



# CARLINES

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## MOTOR INDUSTRY FOUNDATION DINNER & AWARDS

The Car Craft Group is a **GOLD** sponsor  
of this year's Vegas themed event

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The Car Craft Group is a Gold sponsor of this event and has booked 3 tables at the 2008 Motor Industry Foundation Dinner and Awards night. This is a black tie event to be held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre on 26 April.

The Foundation has a specific motor industry focus and seeks to make a difference in the community by raising funds for less fortunate Western Australians to assist with transport for those in critical need, providing employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged youth, giving assistance to accident

victims and looking for initiatives to reduce the road toll.

Guests will have a chance to win a Porsche Boxster by buying one of only 2500 tickets in the exclusive raffle run on the night. The door prize is a Business Class trip to Las Vegas and your ticket includes entry to the Perth Motor Show.

The Board will be inviting some special guests to the gala event so any Car Craft member that wishes to attend should contact Noelle or Dean as soon as possible as the places will fill fast

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# MITA APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

200 people attended the MITA Apprentice of the Year Awards held in February at Rendezvous Observation City. It was a great night with a mixture of young and not so young attending, including the apprentices, their partners and parents, employers and other industry participants. It was an interesting cross section and good to see so many people with a special interest in training.

MITA CEO Alex Brown told the guests that demand for trade skills was high, but applicant numbers were low and

will not meet demand. He welcomed the government's strategies to address the crisis and to promote trades as a career choice for school graduates.

Clinton Prime from Combined Smash Repairs was chosen as The Apprentice of the Year. He was very enthusiastic about his award and his chosen vocation which was great to see.

Several other body repair apprentices received awards including a Special Commendation for Aaron Mancini

from Gino's Car Craft and second placing in the Autobody Refinishing to Joshua Kealy also from Gino's Car Craft. Natalie McDonald from K & W Panelbeaters took third place.

Basil Scagliotta from Gino's obviously was very proud of his two apprentices.

A new award was sponsored by Wayne Phipps Car Craft for "Good Housekeeping" and was won by Steven Kenny from Truck Centre (WA), a third year apprentice in Automotive Mechanical (Heavy Vehicle).



2007 Apprentice of the Year Clinton Prime from Combined Smash Repairs receiving his award from Tony O'Gorman MLA, also pictured Terry William MITA Chairman (left) and Alex Brown CEO of MITA (right).



Joshua Kealy from Gino's Car Craft, runner up in Autobody Refinishing with Tony O'Gorman MLA



Aaron Mancini also from Gino's Car Craft received a Special Commendation from Siobhan Mulvey Executive Director of Vocational Education and Training



Steven Kenny from Truck Centre (WA) receives his Good Housekeeping award from Wayne Phipps from Wayne Phipps Car Craft

# WE'RE TRAINING WINNERS!!

## RAC Advantage Awards for Swan Tafe Apprentices

The RAC Advantage Awards for Swan Tafe Autobody Repair and Refinishing Apprentices was held on Tuesday, 1 April 2008. Mike McCarthy, CEO of RAC Insurance presented the awards to the promising group. Mike is pictured presenting the awards to each nominee;

Car Craft Group members employed several of the finalists including;

**Stage 2 Autobody Repair**  
Denis Hugill from Duracraft

**Stage 2 Autobody Refinishing**  
Sam Ray-Hills from McCarthy Car Craft

**Stage 3 Autobody Repair**  
Kane Gill from T&R Prestige Accident Repairs

**Stage 3 Autobody Refinishing**  
Dennis De Florenca from West Perth Panel & Paint.



Winner of the Apprentice of the year Award for Autobody Repair went to Robert Lambert (above) from Jandakot Truck & Car Craft, pictured receiving the award from Mike McCarthy (RAC).



Kane Gill (top) from T&R Prestige Accident Repairs & Dennis De Florenca (above) from West Perth Panel & Paint were finalists in their category.

Finalists Denis Hugill from Duracraft Car Craft (top) and Sam Ray-Hills (above) from McCarthy Car Craft receiving their award from Mike McCarthy.



Vince, John and Angelo (left to right above) - the Gandossi brothers from Terrace Smash Repairs have sold their business and are retiring. This ends a long involvement of almost 40 years in the body repair industry by the brothers and they were honoured at the awards night for their commitment to the industry and support of apprenticeship training.

Colin and Michelle Sampson have taken over from the Gandossi brothers and in a great start in the business, their apprentice, Mitchell Franks was voted Apprentice of the Year for Autobody Refinishing.

Congratulations to all the apprentices and their employers.

Car Craft Group employers of the finalists were also acknowledged for their commitment to ongoing training.



Carl Francesca from West Perth Panel & Paint



Russell Smith from T&R Prestige Smash Repairs



Adam Fallows from Jandkot Truck & Car Craft

# ARE YOU READY FOR LICENSING?

Certification of individual repairers began in March 2007 and motor vehicle business licensing will commence in April 2008.

However, before a business can be licensed it is required to employ a certified (qualified) repairer to supervise repairs in the workshop. It seems that there will be a last minute rush of people seeking a Repairer's Certificate as only 1000 individual repairers have been certified as at February 2008. This is a large shortfall considering there are around 7000 motor vehicle repair businesses in WA, all of whom require at least one certified repairer supervising repair work to become licensed.

The Motor Vehicle Industry Board is currently finalising the system for businesses to become licensed. To hold a business licence the repairer or business must meet criteria determined by the Regulations under the Motor Vehicle Repairers Act 2003.

Consumer Protection is encouraging businesses to apply for their licences as soon as possible after April 1. Shortly after that they will launch an advertising campaign to promote the scheme and consumers will be encouraged to use a licensed repairer. So at least in the early stages being licensed will be a marketing advantage.

I trust that all Car Craft Group members would have already completed the first step in the process – i.e. obtaining a Repairer's Certificate, if not you should do so as soon as possible.

More information can be obtained from the Licensing Advice Line on 9282 4338 or visit [www.docep.wa.gov.au](http://www.docep.wa.gov.au).



Car Craft board member and Netball Stalwart Viv Ellis

## CAR CRAFT LOCAL HERO

Those of you who know her would have to agree that Viv Ellis calls it as she sees it and is not easily intimidated. These traits have stood her in good stead during 40 years of umpiring netball.

Viv says netball is a fast, skilful non contact sport that players of all ages can enjoy. She played netball for over 30 years and also coached for 10 years. During these years she played competitive Super League netball for over ten years, umpired Super League for 20 years as well as umpiring at a national level for over 10 years.

Now at the pinnacle of her career Viv is an International Indoor Netball umpire and has represented Australia in two International Test Series in 2006, has recently returned from an International Tri Series in December 2007 in South Africa in which Australia, England and South Africa competed and she will be representing Australia again in June this year at the World Cup to be held in Queensland in June 2008.

Viv says that netball has given her wonderful opportunities to meet people from all the other States of Australia and from around the world. She is very proud of fulfilling her ambition of representing Australia as an International Indoor Netball Umpire and is looking forward to a few more years at this top level in her chosen sport.

All of this as well as running Meltham Motors with her husband Bruce. She is also a new member of the Board of the Car Craft Group.

Viv is a Car Craft champion!