

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

10 November 2021

JAYDEN JENNINGS - WORLDSKILLS CHAMPION

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

Recently some of our home-grown, best of the best, talented young tradespeople were on show. The WorldSkills competition is a high-profile event, promoting Australia's skills excellence nationally and internationally.

The opportunity to compete is open to all Australian apprentices, trainees and vocational education and training students.

My brother Steve Hornery was heavily involved in the WorldSkills competition.

For over 28 years he held a variety of roles, including those of regional and national competition judge, category convenor, International Expert and Chief Expert and TAFE NSW WorldSkills Manager.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions and a lengthy delay, the competition was able to held this year in Perth.

Jayden Jennings was awarded the gold medal in the bricklaying competition, beating competitors from NSW, Victoria, WA, Queensland and Tasmania.

He is a proud Wiradjuri man and at the age of 21, runs his own business and recently built his first home. He is a great ambassador for his trade and someone I know Steve would have been proud of.

Congratulations Jayden on your win and I hope you get to ply your trade in China at the International Competition.