

Licenced Certifiers Association General Meeting – Minutes

Venue: TAFE Wetherill Park – Zoom Meeting

Meeting Start 6.05pm November 13th, 2023

All members present must sign in the LCA attendance book.

Open Meeting Chair: Terry Leeder Time: 6.15pm Date: 13/11/2023

Attendees:

Meeting (Live)

John Oste, Terry Leeder, Scott Herning, Peter Weatherby, Ian Carpenter, Ken O’Keefe, Micheal Azzopardi

Zoom:

Phil Woods, Mark Dewhurst,

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:** Mark Dewhurst

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

Item No	Agenda Item	Action/ Notes	Status
1.	GVM - Axle Weights	NO NEWS – No comment, no decision until next year. 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	<i>Peter has reported that a lot of correspondence has being forwarded to Canberra, Carol Brown (Senator) and to the chief of staff from Nellie Metcalfe (Infra Structure), Jim Betts (Secretary of the Dept of Infra Structure & Transport) with a copy to the executive director Roz Shivers (Bus Industry Federation), Dean Movie (National Technical MGR). 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</i>	OPEN

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		<p><i>sledge testing procedure, whereas ADR 68 involves static testing which presents the problem.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
3.	Speaker Presentation "TFNSW"	<p>Ken O'Keefe reported that Mayhew Café (TFNSW) has forwarded his apologies that TFNSW cannot delivery any formal presentation due to a possible conflict of interest. However, they did state TFNSW are working on a better line of communication next year with LCA certifiers.</p> <p>ON HOLD UNTIL NEXT YEAR – TFNSW NOT AVAILBLE AT THIS TIME</p>	On HOLD
4.	New Objectives for 2022 – 2023	<p>New Proposed LCA Objective Listing</p> <p>Note: Currently TAFE do NOT allow any vehicle into the workshop & 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.</p> <p>Email to be sent to Chris Roberts after Feb 2024 to inquire / arrange access into TAFE workshop for further training.</p> <p>Further training days</p> <p>a) Heavy vehicles)</p> <p>– 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. John oste has meet with Jeff Lowe (Dr Air Brake) and has requested some presentation materials.</p> <p>– Engauge Wabco to deliver a dedicated brake training / awareness program on the Wabco smart electronic brake system at TAFE (2023 TBA)</p> <p>– 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.</p> <p>b) Crane Installation on heavy vehicles (2023 TBA)</p> <p>c) Light Vehicles</p> <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>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>On Hold until the new Year 2024</p>

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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 has arranged a video next brake day at Nirimba TAFE test track	OPEN
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. LCA Secretary to contact Chris Roberts to inquire who is training the Police Vehicle Defect Auditing Team.	OPEN
7.	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
8.	NSW Police	Peter Gillard is not letting the matter rest. Refr to the correspondence from Terry Leeder. <i>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.</i>	OPEN
9.	LCA Website	LCA Website is up and running. Some minor corrections and adjustments have been undertaken. Micheal Azzopardi & Lesley Gunaratnam has requested member login. John Oste to arrange.	OPEN
	Financials		
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 December 2023 \$36,012.08 Expenditure to date 2023-2024 - December 2023 \$5297.59	OPEN
	Correspondence		

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11.	LCA Membership	Chris Gerovassilis has been a certifier since 2012, went to an the very early meetings and has stated he was disappointed with some specific members and has left not to return. (Discussion based on IVCV's & brake manual)	OPEN
12.	TFNSW Technical Support	Robert Holmes has been busy due to the fact of fellow certifiers in his ear being unavailable ATM. Robert is disappointed with TFNSW and their response from the members from the technical department.	OPEN
	General Business		
13.	TFNSW Updates	It was reported that an exemption for hand controller brakes on mobility vehicles – 31 st December VSI 21 / ADR 31 Not applicable for people with disabilities.	OPEN
14.	Lithium batteries	Batteries in motor homes had to comply to the statutory requirements, in particular lithium batteries. Note: Lithium batteries must have a management system (Page 73 Australian Std 3001-2 & 3001.2)	OPEN

Meeting Closed Time - 7.36pm

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