

# Victorian Automotive Forum (inc)



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VAF minutes 10/3/16

## Members in attendance

Pat Thornton	Alan Platt	Craig Brittle
Michael Christie	Paul Beutel	Adrian Lauder
Mark Ward	Jim Baker	Diamantis Bitzios
Ross Johnstone	Ian Nuttall	Greg Maconachie
David Adams	Andrew Beardsell	Shane Wood
Ron Locandro	Michael Cope	Gary Atherton
Wayne Coleman	Richard McGibbony	Toni Conti
Shane Wood	Morris Ketser	Graeme Carter

## Others attending

Alan Maggs	VACC
Andrew Hitch	VACC
Brad Wright	VACC

## Apologies

Peter Lawrence	

1. Meeting opened at 1245 by Craig Brittle. Phill Murphy ACE Executive Director welcomed all to Kangan Institute
2. Minutes from previous meeting to be tabled 11/3/16
3. Treasurers report Peter Lawrence. Presented by Craig Brittle as Peter unable to attend.  
March 2016

*Balance as at 9 March 2016 Cheque account \$9769.20*

*Credit Card account \$1991.00*

*Expenses:*

*Significant expenditures: Merchant Fees \$25.50*

*Expense reimbursement: VAF web site \$198.00*

*Travel expenses: Peter Lawrence \$180.00*

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## *Income:*

*2016 Membership Fees will be invoiced shortly. Could I ask that members submitting their applications please include a credit card or Purchase order number. It will save your treasurer, who like all the other Committee, is a volunteer, from having to chase you later. It is also a requirement under the Consumer Affairs Act that each member provide an address for the service of notices. Whilst I have no problems with you using your work address please provide it. Simply saying "Box Hill" or such like means that I have to go away and look it up. Please help your committee to help you.*

*Invoices for the present meeting were mailed earlier this week. Again, can I ask that either a credit card or Purchase order be provided.*

## 4. Website update

Alan Platt ran through the website pointing out where various pieces of information is located. Alan asked members to forward any additions, retractions or amendments required to him for attention.

## 5. ASA Stephen Wrathall

Stephen described the new changes to ASA's role. Their position at the moment is a temporary one acting as a Skills Services Organisation (SSO). They act in a secretarial position to the newly formed Industry Reference Committees (IRC)  
IRC develops a 4 year work plan that is approved by the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC).

ASA learning hub still exists, but is currently not supported. The intention is that it will be retained, but may be moved to a central repository for resources.

ASA website is being updated currently.

## Training package development

### **AUR12** to be replaced by **AUR 3**

AUR release 3.0 is ready for endorsement and will be reviewed on 21-22/3/16. If all goes well it should be live by the end of March 2016.

Certificate II vocational preparation courses are currently being reviewed as some have been deemed not to have significant vocational outcomes. Although the automotive course (AUR20712) is not a concern it will delay its release which is a problem for Victoria as it is the replacement course for 22015VIC which expires Dec 2016. VCAA needs to approve the new course by June 2016.

When endorsed AUR release 3 will appear on training.gov.au. Support information for the qualification will appear in "companion volumes". Which include the mapping documents.

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AUR30612 will become AUR30616.

All unit codes will change. The level component of the old codes will be deleted. E.g.

AURLTB3003 will become AURLTB003.

## 6. Ashdown Ingrams Presentation- Rowan Mason Regional Manager.

Rowan presented an overview and brief history of Ashdown Ingrams and the parent group CPC Asia Pacific.

Ashdown Ingrams is a specialist supplier to the automotive industry electrical area. They have a focus on quality and want to support students training in the industry. They have representatives who can attend schools to demonstrate their products. They also support the apprentice awards for Kangan each year.

## 7. Workshop- Moderation and validation of assessment tools.

The following units of competency were validated.

- AURVTP2002 Carry out masking procedures
- AURVTN2003 Carry out pre-repair vehicle body operations
- AURTTE2004 Inspect And Service Engines
- AURTTF2001 Service Petrol Fuel Systems
- AURHTD002 Diagnose & repair heavy vehicle steering systems

## 8. Demonstration of ACE Vehicle Dynamometer Emission Laboratory. Andrew Robson

Final activity of the day was an extensive tour and demonstration of the ACE Dynamometer laboratory. Andrew provided an informative and interesting session on the various types of tests they perform for training and the research they perform for industry.

Meeting closed at 1715

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**11<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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### 1. 2016 VAF Annual General Meeting Held at ACE, Docklands

9:00 AM AGM commenced

9:20 AM AGM closed

Refer AGM minutes

### 2. Pat Thornton held a discussion on **AURLTD3006 Carry out wheel alignment operations (light vehicle)**.

The unit of competency was looked at in regards to the need for road testing a vehicle as part of the assessment. The general opinion after much discussion was that the only mention of road testing was in the *Range Statement* and this did not stipulate that the road test was needed to be performed by the candidate for assessment. (The concern was how to assess unlicensed candidates in this unit.)

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The replacement Unit for AUR12 release 3 (AURLTD006) was then looked at and it makes no specific mention of road testing at all.

3. SP Tools Presentation – Presenter Peter Sengstock .

Paul presented a short history on the 40 years SP Tools has been operating. SP Started with air tools initially and then 10 years ago entered the hand tools business. He emphasised their focus on quality products. SP is a proud sponsor of ACE. They are establishing closer relations with the training sector and apprentices. They are offering wholesale prices and a trade card for the apprentices. SP are also heavily into motorsport.

4. Craig Brittle suggested that with the coming endorsement for AUR12 Release 3 that we should work on a collaborative approach for the reworking of changes particularly in regards to the practical assessment tools. He also raised the possibility of a repository on the VAF website. Craig also raised concerns over the recruiting of new automotive trainers from industry.

5. CMM Report – Pat Thornton

Pat said that after the endorsement of AUR 3 that it is unlikely there will be any further changes for some time due to the transition process ASA is currently going through.

AUR 3 units will mostly map across from the previous qualification. This will make transitioning students easier. AUR 3 is up for endorsement on March 21-22. After endorsement it will be placed on <http://training.gov.au>

AUR20715 (replacement course for 22015VIC) has been removed from AUR12r3 for reviewing. Concerns were raised about it being reviewed and endorsed prior to July as it needs to be accepted by the VCAA by then in order for it to be delivered in 2017 as a VET in schools course.

6. I-Car Australia presentation- Presenter Jason Trewin.

Jason gave an informative presentation on new vehicle technologies and possible implications for the automotive repair industry. Vehicle construction techniques were explained, such as composite materials, digital processes, less welding, rivet bonding for alloys and composites. The types of materials being used in new vehicles, particularly aluminium and carbon fibre were discussed. Vehicles now typically having 50% alloys in their construction the aim is to gain lighter and more fuel efficient vehicles without compromising safety.

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Materials that are being used more commonly are Carbon fibre, Aluminium, Magnesium, and over 2,000 types of steels. Also covered was aluminium Nano foam, Microlattice and other new materials that could be used in the future.

7. Craig Brittle closed the meeting at 11:32