

# The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team News



A member from the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team at the Bathurst 12 Hour.

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## *Presidential Pit Stop*

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Hi all, and welcome to another fabulous year ahead of motorsport and club activities.

I am honoured to be given another chance to serve as President of a club which has such a great heritage as well as a bright future. I must thank last year's committee for their work and efforts in keeping the club in great shape and "out there" for all to see and know who we are, and what we do.

Further on in the magazine you will see who the recipients were for all of our annual awards, and congratulations to them all for their achievement.

At this point I wish to remind all of our expectations as a club to conduct ourselves in the best manner possible. The way we appear and act when officiating as a club is essential to keeping our reputation intact. It is also paramount that when we travel interstate, we show that we are good at what we do by doing it without fuss and our ego's forefront. Actions always speak louder than words. Quite a few have done or about to do their first events interstate, and for some the F1 will be a first for the year, so let's kick it off in good style.

We do have some new people helping in the off track running of the club and take this opportunity to welcome them on board. Without everyone doing their bit, the club would be at a loss, and as volunteers, this help does put strains on our time, so thanks to all who have done this in the past, and those in the future yet to.

Hope to catch up with you all very soon ,

Kev Watson, President.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

David Thornbury is the new Social Media Officer. If you have something for Facebook, please send to David at [socialmedia@vicflag.org.au](mailto:socialmedia@vicflag.org.au)

# Flag One Reporting

Thank you to the Committee for my appointment as Chief Flagmarshall for 2015 and I congratulate all committee members on their positions. The Assistant Chief Flagmarshalls for 2015 are Arthur Cooksley and Kevin Watson, with Arthur holding the Assistant Chief's position on the VFT Committee. Mark Thompson will continue as Training Officer for 2015. I look forward to enjoying working with you all and members, old and new.

What a fantastic effort by everyone associated with the VFT to successfully supply skilled marshals to motor racing authorities and promoters throughout 2014 which also included 5 clashes. Once again, thank you to everyone for your help and support and congratulations to all for a successful 2014.

The VFT co-ordinated and conducted a large number of assessments during the year. Congratulations to all those who successfully completed their assessments and thank you for all those who helped with the assessments by providing feedback and input.

My job as Chief Flagmarshall covers a number of areas. One specific area that is growing meeting by meeting is the induction of our new volunteer officials. The induction team, led by Zoe Butteriss, was extremely pro-active in 2014 and their system of "meeting and greeting" the newbies seemed to work extremely well.

Completed meetings:

COW Winton, March 15. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. 13 flagmarshalls. Although the fields were small, an enjoyable day was had by all. Once again, this event was preceded by the Saturday evening dinner.

Upcoming meetings:

VMRC1 Winton. Promoted by BAC. March 7/8. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. Currently, we have 13 flagmarshalls EIOs. Would expect a few more. This meeting is part of a clash.

Phillip Island Historics. Promoted by VHRR. March 6/7/8. Clash. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Arthur Cooksley, Assistant. 50 EIOs which include a number of officials from interstate and overseas. 6 assessments are scheduled for this weekend and the attendance of 3 trainees. This event will be run under new management and I am quite confident it will still retain its high standard. Extra yellow flags have been organised for Grid.



# Flag One Reporting

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Sandown Shannons, March 27/28/29. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Assistant: TBC. At the moment, we have 25 EIOs and 3 drivers wishing to complete their 8 hours trackside activities, 2 ongoing assessments and 2 trainees. Would expect numbers to increase closer to the event. If you have received your invite from Sandown, please respond with your availability. If you have not received your invite, please contact me ASAP.

VSCRC1 Phillip Island. Promoted by PIARC. April 18/19. Chief, TBA. . The list is open for this event. Should be a great race meeting and up to its usual high standard with large entry lists.

Winton V8s, May 15/16/17. Clash. Kevin Watson, Chief of meeting. The list is now open for this event and will be closing on March 31. (6 weeks prior to the event). Numbers will be restricted and preference will be given to those officials who support Winton events.

Sandown VSCRC2. Promoted by the MG Car Club. May 16/17. Clash. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Assistant, TBA. This list is now open.

The VFT 2015 calendar has taken shape. Please peruse the calendar to work out which events you will be available. Your assistance is always appreciated.

To make life easier for everyone, please ensure if your circumstances change and you are unable to attend an event, please contact me so I can forward your message onto the Chief of the event. With our new communications system, we can now also access emails trackside.

