



## MINUTES OF MEETING

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**November 2020 VAF**

**Supported by TAFE Gippsland,**

**Thursday 19th November 2020**

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### ATTENDEES

Colin Prest	Alan Platt
Jason Nijk (Ringwood Training)	Gavin Cribb
Anthony Van Emmerik	Owner
Greg Maconachie	Geoff Beer
Shayne Van Der Heide (Ringwood Training)	David Thexton
Nikki Skarbek	Anthony Ietto
Bill Evans	Peter
Dave Camper	Kishore Kadam
Trainer Laptop 1	Michael Cope
Adrian Lea	Tim Hearn
Robert Jasper	Jake Patt
Ron Locandro	Greg Barker
Patrick Thornton	
61435	Guest

Kishore Kadam	Bill Evans
Indhiran Padayachee	Mark Liberto
Peter Mcleod	Fiona McDonald
Greg Maconachie	Dino Rajapakse
Brad Wright	Frank Kennedy
Tim Hearn	Scott Cato
Mark Egan	Michelle Morgan
Chris Antonopoulos	Mark
Sarah - Twa	61417440931
Ian Dubbeld	Patrick Thornton
Robert Munday	Michelle Morgan
	Neil Joiner
	Guest
	Bill Evans



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### **SESSION 1**

This forum was originally scheduled to take place (on site) at TAFE Gippsland. Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 this forum was held on an online platform. TAFE Gippsland were still the sponsors and proud partners of the on line event.

**5:00PM - Members dialed into the BlueJeans platform and tested system.**

**5:15PM - VAF OPENING AND INTRODUCTION – ADRIAN LEA**

Adrian opened the proceedings, introduced the committee of management and welcomed the committee members. Adrian presented the agenda covered on line housekeeping and commenced the forum.

**5:20 - WELCOME – Rob Jasper (Program Manager, Automotive and aeroskills)**

Rob provided an overview of the TAFE Gippsland operation which is 13 sites from Warrigal all the way to Bairnsdale and Leongatha. Provide auspice to Cann River and Orbost. Rob explained how TAFE Gippsland have had significant growth in their VETis programs and have a healthy pipeline of students. Rob also highlighted how COVID 19 had impacted his programs and some of the strategies they put in to manage these challenges

**5:35PM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Adrian Lea read and reviewed previous meeting minutes. Provided a summary of the 2020 activity including the AGM which was held on August 13, (postponed due to C-19). The AGM included the motions to vote in committee members which were appointed as necessary. (There were no changes from the 2019 structure)

The Annual General Report and Treasures report were also tables during the AGM. Guest speakers included at the AGM included;

Pat Thornton – AUR v6 and the implications,

Darryl Sutton VCAA (particularly the VETis /VCAL changes around C19)

Hella Gutman Solutions – ADAS technologies and driver assistance technologies

**5:45 WEBSITE UPDATE – BY ALAN PLATT**

Alan provided the forum with website and social media updates;

Presented the webpage and showed the location of minutes, the VAF structure and where to find information on upcoming meetings. This included information on registration forms, how to apply for trade papers, agendas, CMM updates and where to find annual reports.

Alan presented the VAF Facebook page, a little less formal platform to find information around the VAF and post anything relevant to automotive training.

**5:55PM TREASURES REPORT - BY PETER LAWRENCE**



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Peter provided the forum with a presentation covering the financial summary of the VAF

Banking account 26,650.78 (a loss of about \$1500 for the year)

Peter also reminded the group that the VAF are no longer accepting credit card payments however direct debit options are available. Peter also reminded the group that a potential charge of \$30 will be tabled for online forums in the future.

The VAF is in a sound financial position and will continue to support the industry through 2021.

### **6:00PM - PwC | training package 2020 review– BY ROBERT MUNDAY**

Rob provided an overview of PwC's role in training package development for the automotive sector.

In particular Rob updates the forum on the AUR version 6.0 release. Highlights included;

- Total of 31 qualifications, 304 units of competency and
- 9 skill sets released/updated
- 12 month teachout for superseded training products
- 24 month teachout for deleted training products
- Reworked Companion Volume Implementation Guide (CVIG) available on VETNet
- PwC's Interest in feedback from the industry on implementation advice from Stakeholders

Greg Barker queried the 2022 end date on training.gov. Robert suggested that there no end dates set by PwC.

