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— HAND BRAKE TURN

— NOT FOR PROFIT - AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE

APPLICATIONS. FOR AGED 15 YRS AND OVER

9 WEEK - HANDS ON. FULL TIME -

AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING - 5 COURSES YEARLY

Hand Brake mechanical training to turn troubled lives full circle

By CASEY NEILL

HAND Brake Turn is aiming to change even more lives through training.

The Dandenong automotive centre has opened applications to anyone aged 15 years and over, removing its previous age cap of 22 years following community demand.

Not-for-profit Concern Australia runs five nine-week courses hands-on, full-time automotive training course at Hand Brake Turn (HBT) each year.

It covers panel beating, motor mechanics, car detailing, occupational health and safety and more and students who complete it achieve a Certificate II in Auto Body Repair.

The next course starts on Monday 10 August.

Requirements include basic literacy and numeracy skills, a willingness to learn and gain employment and a genuine interest in the automotive industry.



Phil Bloy and Marc Clothier at Hand Brake Turn. 142342
Picture: GARY SISSONS

HBT administrator Rebecca Kats said the units counted towards auto industry apprenticeships.

"Nine weeks here can literally cut 12 months off an apprenticeship," she said.

The course also sends them into apprenticeships with a head-start in auto knowledge, an idea of what aspect of the

industry they're good at and enjoy, and job interview techniques.

HBT also picks up donated vehicles to use for parts, sell for scrap or restore.

Hand Brake Turn is at 7 Hilton Street, Dandenong.

Phone 9793 1466 for more information or to request an interview.

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