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Auto Recyclers Clean Up Australia!

Clean Up Australia Day takes place Sunday 7 March 2004.

"Auto Parts Recyclers are involved in cleaning up Australia every day," highlights Alan Marshall, Executive Officer for the Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia Inc (APRAA) *.

Auto Parts Recyclers play a major role in the efficient and environmentally sound processing of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) in the community. "Our members welcome ELVs, as they de-pollute them, dismantle the re-usable components (mechanical, interior, electrical and panels) for re-sale, and pass on the remaining vehicle shell to the metal recyclers for crushing and recycling of the materials. The safe and environmentally friendly recycling of cars, parts and materials is what APRAA members do, day-in, day-out. Unfortunately unwanted old vehicles and their pollutants can seriously damage the environment. It is therefore only natural that the industry would gladly support the Clean Up Australia Day programs," offered Alan.

"For more information ... refer www.cleanup.com.au or call 1800 024 890"

APRAA encourages its members to support the Clean Up Australia Day program by supporting or initiating local 'clean up' projects. Business Clean Up Day actually takes place Tuesday 2 March, prior to Clean Up Australia Day, 7 March. APRAA member businesses, quality auto parts recyclers throughout Australia, in line with the Clean Up Australia (CUA) business guidelines, are encouraged to identify an area near their business that needs to be cleaned up, to register the site and to actively promote and involve their staff, customers and suppliers to clean up the site on the day. For more information about supporting Clean Up Australia Day (for Business, Schools or the General Public), refer the Clean Up Australia website www.cleanup.com.au or call 1800 024 890.

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Clean Up Australia reports that in capital cities, two thirds of all waste going to landfill is from business. Most businesses are responsibly managing their waste disposal, however due to their waste volumes business has the greatest opportunity to join with the general community to further reduce waste, re-use resources and recycle materials," noted Alan.

Improving environmental industry practices is a major objective of APRAA. APRAA has developed a quality environmental Accreditation Program for its members; is working with Planet Ark to recycle waste products, especially End-of-Life Vehicles; has produced Waste Oil recycling guidelines and a suppliers booklet with the support of the Federal Government's Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH); is supporting a proposed industry-based, voluntary Code of Practice; has produced an auto parts recycling materials guideline booklet jointly with Holden and Greenfleet; and is a member of the Federal Government's Greenhouse Challenge program.

** The Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia Inc (APRAA) is the peak, national association for auto parts recyclers/dismantlers throughout Australia. Look for the APRAA logo, as evidence that you are dealing with a reputable, licensed operator, satisfying all the business and environmental compliance requirements.*

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On-Line Parts Locating "free service" - refer www.apraa.com

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ABOUT APRAA:

APRAA is the peak, national association for the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry (refer www.apraa.com). APRAA is an affiliate chapter of the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) based in the USA (www.autorecyc.org).

APRAA was the dream of a small but visionary group of auto recyclers who wanted to make a difference, to progress the auto industry from 'wreckers' to 'recyclers'. This key group set the foundations to harness an active and passionate industry, to achieve a recognised and respected national representation for auto parts recyclers/dismantlers throughout Australia. APRAA is currently working with the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council to progress a Code of Practice for auto recyclers.

More than 500,000 vehicles are retired from Australian roads each year. Recent reports by both the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council and the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage found that there are significant levels of pollution and criminal activity resulting from non-existent or inadequate controls on the illegitimate operators in the industry.

Overseas research has shown End-of-Life-Vehicle (ELV) contaminants that enter the environment include fluids such as oil, petrol, brake fluids, coolant etc as well as toxic heavy metals such as lead, hexavalent chromium, mercury, along with PCBs. While the metal fraction of ELVs is generally recovered by metal recyclers, at least 100,000 tonnes of waste from ELVs is generated annually, representing a substantial resource loss.

- For a copy of the Commonwealth Government's *Information Paper on the Environmental Impacts of End-of-Life Vehicles*, refer www.deh.gov.au .
- For a copy of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council's Proposal for a *Code of Practice for Dealers in Second Hand Auto Parts*, refer www.carsafe.com.au under the *Publications* section.
- To dispose of an unwanted ELV, access your nearest APRAA member via the *Planet Ark website* www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
- For details on the *APRAA Accreditation Program and Directory*, or for a copy of the *APRAA Waste Oil Management brochures* - refer the APRAA Website www.apraa.com .

For more information on APRAA, refer APRAA's website www.apraa.com, contact Alan Marshall at the APRAA National Office. Why not take a look at APRAA's On-Line Recycled Parts "free" Locating System at the same time.



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