

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Electric Vehicle challenge attracts interstate talent**

The 2019 eV Challenge powered by Synergy has continued to grow in stature and has this year attracted a team from Queensland to tackle the engineering challenge on Saturday.

Named as WA's best motorsport event last year, the eV Challenge has this year moved to a new home at the Cockburn International Kartway, south of Perth.

School and tertiary students, as well as corporate teams from Perth and the south-west have designed, built and will race their own single-seat electric vehicle, aiming to complete as many laps of a closed course as possible in one hour.

The eV Challenge powered by Synergy is Australia's longest running electric motorsport competition, which was established in 2001.

It is one of Australia's premier Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) education competitions, encouraging innovative engineering in a competitive and stimulating arena.

The challenge has attracted growing interest this year, with 30 school teams and five private teams to compete.

Some schools have offered those participating in the event subject credit, to encourage school students to get more involved in STEM subjects.

Synergy Chief Executive Officer Jason Waters said Synergy was thrilled to further its support of the challenge, which promotes new technologies and better understanding of EVs.

"The eV Challenge not only gets high school students more interested in science, but it's a great way to foster the understanding of future technology, as well as managing the use of electricity in innovative ways."

Admission is free for spectators on Saturday and to find out more about the eV Challenge, visit <https://evchallengewa.wixsite.com/website>

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**Notes to editor:**

The event will be held this Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at the Cockburn International Kartway, south of Perth.

Scrutineering starts at 11.30am. Racing commences at 2.20pm for the open category, 4.40pm for up to Year 10 and 6.20pm for up to Year 12 teams.

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Synergy owns and operates electricity generating assets, including thermal power stations, spanning from Kalbarri in the north, out to Kalgoorlie in the east and down to Albany in the south – an electricity network known as the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).

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