



**2011 ACWA Expo  
 "Jump start your carwash"  
 Strategies, ideas and solutions for a successful future**

To me running a carwash is more than counting one dollar coins. The eighteen years I have been in this industry, not a day goes by without learning or improving on my carwash system and experience. The idea of taking my family to the Gold Coast for a holiday and at the same time catch up with friends and colleagues in the industry was a 'no brainer'.

I found solutions to several problems that I had at my washes – for example an RO system was not producing zero tds readings after I had replaced the membranes; a change machine was pulling notes in crooked; I had a pump vibrating and inconsistent chemicals were problems at my washes – all of these were solved in the first hour! It was then time to cross off the list with what else I was there to learn. Not only did we have the leading talent and experience from suppliers in Australia, we also had the opportunity to mix with suppliers and carwash owners from ten other countries.

Another big draw card for me was the networking and social events, playing golf, and going to the go-karts where I enjoyed "running into old friends" was great fun. The Welcome BBQ, Opening Breakfast and Gala Dinner were also enjoyable events that you do not want to miss.

To top the EXPO off, exhibiting suppliers were giving everything away from free beer and iPads to bicycles; there were bargains on machinery, lots of free advice and workshops. I would like to thank all the ACWA Suppliers who supported the EXPO, with special mention to the major sponsors.

Special thanks to all the international suppliers who attended and spoke at the events.

Thank you to the New Zealand carwash owners for my headache on Tuesday morning !

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