

MITO News

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If you're looking for a car that not only looks good but is incredibly safe as well, check out the Peugeot 308 XSP – it's just won the MITO Safest Car of the Year award.

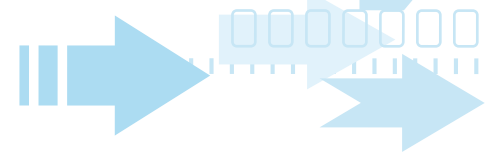
MITO awarded the trophy at the 2009 AA Motoring Excellence Awards. These awards recognise and reward excellence among new vehicles available for purchase in New Zealand, providing motorists with useful (and independent) information they can use when buying a new car.

It's the second year that MITO has sponsored the prestigious award, as part of our commitment to safety for drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

MITO Chief Executive Janet Lane, with Perry Kerr, Chief Executive Officer of the Motor Industry Association, who received the award for Peugeot New Zealand.

The Peugeot 308 XSP delivered on every count, achieving a maximum five-star rating and scoring the maximum points possible for a side impact crash. Watch out for it on a road near you!

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Qualifying Your Future



Graduating in style

Finishing your MITO qualification is a fantastic achievement – so when your turn comes, how about celebrating with family and friends at an industry training graduation in your area?

Graduations are a great occasion! You'll be presented with a certificate by your local Mayor, have your photo taken – and you can bring guests to join the celebrations.

Former MITO apprentice Emma Rees highly recommends you go along. An employee at Waggs Holden in Masterton, she's been to two graduations (for her National Certificates in Automotive Engineering and First Line Management), and at the last one took nine members of her very proud family with her.

"There's always a big turnout, with lots of other people graduating and everyone supporting and applauding each other, including representatives



The Rotorua and Taupo 2008 graduation ceremony.

from MITO. It's a very special event," she says.

You can find out more about the graduations at www.mito.org.nz, or

keep an eye out for your personal invitation when you've finished your qualification. Then it's as easy as replying with a 'yes'!

Career search made easy

Secondary school students around New Zealand will soon have an exciting new way to explore their career options.

Inzone Experience (a mobile careers unit that travels New Zealand) are installing interactive 'Inzone kiosks' at 100 schools throughout the country. The kiosks enable students to create their own profiles and log in to view videos on a range of careers and industries – including four videos supplied by MITO.

Inzone Managing Director Simon Holbrook says the schools were "unbelievably receptive" to the idea. "It's a great way to reach the younger

kids as well as those in Years 12 and 13, so they can choose the subjects they want to take later on," he says. "Inzone visitors can also see how qualifications can be applied to many industries, so it's a great tool for helping them to find a way forward in their lives."

Fun to sit at and simple to use, the kiosks could reach up to 100,000 students a year. "It makes finding a career as easy as watching TV!" laughs Simon.



The Inzone kiosk.

Driving excitement!



Vehicles waiting to be tested at the Taupo Motorsport Park.

“It rates as one of the best days ever!”

That was the reaction from Callum McKenzie on his selection for a fantastic day out, courtesy of MITO, as part of the AA Partners Day for the 2009 AA Motoring Excellence Awards.

Callum is an apprentice refinisher at Smythe & McCoard Panel and Paint in Cambridge, and one of State’s Apprentices of the Year. He joined seven other MITO high achievers for

a day at Taupo Motorsport Park with exclusive opportunities to join the judges testing the vehicles entered in the Awards. For Callum, that meant racing at full speed around the track in a brand new Lexus V8, then taking an exhilarating road drive in an S500 V8 Mercedes!

Callum says he really appreciated the opportunity to take part in the event and thanks MITO and his employer for allowing him to go. “It was amazing,” he says. “I had the time of my life!”

MITO high achievers watch vehicle testing during the AA Partners Day for the 2009 AA Motoring Excellence Awards.



Introducing our Industry Training Advisors

As a result of MITO’s organisational review our Customer Services Managers have been renamed Industry Training Advisors.

Contact details remain the same and you can expect the same high quality service.

Seeing Double



Toby and Herbie Agnew at Hale Manufacturing (ChCh 1997) Ltd.

A desire to learn seems to run in the family for Toby and Herbie Agnew – they both work at the same place and they're both studying for MITO national qualifications!

The pair work at Hale Manufacturing (ChCh 1997) Ltd in Christchurch, which specialises in transport-related services for individuals and organisations throughout New Zealand.

These range from creating seating and shelving solutions for vans to building buses and trucks such as curtain-siders, horse trucks and refrigerated vehicles. Hale Manufacturing also design wheelchair hoists for organisations such as ACC and District Health Boards.

Such diversity requires an equally diverse range of skills.

"Versatility is the key to our work," says Manager Richard Bowden. "We need people with skills in everything from welding and sheet metalwork to fitting and turning, fabrication, trimming, hydraulics, auto electrics, refinishing and collision repair."

Both Toby and Herbie appreciate the support they get from both Richard and MITO.

"They provide a lot of help in getting me through my apprenticeship – especially the paperwork side of things!" says Herbie.

Richard says the brothers are both doing well at their studies and have fitted in with the rest of the Hale

Manufacturing team. The fact that they're both hearing impaired is making no difference to their everyday work. "We find it easy to communicate," he says. "I went to night school and learned basic sign language, but I hardly ever use it – somehow everything works just fine."

"We have a great team of people who are right behind Toby's and Herbie's learning. We consider ourselves lucky to have them as part of the company."

For Toby and Herbie, Hale Manufacturing provides opportunities to gain national qualifications that will set them up for life.

Twenty-year-old Toby has just completed his National Certificate in Motor Industry (Coachbuilding) with strand in Commercial Vehicles (Level 4). "It's good to get a qualification for the future," he says. "It will help me to earn more money and it means I'll be able to get a job wherever I go. Plus I enjoy the work – I get to build new trucks and gain a lot of satisfaction in seeing the finished work."

Younger brother Herbie, who's studying for a National Certificate in Motor Industry (Automotive Refinishing) (Level 4) agrees. "It gives me a career for life," he says. "I'm also learning a lot – both at work and at off-job training. I'm currently learning about colour blending and application, and it will be good to learn more."



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Upcoming Events

3-4 May
Northland's Career and Education Expo – Whangarei

6-7 May
Careers Expo Nelson

10-12 May
Christchurch Careers Expo

17-19 May
Dunedin Careers Expo

21-23 May
Collision Repair Association Conference

Industry training graduations:

6 May Hauraki and Thames – Coromandel

15 May Canterbury

20 May Matamata – Piako

27 May Waipa District

For more information visit our website www.mito.org.nz.