

## RAA Apprentice of the Year

For almost 50 years the RAA has been presenting an Apprentice of the Year Award, encouraging automotive apprentices to develop their skills and further their careers in the industry. In 2009 it was Adelaide BMW apprentice mechanic Luke Merry who impressed the judging panel with his outstanding academic performance, excellent customer service and exemplary attitude towards his career, which meant that he walked away with the top honour. In winning the award Luke took home

\$1,000 worth of tools and technical literature and the recognition attached to the award.

The three runners-up were also of extremely high calibre, making the ultimate decision challenging for the judges. Well done to Steven Talbot, Connell Motors Kangaroo Island; Gavin Steward, Cornes Toyota Hawthorn; and Eric Liebenau, Clare Valley Toyota.

**LEFT: RAA Technical Liaison Officer John Silvani presents Luke Merry with the 2009 RAA Apprentice of the Year Award.**



## RAA membership subscription increase

From 1 July 2010 there will be increases to RAA membership subscriptions:

- Standard membership will increase to \$80 (GST inclusive).
- Plus membership will increase to \$120 (GST inclusive).
- Premium membership will increase to \$160 (GST inclusive).
- Taxi, Fleet and Corporate membership will all increase to \$83 (GST inclusive).

Subsequent members within a Group membership will continue to receive a \$10 saving on full membership.

The RAA Board is committed to ensuring that all members are extended a high level of customer service in an equitable manner. To this end, the RAA does need to pass on increases in operating costs.

## Journey Beyond Road Trauma

In an effort to further highlight the true impact of road trauma, the RAA is pleased to have sponsored the production of seven short video stories which explore the impact of road trauma through the families of those personally affected. The stories can be found on the *Journey Beyond Road Trauma* website. Launched recently, it provides a destination for those affected by road trauma and enables them, during their time of healing, to pay tribute to loved ones and to find support and understanding from the online community. The site is also a useful road safety education tool which provides access to the very real and powerful stories about the consequences of a road crash. To view the videos visit [www.journeybeyondroadtrauma.org](http://www.journeybeyondroadtrauma.org)



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