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### Winners Selected to Pursue VET Trainer Ambitions

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) is delighted to announce Round 2 of the 2022 Vocational Education Training (VET) Trainers Scholarship has been awarded to Cail Parsons from Peak Automotive Solutions, Mount Glorious, and Dallas Sykes from Western Truck Group, Toowoomba.

Through the scholarship, individuals are given the opportunity to undertake the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116), valued at \$2,500, designed to teach the skills and knowledge required to deliver training in the VET sector.

Cail is the owner of Peak Automotive Solutions, a mobile repair business in Brisbane. With nearly 20 years' experience as a qualified tradesperson, Cail holds a Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology, Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology, Certificate IV in Automotive Mechanical Diagnosis, and Certificate II in Air-Conditioning Technology, among other qualifications. With extensive experience undertaking his own training, Cail is ready to give back and pass on his learnings to those currently coming through.

Dallas is a qualified light and heavy vehicle mechanic with over 28 years of experience in the automotive industry in numerous roles, from mechanic to parts interpreter to service advisor. Having moved into senior management roles over the last decade, Dallas has developed an enthusiasm for helping his staff progress through training accreditations and develop into leaders in the workplace and hopes to use the TAE to continue to hone his training skills.

MTA Institute (RTO No.31529) General Manager Paul Kulpa said, "With the automotive industry continuing to experience crucial skill shortages, it is imperative individuals like these

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have a deeper understanding of Vocational Education and Training to support the learning opportunities of the automotive industry.

“Both recipients display a clear dedication to the trade and immense passion for passing on their extensive wealth of knowledge to support other automotive professionals through this scholarship. I look forward to following the progress of both individuals as they complete the TAE40116 course.”

The VET Trainer Scholarship is offered twice per year to trade-qualified automotive professionals employed in the Queensland automotive industry and is aimed at supporting opportunities for individuals to move into the training sector and deliver crucial skills to the next generation of automotive tradespeople.

For more information on the MTA Queensland VET Trainer Scholarship, [click here](#).

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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 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 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 eco-system that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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