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Foreword

The committee members for 2019, include Adrian Lea (President), Gary Atherton (Vice President), Peter Lawrence (Treasurer), Gavin Cribb (Secretary), Alan Platt (Webmaster), Ron Locandro (CoM Member), Michael Cope (CoM Member), Chris Anton (CoM Member)

The Principle Activities of the association during the past calendar year were:

Automotive Forums / Network meetings and Professional Development.

Significant Changes:

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year, except for increasing the VAF network to include secondary school automotive staff and support and sponsorship of Automotive TAFE awards programs and Worldskills competitions.

Operating results:

The surplus / Deficit for the year ended 31 Dec 2019, amounted in a positive result (see financial statements)

2019 Focus

Action Item – supported by 2019 Committee	Item Status as of the AGM 2020
1. Maintain previous year's structure and format including 3 state wide conferences and multi day format.	Complete
2. Discuss key industry themes / Industry challenges	Ongoing
3. Provide Curriculum Maintenance updates from the CMM, PWC / SSO, for Automotive Training package review	Complete
4. Website promotion and Social media presence via Facebook	Ongoing
5. Promote to extended Automotive training networks – NTAN, and Secondary Schools	Complete and Ongoing
6. Provide Professional Development relevant to Automotive training	Standing item
7. Engage with Industry Associations including Industry Tours	3 x Completed
8. Provide Financial support to Automotive training	Complete
9. Develop VAF Corporate items – Stationary, Software, promotional material etc.	Software and Banner Complete, Stationary ongoing
10. Attract new teachers to industry	Ongoing

About VAF

The Victorian Automotive Forum (VAF) is a not-for-profit, industry-based organisation whose primary aims cover issues related to education and training within the Automotive and related industries. The Executive Group for the VAF is known as the Committee of Management. This is comprised of an eight-member committee, which operates within the framework of the VAF Articles of Association.

Four elected officers of the Committee of Management, three elected ordinary members, and a nominated Webmaster / Media liaison.

Three distinct support roles, requested by the committee to support in decision making, preparation and feedback from the Automotive Industry. They are the Curriculum Maintenance Manager (CMM) Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC) and nominated representatives from Industry, invited on request.

All Committee of Management members are elected for one-year terms with the exception of the Curriculum Maintenance Manager (CMM) for Automotive – Victoria, Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC) who are appointed as incumbents in their respective roles.

The Committee of Management may elect to appoint a Public Officer of the VAF to support with Compliance requirements.

The Committee of Management is responsible for the operation of the VAF with the day to day operations delegated to the President.

The Committee of Management monitors the finances of the organisation, its meetings and forums. Also any programs or conferences it chooses to run.

Supporting documents to this report

1. Financial Statements, including balance sheets, Income and Expenditure statement
2. VICTORIAN AUTOMOTIVE FORUM SENATE STRUCTURE – 2019

VAF Meetings

The 2019 annual year comprised of 3 Multi day conferences, and 4 committee meetings -

- April 11 / 12, 2019 – VAF AGM at ACE Docklands
- August 15 / 16, 2019 – VAF at Wodonga Institute of TAFE
- November 7 / 8, 2019 – VAF at Ringwood Trade Training Facility
- February 8, 2019 – Committee of management meeting – Video Conferencing via 'BlueJeans'
- June 21, 2019 – Committee of management meeting – Video Conferencing via 'BlueJeans'
- September 20, 2019 – Committee of management meeting – Video Conferencing via 'BlueJeans'
- November 29, 2018 – Committee of management meeting – Video Conferencing via 'BlueJeans'

Industry Connection and Networking

The committee of management and VAF representatives were involved in a variety of discussions, industry presentations and professional development activities over the past twelve months as follows –

1. CMM reporting

Pat Thornton provided curriculum maintenance reporting, and communication between the Skill Service Organisations, PWC and the Industry Reference Committees.

Pat has developed a strong link to Price Waterhouse Cooper involving them in a long standing relationship with the VAF and insight knowledge into future training package updates.

