

# Licenced Certifiers Association General Meeting – Minutes

Venue: TAFE Wetherill Park – Zoom Meeting

Meeting Start 6.00pm October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

All members present must sign in the LCA attendance book.

Open Meeting Chair: Terry Leeder Time: 6.15pm Date: 16/10/2023

## Attendees:

Meeting (Live)

John Oste, Terry Leeder, Scott Herning.

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## Zoom:

Ian Carpenter , Mark Dewhurst, Micheal Azzopardi

Visitor:

**Apologies:** Ken O’Keefe, Peter Weatherby

**Previous Minutes:** May be read out by the secretary Or

**Nomination that previous meeting minutes to be correct:** Scott Herning **Seconded:** Micheal Azzopardi

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

Item No	Agenda Item	Action/ Notes	Status
1.	GVM - Axle Weights	NO NEWS TFNSW are not looking into this matter as there will be changes to VSB 14. Ongoing: Previously in the last meeting 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. Awaiting TRNSW to advise.	OPEN
2.	ADR 68 Seats	This matter has gone to Department of Infrastructure in Canberra together with the bus federation face to face. ADR 5/06 is only mandatory on new vehicles, therefore ADR 68 must be upgraded to resolve the issue of the static testing matter and current problem with the seat anchorage compliance. OEM seat testing procedure is normally undertaken using a sledge testing procedure, whereas ADR 68 involves static testing which presents the problem. The Bus Industry Federation and Infrastructure in Canberra have now acknowledged the ADR 68 shortfall and the need for the upgrading of this standard. Peter is currently working with APV testing on seat belts anchorages.	OPEN

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		An NSW Task force has been set up to investigate this matter, who are now due to industry pressure are concentrating on the lack of bus drivers & bus running on time.	
3.	Speaker Presentation “TFNSW”	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. Terry Leeder (Secretary) has forwarded advise of upcoming LCA meeting dates. It was suggested to invite Matt Café to a LCA meeting. ON HOLD UNTIL NEXT YEAR – TFNSW NOT AVAILBLE AT THIS TIME	On HOLD
4.	New Objectives for 2022 – 2023	<p>New Proposed LCA Objective Listing</p> <p><b>Note: Currently TAFE do NOT allow any vehicle into the workshop &amp; will not allow any work outside currently. (A political issue at TAFE now). Alternative arrangements to find an alternative venue and proposed hire of a heavy vehicle for the test procedures.</b></p> <p>Further training days</p> <p>a) Heavy vehicles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dr Air Brake Training Presentation to be prepared at TAFE programmed for May 2023 has been postponed. John Oste has contacted Chris Roberts by phone and email for a suitable date and timing.</li> <li>– Engauge Wabco to deliver a dedicated brake training / awareness program on the Wabco smart electronic brake system at TAFE (2023 TBA)</li> <li>– 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.</li> </ul> <p>b) Crane Installation on heavy vehicles (2023 TBA)</p> <p>c) Light Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Greg South to deliver a presentation on the RVD system, the best way to look up vehicle history data.</li> </ul> <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>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>On Hold until the new Year 2024</p>
5.	Lane Change & Brake testing promotion Videos	Ken 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. Stewart (STC) will put together a testing routine on brake safety stop testing and track testing on double diaphragm booster as opposed to a single diaphragm booster installation. Promotional video of these testing can be made available when completed and posted on the LCA website. Ken not present - Report Next Meeting	OPEN

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6.	New Forum LCA	TFNSW has reported the currently there are no TFNSW personnel available for these roles. Forum to be undertaken at TAFE postponed until mid or late 2024.	ON HOLD
7.	Emission Testing Botany TFNSW	The exemption period for emission testing from Transport for NSW has elapsed for modified or individually constructed vehicles. It is the responsibility of the certifier to undertake the emission testing with a 5 Gas Analyser on all vehicles as required. At this time currently John Oste, a mobile service (Sydney area), and Mark Dewhurst, at his workshop (Central Coast area) have purchased the emission testing equipment and can provide the testing and reporting services if required.	CLOSED
8.	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
9.	NSW Police	Peter Gillard had drafted a document for each LCA member to be made available for all certifies to sign to and be presented to local members of parliament, (Apply political pressure)  Lesly meet with his local member for discussions on the subject matter and received a response that the minister requested the changes and instructed the Police to take immediate action (DEC LAST YEAR) on the matter. Therefore, there will be no changes to the ON-THE-SPOT AUDITING BY THE POLICE.	OPEN
	<b>Financials</b>		
10.	Treasures Report	John Oste reported in that the financials were in budget at the last LCA General Meeting to date for this year period 2023 -2024. Net Assets to Date 11 September 2023 \$35,511.90 Expenditure to date 2023-2024 - 11 September 2023 \$3672.77	OPEN
	<b>Correspondence</b>		
11.	LCA Membership	Treve Andrews is NOT renewing his membership as he is moving to WA. Terry Leeder on behalf of the LCA has thanked him for his membership and support. Another member is on suspension, no longer a member of the LCA	CLOSED
	<b>General Business</b>		
12.	Department of Fair Trade	John Oste has lodged the fee annual summary for t2 associations with the Department of Fair Trading for the period of 2023 - 2024.	CLOSED

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	(Annual Summary for T2 Associations)	Item completed	

Meeting Closed Time - 7.19pm

Next General Meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Next Committee Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023