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Nominations for MTA Queensland's Industry Awards Now Open

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) invites members and automotive businesses across Queensland to nominate for the 2021 Industry Awards.

The Industry Awards Gala is the signature event for the automotive industry which celebrates outstanding achievements of MTA Queensland members and automotive businesses. The highlight of the night is the presentation of the Apprentice of the Year and three highly coveted Industry Awards.

Nominations are open for the:

- **Community Award** – awarded to an individual or member business who is a role model in their community and this is evidenced in their actions.
- **Innovation Award** – awarded to an individual or business that is supporting or implementing innovation in the automotive or mobility industry.
- **Women in Industry Award** – awarded to a female leader achieving success through their commitment to driving change in the automotive or mobility industry.

The **MTA Queensland Apprentice of the Year Award** is presented to an MTA Institute apprentice recognised as going above and beyond in their training and displaying a commitment and passion to the automotive trade.

Nominating for the Awards is very easy and involves filling out the online nomination form found [here](#) with up to 500 words.

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Like many events around the world, the 2020 Industry Awards Gala was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, making it an unmissable event this year and we expect it to book out quite early.

MTA Group Chief Executive Rod Camm said, "The Industry Awards Gala is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible work and dedication shown by our members, who contribute significantly to the Queensland economy. The Awards showcase those special contributors to innovation and community, as well as the women who are doing outstanding work.

"Nominating for one of the Award categories is a fantastic way to recognise a person or business and acknowledge their achievements. There is significant media attention attached to the finalists and winners, and it can bring an increased sense of trust and credibility for customers, knowing that an employee or the businesses itself has been recognised as an industry leader in Queensland."

Nominations for the 2021 MTA Queensland Industry Awards close on Friday 25 June 2021. For more information on, visit www.mtaq.com.au/industry-awards-gala/

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Attached Images:

Image 1 | 2019 MTA Queensland Apprentice of the Year Award winner and Automotive Sales (Parts Interpreting) apprentice Kimberly Wallace

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

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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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