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## 2016 VFT Training Committee



**Training Officer**  
**Mark Thompson**



**Arthur Cooksley**

Remainder of Training Committee to be ratified at next Committee meeting.

## 2016 VFT Induction Team



**Induction Team**  
**Coordinators**  
**Karen Legg & Paul Meade**



Photo  
to  
follow

**Rebecca**  
**Armstrong**



**Danielle**  
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**Zoe**  
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to  
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## ***Awards presented at the AGM on 11 February 2016 Congratulations to all concerned!***



***Flagmarshal of the Year  
Paul Kelly***



***President's Award  
Karen Legg***



***Stillwell Motor Group  
Encouragement Award  
Sam McCoubrie***



***30 Year Service Award  
Roger Chirside***



***Neil Thompson Memorial Award  
Geoff Kay***



***Club Person of the Year  
Rebecca Armstrong  
(in absentia)***

## ***Presidential Pit Stop***

Here we go again! Another year of fabulous motorsport being looked after by a fabulous group of flaggies waving their flags enthusiastically.

This year has a different feel to it, with traditional events being run at different times of the year. Doing a V8 round at Phillip Island early in the year is a change that will make us all rethink our clothing strategy that we pack in our bags.



Something that is being more and more obvious to me of late is the lack of fun and excitement in our times together. Not sure if we all have high pressure jobs, difficult family circumstances, or not sure where we all fit in the scheme of things, but I for one would like to see the fun element back in the club.

We all need to make sure we do what we do “perfectly” before we criticise those around us as being “imperfect”. Helping each other and looking out for each other is all part of our training, so we should keep that in mind as we go about our duties on and off the track.

Part of that is the need of mentoring within the club. Not only in things we do at the track, but off the track as well. Terry will be taking that on board as a project that he has had in his thoughts for quite a while, and I know that he will succeed in it. I am one that has experienced it firsthand. Remember that this is not training, it has its own place within any club or organisation to help build stronger and more capable people to have confidence in themselves and in the duties they engage in.

I think training will be a strong part of our focus this year. Some time still needs to be given to our wording in procedures, and time factors between upgrades and time spent doing upgrades. Both Mark and myself have seen the need to focus on this very early on, in an attempt to clear away the fog and interpretations that keep appearing. We all need to understand that every individual is exactly that, a different individual. Some will pick up the idea much quicker than others, some will take a bit longer.

Well that is it for me for now. Off I go to Adelaide for another year at my favourite event of the calendar. Keep safe in your travels, and be mindful of those around you.

Kevin Watson  
President  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.





## 2016 Reward and Recognition Scheme

The committee is pleased to announce a new scheme for 2016 to reward and recognise our members who support the club trackside.

At each General Meeting we will be holding a draw for eligible members with a prize of one night's accommodation to the value of \$150 and a \$50 petrol voucher.

To be eligible for the draw, members must attend 50% or more of meetings (both race and general meetings) since the last General meeting was held.

### Detailed conditions are as follows:

- To qualify, you must attend 50% or more of the race and general meetings in the draw period.
- Attendance must be recorded by the Chief Flag Marshal or Chief Marshal (for race meetings) or Secretary (for General Meetings) by reporting to them at the event.
- Attendance must be a minimum of one (1) full day per race meeting.
- Scheme is only open to financial members of the club.
- You may only win the award once per calendar year.
- The committee reserve the right to amend the scheme where it is deemed appropriate.

### Draw Periods

Draw Period	Draw Date	Available Events	Min. Eligibility
12 Feb-7 Apr	7 April GM	4x Race#, + GM	3 Events
8 Apr - 2 Jun	2 June GM	5x Race* + GM	3 Events
3 Jun - 4 Aug	4 August GM	4x Race + GM	3 Events
5 Aug - 6 Oct	6 October GM	6x Race + GM	4 Events
7 Oct - 1 Dec	1 December GM	6xRace* +GM	4 Events

#AGP excluded being a non VFT event

\*Clash weekends counted as one event

The committee hopes that by introducing this scheme, we will not only be recognising those who support the club by regularly joining us trackside but also those who join less regularly to add a day or two to their schedule for a chance to win.



