



APRAA Newsletter



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APRAA National Conference- "Back to the Bush-Back to Basics!" Dubbo 2005



Well the Conference is over for another year, and for those of you who missed it, boy did you miss something special! For those members who were there, we hope that you were informed, entertained and found plenty of time to catch up with some new (and some not so new) mates! Thank you to Peter and Pam Scott and their team at Scott's Parts Plus and Lazy River Estate for their tireless work, support and generous hospitality.

We also acknowledge the support of our sponsors and trade show exhibitors.

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APRAA Accreditation



It has come to that time of year again for renewing your Accreditation with APRAA or establishing Accreditation. You will be receiving in the mail either a renewal invitation, or information and an invitation to join, within the next few weeks. Peter Barrows is the National Accreditation Chairman and

has worked vigorously on creating a fairer and more cost effective National Accreditation program. For more information on APRAA Accreditation, contact the National Secretariat on 03 9866 6933 or visit the website www.apraa.com

REMEMBER, only Accredited members can use the APRAA logo in advertising and on their shopfronts!

Inaugural APRAA Executive Committee Meeting

The first APRAA National committee meeting was held in Canberra on 7 November 2005. Kevin McAuliffe (Westwide Motor Wreckers, WA) was elected Chairman and Peter Barrows (Top Spot Auto Dismantlers, SA) Vice Chairman. Other members of the Committee include Gary McKendry (Gary Mac's Auto Parts, Vic), Bob Carle (Raleigh Auto Wreckers, NSW) and Jim Trobbiani (Atlas Auto Spares, NT). Congratulations to these members on taking up the challenge to lead us into the new age of APRAA!

Highlights from the meeting include:

- An agreement to review/develop in 2006 the following:
 - o apraa.com Parts Locator
 - o APRAA Accreditation Program
 - o an ELV policy
 - o a Recycled Parts policy
- A National communication focus via a regular Newsletter & State MTA magazines
- A presentation by Nick Koerbin from the National Parts Code
- Agreed support for the AATF in Sydney 23-26 June 2006
- Agreement to progress the APRAA 2006 Wallplanner

- The next meeting is scheduled for 11 May 2006 in Canberra.

For further information regarding this meeting, or to have an item included in the upcoming meeting, contact your State MTA Division Manager/Committee.

Industry Issues

NPC

For all members involved in the NPC, you should have now received your first annual fee letter. Make sure you pay early to receive the discounted fee.

SWO's

Nick Brill (MTA - NSW) and Ross Nicastrì (Franks Parts Plus, NSW) attended a meeting with RTA NSW and presented a report to the National Committee meeting. For further details contact your state MTA Division Manager/Chairman.

NSW StaySafe Committee Inquiry

Submissions were called for from any interested party for an enquiry into safety, and the NRMA Insurance and IAG Preferred Repairer Scheme. It was agreed that APRAA would prepare a submission to discuss the following points:

- Repairers quoting for repairs based on photographs rather than physical inspection
- Financial penalties if subsequent damage is detected which was not apparent in photographs, perhaps leading to cost cutting and unsafe repairs
- the use of second hand parts further compromising safety
- The NRMA and IAG employing unqualified smash repair assessors to photograph and administer repairs

Productivity Waste Enquiry

The Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage has called for an enquiry into waste and resource efficiency. The National Committee agreed that the APRAA National Secretariat should prepare a submission, in consultation with the MTAA.

Australian Automotive Trade Fair (AATF) June 23-26 2006 Sydney

APRAA is happy to support, and present to members the details for the AATF. The Trade Fair is to be held at the Sydney Exhibition & Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney. For further information regarding times or exhibitor information refer to the website: www.autotradefair.com.au

APRAA National Conference and Trade Show 2006



The decision has been made; the APRAA National Conference and Trade Show for 2006 will be held in Melbourne. The date is 10-12 November 2006 which is at the tail end of the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

The proposed agenda will be a yard tour on Friday followed by a two day speaker and trade show program. We will have the biennial Business Presentation/Quality Awards along with the Bob Scott and Frank Nicastrri Awards. Our hard working volunteers will also be recognised at the Saturday Night Awards Dinner.

On Friday night we will hold the famous Fundraising Auction. This is a fun night and half the monies raised are presented to the APRAA Scholarship Foundation.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the management of this valuable industry function, please contact the National Secretariat on 03 9866 6933 or e-mail info@apraa.com Assistance can be in any form. If you would like further information on sponsorship packages contact the National Secretariat.

So make sure that you put the dates in your diary for next year!

OAMPS Insurance Scheme

OAMPS Insurance Brokers are the accredited insurance providers to APRAA Members. OAMPS is experienced in providing specialist insurance advice to the Auto Parts Recyclers, with competitive rates and comprehensive cover. Contact OAMPS for all of your insurance needs, from workers' compensation to financial services. OAMPS can also assist with leasing or mortgage financing. Contact Ken Silvers or Tony Spall for more information on; 1800 240 432

OAMPS have negotiated a new set of rates exclusive to APRAA members and remember if you are an APRAA accredited member you get an even bigger discount!

ARA Convention

The ARA Convention is being held in Indianapolis from 27 - 30 September 2006. For information go to the ARA Website www.a-r-a.org

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