

The Automotive Centre of Excellence

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SHRF strengthens ties with Australia's automotive engineering centres

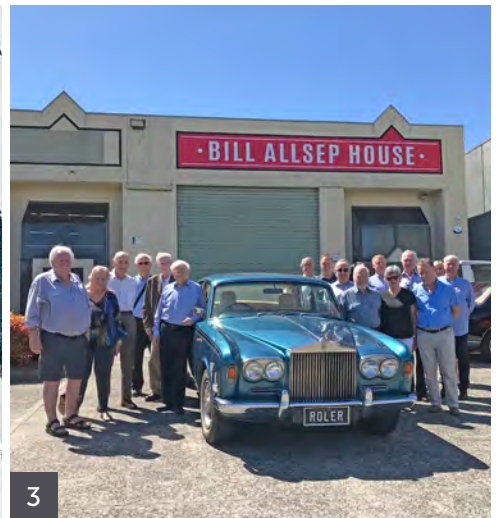
The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Australia is a major sponsor for the apprentices attending the Automotive Group at Kangan Institute, Melbourne.

Kangan Institute, in association with the Bendigo TAFE, has been in existence since 2006, educating apprentices in the Automotive Group as well as in construction, bakery, hairdressing and barbering, horticulture, millinery, beauty and fashion, veterinary and health, over five campuses. All apprentices need to be employed and in turn the employers pay for the on-campus training, which involves practical experience, classroom training and self-learning modular work.

The Victorian government finances the infrastructure and is keen to promote the state as the automotive hub of Australia. Kangan Institute is the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) and is housed in a smart and very modern building adjacent to the Lindsay Fox Car Museum, Docklands, Melbourne.

For the past 16 years, the SHRF has awarded \$1000 annually for the SHRF Excellence Award in Automotive Studies. For the past 10 years, the SHRF Lionel Gell School of Instruction Award has provided \$5000 to the top apprentice in Automotive Studies. Congratulations to this year's winners, Jackson Marriott (LGSI Award) and Deakin Fegan (SHRF Award for Excellence).

The SHRF is immensely proud of its sponsorship of the ACE at Kangan. It is investigating how to strengthen its relationship with the teaching staff and apprentices to regularly visit the Bill Allsep House and Lionel Gell School of Instruction in Rowville, Victoria, to view its motor, tractor, crane and aero Rolls-Royce engines as well as vintage cars and bodies to learn how engineering processes have changed. The SHRF is a charity keen to be involved with community education, especially with youth.



1. Jackson Marriott accepts the LGSI award from Jeanne Eve
2. Deakin Fegan (centre) won the SHRF Excellent Award for 2023
3. 1973 Silver Shadow SRH15953 has been donated to the Foundation
4. A rare glimpse into the space under a Phantom V where a transmission would usually be

Jeanne Eve, SHRF Trustee, flew to Melbourne (at her own expense) and presented the two annual awards on 28 February at the Melbourne Pavilion. She enjoyed meeting all the movers and shakers behind Kangan Institute. Photos are on the SHRF Facebook page and the winners on its website, henryroycefoundation.com/winning-engineering.

The Melbourne-based SHRF Trustees attended the late Lionel Gell's memorial service on the same evening.

On 11 February SHRF Trustees met at

Bill Allsep House to thank volunteers for their hard work and support and to celebrate this support with lunch. Trustees and volunteers also met with Marion and Barry Drake for the handover of the donated Silver Shadow and we are very appreciative for this kind donation. The Shadow is now in Sydney awaiting a new life, which will feature in a future report.

The SHRF Phantom V in NSW is now part way through the transmission overhaul and I anticipate it will be back on the road by the time you read this. ■

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