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Nominations Open For Round Two of Automotive Tradie Scholarship

Two aspiring automotive trainers will get the opportunity to chase their dream and further their career in the automotive industry, with the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) launching the second round of the MTA Queensland VET Trainer Scholarship.

Through the VET Trainer Scholarship, one female and one male candidate will win a fully funded TAE40116 Certificate IB in Training and Assessment course, delivered by an approved registered training organisation (RTO). This highly sought-after course is designed to provide the skills and knowledge required to successfully develop and deliver training in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.

Valued at over \$2,500, the Trainer Scholarship is open to all Queensland-based, trade-qualified automotive professionals who possess at least 5-years post-apprenticeship experience in any of the following automotive areas – Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Auto Electrical, Motorcycle, Mobile Plant, Agricultural, Parts Interpreting, Outdoor Power Equipment, Automotive Body Repair & Refinishing, and Underbody.

MTA Institute's General Manager, Paul Kulpa, said "Following strong interest in the first offering of the Trainer Scholarship, we are really excited to be able to offer two more individuals the opportunity to upskill and start their journey on the path to becoming an automotive trainer.

"The MTA Institute is committed to addressing the skills shortage that exists across the Queensland automotive trade, and this includes ensuring the industry has adequate access to skilled trainers to train the next generation of automotive professionals."

The VET Trainer Scholarship was launched in late 2020, with the first scholarship awarded to 15-year veteran of the industry Wayne Herring from Cricks Sunshine Coast in April of this year.

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Nominations for the VET Trainer Scholarship close COB Wednesday, 1 September, with the winners to be announced in early October.

To check eligibility criteria, and to nominate for the scholarship, click [here](#).

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1. First VET Trainer Scholarship winner Wayne Herring

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 15,500 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. 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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