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STAR OF THE FUTURE MEETS CAR OF THE FUTURE

Melbourne Vixens and Australian U21 netball star of the future, Micaela Wilson, came face-to-face with the car of the future at the RACV GreenZone Drive event in central Melbourne yesterday, taking her first drive in an electric car.

The successful 19-year-old, with several national caps to her credit, was driven around the RACV GreenZone Drive route in a Nissan LEAF, the new all-electric five-door, five-seater hatch that will go on sale in Australia early in 2012.

"I just took a ride in the Nissan LEAF, and it was so smooth and quiet, I couldn't even tell when the engine was on," the P-plater said.

"It was incredible, very stylish inside and a great experience. I'm really thrilled," Micaela said.

"I am more used to cars with growing engines when they start, so this was super quiet, and super smooth. It has a reversing camera and everything you need for safety.

"It's the way of the future, I think.

"With a car like this we can all do our social responsibility bit to look after the earth," Micaela said.

Micaela is one of the new generation of Melbourne Vixens that will be taking to the courts in the 2012 season. She has been part of the development group, and has represented Australia at a junior level.

As a defender, she is up against some incredible and established talent on court, but she is very much looking forward to the coming season.

At a state level, Micaela has also represented Victoria with Victorian Fury, the defending champions in the Australian Netball league. The Fury play their first home game of the season this weekend.

The RACV GreenZone Drive runs until Friday 2 September at 525 Collins Street. It offers the public the chance to experience a dozen low emission or zero emission vehicles that can be purchased now or in the very near future, underlining the scope of models on offer across many market segments.

Vehicles range from the electric Mitsubishi i-MiEV and Nissan LEAF, to the hybrid Honda Insight and the super-efficient diesels from Audi, Renault and Volvo.

The RACV and the Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Automotive Partnership are staging the 2011 RACV GreenZone Drive, with support from Shell, Michelin, the Global Fuel Economy Initiative and Better Place.

Book online at www.greenzonedrive.com.au or just turn up at Rialto Plaza, 525 Collins street Melbourne.

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