

BULLETIN

Automotive Electrical Division



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Dear Member

The Automotive Electrical Division (AED), recently held its annual general meeting whereby Mr Tony Sanchez, Chair of the AED Executive Committee delivered his 2019 report.

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The committee considered the following issues impacting the division throughout 2019 as well as focusing the future.

- Access to repair information
- Electric vehicle training
- Licensing of technicians working on electric vehicles
- Vocational education and training
- Apprenticeships
- Skills shortages
- Industry training
- Divisional rules and accreditation review

Message from the Chair of the Automotive Electrical Division Executive Committee.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting of the Automotive Electrical Division (AED) for 2019. A year which is significant for the service and repair sector but particularly for independent repairers.

Of course, I refer to the recent announcement by the Government that they will legislate the sharing of manufacture repair information. This means that vehicle manufacturers will be required by law to make available to all independent repairers the same level of repair information they make available to their franchised dealers and authorised repairers, that is, at a fair and reasonable cost. This is a fantastic result after such a long campaign with all credit due to VACC and AED members who gave up their time to not only write to their local members of parliament, conducted site visits but also demonstrated the impact to business and motorists.

Personally, I wish to thank John Khoury and Geoff Gwilym for their unrelenting efforts in relation to this campaign.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank the ARD for their unwavering support in this task. It could not have happened without them.

I'd like to finish by saying that I am incredibly excited about the year ahead and hope that it will be a prosperous year for all. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all members of the AED Executive committee for their commitment, dedication and generosity of time to ensure all issues impacting this division were thoroughly considered and well represented.

Given 2020 is an election year for VACC Divisional Executive Committees, I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in joining this committee to contact the AED Industry Policy Advisor or myself for more information.

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