

Business

On the road to faster learning

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KANGAROO Flat-based Moro & Dooly Accident Repair Centre buys vehicles for apprentices to hone their skills if they don't have a suitable car available.

Co-owner Gratiano Moro believes the business's approach to on-site training led to two of its apprentices being placed in the top 20 of an annual automotive apprentice of the year award.

Moro & Dooly's third year panel beater apprentice Andrew Davidson has placed in the top eight among contenders and is in the running

to be named the Snap-on Tools Apprentice of the Year.

Fourth-year apprentice Tom Rowan, who is now a fully qualified panel beater, won a position among the first 20.

Mr Moro said Mr Davidson's performance would be judged using photos and testimony from his employer.

Mr Davidson stands to win thousands of dollars in tools if he takes out the title. He said he discovered the automotive industry when he got his first car.

"I had a Mini with so many mechanical problems that I had to learn to fix it myself," Mr Davidson said.

"I've worked hard to get to

where I am, and believe that if you can push yourself, you can achieve."

Mr Moro said Mr Davidson had come a long way since he started his apprenticeship.

"All of our apprentices are running ahead of where they should be," he said.

"We do a lot of on-site training and we buy in cars if they don't have one available."

The titleholder will be announced in October.

Meanwhile, Mr Davidson has advice for other apprentices.

"The best advice I could give to any upcoming apprentices would be to always listen to what other tradesmen have to say, but work hard because you learn by doing," he said.



AT WORK: Andrew Davidson is in the running for a top apprentice award.