## Flag One Reporting



This being my first magazine article as Chief Flag, I felt it important that the first thing I do is acknowledge the enormous amount of work that Terry has done for our club over the five years that he held the Chief Flag position. Much of the good reputation that we have earned, and the professionalism that we convey as we undertake our various roles at events, is to a large degree attributable to Terry's work as Chief Flag, as a member of the Committee, and as a member of the Training Committee.

On a personal note, Terry has been a fantastic mentor to both myself and Kevin Watson as Assistant Chiefs over the last few years – which leaves me with enormous shoes to fill.

I'm pleased to have Kevin and Will Gaff as Assistant Chiefs for this year, and feel confident that as a team we will continue to grow on the strengths of the VFT. Part of that growth will include greater involvement in the running of events from the grade 2 and 3A members, as well as selected members for the "walk around", signing in sheets, etc.

By the time you read this edition of the magazine, we will have completed the first three VFT events, as well as the four days at the AGP. Thanks to Warren Gordon and Matt Cornford for chiefting at the two Winton events.

The 2016 year is looking very busy, with a total of 26 events to be serviced by the VFT. Of those 26 events, there are three clashes (two of those in May alone!). If you add in those non-VFT events such as Clipsal, AGP, Bathurst and the like, there will not be many weekends where there is not a race meeting being held.

This means that it is important for all members to advise of their availability for meetings as early as possible, so that pre-planning of resources can begin well in advance of each meeting. An additional meeting has only just been announced – this is the Porsche 4 hour, which is a Sunday only event to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Sandown. This event does not appear on the 2016 calendar included in the January edition of the magazine, and also falls on the Anzac day weekend, so I ask all members to advise me as soon as possible if they can assist with this one day event. The four methods of notification are listed elsewhere in this magazine as well as on the VFT website.

Looking ahead for the 2016 year, we have a new Reward and Recognition program that will be explained in more detail elsewhere in this edition of the magazine. The emphasis is on members ensuring that their names are recorded at each event that they attend – this includes those members working in non-flagging roles. The ultimate responsibility for the recording of your name lies with you, as the chiefs will not have the time or means to track down individuals.

There is also the overall replacement program, which is intended to ensure that we present ourselves in a professional manner by proudly wearing our team uniform. If you feel that your overalls are nearing their use-by date, or are an outdated style, please contact the Secretary to discuss whether a replacement set of overalls can be arranged.





Upcoming meetings:

- April 15-17, V8's Phillip Island 400, list closed.
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, Porsche 4 hour (Sunday only event) Sandown, list closing 15<sup>th</sup> April.
- April 30 – May 1, VSCRC Round 1 Phillip Island, list closing 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- May 20-22, V8's Winton 400, list closing 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- May 21-22, VSCRC Round 2 Sandown, list closing 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- May 28-29, Shannons Nationals Phillip Island, list closing 20<sup>th</sup> May

In closing this article, I would like to welcome those members who have been elected to the Committee, Training Committee, Induction team, Merchandising, grade 3 and 4 representatives, and CAMS Rep and Promotions. I'm confident that the VFT are in good hands for the 2016 year.

Arthur Cooksley

Chief Flagmarshal, VFT

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## ***VFT 30th Anniversary Celebration – Reminder Saturday 4 June 2016***

Where: The Beach Hotel (Courtyard Room)  
97 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park  
Time: 6:30pm to 12 midnight



The Club will be providing finger food etc - more details will be provided nearer the time.

The success of this function will depend upon members participation because there will be a considerable amount of work being put in by a number of people. There are overhead projection facilities at our disposal, for which we need all your old VFT photos - preferably of people, not cars. If you do have photographs please contact David Thornbury or Mark Thompson. All hard copy will be scanned and returned.

We would appreciate it if people could contact myself (Roger Chirnside) with names of prospective guests in order to help with catering numbers – the numbers I have so far as very low, so it is up to you all to support your club.

Remember, if anybody knows ex VFT members please contact them to invite them along. Whether currently practising or not, they are still part of our club's history.

The success of this night depends on you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Chirnside  
VFT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coordinator



## ***CAMS, Promotions, and Social Media Update***



### **CAMS:**

The first State Council meeting of the year was held on 2 February. As many of the reporting panels had yet to meet in 2016 at that stage, there wasn't a lot in it for us. But I will share a few bits with you.

