

SHRF Australian Apprentice of the Year

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The Foundation was very pleased to announce at the Federal Rally that Michael Pickup was the inaugural winner of the SHRF Award for the Australian Apprentice of the Year. Michael was presented with his trophy and cheque for \$1000 at the RROCA (NSW) Commemoration Run on 30 April. The NSW Branch also presented him with a year's complimentary membership, and we hope to see him at Club events.

Michael is employed at Paradise Garage, Sydney.

"My current training consisted of learning from TAFE, more experienced employees, my employer, study and research," he says. "It also helps that I have always had an interest in old cars from a young age — how they work, their beauty and elegance in their design and, most importantly, the quality of craftsmanship.

"This is why I enjoy working on Rolls-Royce and Bentley as true luxury car brands with a great engineering pedigree. I look at my toolbox, which is now geared towards working on Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars. Whitworth spanners are in one drawer for the older vehicles, and a set of books are on the side of the box with information on

the models that I work on so that if I need information, I can look it up."

We are grateful to the Victorian Branch for extending complimentary membership to the two SHRF Kangan TAFE Automotive Awardees, Deakin Fegan and Jackson Marriot. The SHRF encourages automotive apprentices who will be the lifeblood of our vehicles in the future, and is seeking ways to further engage with apprentices.

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Early in May the trustees held a weekend meeting at the Coolum Showrooms and attended the Cars and Coffee held there on the first Saturday of every month. With 140 cars of various marques in attendance, it was a spectacular morning and trustee Frank Carroll (QLD) engaged the visitors with an in-depth talk on the work of Henry Royce and an explanation of the various Rolls-Royce vehicles and engines and Bentley cars on display.

If you visit Queensland, a visit to the SHRF Showrooms at Coolum is highly recommended.

Also, this month, RROCA (NSW) member Hugh King began his role as custodian for the next year of the SHRF Silver Shadow, which he will use for Club events. Despite his experience as a Ferrari driver, we are sure Hugh will be persuaded by the wonderful waftability of the lovely blue Shadow.

Trustees meet electronically each month and several times a year in person, be it Melbourne, Sydney or Coolum. Our next in-person meeting will be in August. On 12 August there will be a joint SHRF/RROCA catered lunch and the opportunity to ride in the Phantom V. It will be held at Bob Doyle's (NSW) farm, Wombat Flats, The Oaks, south-west of Sydney. Everyone is welcome to join us for the day. Please contact me for details if you would like to attend.

The book, *Evelyn Maud Mill, from servant to socialite: lover, mistress, wife and widow of Claude Goodman Johnson, 'the hyphen in Rolls-Royce'* is now available both on the SHRF online shop as well as the RREC Club for our friends in the northern hemisphere. ■

1. Michael Pickup (centre) with his Paradise Garage employers, Clare Gordon and Paul Lukes
2. Hugh King (left) prepares for a year with a Silver Shadow as Paul Lukes (centre) casts his magic over it
3. SHRF Trustees (from left) Russell Rolls, Brian Crump, Jeanne Eve and Frank Carroll at Cars and Coffee, Coolum



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