Australian Competitors for UA Skills Competition Announced

The Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) and the Plumbing and Pipe Trade Employees Union (PPTEU) are pleased to announce that selections have been finalised for the Australian representatives to compete in the 2016 United Association’s International Apprentice Skills Competition, held in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The candidates representing Australia are Aaron Bridger, who will compete in the Plumbing Competition and Brad MacKenzie who will compete in Sprinkler Fitting.

Both Aaron and Brad competed in the World Plumbing Day Apprentice Skills Competition, held at PICAC in Brunswick and showed excellent technical ability. Aaron placed first in the 2015 competition and Brad placed second in the 2016 competition in their respective fields.

In addition to showing outstanding technical skills, the nominees were required to undergo an interview process in which they were required to present to a panel of expert judges. During this process, the nominees were judges on a range of criteria including, but not limited to; Attitude; Depth of character; Industry commitment and understanding; Problem solving; Community involvement/contribution; and Communication skills.

Both Aaron and Brad prepared impressive presentations and showcased a high level of competency across the selection criteria.

The two competitors will now fly to Michigan in August to compete in a gruelling 5 day contest against the best apprentices from their respective fields from the United States, Canada and Ireland.

PICAC and the PPTEU would like to congratulate Aaron and Brad for their outstanding performances so far and wish them the best of luck in the upcoming competition. There is no doubt that they will be wonderful Ambassadors for PICAC, the plumbing industry and Australia.