The State Officiating Panel has reformed after an absence and held their first meeting. We are very fortunate to have Mark Thompson and Roger Chirnside serving on the panel. If you have any issues you would like raising with the panel, I'm sure they would be happy to hear from you.

The F4 series has a new team confirmed for this season in addition to those returning from last season. Discussions are continuing with another two teams which it is hoped will join soon.

There were well over 3000 drug and alcohol tests conducted last year, which resulted in five competitors and one crew member being excluded from events last year. With testing expected to increase further in 2016, members should remember their obligation to comply with CAMS Alcohol and Drug Policies. If you have any concerns around this, you should discuss this with the Chief Flagmarshal for the event.

### **Promotions:**

On 20 February the club attended the Gary Rogers Motorsport Open Day. It gave us the chance to speak to a number of motorsport enthusiasts about what the club does. So far we have the details of five people who are keen to start the induction process, with potentially a few more to get in contact after they have thought about it. Thanks to all those who those who helped out on the day, including Kim Dale, Luke Hingeley, Shane Rogers and Paul Meade.

We are currently making arrangements for the club to attend the FPM Motor Expo at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton on 8-10 April. This will be a great opportunity for us to speak to fellow motorsport enthusiasts and sell them on the club and what we want to do. If anyone is interested in helping with this activity, it would be great to hear from you. Please get in touch using the details on the committee page to discuss.

For more information on the event itself, the website is [www.fpmmotorexpo.com](http://www.fpmmotorexpo.com).

### **Social Media:**

You may have noticed that we have started creating Events for all VFT attended meetings on Facebook. It is hoped that by doing this it will act as a reminder to people as to what meetings are coming up and encourage those that may not have thought about it to come along. Many events we attended last year at Winton and particularly Phillip Island were very light on numbers, so if you see these reminders pop up and can spare even one day, it is definitely appreciated. As always, please contact the chief to register for events and not the Facebook page.

David Thornbury  
CAMS Rep, VFT Promotions & Social Media Administrator





## TRAINING MATTERS

Welcome to another full on VFT year.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb I was again chosen as the VFT Training Officer for 2016. As the 2016 Training Officer I am required to select a Training Committee. To all of you who have put in an EOI to join the committee, I'm grateful for your interest and welcome you to become part of the team for 2016.



I'm confident that with the input, great ideas and commitment from this year's Training Committee, we will, as a team fulfil the clubs expectations and training needs pretty well over the next year or so.

Once the members of the Training Committee have been ratified by the VFT Committee, I will let you all know who they are. I am also very keen to build on the work that we all achieved last year and to have the Officials Training Expo well and truly up and happening in the first quarter in readiness for the midyear event. There have already been many good suggestions put forward for us as a committee and I look forward to hearing your suggestions on how we can continue to grow our club through knowledge and training, after all we have a pretty big reputation to uphold.

Some of the projects that we will continue to work on are as follows;

- The Officials Expo
- Upgrade Process
- Trackside Training
- Upgrade Mentoring
- Report Writing
- Sector Marshalling

I thank you all again for your support towards further training and education and your commitment to the club, and I look forward to the year ahead.



Mark Thompson  
VFT Training Officer



## Letter to the Editor

Attention all scoffers at AGM re my comments on Gradings of Flag Marshals and retaining those gradings!

From the VFT Training Notes on our very own website:

Grade 3 are to "work regularly."

Note here, appears to be no penalty if you don't work regularly, however as we read on, certainly an inference can be made.

The definition of regularly is not shown here, however regularly for 3As and 2s is specifically stated as 6 days per year!!

It could be inferred therefore for consistency that the same time frame would apply here as well.

Grade 3A are to "work regularly, (at least 6 days per year)."

Note again it appears no penalty mentioned if you do not work 6 days per year, but certainly the requirement exists that you should work a minimum 6 days per year.

Again by inference, and reference to Grade 2 requirement and for consistency, the word "retain" could be understood to apply.

