



Australian Heavy Vehicle Repairers Association

Industry Newsletter

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A message from AHVRA Executive Committee:

It is that time of year again and we are pleased to report what an action packed year it has been!

We have a dedicated Executive Committee, strong membership and are in a sound financial position. Many repairers have shown interest in joining the Association and will be considered in the New Year. The AHVRA continues to be recognised as the premier group specialising in *heavy vehicle collision repairs*.

Some of the areas we have been active in and achievements are as follows:

- ✓ Correspondence with the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) in regards to non-complaint workshops being authorised to carry out repairs by certain loss assessors.
- ✓ Presentation to the Institute of Loss Assessors on various issues and the dangers on authorising work to non-compliant shops (with possible very costly breaches of OH&S, WorkCover and environmental laws).
- ✓ Meetings and discussions with IAG to build criteria for written-off vehicles.
- ✓ Negotiations with insurers and agreement reached on realistic charges for labour rates, paint and materials, booth allowance, fiberglass repairs, chassis crush surcharge, freight, written off vehicles handling fees, towing environmental levies etc.
- ✓ Creation and continual upgrading of the AHVRA website.
- ✓ Feature articles in numerous trade magazines, including promotional articles in the Prime Mover magazine.
- ✓ Meet and greet with the CVIAA (Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia) to form a working relationship for future Government submissions and the mutual improvement of safety and other issues affecting the heavy vehicle industry.
- ✓ Many corporate sponsors are continuing to support the Association with others showing interest.
- ✓ Evaluation of water based paints for the heavy vehicle industry.
- ✓ Many Executive Committee meetings, plus the annual conference, have all been well attended.

As you can see we have been working hard for the Association!

AHVRA continues to be identified and accepted as the premier *heavy vehicle collision repair group* and will strive to remain as such. We anticipate ongoing growth and opportunity in 2012 and intend to act positively as opportunities arise.

We wish to thank all who have worked hard to create our ongoing success. Special thanks to our loyal corporate sponsors and all members!

Happy Christmas to you all!

From the AHVRA Chairman and Executive Committee

For information on the above achievements, contact AHVRA Administration by emailing mail@ahvra.com.au.

