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Image: Nathan McHugh, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Skillaroo
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WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA TEAM EXCEL AT THE 'TRADIE OLYMPICS'

WorldSkills Australia Gold Sponsor, Heatcraft Australia congratulates WorldSkills Australia Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Skillaroo, Nathan McHugh on his Medallion of Excellence at the 44th WorldSkills International competition in Abu Dhabi.

The outstanding performances of the 2017 'Skillaroos' and their experts have propelled WorldSkills Australia into the top 10 skill nations in the world.

The final medal tally from the International 4 day event included 2 Silver Medals in the Carpentry & Industrial Mechanic Millwright categories, 2 Bronze Medals in the Bricklaying & Beauty Therapy categories and 11 Medallions of Excellence, of which Nathan McHugh was awarded one for his individual performance in the Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Category. The Medallion of Excellence is awarded to those competitors who achieve above-average scores in their contest areas.

Nathan McHugh is employed in the family business DTM Air Services, located in Brisbane and attends TAFE Queensland SkillsTech. Nathan followed his father's footsteps into his trade, spending countless hours as a kid watching his dad work. He recently started a second apprenticeship to become dual qualified in Refrigeration and Airconditioning and Electrical.

WorldSkills Australia selected a team of 43 Australian trades people and their mentors in July to represent their country at the international competition that comprised 3000 participants including competitors, experts and officials, from 77 countries competing in 51 skills.

WorldSkills Australia Chief Executive Officer Brett Judd said that the individual performances of every team member were commendable which ultimately contributed to an outstanding and extremely pleasing overall team result.

"We saw amazing performances from our Australian team with 14 of the 17 finishing in the top 10 and receiving the coveted Medallion of Excellence. This is of course topped off with 4 exceptional medal



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performances, ensuring Australia continues to build our reputation on the international stage,” Judd said from Abu Dhabi.

“These 18 young, talented individuals prepared themselves to compete against the best the world has to offer with great professionalism and commitment to their respective skills and the results we achieved collectively were testament to that preparation and everyone associated with the are incredibly proud.

For more information on WorldSkills Australia, visit <https://www.worldskills.org.au/>.

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