

Victorian Automotive Forum (inc)



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2019 VAF

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at Ringwood Training, 3 Hill st Ringwood East

7th – 8th November 2019

Chair – Adrian Lea

Attendees

Michael Cope	Box Hill Institute
Adrian Lea	Box Hill Institute
Steve Heristanidis	Box Hill Institute
Leslie Cetoup	Box Hill Institute
Dino Rajapakse	Box Hill Institute
Mark Egan	Box Hill Institute
Michael Phillips	Brighton Institute
Pir Harmeet Pal Sidhu	Brighton Institute
Jim Baker	Chisholm Institute
Ron Locandro	Chisholm Institute
Steven McMahon	Canberra Institute of Technology
Mark Cunningham	The Gordon
Greg Maconachie	The Gordon
Andrew Beardsell	The Gordon

Gary Atherton	Kangan Institute
Gavin Cribb	Kangan Institute
Pat Thornton	Kangan Institute
Alan Platt	Ringwood Training
Chris Antonopoulos	Ringwood Training
Peter McLeod	Ringwood Training
Rob Jasper	TAFE Gippsland
Peter Calder	TAFE Gippsland
John McManus	Ringwood Training
Derek Poulton	Ringwood Training
Jason Nijk	Ringwood Training
Jim Kennedy	Ringwood Training
Jake Patt	Chisholm Institute

Apologies: Peter Lawrence

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Day 1

Thursday 7th November 2019

Ringwood Training

3 Hill st Ringwood East

12.00PM NETWORKING AND INFORMAL LUNCH

12.45PM VAF OPENING AND INTRODUCTION – ADRIAN LEA

Adrian opened the proceedings and presented the agenda and guest speakers for the next 2 days.

12.50PM WELCOME – SHAYNE VAN DER HEIDE – CENTRE MANAGER

Introduction and official welcome. Shayne welcomed the group back to the institute (3 years since last VAF) and he expressed the importance of the VAF to the industry. Shayne provided an overview of Ringwood Training's status and their direction for 2020 and beyond.

1.00PM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - BY ADRIAN LEA

Adrian Lea read and reviewed previous meeting minutes (Wodonga). Adrian provided a summary of the minutes which included a summary of the presentations and industry visits that were held. Key items from those activities included:

1. PwC – Skilling for Australia update
2. Links between providers and industry, in this case Wodonga showed its close relationship with the motorsport industry and how it linked with the community.
3. Desired outcomes of the VAF, eg;
 - a. Technical training / PD
 - b. Ways of giving back to the industry
 - c. Revenue, business model
4. Strategies to attract new teaching staff
5. PPE – developing a standard approach

It was also reiterated the importance on signing up for training package alerts as there has been quite a bit of activity recently. The process was discussed again as a reminder.

How to subscribe to updates for training package updates:

1. Log into: www.skillsforaustralia.com.au
2. Enter details
3. Select industries you would like information about

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- *Minutes moved by Gavin Cribb and seconded by Pat Thornton*

1.30 WEBSITE UPDATE – BY ALAN PLATT

Alan provided an overview on the web site and showed navigation through various sections including, upcoming VAF info, previous minutes, CMM updates, and links to support pages and external sites.

It was discussed how many members had a Facebook page, however they were yet to 'like' or contribute to the VAF page. All members were asked to push as much traffic through Facebook as possible. It was also asked of all members to check with their marketing departments to see if the VAF page could be shared by each institute. You can access the VAF Facebook site [here](#). Members were asked to see if they could engage their respective marketing departments and align them to the VAF Facebook page.

1.40PM TREASURES REPORT - BY ADRIAN LEA (ON BEHALF OF PETER LAWRENCE)

- \$1705.12 in credit account
- \$25,437.55 in working (cheque) account

The new MYOB (cloud) software for the VAF was providing to be more efficient. The most recent significant purchase was made to Sidchrome for the tools boxes.

1.40PM CMM REPORT - PAT THORNTON

Pat Thornton provided updates on recent activity in relation to training packages. In particular, new MSM units (MSM31115, MSMRV367 & MSMRV368) and AUR release 2020.

AUR 2020 release has around 160 revised units and changes to AUR31220 Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology. Pat also referenced the draft releases that were now available to review via PWC. (presentation attached)

1.45PM REPCO COMMERCIAL PRESENTATION – MICHAEL SAMMONS

Michael provided some background on the recent development of Repco's digital platforms. The platform consisted of 3 key programs; Navigator Pro (part ordering), Smart Quote (service quotes) and Autopedia (technical information).

Nationally there were now over 1,000 businesses using this technology and almost 80% of Repcos business is driven from these platforms.

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3.00PM AFTERNOON TEA

3:15PM BOSCH TECHNICAL PRESENTATION – DARREN TODD

Darren took the group through a comprehensive look at technology changes across different vehicles. He explained the evolution of sensors and some of the subtle changes that have been made recently. Some of the key areas presented were;

- Intelligent sensors
- iBoosters
- Crash Data Retrieval
- 48 Voltage technology
- Fuel technologies

4.45PM ARRIVAL OF TOOLBOXES

The 'VAF Toolbox Promotion' was presented to the group.

The VAF will provide each supporting RTO with a toolbox to be used for apprentice awards or similar. It is expected that each RTO references the VAF during the award presentations and uses the opportunity to acknowledge excellence, high achievements etc. Each RTO will send details on what the Toolbox was used for and provide material suitable to post on the VAF Facebook page. The RTO's are also encouraged to tag/post this on their Facebook page and include reference to the VAF.

If possible, VAF stickers and a letter will be sent to each RTO to be included with the prize.

The VAF will also extend this promotion to TAFE's that have registered for Worldskills (regionals), this will be used to assist in attracting apprentices to take place in Worldskills competitions.

In total 12 tool chests were donated and 7 tool kits were donated.

5:00 - CLOSE

EVENING DINNER: TGI Fridays at Eastland (Eastland Shopping Centre, 171 - 175 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood)

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Day 2

Thursday 8th November 2019

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8.00AM - GUESTS WELCOME AND NETWORKING

8:30AM – BUS TRIP OUT TO ORGER ENGINES - COLIN DOHERTY

This was an amazing to see how a high end engine reconditioning business ran. Orger complete a large amount of OEM warranty reconditioning. Predominantly for Ford Motor Company and the Ranger Engines. There are incredibly strict guidelines on process, supply chain and quality control to be able to carry out this type of work. Orger work closely with all stakeholders to ensure it maintains the highest quality possible. On addition to warranty work, Orger also carried out work for enthusiasts and motor racing teams.

10:30AM MORNING TEA

11:00AM RYCO FILTERS – PRESENTATION - EMMA LAUKENS & MICHAEL REIFFEL

Emma and Michael provide an overview of Ryco's history and what sets them apart from their competitors. In particular, the only filter company that has a dedicated filtration laboratory. The VAF members were shown how Ryco carry out their testing and the complexity around filtration. Ryco provided a thorough understanding of their crankcase filtration systems and the featured and benefits of them. (presentation attached).

11:55AM – TOOLBOXES WERE DISTRIBUTED.

12:00PM MEETING CLOSE.

Next VAF Meeting; Kangan Institute (Docklands) Early April (TBC)