Grade 2 specifically states "TO RETAIN" Grading you are to "work regularly (at least 6 days per year)."  
Here there is a definite inference of a penalty, in that to retain the grading you must work a minimum of 6 days per year.

Now although no specific penalty is mentioned, it definitely would appear "to retain" would mean hold that grading, or you drop back to the next lower level.

From a CAMS point of view, and the NOP, to "maintain" you CAMS licence and grading, you are to officiate in your licence category as a minimum, every four years, and have your record signed off by your supervisor on the day.

You would move back one grade each time you failed to fulfil this 4 yearly requirement.

Under the NOP, there is also a requirement for CATOs and EAs to carry out these functions at least once every four years.

Similarly for drivers, they must drive at least once every four years to maintain their CAMS Licence. No doubt there are other categories which have similar time frame requirements.

My contention, is therefore, that the relevant Grade Representative should contact the recalcitrants who haven't been attending within our guidelines, and remind them of their obligations and of consequences which may apply.

If I remember correctly of 57 Grade 3s only 13/14 have been attending on a regular basis. Certainly there would be other people within the 3As and 2s level that would need reminding.

I will accept all apologies, most graciously, without a "told you so!!"

Regards,  
JRC.(John R Clarke)





## Grade 3/3A Report

Hello everyone

Thank you for your support and voting me in as the grade 3/3A Rep for 2016. I would like to also thank Jason for his work over the past 2 years. I don't have a lot to report as yet as at the time of writing we have not had any events.



I hope all grade 3 and 3As have received my email. If you didn't please drop me a quick email as some emails bounced back as undeliverable. This is something that I will be doing each month with reminders of upcoming events and club news. To all members attending CLIPSAL and the AGP remember to stay safe and of course have fun. We have a very busy year ahead with most months having at least 2 events. If you can help out for just 1 day this will be great, there is no pressure to do the whole weekend. We as a club understand that people have other interests and family commitments. If you find yourself at a loose end one weekend why not head TRACKSIDE!!! I will have more to report in the next magazine so for now that's all. Looking forward to catching up with everyone trackside.

Matt Cornford, Grade 3/3A Rep

## Grade 4/5 and Induction Team Report

Well, The AGM is over and by the time you get this magazine, we will have had 2 events at Winton, a day at Gary Rogers Motorsport doing promotions and then getting ready for the Island Classic as well as the AGP. What a busy start to the year already. At this stage there are three trainees, Lori and Anthony McIntosh and Leah Anderson, they're all doing their first day, attending the Champion of Winton as well as two grade 4s. Hopefully we'll see them at more events down the track. We've already had a good result from the GRM day with 5 people, Leah being one of them, putting their names down on the day to come and attend events with one more enquiry afterwards, at this stage.



As I said in my January magazine article, I will be working in conjunction with the training committee and with the grade 4s who are planning on taking the step up to make sure they meet the guidelines to go forward and help them to work on areas that they may need help with. If you wish to make the move, please feel free to come and talk to me. Matt and myself are there to help you and to bring things back to committee so give us something to bring to the table.

The Committee have decided this year to have two Induction Coordinators - Karen Legg as well as myself. Zoe Butteriss, Trish Storey, Harold Dreher and Karen Legg are existing members from last year. Rebecca Armstrong, Danielle Bell, Shane Rogers and I are the new team members this year. I would like to thank Paul Kelly and Ian Hogan for their work with the team last year. The biggest thanks must go to Simon Baston who was one of the first people to get the Induction Team up and running. Simon got me involved in the team about 9 years ago and was a great leader and a valuable team member. Simon is working more towards training this year. Your input has been greatly appreciated. Its going to be an exciting year - talking to some of the members already, there have been some good ideas and I cannot wait for us to be able to get together and brainstorm some things for this year and the future.

Catch ya at the track.

Paul Meade, Grade 4/5 Rep, & VFT Induction Team Coordinator



## Be thankful in everything

you'll love this!

The good book says, 'Don't be anxious for anything, use prayer with thanksgiving, make your requests to God. This will bring you peace to guard your heart and mind. Philippians 4:6-7



New physical ailments like anxiety and panic attacks are being added to the growing list of 'disorders' people suffer from. And medical intervention works hard to give you a prescribed chemical dosage to calm your system down. I'm not a conspiracist but I'm not certain that the pharmaceutical companies are entirely above suspicion when it comes to the 'almighty dollar'.

