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VACC named Victorian Training Awards winner

VACC Auto Apprenticeships is honoured to receive the Industry Collaboration Award, sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, for its partnership with Kangan Institute and the Victorian Holden Dealers Network. The partnership was formed in 1998 to address the worrying trend of falling retention rates and has proven its success with a 95 per cent completion rate. The Award was presented by Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Peter Hall.

“To be a finalist, let alone a winner, at the prestigious Victorian Training Awards, is humbling to say the least. The Award is a tribute to the efforts and dedication of the team that supports and manages our apprentices, the support of the Kangan Institute trainers and the host Holden dealers,” VACC General Manager, Training, Leyla Yilmaz, said.

“The program is successful because of the contextualised training, life skills program and our continuous improvement strategy. VACC has been a successful group training provider since 1983. The Holden program has been built on lessons learnt and delivers a more specialised program. The apprentices, selected for the program, graduate with highly sought after skills and a strong base for career advancement in the automotive industry. So successful is the program that some former apprentices are now Dealer Principals and hosting our apprentices, giving them the industry support they need to be the best technicians they can,” Mrs Yilmaz said.

The Award now places the VACC, Kangan Institute and the Victorian Holden Dealers Network in the running for national recognition at the Australian Training Awards, to be revealed later this year.

“I would like to thank the Judging Panel for recognising the ability of VACC’s Auto Apprenticeship team to deliver enhanced workplace support programs and training initiatives which invariably lead to strong completion rates of apprentices in the Holden program,” VACC Executive Director, David Purchase, said.

“VACC, like the Victorian Government, believes in, and supports, a strong vocational education system, where success and innovative industry solutions are celebrated. VACC commends the Victorian Government and Minister Hall for the 2013 Victorian Training Awards and congratulates all the Award winners including apprentices, trainees, teachers, businesses and training providers,” Mr Purchase said.

For more about VACC’s Auto-Apprenticeship Group Scheme, visit vacc.com.au

Pictured: Kangan General Manager, Technical Group, Phillip Murphy; VACC General Manager, Training, Leyla Yilmaz; VACC Auto Apprenticeships, Manager, Nigel Muller and Victorian Holden Dealer Network, President, John Egan

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