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MTA Institute Leads the Way in Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Repair Training

The MTA Institute (RTO31529) is proud of the leading role it continues to play in delivering crucial knowledge and upskilling opportunities in the evolving area of hybrid and electric vehicle repairs, servicing, and maintenance to the Australian automotive industry.

The leading independent provider of automotive training and apprenticeships in Queensland, the MTA Institute commenced delivering dedicated hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) and battery electric vehicle (BEV) technology training in 2018 through the accredited AURSS00035 – Battery Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set (now superseded and equivalent to the AURSS00064 – Battery Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set) & AURSS00037 – Hybrid Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set course. The innovative MTA Institute was one of the first Registered Training Organisations in the country to offer accredited training in the area and has trained hundreds of technicians over the last four years, attracting mechanics from across the country and the world.

As HEVs and BEVs continue to increase in popularity among local car buyers, training that delivers the required skills and knowledge to correctly service and repair the vehicles has never been more sought after. It is now imperative that all workshops ensure their workforce is upskilled and prepared for the influx of vehicles expected to come in for repairs and maintenance in the coming years.

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A key component of the three-day course offered by the MTA Institute is the completion of AURETH101 – Depower and reinitalise battery electric vehicles. This unit of competency has been identified as a prerequisite for automotive technicians to access safety information under the new Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme commencing 1 July 2022.

MTA Institute General Manager Paul Kulpa said, "We take great pride in delivering industry leading training that directly improves the skills of technicians in the automotive sector. Our training delivers critical knowledge at a time where electric vehicle technology is increasing on the workshop floor. Understanding this technology is complicated and dangerous, it is not something you can learn solely on the job, so it is vital for automotive professionals to complete the accredited training prior to attempting to inspect or service a hybrid or electric vehicle.

"And now with the impending introduction of legal requirements to access safety service and repair information in Australia, workshops must upskill their employees now to ensure they can access hybrid and electric vehicle data and work on those vehicles."

The AURSS00064 – Battery Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set & AURSS00037 – Hybrid Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set course is regularly scheduled throughout the year, with places in hot demand. To learn more about the course, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

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<u>Attached Images:</u> MTA Institute HEV/BEV Course Participants

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 industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was

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

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider 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 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 ecosystem that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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