



Future Leaders of the industry

THE LATEST FUTURE LEADER OF THE INDUSTRY PRESENTATION WAS MADE AT TAFE NSW WAGGA WAGGA CAMPUS TO 19-YEAR-OLD ZANDER FATTORE, WHO IS A THIRD YEAR SPRAY PAINTING APPRENTICE WITH GRIFFITH BEAT AND SPRAY.



Aaron Harris interviews Zander.

Aaron Harris, IAG's Motor Assessing Manager for NSW Rural South, was the MC for the occasion, which was attended by several representatives of IAG, Wagga TAFE, Mark DiFiore, Director and Owner of Griffith Beat and Spray, and the National Collision Repairer.

Following an Acknowledgement of Country, Harris welcomed the guests from NSW, ACT and Victoria to this very special event in rural NSW, and introduced Ian Chalmers, Head Teacher, Panel and Paint at Wagga TAFE.

Chalmers was highly complimentary of Zander's progress since coming to TAFE three years ago: "Zander continues to develop his skills and look for better ways of doing things. That's one of the reasons he was nominated for the PPG Scholarship program. He displays great dedication and talent and should be proud of this award."

Harris then introduced David Wilkes, Executive Manager IAG Motor Assessing, who, following a short summary of IAG's commitment to young talent, asked Zander to join Harris for a short Q&A.

Harris: I understand that you were born in the NSW rural town of Griffith.

What can you tell us about the town?

Fattore: It's just your typical regional town where there's always something going on. For me, it's spending time with family and friends.

Harris: I see that you work at Griffith Beat and Spray, which is a family business.

Can you share what things you are doing?

Fattore: I started off supporting the head painter, but quickly learned to work independently. On his retirement, I have taken over more of a lead role.

Harris: Are there any people who helped you decide on your chosen career?

Fattore: My Nonna [grandmother] Valma is an artist and helped me see the creative side of painting.

Harris: And how do you manage the distance between Griffith and Wagga when you have to attend class?

Fattore: It not such a big deal – we are used to travelling longer distances in regional Australia.

Harris: Outside of work what are your other interests?

Fattore: Gym. I like to keep fit and healthy – I'm there every day.

Harris: And finally, what are your ambitions for the future?

Fattore: It's still early days, so my focus is on learning as much as I can to create the best result for our customers.

Wilkes then congratulated Zander on his achievement and presented his certificate and the award of two I-CAR training courses. He concluded: "IAG is proud to work in partnership with the National Collision Repairer on the Future Leaders of the Industry initiative. Such recognition is strongly aligned with IAG's own values."

On receiving his award, Zander said: "I am extremely grateful to Griffith Beat and Spray, the team at Wagga TAFE and IAG for their support of this award."

Editor: *IAG's ongoing support and sponsorship of these awards is greatly appreciated. We all wish Zander every success and we are confident he will continue to be successful whichever direction his career takes.*



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