



MINUTES OF MEETING

2023 VAF

Held at Kangan Institute, Docklands

Thursday 17th August 2023

ATTENDEES

Adrian Lea	Box Hill Institute
Gavin Cribb	Bendigo Kangan Institute
Matthew McCormack	GoTafe
Chris Antonopoulos	Ringwood TF
Peter Lawrence	SMA
Pat Thornton	Bendigo Kangan Institute
Jim Baker	Chisholm Institute
Diamantis Bitzios	Chisholm Institute
Michael Cope	Box Hill Institute
Jim Baker	Chisholm Institute
Den Shkembi	Box Hill Institute
Duncan Treller	Box Hill Institute
Mark Egan	Box Hill Institute
Peter Cartwright	Chisholm Institute
Dale Roberts	
Anthony Coleman	GoTafe
Joe Rachele	GoTafe

Marc Earnshaw	GoTafe
Mark Ward	GoTafe
Mark Wheeler	GoTafe
Russell Forster	GoTafe
Tim Kohn	GoTafe
Jason Milner	Sunitafe
Rodney Sparrow	Sunitafe
Terry Sparrow	Sunitafe
Richard Paul	Volkswagon
Dave Whitehead	Mazda
Matias Amado	Mazda
Dave Keeley	CIT
Adrian Gibbons	CIT
Richard Lindsay	CIT
Russell Knight (online)	
Matthew Watson (online)	

APOLOGIES:



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David Adams, Allan Platt,

DAY 1

Kangan Institute's Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE)

1 Batman's Hill Dr, Docklands

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8:30am	Coffee and arrival	
9:00	Opening proceedings, welcome to the VAF - Scholarship update on Jake (Past TAE scholarship winner) - Adrian ran through the day's agenda - Warrnambool to host the next VAF November 11 th /12 th - Everyone should complete the EV survey Gavin sent out from Swinbourne - Certificate of Attendance needs to be sent out from the last VAF	Adrian Lea
9:15	Minutes of previous meeting	Adrian Lea
9:20	Website Update	Alan Platt
9:25	Treasurers Report -\$29732.14	Peter Lawrence
9:30	Scholarship announcement 1x metro, 1x regional	Adrian Lea
9:40	Guest: <i>Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority (AASRA)</i>	Rodger Nardi Executive Director
10:15 - 10:30	Short Break (Chervon Mobile Van demonstration, in workshop)	
10:30	Guest: <i>Chervon Australia</i> Autobody and OPE Equipment	Peter Sengstock
10:40	Guest: <i>Hyzon Motors</i> Hydrogen trends and applications in Australia	Simon Dawson Vice – President of Operations (Aust)
11:25	AUR Curriculum Maintenance Managers Report	Pat Thornton
11:30	Validation and Electude update	All
12:30	Guest: <i>Sealed Performance Batteries</i> Application suitability and lithium certifications	Ryan Hammond Director
1:00 – 1:30	Lunch	



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1:30	Guest: <i>AUSMESA</i> AUR training Package Updates	Michael Rose Manager Industry Engagement
2:15	Guest: <i>Savic Motorcycles</i> [Virtual] Electric Motorcycle Technology	Dennis Savic Founder & CEO
3:00 – 3:15	Short Break	
3:15	Guest: <i>Viva Energy</i> Hydrogen & EV Service Stations	James O’Donnell – Hydrogen Construction Project Manager/ Hinson Chan - Hydrogen Technical Business Development
3:45	Guest: <i>EV Fire Safety</i> [Virtual] First responder presentation around EV fires	Emma Sutcliffe
4:30	Guest(s): <i>Worldskills</i> Update, Nationals – tickets for following day.	Grant Petch
5:00-5:30	Close / Campus tour	
6:30pm	Evening Meal - Platform 28 (Opp Marvel Stadium). 82 Village St, Docklands https://www.platform28.com.au/	

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8.30am	Networking and welcome	
8:45	Word skills competition – Autobody Competition	Kangan Institute campus
9:30	Short Break – then walk to convention centre for main event.	
9:45	Word skills competition – Mechanical Competitions	Convention Centre
1:00pm	Close and final discussion summary -VAF to look at possibly expanding to Canberra -There will be 2x TAE scholarship available this year, one metro and one regional applicants to send their applications to vicautoforum@outlook.com . Entries close 1 st November 2023 -There was discussion about an age demographic tic box on the next VAF forum application -Possibility of expanding and creating a VAF LinkedIn account -Massive thanks to Gavin and the crew at ACE for their hospitality	