

Licensed Certifiers Association General Meeting – Minutes

Venue: TAFE Wetherill Park – Zoom Meeting

Meeting Start 6.14pm June 19th 2023

All members present must sign in the LCA attendance book.

Open Meeting Chair: Terry Leeder Time: 6.04pm Date: 31/07/2023

Attendees:

Meeting (Live)

Peter Weatherby, John Oste, Terry Leeder, Ken O’Keefe, , Scott Herning, , Lesly Gunaratnam, Andrew Philips,

Zoom:

Mark Dewhurst, Peter Gillard, Phil Woods, Ian Carpenter

Visitor:

Jayden Sessions (Ultimate Suspension)

Apologies: Jeff Watters, Robbie Holmes

Previous Minutes: May be read out by the secretary Or

Nomination that previous meeting minutes to be correct: Ken O’Keefe **Seconded:** Scott Herning

Matters arising from the previous minutes: Items 1-12.

Item No	Agenda Item	Action/ Notes	Status
1.	GVM - Axle Weights	NO NEWS – Greg Dikranian TFNSW has made no new decisions. Ken O’Keefe reported GVM axle weights accepted in QLD, details to be published in the “AAAA” magazine. It was reported that TFNSW sitting back to see how it runs as they have bigger items to address, current ruling yet to be accepted by TFNSW & Vic Roads. Lift Kit sizes to be confirmed, TFNSW looking at all objections regarding body lift spacers, extended shackles, Standard ruling being investigated for STD Kit Sizes. TRNSW to advise. TFNSW VSG next meeting on the 23 rd May 2023.	OPEN
2.	ADR 68 – Seats Dynamic testing / Static Testing	Peter Weatherby reported on ADR 68. Current problem with the seat anchorage compliance. The testing procedure is not normally undertaken dynamically using a sledge testing procedure, rather static testing is generally performed which presented the problem. With the retro fitment of seats in buses, motorhomes and commercial vehicles, Peter has demonstrated the problems incurred during the static test requirements set down by ADR 68. This matter has been taken up with TFNSW who agreed with Peter findings, confirmed by another	OPEN

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		<p>certifiers report (Alternative certifier engaged by TFNSW) and the Bus Industry Federation. TFNSW have acknowledged the ADR 68 shortfall and not acted on the matter, rather passed it onto the federal authorities in Canberra responsible for the ADR,s who are currently ignoring the ADR 68 static testing issues.</p> <p>The Bus industry federation have supported Peter finding plus some extra recommendations of their own addressing ADR 68 shortfall and have also taken this up with the authorises in Canberra (Malisa Cashman).</p> <p>TFNSW Public busses have got a retro fit program in place, a process to which Peter has developed a testing criterion for the short-term testing including the words INTENT on the reporting documentation.</p> <p>After some discussions by the LCA members at the meeting it was announced to stop any further certification of ADR 68 seating compliance signoff until further notice and put the responsibility back onto TFNSW for a determination and resolution with a letter to all LCA members for support.</p> <p>Peter Weatherby has got an upcoming meeting on this subject matter with TFNSW with support of Peter Gillard. Further Details to follow</p>	
3.	ICV,s VSI 53 - What is a ICV Vehicle?	<p>Ian Davis has reported that VSI 53 has been released. According to Ian it is a working document.</p> <p>TFNSW to provide procedures revision for Notice 11 by end of July 2023.</p>	OPEN
4.	Road Vehicle Regulator ROVER	<p>Still no major news from TFNSW or information or feedback from TRNSW on this subject matter.</p>	CLOSED
5.	Speaker Presentation "TFNSW"	<p>Ken O'Keefe reported that both David Black TFNSW Mgr and Greg Dikranian TFNSW Senior Manager for Safer Vehicles would be happy to report at our meeting and requested some upcoming LCA meeting dates.</p> <p>Terry Leeder (Secretary) to advise of upcoming meeting dates in October / November 2023.</p>	OPEN
6.	New Objectives for 2022 – 2023	<p>New Proposed LCA Objective Listing</p> <p>Further training days</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Heavy vehicles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr Air Brake Training Presentation to be prepared at TAFE programmed for May 2023. John Oste has contacted Chris Roberts by phone and email for a suitable date and timing. – Engauge Wabco to deliver a dedicated brake training / awareness program on the Wabco smart electronic brake system at TAFE (2023 TBA) – Peter Weatherby has been unwell may be available late September/ October to present some information and awareness of the CTA "Component Type Approval" (Previously called SARN/CRN) documentation on heavy vehicles in particular buses. b) Crane Installation on heavy vehicles (2023 TBA) c) Light Vehicles 	OPEN

