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Mark Dodge Motoring wins 2017 Community Award

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) was thrilled to award Cairns-based Mark Dodge Motoring, with the Community Award at the annual MTA Queensland President's Ball; the signature event for the Queensland automotive industry.

Mark Dodge Motoring is a deserving winner with over 30 years of truly connecting the business to their community.

This is evident through their latest initiative, the '**TEAM**' (Together Everyone Achieves More), which encourages the Mark Dodge Motoring community, consisting of staff, family and friends, to be involved with, and supportive of, charitable events.

This has included 20 years as part of the Rotary Club of Cairns, five years sponsoring the Cairns Business Women's Association and 15 years of financial contribution to Muscular Dystrophy. More recently the '**TEAM**' has organised and hosted The World's Greatest Shave, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Movember, Dry July, Red Nose Day & Daffodil Day.

Group CEO of MTA Queensland Dr Brett Dale said, "Mark Dodge Motoring couldn't be more deserving of the MTA Queensland 2017 Community Award.

"The '**TEAM**' initiative is something all businesses should work towards by getting involved in their community. Their work from charity fundraising to supporting safer road campaigns, and everything in between, is inspiring."

Mark Dodge, co-owner with wife Sharon Dodge said, "Integrating our business with the community and creating a collective connection within our team is something we've always strived to do with our business.

"To be recognised for something integral to the running of our business is a fantastic feeling and a real honour."

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MTA Queensland would also like to congratulate EV North for winning the 2017 Innovation Award for their cutting-edge work with electric vehicles.

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Attached images:

Mark Dodge Motoring Charity events x 2. Community Award image x 1.

Background:

MTA Queensland is the peak organisation in the State representing the specific interests of businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Queensland's automotive industry. There are some 13,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons generating in excess of \$14.5 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive industries to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure.

The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing many trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald. The MTA Institute last financial year accredited courses to more than 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

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