



# ATV NEWSLETTER

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## Who we are

ATV is the peak advisory body on all matters of training with statutory recognition under the Education & Training Reform Act 2006 to:

- Prepare quality training plans detailing industry requirements, the quality and types of training needed by industry and training arrangements (within national and State strategic framework)
- Promote training within the industry
- Liaise with or participate on national industry training advisory bodies
- Participate in accreditation and recognition processes

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## Current ATV Projects – Apprentice Retention Project

ATV is working with TAFE Institutes, Australian Apprenticeship Centres, employers and secondary schools in the Gippsland region to improve the rates of Apprentice retention. The Victorian Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Peter Hall, lent his support to the Project by opening a consultative meeting with automotive businesses in Traralgon last week.

The Project, funded by Skills Victoria, aims to reduce the drop-out rates of automotive apprentices by improving information and support to employers and apprentices during apprenticeship training.



## ATV Board changes

Tony Sanchez, previously Vice-Chair of the ATV Board has assumed the position of Chair following the recent resignation of Ms Raylene West.

An Executive Board member and Chair of VACC's Auto Electrical Division, Sanchez is pushing hard for greater coverage for electric and hybrid vehicles within the AUR 05 Automotive Training Package.



## New Chair for Alternative Fuels Board

Fred Jones, IAME's Tasmanian Operations Manager, has been appointed Chair of the Victorian Automotive Fuels Registration Board. AAFRB registers businesses involved in fitting and servicing LPG and CNG fuelled vehicles.



## **National News from Auto Skills Australia (ASA)**

As part of its establishment plans ASA has developed a number of strategic reports for DEEWR including a plan for its corporate governance structures and its key stakeholder engagement plans. ASA has also fleshed out the Continuous Improvement Plans for AUR05 and AUM08 and these are available from the ASA website.

Feedback on the establishment of ASA has been very positive especially from industry and industry associations. Additions to the Continuous Improvement Plans have been led by the industry stakeholders however further work will need to be undertaken to validate the Plans once the ASA training package development team is in place. One of the key principles of the ASA approach to qualifications design and review will be to encourage feedback from all stakeholders across the industry.

Current training package work-plans have a number of issues that need immediate attention including a focus on the Loss Assessors qualifications and the validation of units of competency for battery electric vehicles (BEVs). The review and validation of all qualifications across the automotive training packages will be undertaken on a priority basis in the coming months.

ASA has established a number of Industry Sector Advisory Committees to lead and prioritise the training package priorities and ASA will be calling for expressions of interest for individuals wishing to join these groups shortly.

## **Vehicle Loss Assessor Qualifications**

Auto Skills Australia (ASA) has re-started the project to rebuild a national Certificate IV qualification for vehicle Loss Assessors. The project, initiated in Sydney recently, began the process of building a robust qualification that reflects the actual job role found in industry.

ASA's Peter Miller led a group of key stakeholders in the evaluation of the current draft qualification structure. The workshop provided valuable insights into industry's need for the qualification including an understanding the qualification should assist in the career development of people already in the industry, as well as people looking to advance through a trade occupation into higher-level roles.

For more information visit the Auto Skills Australia website (<http://www.autoskillsaustralia.com.au/>).

## **Hybrids and Electric Vehicles – it's not just cars**

Trucking Magazine UK reports that following its release at the 2010 Hanover Show Mercedes Benz has been demonstrating its Hybrid Atego 12 tonne chassis.

The ATEGO uses a parallel hybrid drive system with the 160Kw 810 Nm diesel engine which operates in parallel with an electric motor. Using a 340 volt lithium-ion battery the electric motor puts out 44Kw with a torque rating of 420 Nm. The approximate cost is equivalent to around Aus \$140,000.

## ***The Australian Automotive Retail and Service Sector – it's BIG!!***

At the recent launch of the Australian Motor Industry Federation (AMIF), Executive Director, Richard Dudley, stated "the Australian Motor Industry Federation is important because the RS&R industry is the nation's largest small business industry sector representing 100,000 businesses, 310,000 employees and an aggregated turnover of \$160 billion per annum".

Additional figures released at the AMIF launch also highlighted the Victorian Automotive Industry has a \$41b+ turnover, generated by 24,600 businesses, 76,000+ employees servicing a vehicle fleet of 4.1 million vehicles.

## **And talking about figures**

Wayne Allan, ATV Board member representing the Department of Defence, advises that out of 1000 serving apprentices 37% are within the Heavy Vehicle stream.

## Achievements

Congratulations to Phil Kelly from Brown & Hurley Townsville, winner of the 2010 Kenworth Service Technician of the year and Dave Golchert from Brown & Hurley Darra, winner of the 2010 DAF Service Technician of the year.

## Training Record Books – a must!!!

The Automotive Industry has moved from a 'Time Served' to Competency Based Training for Automotive Apprentices. If you are a Trainer, Employer or Apprentice, you need to ensure you maintain a comprehensive record of training achievements.

ATV Training Record Books cover National Qualifications for the Automotive Repair, Service and Retail Training Package AUR05.

For more information about Training Record Books, go to:-

[http://www.atv.org.au/atv\\_content/atv\\_products\\_and\\_services/products/main.htm](http://www.atv.org.au/atv_content/atv_products_and_services/products/main.htm).



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