

## APRAA's Commitment to the Environment:

Since its establishment in 1982, APRAA has made environmental issues a major priority, encouraging and promoting improved environmental practices throughout the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry. Some of APRAA's recent environmental activities have included:

- Promoting the value of using recycled auto parts, as re-use is the purest form of recycling
- Supporting key industry awards to promote and recognize environmental best practice i.e. the Frank Nicastrì memorial Award, issued biennially to the 'Most Environmentally Aware Auto Recycler' within the APRAA membership. In addition, APRAA promotes a Business Quality Awards Program, incorporating environmental requirements.
- Producing an Environmental Management Procedures and Guidelines manual
- For some years now, APRAA has been promoting the APRAA Children's Colouring Book, which showcases the dismantling and recycling processes.
- Developing the APRAA National Accreditation Program, a voluntary program to encourage APRAA members to improve their quality and environmental practices. The APRAA Accreditation Member Listings are circulated throughout the motor service and smash repair industry, and to insurance assessors.
- Working jointly with Holden and Greenfleet to produce an Auto Parts Recycling Guidelines booklet
- Joining the Australian Greenhouse program as an industry member to promote the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Refer [www.greenhouse.gov.au/challenge](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/challenge)
- Working with the Department of Environment & Heritage (DEH) to support the research of the environmental impacts of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs). For more information visit their website and read their Information Paper: 'Environmental Impact of ELVs'. Refer [www.deh.gov.au](http://www.deh.gov.au). APRAA's 2002 Conference in New Zealand was largely themed on the global challenges of dealing with ELVs, with delegates and speakers from Japan, Europe, USA, NZ and Australia. There are an estimated 500,000 ELVs generated each year in Australia.
- Working with Environment Australia via a grant to develop specific industry related material to promote more effective collection and recycling of Waste Oil in the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry. Booklets were mailed nationally throughout the industry to members and non-members in November 2003.
- Since 2002 APRAA has been working closely with the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council to progress the development of a Code of Practice for the parts recycling industry. The National Parts Code for auto parts recyclers was established in 2004. Refer [www.partscode.com.au](http://www.partscode.com.au)
- APRAA has developed a relationship with Planet Ark, promoting its National Recycling Week, held annually each November. As part of these discussions, APRAA member data has been loaded on to the Planet Ark [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au) website to assist the community dispose of ELVs in an environmentally friendly manner, via their nearest APRAA member.

The above activities demonstrate APRAA's genuine commitment to protecting the environment and promoting improved environmental best practices for our industry. Clearly APRAA is a strong "environmental" partner for any prospective arrangement.