Times will come when life issues do put pressure on your emotional, mental and physical wellbeing, that's a reality of life! Yet, we seemed to be supplementing a pill for chemicals that already exist inside you and only need the right 'trigger' to get it into your system.

I'm convinced that if you are always staring at the problem, it will consume all your time and energy. It will deprive you of sleep and compound the issue, which releases more of the wrong chemical and starts a cyclic outcome towards depression. We need a 'trigger' to change our focus and this is where I love what the good book says. Talk out your situation and give your problem over to Him and focus on being thankful for all the many things that are – This will keep the problem you are facing in perspective which triggers a chemical to calm you down and envelope you in peace. A peace to protect your heart and mind from over focusing and give you balanced foundation to tackle the problem and find the right solution. Ponder this story ...

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: 'I am blind, please help.' There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words and gave the sign back.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?' The man reported that he wrote: 'Today is a beautiful day, I can feel it, but I can't see it.'

The first sign simply focused on the problem, the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky and to be thankful that they were not blind. The second sign was more effective!

*Be thankful for what you have, be creative, innovative, think differently, positively, when life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret and handle your present with confidence. Prepare your future with faith and hope, without fear.*

Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire ... there'd be nothing to look forward to!  
Be thankful when you don't know something ... for it gives you the opportunity to learn.  
Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those times you grow.  
Be thankful for your limitations ... they give you opportunities for improvement.  
Be thankful for each new challenge... which will build your strength and character.  
Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.  
Be thankful when you're tired and weary ... because it means you've given your all.  
It's easy to be thankful for the 'good' things; fulfilment comes when we are thankful in setbacks.

Doing Life together, Cheers!

Chaplain Mark Bateman – 0412 151 121



## Merchandise

The 2016 Merchandise Officer is Natalie Daish.

To order merchandising you can see Natalie at the track or

Email: [merchandise@vicflag.org.au](mailto:merchandise@vicflag.org.au) or Mob: 0413 205 253

For overalls and jackets allow 4-6 weeks as these are not stock items.



### VFT Merchandise

<b>Overalls</b>  \$220	<b>Winter Jacket</b>  \$90	<b>Overall Jacket</b>  \$175
<b>Bag</b>  \$30	<b>Plastic pouches</b>  \$2	
<b>Bucket Cap</b>  \$12	<b>Polo shirt (White)</b>  \$25	
<b>Cap</b>  \$10	<b>Beanie</b>  \$10	
<b>Internal/External stickers: \$2</b> 	<b>25th Anniversary medallion</b>  \$20	

## From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine and for getting articles to me in good time, especially with the busy time ahead (or gone) – Champion of Winton, Clipsal 500, VMRC 1, Phillip Island Classic, and the Australian Grand Prix. Please remember articles for the May edition are due 24<sup>th</sup> April (yes the day before the Anzac Day holiday!) – [magazine@vicflag.org.au](mailto:magazine@vicflag.org.au)



## Out and about during the Clipsal 500, Adelaide







*and seen at the Phillip Island Classic*



*Photos courtesy of Narra Photography, Revved Photography and others*



**Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – December 2015 General Meeting**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**3 December 2015, 8pm**

**The Beach Hotel**

**97 Beaconsfield Pde, Albert Park**

**Members Present: 23**

**Apologies:** : Brian Mackey, Terry O'Callaghan, Zoe Butteriss, Katrina and Perry Ballard, Lloyd Owen, Matt Cornford, Phillip Muraca and Julio la Monica

Kevin Watson welcomed all attendees to the meeting, the final of the year

**Minutes from the previous meeting (1 October 2015):** Moved: Mark Thompson, seconded: Shane Rogers that the minutes be accepted. Carried

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Reports:**

**1 President:**

- 1.1 Social Media. The VFT were once the leader in this field, but there have been a few issues with members of late. One member was required to meet with Stewards following a breach at the Sandown Historics.

Mark Thompson noted that Race Control have systems to actively monitor Social Media during race meetings.