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		<p>– Greg South to deliver a presentation on the RVD system, the best way to look up vehicle history data.</p> <p>Look up details for Rover RVD has been listed on the LCA Website which is available to all members once registered after registering and log in.</p>	
7.	Emission Testing Botany TFNSW	<p>Transport for NSW has approved a further exemption for the emissions testing requirement for modified or individually constructed vehicles. The original exemption had elapsed and there was some confusion whether the exemption had been extended until 30th September 2023. The TFNSW working group (VSWG) have released the discussed to put the responsibility of emission testing back onto the certifier to undertake with the testing with a 5 Gas Analyser (New Equipment Cost 6K -17K). Further details to follow.</p> <p>John Oste presented a brief report on the test requirements and suggested he was looking into purchasing the emission testing equipment.</p>	OPEN
8.	LCA Website	<p>John Oste reported the website is up and running live available to all LCA members.</p> <p>A brief verbal presentation delivery of the website was delivered and the procedure for member log in status.</p> <p>This is a growing website, appreciate feedback information and further recommendations.</p>	OPEN
9.	Lane Change & Brake testing promotion Videos	<p>Ken reported that his is currently undertaking comparison brake testing on 79 Series Landcruiser vehicles (Boosters, Rotors, Pads) and developing an awareness video to be available for all LCA members.</p> <p>Promotional video of these testing can be made available when completed and posted on the LCA website.</p>	OPEN
10.	New Forum LCA	<p>TFNSW has reported the currently there are no TFNSW personnel available for these roles.</p> <p>Forum to be undertaken at TAFE postponed until mid or late 2024.</p>	ON HOLD
11.	“AAAA” Forum Auto Care - QLD	<p>4 members have signed up for the upcoming Autocare show two-day National Convention “AAAA” is holding in Brisbane. It was decided by the executive team financial support would be granted to the members attending with a donation of \$550 per each of the four (4) members attending.</p> <p>A full report was presented at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VSB 14 Working Group (LCA members John Oste, Ian Carpenter (Working with the industry, webinars, new policies & procedures, aftermarket equipment, electric vehicles and new technology) • Lesley Yates feedback within the transport industry and the positive progress with the various authorities, state regulators & Australian Automotive Standards review. (VIC/NSW/QLD GCM draft developed, QLD adopted new policy) • Testing of vehicles for electronic stability control ESC and ADAS. (Current position of ESC and where the market is heading too.) • EV,s Electric Cars (Overview of where the market is going and the impact on the industry) 	

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12.	Changes to VSI 21.	The recent changes to the Australian Standards have affected VSI 21. The update ramp angle of 1.6 Ration has introduced various problems within the industry. These problems range from the need to articulate foldable ramps in vehicles which take up more storage space & restrict driver view, long ramp length impede into the roadway into the line of traffic at the rear & do not fit into the council allocated bays for side mounted devices. Most wheelchairs are powered, electric winches are fitted on most ramps. Report prepared by Jeff Walters, The Australian STD,s was changed without any consultation in the industry. Issue to be raised as an agenda item at the LCA Committee meeting. Issue being addressed by the Australian Standards Team	ON HOLD Until Aust STD Update
	Financials		
13.	Treasures Report	John Oste reported in that the financials were over budget for to date for this year period 2022 -2023 by \$3,119.42. Net Assets to Date 30 July 2023 \$38,469.09 Expenditure to date 2023-2024 -30 July 2023 \$115.58	OPEN
	Correspondence		
	General Business		
14.	Challenged by Police &	LCA Member waiting for court case on the accusations raised by Police & TFNSW was cleared by the courts. (Matter thrown out of court by the judge) The member was dismissed but the member had to pay for the court cost actions, 60K + 190K of loss of business. Member considering taking both the Police and TFNSW to ICAC. Another member from up north has also experienced problems of similar nature.	OPEN
15.	NSW Police	Peter Gillard reported the police have the right to demand your records of your VSCCS documentation. Apparently, the police are not happy with 4WD lift kits. It was suggested to prepare a common document for all certifies to sign to and be presented to local members of parliament, (Apply political pressure) Peter Gillard will prepare some notes for September committee meeting. Ken O'Keefe to contact "AAAA" for some legal advice on this matter.	OPEN

Meeting Closed Time - 7.30pm

Next General Meeting - 14th Aug 2023.

Next Committee Meeting - 7th August 2023