

## On stage at the Pride In Print Awards



The six Apprentice of the Year finalists, with their employers, nervously await the announcement of the 2007 Apprentice of the Year.



PrintNZ Training Chief Executive, Joan Grace, comments on the extremely high calibre of the six Apprentice of the Year finalists.



Richard Hughes receives the Apprentice of the Year trophy from Clem Jarvis of Agfa, one of the three Award sponsors.

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## APPRENTICE AWARDS



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Richard with his employer and the Apprentice of the Year Award sponsors. From left: Ross Gilberthorpe (Kodak), Adam Kerse (APN Print - Wanganui), Richard Hughes (APN Print - Wanganui), Richard Hislop (BJ Ball Papers) and Clem Jarvis (Agfa).

### Reel-fed printer scoops Apprentice of the Year Award

Hearing his name announced as PrintNZ Training Apprentice of the Year came as a complete surprise to Richard Hughes of APN Print - Wanganui.

"It was unbelievable when I heard my name called out," says Richard. "The terms 'gobsmacked', 'elated' and 'over the moon' don't really sum it all up!"

Richard was one of six Apprentice of the Year finalists on stage at the Pride In Print Awards at Sky City Auckland on 16 May.

Upon accepting his trophy Richard thanked his employer Adam Kerse and his workmates at APN Print, his partner, family and the PrintNZ Training team for their support throughout his apprenticeship. He also paid tribute to the efforts of his fellow Apprentice of the Year finalists.

Richard was in the running for the Apprentice of the Year Award after winning top Reel-fed apprentice for 2007.

The Apprentice of the Year Award is proudly sponsored by:



## Branch Award Winners



**Orlando Akaata**  
 GEON Wellington  
**Binding & Finishing Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by the Print Finishers Association  
 PFA President, John Jenkins, congratulates Orlando Akaata and GEON Wellington Factory Manager, Tom Jennings.



**Richard Hughes**  
 APN Print, Wanganui  
**Reel-fed Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by the Newspaper Publishers Association of New Zealand Inc.  
 NPA representative Dan Blackburn with Richard Hughes and APN Print Wanganui Plant Manager, Adam Kerse.



**Vishal Maisuria**  
 Sealed Air (NZ), Porirua  
**National Certificate Trainee Award**  
 Award sponsored by the Engineering, Printing & Manufacturing Union.  
 Vishal Maisuria receives his National Certificate Trainee Award from EPMU representative, Paul Tolich.



**Brendon Evans**  
 Sealed Air (NZ), Hamilton  
**Digital Processes for Print Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by Natcoll Design Technology  
 Brendon Evans with Sue Allard, Natcoll Design Technology Christchurch Campus Principal.



**Martin Wilson**  
 Tecpak Industries Ltd, Dunedin  
**Screen/Dry Offset Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by Blue Print Imaging Ltd  
 Martin Wilson with Tecpak Industries representative, Linda Grant.



**GAPF Scholarship**  
 GAPF representative Bill Ashworth presents Brendon Evans with the GAPF Scholarship.



**Brent Martin**  
 Ryco Dies Ltd, Auckland  
**Paperboard Packaging Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by the New Zealand Paperboard Packaging Association  
 NZPPA President Jack Hayward with Brent Martin and Ryco Dies Ltd Manager, Brent Singer.



**Kieran Dale**  
 Logick Print & Graphics Ltd, Auckland  
**Sheet-fed Apprentice Award**  
 Award sponsored by PrintNZ  
 Logick Print & Graphics Manager, Dave Gick with Kieran Dale and PrintNZ President, Warren Leslie.



**Jenkins Award**  
 Jenkins Group representative, Trevor Bowles, presents Richard Hughes with the Jenkins Group Award.

## Apprentice Awards Breakfast

This year's Apprentice Awards Breakfast was held at the Sky City Convention Centre in Auckland on 16 May. Over 80 attendees celebrated the achievements of the award winners and wished them all the best for their future endeavours within the print industry.

Guest speakers at the breakfast were Kieran Dale, 2007 WorldSkills bronze medal winner, and Grant Letfus, WorldSkills judge. Kieran was the first Kiwi sheet-fed printer to participate in the international trades competition and shared his experiences of training and competing at WorldSkills in Japan.



Kieran Dale and Grant Letfus were guest speakers at the Apprentice Awards Breakfast.

The Apprentice Award winners were then presented with their awards from PrintNZ Training Chief Executive, Joan Grace, and PrintNZ Training Board Chairman, Graham Fear.

The National Certificate Trainee Award was presented to Vishal Maisuria, from Sealed Air (NZ) in Porirua. The National Certificate Award recognises excellence in the completion of a National Certificate (Production Support) training programme.

The Jenkins Group Award was presented to the top Reel-fed apprentice, Richard Hughes, of APN Print - Wanganui. The Graphic Arts Pre-Press Federation (GAPF) scholarship was presented to the top Digital Processes for Print apprentice, Brendon Evans, of Sealed Air (NZ) in Hamilton. The scholarship provides Brendon with up to \$2000 for professional development study/activities in the Graphic Pre-Press and wider printing industry.

The Apprentice of the Year finalists then faced a long day of anticipation as they waited to hear the announcement of the top apprentice live on stage at the Pride In Print Awards that evening. On 15 May the finalists had attended an interview for the Apprentice of the Year Award.

PrintNZ Training would like to thank each award sponsor for their generous support.