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Wayne Herring receives MTA Queensland VET Trainer Scholarship.

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) is excited to announce the inaugural VET Trainer Scholarship has been awarded to Wayne Herring from Cricks Sunshine Coast.

The Trainer Scholarship provides an opportunity for automotive professionals to further their careers by undertaking a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116) – a course designed to teach the skills and knowledge required to deliver training in the vocational education and training sector.

Wayne was extremely excited to receive the news and said, "Becoming an automotive trainer has always been a goal of mine. I feel really fortunate to be given this opportunity and I can't wait to get started. I am always trying to improve myself, and I look forward to sharing my skills and knowledge with others."

With 15 years' experience in the automotive industry, Wayne holds multiple trade qualifications and manufacturer specific training certificates and was previously selected as one of six technicians in Australia to compete at the domestic level of Kia's annual Skills Cup. He has shown expert knowledge and an interest in learning new skills and technology and is passionate about passing his knowledge on to the next generation of automotive apprentices.

MTA Institute General Manager Training Paul Kulpa said, "We are proud to award the first ever Trainer Scholarship to Wayne, who displays passion and commitment to the automotive

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industry and will now have the opportunity to complete his Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and become qualified to deliver training.

"I look forward to watching Wayne progress through his training and hope to see many more individuals seize this fantastic opportunity in the future."

The VET Trainer Scholarship is awarded twice per year and is open to trade-qualified automotive employees based in Queensland with at least five years' experience in the trade. The next scholarship round will open 1 August 2021.

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 / 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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