Curriculum topics for 2019 included –

- Automotive training package activity relating to AUR release 5 and AUM Release 2
- PwC presentation on the industry skills forecast and proposed schedule of work in relation to the AUR training package. 150 AUR units will be available for feedback mid 2019.
- Autobody qualifications discussed and ADAS technology, PDR (paintless dent removal) and composite repairs were all current conversations.
- Updates on recent training packages activity. Including, 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.

2. Courseware Validation and Moderation Exercises

The VAF members were involved in review and moderation of learning and assessment materials breaking into small groups to conduct valuable validation exercises on Institutes courseware.

3. Workshops and Group Discussions including the following -

- VAF membership model
- Financial direction
- Professional development and casual pooling
- Apprenticeship Trade Papers

4. Guest Speakers

- Brad Jones, Brad Jones Racing
- Matt Chahda, Auto one, Falcon Racing

5. Industry tours

- Bus trip to Latchford barracks VTW training facility
- Bus trip out to Orger engines - Colin Doherty
- Ryco filters – presentation - Emma Laukens & Michael Reiffel

6. World Skills Presentation

Grant Petch provided an overview on the World Skills framework, the number of countries involved and the sheer scope and size of the global program. The VAF group toured 4 individual competitions held at Kangan Institute

7. Jaguar Land Rover Apprentice Program

Gavin Cribb provided an overview of the development of the JLR global apprentice program, including a focus on the structure of classroom management and delivery.

8. Repco Commercial Presentation

Michael Sammons discussed development of Repco's digital platforms. The platform consists of 3 key programs; Navigator Pro (part ordering), Smart Quote (service quotes) and Autopedia (technical information).

9. 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 recent changes in the following -

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

10. The VAF Toolbox Promotion

Through broad discussion from members the VAF committee approved the decision to provide supporting RTO's with a toolbox to be used for apprentice awards or similar.

The VAF also extend this support to TAFE's that have registered competitors for Worldskills regional competitions, and is to 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 to the following VET providers –

- Box Hill Institute
- Chisholm Institute
- Canberra Institute
- The Gordon Institute
- Kangan-Bendigo Institute
- SuniTafe
- Wodonga Tafe
- Ringwood Training Facility
- GippsTafe
- GoTafe
- Brighton Institute
- Lyndhurst Secondary College

The following VET providers received toolboxes for WorldSkills Competitions –

- Box Hill Institute
- Federation Uni
- GoTafe
- Kangan Institute
- Chisholm Institute
- SouthWest TAFE
- SuniTAFE

11. Website development

Continued work has been invested into the Victorian Automotive website and Facebook page over the past twelve months primarily by the Webmaster Alan Platt. He has worked closely with the Forum committee and members to build and create a purposeful website that contains a variety of supporting documents and professional development strategies for the use by association members.

This can be viewed at the following web address <http://victorianautomotiveforum.org/> or find us on Facebook

12. Extras

Tribute to Adrian lauder – recognition of his contribution to the VAF from 2007 – 2017

Closing comments.

2019 was a huge year for automotive training and the Victorian Automotive Forum, as we continue to provide essential professional development and networking. We hope that all members and attendees were able to gain much needed knowledge and opportunity for collaboration to assist with continuously improving the Automotive training across Victoria.

We also acknowledge the challenging times that we have all encountered as we moved into 2020, including the impacts of the bushfires across Victoria and other states, and also the unprecedented pandemic of Covid-19. Amidst these extreme concerns and impacts that have been placed on our family lives, employment and automotive training across our sector we remain strong and connected.

On behalf of the Victorian Automotive Forum, the committee and I appreciate the support and collaboration from all members, associates and guests. We are also grateful for the support from our organisations, TAFE institutes, RTO's, sponsors and industry bodies.

Details of this annual report will be published on the Victorian Automotive Forum Website within the next few days, and from all of us, please stay safe, provide the best automotive training experience available, and we look forward to catching up again later in the year.

Adrian Lea
President
Victorian Automotive Forum