If you need to register or withdraw from an event, please use ONE of the following 4 methods:

1. Ring the Club mobile on 0409823657 OR
2. Leave message on VFT answering service 8796 5321 OR
3. Email – [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)
4. Add your name to the list at a prior event.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT USE THE VFT FACEBOOK'S PAGE TO REGISTER/WITHDRAW YOUR INTEREST\*\*\*\*

Your Chief

Your Club

Terry O'Callaghan

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## ***Your Club, Your Committee***

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### **2015 Committee**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| President:                   | Kevin Watson      |
| Vice President:              | Roger Chirnside   |
| Secretary:                   | Eric Rigg         |
| Treasurer:                   | John Pollard      |
| Chief Flagmarshal:           | Terry O'Callaghan |
| Assistant Chief Flagmarshal: | Arthur Cooksley   |
| Training Officer:            | Mark Thompson     |
| CAMS Rep:                    | David Thornbury   |
| Grade 3 Rep:                 | Jason Carroll     |
| Grade 4 Rep:                 | Paul Meade        |

### **2015 Appointed Positions**

Training Committee [VFTTrainingCommittee@VicFlag.org.au](mailto:VFTTrainingCommittee@VicFlag.org.au)

Mark Thompson, Terry O'Callaghan, Arthur Cooksley, Kevin Watson, Paul Meade, Glenn Rochester, Danielle Bell, Perry Ballard, Tony Van Den Dungen and William Gaff

Induction Team: Zoe Butteriss Co-ordinator

Simon Baston, Paul Kelly, Ian Hogan, Karen Legg, Harold Dreher, Trish Storey and Lee Davis.

Promotions: David Thornbury

Merchandise: Russell Clasby & John Pollard

Equipment: Russell Clasby

Magazine: Michelle Pollard

Tech Support: Robert Salan

Webmaster: Eric Rigg

Social Media: David Thornbury

Secretary to Consumer Affairs Victoria: Eric Rigg

# Training News

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Hi Everyone,

I am grateful and honoured for the opportunity I have been given to continue as the VFT Training Officer for 2015. I assure you of my commitment to making sure that the VFT has the best systems and procedures in place, making the club the best of the best. I would like to congratulate all the new incumbents to the 2015 committee, I look forward to working with you all. Last year we processed a lot of upgrades and introduced some procedural changes. These, together with the Training Expo, certainly kept the Training Committee very busy and we are looking forward to a full on year for 2015. One of the first things I must do as Training Officer is to select my training committee. I would like to welcome back Terry O'Callaghan, Kevin Watson, Arthur Cooksley, Tony Van Den Dungen, Perry Ballard, Simon Batson and Glen Rochester and thank them for their support and encouragement last year. I would also like to welcome aboard some new faces for 2015 with Danielle Bell, Paul Meade and Will Gaff joining the team. I'm sure they will all make great team members.

I look forward to working with all our members and assisting where possible for future upgrades and general training needs. I encourage each and everyone that if you have a suggestion or any ideas that may benefit the club, please drop me an email to [training@vicflag.org.au](mailto:training@vicflag.org.au), we are happy to look at all submissions. I am also the Training Committee representative on the Club Committee, so I'm available should you feel there is a training issue to be raised at the committee level.

Again, I congratulate those people who completed their upgrades in 2014 and we look forward to making a difference in 2015.

My first meeting is the Classic at Phillip Island. I look forward to catching up with you all there if not at the Melbourne GP

**Mark D Thompson**

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## Grade 4/5 Rep

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Hi All,

Another year is about to start and I feel privileged to be able to represent the Grade 4/5s again. I don't really have too much to report on as it's early days. My plan for this year is to work closely with Zoe and the trainees and help to mentor any Grade 4's who aspire to get to Grade 3. As your reps, Jason and I are here to represent you, so please feel free to call or email us with anything you wish to be taken to committee.

Sam McCoubrie, Ian Hogan, John Clarke and our overseas friend Barbara Shillaker are all going for an upgrade from 4 to 3. Mark Fischer, who has completed his assessment, is now a 3. Congratulations, now we just have to get you back to VIC for another event for your presentation.

I was hoping to be able to get some details on the upcoming event with the clash of the Island Classic and Winton and the Nationals at Sandown. However the list wasn't available at the time of me writing this, but at the recent COW event at Winton there was one grade 4 and one trainee.

I've sent out an email to all 4/5's and have already had some responses which is great. If you didn't receive an email, please drop me a line at [grade4@vicflag.org.au](mailto:grade4@vicflag.org.au) and I'll add your address to my list.

I can't wait to see you at the track and catch up.

Cheers, Paul





## *Minutes of General Meeting*

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December 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 8.00PM  
The Beach House Hotel  
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

**Present :** 22 members.

**Apologies:** Mark Thompson, Jason Carroll, Doug Salan, Murray Stevens, Simon Baston, Mario Pacifici, Russell Clasby, Michael and Suzanne Arnott, Geoff Kay, country, interstate and international members.

**Minutes from the previous meeting:** Warren Gordon, seconded: Robert Salan that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

**Matters arising:** Nil

### **Reports**

#### **1 President**

- 1.1 Thank you to VHRR for making their clubrooms available for our visit prior to Sandown Historics.
- 1.2 Training vests ready.
- 1.3 New Safety boards- ongoing.
- 1.4 Social Media, running well, no posting issues.
- 1.5 Thank you to all for 2014, wishing everyone a merry Xmas and a Happy new Year.

