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VACC: Finalist for the Victorian Training Awards 2013

VACC has been named a finalist in the 2013 Victorian Training Awards. VACC Auto Apprenticeships has been recognised for its partnership with the Victorian Holden Dealers Network and Kangan Institute. The winner of the Victorian Industry Collaboration Award will be announced at the Victorian Training Awards on Friday 6 September.

VACC has been a Group Training Organisation since 1983 and during the last 30 years, more than 2,700 automotive apprentices have qualified through the program. VACC is the largest employer of auto apprentices in Victoria, with more than 400 currently on its books, and this year, graduated 90 young men and women into the repair, service and retail sector of Victoria's automotive industry.

VACC Auto Apprenticeships is named a finalist in the 2013 Victorian Training Awards for its collaboration with the Victorian Holden Dealer Network and Kangan Institute.

"VACC is delighted to be recognised for its successful partnership with Holden dealers and Kangan in achieving outstanding apprentice training outcomes. It is the culmination of many years hard work. The Awards are well regarded and, considering the skills shortage faced in our industry, recognition for our efforts and persistence," VACC Executive Director, David Purchase said.

VACC has a strong relationship with all the State's Registered Training Organisations and a formal partnership with Kangan Institute. In addition, VACC provides bespoke training programs and the arrangement with the Victorian Holden Dealer Network involves 85 auto apprentices trained to use Holden service and repair techniques, reinforced by dedicated Holden service managers and personnel.

"We provide the right training in the right environment for the right career," VACC General Manager, Training, Leyla Yilmaz, said.

"We are acutely aware of the importance of working effectively with our partners. Being an industry body, we understand the wants and needs of business and members. We recruit the best candidates, place them with suitable host employers, monitor and support them through the apprenticeship. The completion rate for VACC Holden apprentices is 95 per cent – well above the national average," Mrs Yilmaz said.

Photo caption – VACC, General Manager, Training, IR and OHS, Leyla Yilmaz; VACC Auto Apprentice, Alex Barrett; Brighton Holden, Service Manager, Richard Reiner; VACC Auto Apprentice, Jake Granger; VACC Auto Apprenticeship, Field Officer, Frank De Biase

For more about VACC's Auto Apprenticeships, visit autoapprenticeships.com.au

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