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### **MTA Queensland Congratulates Apprentice, Kimberley Wallace On Finalist Announcement**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) congratulates Kimberley Wallace from Morgan Motors in Emerald, who has been announced as a finalist in the Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of The Year category in this year's Queensland Training Awards.

The Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of The Year Award is awarded to an apprentice who has recently completed or is due to complete an apprenticeship in Queensland and who has shown outstanding achievements in their training.

Kimberley, who has recently completed her parts interpreting apprenticeship, won the prestigious title of MTA Queensland Apprentice of the Year in 2019, owing to her flawless examination results and the strong backing of her employer, MTA Queensland member business, Morgan Motors in Emerald.

"MTA Queensland is thrilled to see Kimberley go through to the final round of the Queensland Training Awards for the Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of The Year.

"We believe Kimberley is deserving of this achievement, having shown enormous dedication to her studies, and 100% in her final examination results, one of only three students of the MTA Institute to have achieved such heights.

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"We wish Kimberley the best of luck as we await the winner announcements on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September," said Dr Brett Dale, Group Chief Executive of MTA Queensland.

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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. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

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 independent 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 ITECA Industry Certification Program and was announced the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

**MTAiQ**, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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