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### MTA Queensland Racing Team to Make their Mark on QLD Motorsport

After months of preparation, and a total vehicle strip and rebuild, the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) are thrilled to announce the debut of the MTAQ Racing Team. Led by driver and director David Wood, the team head to Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick this weekend, for the first round of the CAMS Queensland Motor Racing Hyundai x3 Series, which is the fastest growing category of motorsport in Australia.

Along with David, the team is made up of MTA Institute's Operations Manager, Marcello Riotta, Crew Captain, John Zyzniewski and MTA Institute's apprentices Elliott Lemmon (Ormiston), Gerard Field (Gold Coast) and MTA Queensland member, William Salmon (St George). The team have been an integral part of the racing car rebuild and the finished product is a glowing endorsement of the skills of the MTA Institute trainers and apprentices.

"Taking a standard, road-going Hyundai Excel and converting it to a racing machine is a remarkable story and I feel we are already winners from the amount the team has achieved to date.

"The debut of the MTAQ Racing Team has been highly anticipated and our competitors are certainly expecting us to be on the hunt in this incredibly competitive weekend of racing," said David Wood.

Dr Brett Dale, MTA Queensland Group CEO said, "As the peak body in Queensland representing the automotive industry, we are thrilled to become involved in grassroots motorsport.

"The opportunities the MTAQ Racing Team have brought to MTA Queensland and the MTA Institute are numerous. A huge number of apprentices from all disciplines have expanded their skillset by working on the racing car rebuild and have been presented with an opportunity to become involved in a sport they are passionate about."

The MTAQ Racing Team can look forward to a fantastic season thanks to the support of major sponsors MTA Queensland, Bennett & Philp Lawyers and ACM Parts, with support also provided by CBC Bearings, SP Tools, NETA Tire/Federal Tyres, MCA Suspension, Castrol, R&J Batteries and Kustom Vinyls.

To see the MTAQ Racing Team debut in the fast and furious world of motorsport, head to Morgan Park Raceway this weekend!

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**Background:**

**MTA Queensland** is the peak organisation representing the specific interests of businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Queensland's automotive industry. There are some 13,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons generating in excess of \$14.5 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 in excess of 2 000 apprentices and trainees.