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## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Venue: Morwell Trade Centre (Thursday) & Yallourn Campus (Friday) - TAFE Gippsland**

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### DAY 1: THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2025

#### 12:30PM – WELCOME TO TAFE GIPPSLAND

- Jason Clements and Justin Fallu welcomed attendees and provided the group with an overview of TAFE Gippsland and its 13 campuses.

#### 12:35PM – OPENING PROCEEDINGS

- Adrian Lea opened the forum and welcomed participants.

#### 12:45PM – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Adrian reviewed and confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting this included recognition of the National Automotive Forum that was held earlier in the year in Brisbane.

#### 12:55PM – TREASURER'S REPORT

- Adrian presented the report. The VAF is in a comfortable position and currently has \$40,220.78 in its account.
- Discussion on 2026 memberships to be released Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and current financial status.

#### 1:10PM – CMM REPORT

- Pat Thornton delivered the CMM report, including latest update of the TPOF – Training package organising framework. New guidelines that will shape the future of Automotive training packages.

#### 1:30PM – GUEST: ELECTRIC TRUCK – WINDROSE TECHNOLOGY

- James Walmsley presented on electric truck developments. He also brought a brand new experimental prime mover vehicle with him and allowed the group to access the truck and ask questions.

#### 2:15PM – GUEST: DYERS DISTRIBUTION

- Damien Scurlock presented on Dyers' operations. Dyers are a large distribution group that specialise in freight of food and produce. They have almost 400 trucks across 2 businesses with 50% of their business in refrigerated transport. Damien discussed the challenges with refrigerated transport and the small windows that they operate in.
- All of their freight is recorded with an advanced telematics framework that records temperatures and movement of all stock.



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- Harry Liaros presented on advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). Harry touched on the ongoing technologies around lidar, radar and 360 cameras. He also provided the group with a technical presentation around advanced lighting systems including matrix lighting and the new advanced Liquid Crystal HD lighting that is now available in the Australian market.

### 3:45PM – GUEST: AUSMASA UPDATE

- Johnathan van Leeuwen provided an update on the projects that AUSMASA are working on and researching for future use including an update on the ADAS units.

### 4:20PM – GUEST: TAQTILE – AR/VR/XR TECHNOLOGY

- Geoff McMillan presented how the Manifest platform supports Augmented Reality for practical training. Geoff showed how easy the platform was to use and gave the group the opportunity to use the AR/AV glasses to see how it could relate to automotive training.

### 4:50PM – TOUR: MORWELL TRADE CENTRE

- Led by Jason Clements the group were shown through the trades training centre and campus.

### 5:30PM – CLOSE

- Day's proceedings concluded with dinner to be served at 6:30 at the Little Prince in Traralgon

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### DAY 2: FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2025

8:30AM – NETWORKING AND WELCOME

8:45AM – ELECTUDE IMPLEMENTATION (KANGAN INSTITUTE)

- Michael Mavrikakis provided insights to the implementation of the Electude platform and how it integrated into the LMS etc. With 300 students now using the produce (AUR30620), Michael explained that the partnership allowed for ongoing maintenance and improvements in real time. He showed the success as learners were completing their studies with better outcomes than the previous learning resources that were used at Kangan Institute.

9:00AM – WORLDSKILLS UPDATE (ONLINE)

- Raman Badekar provided an update on WorldSkills and the 2026 team Australia development camp. He celebrated competitors from the automotive sector, and discussed their journey via Canberra to the World Competition. Raman presented a wonderful power point on showcasing the 2026 global skills challenge event and the WorldSkills International competition in Shanghai. Discussion was held on the proposed 2026 Regional Automotive competitions in Victoria and best tips to prepare early for classroom competitions.

9:15AM – AUR20720 VDSS SHARED RESOURCE PROJECT – EWORKS

- Ramona Younan & Mark Taupy presented on the project developed by eWorks. The project, sponsored by OTCD went through a consultation process with all TAFEs as part of the PAG (Project Advisory Group). With feedback from all PAG members all resources have been through a validation process, conducted by either a 3rd party validator (OTCD engaged Audit Express) and partner TAFEs, stating the review findings and recommendations have been taken into account for the final product. The product will be available for the Victorian TAFE network to use in 2026.

10:00AM – PRACTICAL TIPS FOR WORKING WITH NEURODIVERSE STUDENTS

- Alyce Van Leeuwen shared strategies for supporting neurodiverse learners. The comprehensive presentation provided the group with insights about autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, Tourette's syndrome, and intellectual disability. Alyce also provided strategies on how to work with students with these conditions. Rather than viewing these as "disorders," we can understand them as variations — each with its own strengths and challenges.



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### 11:00AM – FXB – AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING PRODUCTS

- Grant Petch introduced new automotive training products that are available through FXB – in particular Automotive training simulators, test bench and latest technologies. FXB are becoming a global leader in building Automotive training resources and through Grant Petch and WorldSkills International they are able to develop latest solutions for the Australian automotive training network.

### 11:30AM – MILWAUKEE TOOLS

- Kris Lozada presented on Milwaukee tools presented latest Automotive tools and their 2026 catalogue and also a TAFE initiative and promotion. For every \$1000 spent an additional \$1000 will be offered free.

### 12:00PM – CLOSE AND WORKSHOP TOUR