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### MTAiQ Sponsors MTAQ Racing Team

In 2017 the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTAQ) Racing Team was launched. The team, along with driver, David Wood, worked to transform a Hyundai Excel X3 into a sleek speed machine, that would compete in the Queensland State Championships, the 'grass roots' level of motorsport, at Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick.

The team did quite well in 2017 but suffered an engine failure at the end of the season while racing in the lead pack in the final race.

The team have consistently shown resilience and perseverance, which is why they are a perfect fit for sponsorship by MTAiQ – Australia's first automotive innovation hub.

The hub is backed by MTA Queensland and its clients consist of start-ups and entrepreneurs launching their innovation products and services for the automotive industry.

Ms Kathy Winkcup, General Manager of MTAiQ said, "MTAiQ's decision to sponsor the MTAQ Racing Team was not all about racing. The clients of the hub face set-backs and challenges, just like the racing team. We are thrilled to be a major sponsor of the MTAQ Racing Team for 2018 and hope this sponsorship will lift the profile the hub and some of the great achievements of the hub's clients."

The MTAQ Racing Team recently competed at the Bathurst 6 Hour event at Mount Panorama, for the Federal Tyres Excel Challenge placing third out of 55 national competitors.

Other sponsors of the MTAQ Racing Team include Bennett & Philp Lawyers, ACM Parts, SP Tools, Famous Insurance, Racegraphix, Castrol, NETA Tyre Service & Sales, 3DSL and RJ Batteries.

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**Photos:**

MTAQ Racing Team – MTAiQ Branded

**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 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons and generating in excess of \$20 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.

**MTAiQ** – Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTAQ, is a facility offering an eco-system that supports innovation in the motor trades.

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