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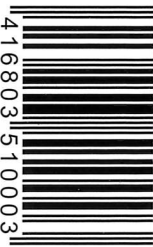



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TURNING 25

Just five months after the Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association (LVVTA) processed its 150,000th modified-vehicle certification, the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary. The occasion was marked with an event at LVVTA headquarters in Porirua, Wellington, on the night of November 24, attended by many current and past LVV certifiers, government representatives, current and past Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members, and other invited guests. As well as recognizing the achievements of the highly regarded LVV certification system for modified and custom-built vehicles, the night saw a special celebration honouring long-standing members of LVVTA's TAC. This voluntary organization is the backbone of the LVV system and is responsible for providing the technical content of the *New Zealand Car Construction Manual*, as well as assessing all vehicle-design proposals. As a token of gratitude to the TAC, bespoke long-

service plaques — made from complex custom-designed water-jet-cut artwork symbolic of the type of vehicles that the committee was set up to help — were presented to members who've volunteered their immense expertise and experience for 10 to 20 years.

Graham Walls, John Hinton, Terry Bowden, Chris Litherland, and Tony Johnson each received a 20-year award. John Reid, Alan Smail, Walter Wing, John Ward, Paul Sattler, Geoff Cottle, Kerry Buchanan, Mark Stokes, Justin Hansen, and Peter Vahry — some of who are not far off the 20-year milestone — were recipients of a 10-year award.

As an exciting interlude during the night's proceedings, the 2500hp dragster belonging to Whanganui's Grant Rivers was fired up, giving the evening's guests — many of who had never previously been exposed to such sights and sounds — an experience they will not forget in a hurry! **V8**