Roger Chirnside suggested that members should be stood down from the meeting for breaches, as was the case with an individual at the Grand Prix two years ago.

**2 Vice President**

- 2.1 CAMS Circular to Event Assessors highlighting the importance of maintaining standards. Members must take the EA role and process seriously. There are potential legal ramifications of approving an upgrade for someone later shown as not competent in the aftermath of an incident.

**3 Secretary:**

- 3.1 2015 Financial Membership at 203. 60 Members are Financial for 2016
- 3.2 Nominations for Committee positions close on 31 December. Expressions of Interest for appointed positions close 11 February 2016
- 3.3 2016 Event Calendar has been confirmed and is available on the website. The month of May will see event clashes on consecutive weekends. Stakeholders advised the club will be spread thin.
- 3.4 Sponsorship. The Government has been approached for a \$5,000 grant. Holden to be followed up next week, once their own budget is confirmed. Approaches to other potential sponsors being made.
- Kevin Watson asked that any member who is aware of businesses who may be interested in supporting the club to let the committee know

**4 Treasurer:**

- 4.1 Payments to be passed:
- Eric Rigg \$50 (Phone re-charge)
  - Terry O'Callaghan \$30 (Phone re-charge)
  - Kevin Watson \$100 (Island Magic Incentives)





- Corporate Printers \$153 (November magazine)
- Roger Chirnside \$375.43 (Christmas function)
- Kevin Watson \$100 (HQ 4 Hour Incentives)
- Geoff Kay \$150 (Equipment - Island Magic & HQ 4 Hour)

Moved: Warren Gordon, seconded: Paul Kelly, carried.

## **5 Chief Flagmarshal:**

### **5.1 Completed Meetings:**

- VSCRC 4 - 24 and 23 flaggies for Saturday and Sunday respectively, plus trainees/drivers.
- Winton 300. 10 members including Kevin. Geoff Kay on Equipment. Reports from turn 7 and 9 submitted electronically.
- Sandown Historics (TOC) 13/43/45 Flaggies for Friday, Saturday, Sunday respectively. Geoff Kay on Equipment Friday, with David Thornbury on Saturday/Sunday.
- Phillip Island V8s. 20 Friday, 47 Saturday, 48 Sunday. Standard mirror points not used for V8s. However 3.1 mirrored 4 for incidents in return road.
- Island Magic. 28 Saturday. 29 Sunday. Plus trainees and drivers on both days whom gave positive feedback of their experience. 6 assessments performed.

### **5.2 Upcoming Meetings:**

- HQ 4 Hour. On bare minimum numbers

## **6 Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**

### **6.1 Nothing further to report**

## **7 Training Officer:**

- 7.1 A number of assessments are in progress. 2015 saw one member upgraded to Grade 1, two members to Grade 3A and 7 to Grade 3. The training committee are working on a clearer set of guidelines for upgrades
- 7.2 It was intended to trial Electronic reports at the V8s. Race management initially approved, but declined after further consideration. Wi-Fi was weak in places, but use of the cellular network is an alternative. Some tweaks still required.
- 7.3 Mark Thompson is working with David Mori/CAMS around a Mentoring program.
- 7.4 Members undergoing assessments are reminded that the upgrade paperwork is their responsibility and must be looked after.
- 7.5 Flag point Checklists. Are intended to be used as a guide to ensure everything is covered.
- 7.6 Fabulous Officials. Submit nominations to CAMS for anyone within the club/motorsport community you feel is deserving of recognition.
- 7.7 Trainee Sector Marshals. To be discussed further with Roger Chirnside. Roger noted the difficulty in balancing the needs of the club (in terms of numbers) with the need for Senior Officials. He also highlighted the importance of on the job training with an experienced official.

## **8 CAMS Rep:**

- 8.1 State Council Election results. Norman Gowers (Director), Michael Holloway (Alternate Director), Paul Zsidy (Chair), Jess Harper (Deputy Chair), Graeme Williams, Lee Filliponi, Noel Tippet, Shane Rogers, Peter Bready Vivek Ponnusamy (State Executive)
- 8.2 David Bellenger will chair the soon to be reformed State Officiating Panel
- 8.3 Motions put to the Board around the AMRC Strategic Review were considered but rejected.
- 8.4 All aspects of passenger rides are being reviewed. Rides are seen as important for the development of the sport.

