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MTA Queensland's Award Finalists Announced

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) is thrilled to announce the finalists for our annual industry awards.

As the peak body for the automotive industry in Queensland, the nominations for the award categories are extremely competitive, and the quantity and caliber of entries gets stronger every year. 2019 was no exception with the highest number of submissions in the awards' history.

The award categories include the:

- **Community Award** - presented to an individual or member business who are a role model in their community. Every application is supported by the actions of the incredible nominees.
- **Innovation Award** - presented to an innovative individual or business that is supporting or implementing emerging technologies in the automotive or mobility industry.
- **Women in Industry Award** - presented to an outstanding female leader or business achieving success by their commitment to driving change in the automotive or mobility industry.
- **Apprentice of the Year** - presented to an MTA Institute apprentice who demonstrates a dedication to learning and performs above and beyond expectations and their peers.

The finalists for the Community Award include:

- RHD Classic Supplies & Services (Aitkenvale)
- Keema Automotive Group (Springwood)
- Hertz Mt Isa (Mt Isa)

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The finalists for the Innovation Award include:

- smartGEN (Springfield Central)
- OZ DIY Electric Vehicles (Slacks Creek)
- Australian Electric Infrastructure and Transport (AEIT) (Springfield Central)

The finalists for the Women in Industry Award include:

- Andrea McCarthy (McCarthy Panel Works, Mackay)
- Rebecca Frizelle (Frizelle Sunshine Automotive Group, Southport)
- Sharine Milne (RHD Classic Supplies & Services, Aitkenvale)

The 12 Apprentice of the Year finalists are automatically selected from Apprentice of the Month winners from the preceding year and will be announced very soon.

Dr Brett Dale, Group Chief Executive of MTA Queensland said, "I am astounded by the breath of talent, benevolence and ingenuity of our member businesses and those we collaborate with. These finalists represent the finest individuals and organisations doing great things in the automotive and mobility industry. I am looking forward to the Industry Awards Dinner on the 16th November to celebrate the success of the finalists, who are all winners to us. Congratulations to them all!"

MTA Queensland is grateful for the support of event partners Commonwealth Bank, MTAA Super and Core SME.

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Background:

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair and service sectors of Queensland's automotive / mobility industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive / mobility industry 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 (RTO 31529)** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ACPET Industry Certification Program.

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MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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