking to the Department and others in the wider outdoor recreation, tourism and mountain biking industries across New Zealand.

Jane sees this as a great opportunity to travel to and experience firsthand some of the world's best locations for mountain biking whilst exploring some of the key issues facing the industry.

In August for approximately 4 weeks Jane will be travelling to Portland Oregon, USA and will then continue to explore right up the coast into Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

The goal of Jane's trip will be to research

- some of the key issues facing the industry. Other organisations worldwide have already confronted some of the issues we are facing in New Zealand, so this is a chance to gain insight into how we might deal with them here;
- what has worked well and not so well in some of the world's best locations for mountain biking. This would enable Jane to bring back key learnings so that our industry can build from the foundation already established globally;
- how New Zealand can develop its own unique mountain bike opportunities so that we can compliment what is offered by others and provide a unique point of difference in a crowded and competitive industry worldwide;
- and to further her own understanding of the industry.

Jane will return to speak at our 51st AGM held in Hamilton in October.

What our past awardees are up to:

Michael continues to develop specialist skills within ABB New Zealand.

2009 saw Michael Hobbs travel to Malaysia and Australia to gain further understanding of power plants and high voltage electrical testing equipment and was involved in a major power plant refurbishment.



In the photo, Michael has his computer hooked up to a data logger which allows him to install monitoring devices on the generator plant and then record their output signals as they run the generator through different load situations and various other tests.

Beside Michael is the mechanical governor (controls and maintains the speed of the machine) which used to be adjusted by the operator once upon a time, but now is controlled by a computer via a small electric motor.

Michael doing some commissioning testing at Aratiatia Power Station.

New Zealand Craftsman Training Foundation holding its 51st AGM to be held at "The Narrows Landing" in Hamilton. October 10th & 11th 2015

<http://www.thenarrowslanding.co.nz/accommodation-luxury-hamilton-m>

We have made a block booking at The Narrows for the weekend, however accommodation is limited, but just down the road is the airport Motel, and we are only 10 minutes from the city.

Registration on Face book. www.Facebook.com/nzctf



A message from your chairman.

Ever since my own overseas scholarship some 30 years ago I would say our award recipients have found overseas training trip to be hugely beneficial to their trade careers by providing them with the skills and experiences that they wouldn't otherwise have had.

Nominations Open for 2016 Overseas Training Award

The New Zealand Craftsman Training Foundation (NZCTF) will be awarding another Overseas Training Award next year and is looking for a young trades-person eager to advance their careers.

If you know someone suitable, with a positive attitude and a strong desire to learn – then please encourage them to apply.

This year the awards are open to all trades and applications will be accepted until the end of May 2016.

The NZCTF has been assisting young trades-people advance their careers for over 50 years by offering industry-focused travel awards which enable them to gain overseas industry skills and experience without leaving their jobs in New Zealand.

The long-standing NZCTF Overseas Training Awards were modified in 2008 to help New Zealand employers train, retain and develop good staff with a short-term overseas training placement that will have them back at work in New Zealand in only four to eight weeks.

Each Award is custom-designed with the employer to benefit the company and the trainee. Travel and some specified accommodation grants are included.

You can find out more about the award and how to apply by visiting www.craftsmantraining.co.nz



Congratulations to the craftsman training foundation for 50 years of scholarships.
You can visit our website at www.convex.co.nz

World Skills Oceania 2015 - a Huge Success!

Held at the Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) from 13-17 April, the Inaugural World Skills Oceania Competition had 101 competitors from 7 Countries competing in 30 skills for up to 22 hours of intense practical competition.



The New Zealand team came away from the competition with 8 Gold Medals, 8 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze Medals, *Well done New Zealand!*

All of this happened in our own backyard, and it was with the dedicated efforts of John Fraser that world skills is as strong as it is.

We have a long list of New Zealanders having competed in the world skills competitions since 1979.

“Gold” Results for the New Zealand Team.

- **Chris Robertson**, Aircraft Maintenance - employed by NZ Defence Force
- **David Fox**, Auto body Repair - Employed by Wade Collision Repair, Hamilton
- **Jeff Sutton**, Automobile Technology - employed by Claas Harvest Centre, Invercargill
- **Luke Tahurangi** - Car Painting - employed by Larsens Panel and Paint, Wainuiomata
- **Jacklin Pillay** - Cooking - employed by Urban Soul Cafe, Manukau
- **Cameron Shailer** - Electrical Installations - employed by ETCO and based in Rotorua
- **Adam de Pass** - Plumbing and Heating - employed by Jackson Plumbing Ltd, Invercargill
- **Michael Benson** - Sheet Metal Technology - employed by Stainless Design, Hamilton

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