## **9 Promotions:**

- 9.1 Approx. 50 potential members spoken to at the Gibson Motorsport Open Day



9.2 500 Brochures distributed at the Phillip Island V8 meeting by Kim Dale, Luke Hingeley and Ian Saxby.

9.3 Seek Volunteer postings for the Club have been made inactive until next season.

**10 Social Media:**

10.1 An Event Page has been created linked to our Facebook page for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please join and share.

**11 Grade 3 Rep:**

11.1 Karen Legg and Tony Green recently promoted to Grade 3. Matt Cornford to Grade 3A

11.2 Jason advised he will still be available over the break, so any queries or suggestions from members are welcome.

**12 Grade 4/5 Rep:**

12.1 4-5 members promoted to Grade 4 in 2015. Approx. four more members are in the pipeline for promotion.

**13 Induction:**

13.1 Enquiries have slowed. Although Seek saw a large number of queries over the year, most did not take their interest any further. Still a few potential inductees, which will be followed up next season.

13.2 Simon Baston advised he will be standing down from the Induction Committee to pursue other interests. He thanked the club for the opportunity which he has thoroughly enjoyed and encouraged other members with an interest in induction to put their hand up for the role.

**14 Merchandise:**

14.1 One order recently delivered. Two further orders are in progress

**15 Magazine:**

15.1 Cut off for articles for the January magazine is 24 December. Members standing for the 2016 Committee have until 31 December to submit their soap box article, but are encouraged to complete and send as soon as possible to ensure the magazine is out in a timely fashion.

**Reports:** Moved Robin Wood, Seconded David Thornbury that reports are accepted. Carried

**16 General Business:**

16.1 Roger Chirnside reminded members of the following upcoming social events:

- VFT Christmas Party – 13 December at George Hetrel's
- Chief Marshals BBQ – 16 January 2016 at Roger's. Encourages everyone to attend. We may have representatives from CAMS and our Sponsors there.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 4 June 2016 at the Beach Hotel

16.2 Robin Wood commended Mike Murphy for his assistance in Marshalling at the Sandown Historic meeting.

16.3 Eric Rigg advised that the new Shannons sponsor patch is to be attached to uniforms below the VFT logo on the front replacing BDR Haulage. Any Stuckey badges should be removed.

16.4 John Clarke raised concerns re the use of blue flags at the Sandown Historics.

Roger Chirnside advised that traditional blue flag rules are utilised for Historic racing due to the disparity in car speed and driver skill.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:35pm

**Next Meeting:** Annual General Meeting, 8pm 11 February 2016 at the Beach House Hotel





## 2016 Calendar

February 28	Winton	Champ of Winton
March 5-6	Winton	VMRC 1
March 11-13	Phillip Island	Island Classic
March 17-20	Albert Park	F1 GP, not a VFT event
April 1-3	Sandown	Shannon Nationals
April 15-17	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip island 400
April 24	Sandown	Porsche 4 Hour
April 30 – May 1	Phillip Island	VSCRC 1
May 20-22*	Winton	V8's Winton 400
May 21-22*	Sandown	VSCRC 2
May 28-29*	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 28-29*	Winton	Historic Winton
June 11-12	Winton	Shannons
July 2-3	Winton	VMRC 2
July 23-24	Sandown	VSCRC 3
July 30 -31	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 6-7	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 28	Winton	Champion of Winton
September 3-4	Winton	VSCRC 4
September 10-11	Phillip Island	Shannons National
September 16-18	Sandown	Sandown 500
September 24-25	Winton	VMRC 3
October 15-16	Winton	AROCA 10 Hour Relay
October 22-23	Winton	Sports Car Masters
October 29-30	Phillip Island	VSCRC 5
November 4-6	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 12-13	Winton	Winton 300
November 26-27	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 3-4	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay

\* = Clash

Expressions of interest to attend any events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via any of the following 4 ways:

- The VFT Club Phone : **03 8796 5321**
- The VFT Club Mobile: **0409 823 657**
- Email: [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)
- In person, **trackside or at club meetings**

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