Dave Camper (Mazda Technical Training Australia) – asked around the possibility extension for the (12 month) teach out? Robert stated that requests need to be made to ASQA and are assessed on a case by case scenario.

Upcoming AUR project work.

The Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) have approved three new automotive projects

- Battery electric vehicle service and repair (1 new qualification; 2 new units)
- Light vehicle accessory fitting (1 new qualification; 6 units — 3 new, 3 updated)
- Telematics systems service and repair (5 units — 4 new, 1 updated)

Consultation on these projects is expected to commence in late November/early December.

### **6:20PM – Special guest | Dave Thexton – Cann River Secondary School**

Adrian Lea provided some background about how the VAF is looking at ways to support auto training. After the devastating 2019-20 fires, the VAF (with support from TAFE Gippsland) had agreed to support some of the providers that had been impacted by the fires. Cann river also supported the students from Mallacoota, one of the regions severely isolated by the



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fires. Dave Thexton, provided an overview on the impact that the fires had on the region and on the teaching program. On the back of the trauma, students were then unable to attend school (with roads closed etc). However, they are resilient, and starting to get back onto track.

The toolbox that was donated, really brought home that 'someone' was thinking of them and it was extremely well received. The VAF commended TAFE Gippsland and Cann River Secondary School on their ability to maintain engagement with their students through such a difficult year. The Victorian Automotive Forum felt privileged to be able to support a region that was doing a lot of amazing work for the automotive teaching industry.

Short Break

### **6:45 - CMM Report by PAT THORNTON**

Pat began to present his report and experienced a few technical on line challenges. The forum allowed Pat to 'reload' and come back later in the forum.

### **6:45 – Special Guest | Michelle Morgan, Saint Gobain Abrasives (Prep It Competition)**

Michelle Morgan and Mark Saunders provided a summary of St Gobain's position in the industry (350+ years) which includes Norton, the leading abrasives brand in the autobody industry. They introduced and exciting a new initiative developed especially for automotive autobody apprentices.

*The 2021 'Prep It' competition.*

'Prep It' aims to showcase the skills that apprentices learn in perfect preparation, using a range of sanding techniques. Each month St Gobain will the best entry (\$200) and 4 (\$50) runner up entries submitted by apprentices. Students will be able to upload using an app and scanning a QR code.

At the end of the year all entries received will go into the major prize draw 1st (\$2,000), 2nd (\$500) and 3rd (\$250)

The submitted work must be completed using St Gobain product.

### **7:15 – Special Guest | Fiona McDonald, Managing Director, Tradeswomen Australia**

Fiona provide an overview of TWA's Automotive Workplace Diversity Project. The initiative is an industry first program designed to improve the mental health and wellbeing of automotive business through diversity and inclusion.

The 2 year project aims to engage 500 automotive workers and 100 repair shops across Victoria. The initiative will mentor manages and automotive businesses to provide them with the tools and support to improve rates of occupational stress, bullying, harassment and similar challenges.



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It is free to participating workshops and will commence in early 2021. All VAF members were encouraged to reach out to their networks and encourage workshops to sign up and be part of this initiative. Further information can be found at <https://tradeswomenustralia.com.au/workplace-diversity-project/>

### **7:30 – Special Guest | Neil Joiner, Trafalgar Holden Museum**

Neil brought the group through a virtual tour of the Trafalgar Holden Museum.

The museum commenced in 2014 and has a significant display dating back to the 1850's. Neil took the group through some of the vehicles and equipment that related to the manufacturing history of General Motors Holden. There was a brilliant representation of early vehicles all the way to some of the late models from the HSV range.

### **7:45 - CMM Report by PAT THORNTON**

Pat presented the recent changes and information around the AUR 6.0 qualification.

He provided information on the following;

- Comparison: AURLTB003 and AURLTB103
- Deleted qualifications and units
- Diagnosis – feedback from industry suggested apprentices were struggling with diagnosis, so they have made changes to these types of units.
- All of the “Diagnose and repair “ units now have wording in the Elements and Performance Criteria around “testing strategy” and “diagnostic process”.
- AURLTB003 range of conditions
- AURLTB03 Performance Evidence
- AURLTB103 Knowledge Evidence
- Deleted Qualifications and Units