

Local News

James tops trade skills award

Local carpenter James Lewry, of Guildford, has earned a reputation for excellence.

So much so that the 25-year-old was recently awarded the Labor Council Award for Excellence in Trade Skills by NSW Education and Training Minister, John Aquilina.

He was selected for the award from more than 42,000 apprentices in training in NSW.

James was also one of five finalists for the prestigious Apprentice of the Year Award.

Chosen for achieving excellence in his carpentry and joinery apprenticeship, he completed his training with the Housing Industry Association and Granville TAFE.

According to James, carpentry was an obvious career choice for him.

"I like seeing the results of putting things together and making something tangible," he said.

South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE Acting Director, Tony Brady, congratulated James on



Executive Officer Mark Lennon (left) recently presented Guildford's James Lewry with the Labor Council Award for Excellence in Trade Skills.

winning the award.

"This award is a magnificent achievement for James and a tribute to the teaching staff at Granville TAFE," he said.

"Awards such as this contribute to building a tradition of excellence in this institute and in promoting the achievements of students in the south west to industry and their wider community."

James' outstanding per-

formance has been honoured with a number of awards including the Housing Industry Association Apprentice of the Year 1997-98, Western Sydney Regional Apprentice of the Year (Carpentry and Joinery) and a Blacktown Rotary Award.

After a successful trade apprenticeship, James is currently completing further carpentry qualifica-

tions at Granville TAFE and is now employed by Contract Constructions in Chatswood.

Applications are now open for some high demand courses commencing in February 1999.

For more information about the range of courses on offer at Granville TAFE, telephone the Course Information Officer on 9682 0437.