



Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia

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Auto Parts Recyclers Celebrate 25 Years of Quality!

The Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia (APRAA) has celebrated its 25 year anniversary, first incorporated on 13 November 1982. Several key activities took place in Adelaide recently as part of APRAA's industry celebrations during National Recycling Week.

An APRAA Executive Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held all day Friday 16 November at the Motor Trade Association of South Australia (MTA SA), with representatives from around the country. Mr. Kevin McAuliffe (a MTA WA member) is the APRAA Chairman. Mr. McAuliffe noted "The key issues discussed at the meeting included APRAA's Strategic Plan and the importance of the APRAA Accreditation Program, with members to be independently audited by the National Parts Code."

The AGM was followed by the APRAA 25 Year Anniversary Dinner, attended by enthusiastic auto parts recyclers from every state along with partners, sponsors and officials. The guests were welcomed by Mr. John Chapman (Executive Director MTA SA), with Mr. Peter Barrows (MTA SA Recycler Division Chairman) as the Master of Ceremonies. International guests included representatives from the Malaysian auto recyclers association (MAARA), as well as suppliers from UK and NZ. A great night was had by all with highlights being the historical display of APRAA's 25 years of activity representing the industry; major sponsors' messages from Autotex P/L and Capricorn Society; cutting of the cake; and an Ali G impersonator!

A bus tour took place on Saturday 17 November, visiting four quality auto parts recycling businesses in Adelaide, comprising:

- * Oriental 4WD and Commercials
- * U-Pull-It
- * Paradise Auto Recyclers
- * Just Commodore Spares

Each business show-cased a highly successful operation across a diverse business model range, from small to large, from full retail service to self service (pick-a-part) operation. Many of the delegates were impressed with the business efficiency, high quality presentation and environmental compliance of the sites; some delegates marvelled that dismantling yards could have such beautiful sea views in the Adelaide metro coastal area. A further highlight of the day was the sponsor trade exhibition and luncheon held at Paradise Auto Recyclers, which allowed for good product discussions and networking in an enjoyable environment.

The bus tour ended with a most enjoyable social dinner on the Saturday night, along with a relaxing breakfast on the Sunday morning, both held in the attractive Glenelg beach tourist precinct.

"Members are now looking forward to the APRAA 2008 Conference and Trade Show to be held in Coffs Harbour NSW, 6-8 November 2008," said Mr. Bob Carle. Mr. Carle (a MTA NSW member) is the APRAA 2008 Conference Chairman. "Our major event for next year will also include the Automotive Recyclers 2008 International Round Table (IRT) Meeting 9-10 November 2008," added Mr. Carle. For more details about the APRAA 2008 Conference refer to the APRAA website www.apraa.com or call Mr. Carle on phone 02 6655 6555.

For more information about the quality auto recycling industry or to contact a legitimate auto parts recycler, contact your local state motor trade association / automobile chamber of commerce or refer to the APRAA website (www.apraa.com) for APRAA Accredited Members. APRAA is an Affiliated Trade Association of the Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA).

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