



REDARC POWERS UP TAFE SA'S SOLAR CHALLENGE

REVVED UP: TAFE SA's 2017 World Challenge Solar Car team member Konstantin Cherepanov.

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 LONSDALE business Redarc will continue to be a major sponsor for TAFE SA's car for the next three Bridgestone World Solar Challenges.

The long-time partners signed the agreement this week ahead of this year's competition. The Bridgestone World Solar Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide, approxi-

mately 3000km, is held every two years. In 2017 the event attracted 42 entries from 19 countries.

The sponsorship of the solar vehicle helps TAFE SA set another precedent this year, project manager Greg Bassani said. "In 2017, we set a precedent by entering the cab of our Solar Articulated Vehicle into the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

"In 2019, we expect to be adding the trailer to the prime mover to show the capability of fully solar-powered articulated vehicles for long distance freight haulage," he said.

The sponsorship aligns well with Redarc, which designs, manufactures and provides integrated portable vehicular power solutions. Its own solar energy commitments include a 100kW solar power plant and a

Tesla battery bank at Lonsdale. "We are delighted to build on this longstanding partnership with TAFE SA that began in 2013," Redarc managing director Anthony Kittel said. "Over many years TAFE SA has provided extensive training in electronic engineering for Redarc's workforce." This year's Bridgestone World Solar Challenge runs from October 13 to 20.



Redarc MD Anthony Kittel