#### **2 Secretary:** as per report.

- 2.1 Members to keep contact details up to date, receiving returned mail.
- 2.2 All membership invoices go out with November magazine.
- 2.3 2015 calendar nearly ready.
- 2.4 United petroleum, looking for donations, whether fuel cards or lump sum.
- 2.5 Thank you letter from MGCC for the Sandown Historics.
- 2.6 Invite to Xmas party extended to CAMS and Penrite.
- 2.7 John Clarke, why does membership number not match amount paid. Depends on which part of the year the fee is paid subject to the end of our year date 31<sup>st</sup> Dec for which report fees appear on.

#### **3 Treasurer:** as per report.

- 3.1 Cheques to be passed for payment: Russell Clasby \$150 [trailer towing], Corporate printers \$155.74, Aust Post \$201.72, Foot St Newsagent \$5.99 [cards], Telstra \$30 [phone] Roger Chirnside \$444.86 [Xmas party and chief's BBQ. Moved: Tanya Salan, seconded: Paul Meade that cheques be passed for payment. Carried.
- 3.2 Kevin Redman: does trailer towing payment need reviewing, referred to Committee.

#### **4 Chief Flagmarshal**

- 4.1 2 Clashes, thank you to members for covering both events.
- 4.2 Reports on completed events.

- 4.3 AROCA 6 hour, club withdrew due lack of numbers. Terry emphasised the need to inform him that you are attending.
- 4.4 Young officials/drivers. Need to review dress code and create document to share.
- 4.5 Thank you to Ernie Nagamatsu for gifts at the Sandown Historics.
- 4.6` Assessments: Matthew Ahlgren 3Adv, Warren Gordon 2, Mark Fischer 3. Rebecca Armstrong 4, Hayden Carroll 4, Justin Parrant 4, Dylan Zealley 4.
- 5 **Assistant Chief Flagmarshal**
- 5.1 HQ's, need to check Fox St Creds as sign on details have changed.
- 5.2 Year in review, need to look at some procedures.
- 6 **Training Officer** – apology. Report read by William Gaff
- 6.1 Upskilling
- 6.2 Upgrade documents being reviewed.
- 6.3 Working at consistency of information from seniors
- 6.4 Black Flag Relay kits
- 6.5 Training Expo, planning for July 2015
- 6.6 Members invited to fill out suggestion forms and return.
- 7 **CAMS Rep:** apology. Condolence card sent to Murray Stevens and family following the passing of his father.
- 8 **Promotions officer:** apology
- 8.1 David Thornbury, report on Phillip Island V8's.
- 9 **Grade 3 Rep:** apology, report via William Gaff
- 9.1 Upgrade process
- 9.2 Merry Xmas to all
- 10 Grade 4 Rep: no report
- 11 **Induction Officer:** report via Paul Meade
- 11.1 Several enquiries in the system
- 11.2 Thank you to all for your support during the year
- 12 **Merchandise**
- 12.1 New external stickers: some being placed on PIARC course car.
- 12.2 uniform orders up to date
- 13 **Magazine**
- 13.1 reminder deadline 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, soapbox articles deadline 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**Reports:** Moved: Paul Freeman, seconded: warren Gordon that the reports be accepted. Carried.

#### 14 General business

##### 14.1 John Clarke

- 14.1.1 Uniform guidelines, wearing of uniforms at non VFT events. In response, it was mentioned that the uniforms are good for promotions, but members are expected to wear the uniform with pride. Referred to Committee.

Next Meeting: AGM 5th Feb at the Beach Hotel.

Meeting closed 8.55PM



# 2015 Calendar

\* = Clash

|                 |                |  |
|-----------------|----------------|--|
| January 17      | Brooklands     | Chief Marshal's BBQ                    |
| February 5      | Beach Hotel    | AGM                                    |
| February 15     | Winton         | Champ of Winton                        |
| *March 6-8      | Phillip Island | Island Classic                         |
| *March 7-8      | Winton         | VMRC Round 1                           |
| March 12-15     | Albert Park    | Formula 1 Grand Prix - not a VFT event |
| March 27-29     | Sandown        | Shannon Nationals                      |
| April 2         | Beach Hotel    | General Meeting                        |
| April 18-19     | Phillip Island | VSCRC 1                                |
| *May 15-17      | Winton         | V8's Winton 400                        |
| *May 16-17      | Sandown        | VSCRC 2                                |
| May 22-24       | Phillip Island | Shannons Nationals                     |
| May 30-31       | Winton         | Historic Winton                        |
| June 4          | Beach Hotel    | General Meeting                        |
| June 7          | Winton         | Champ of Winton                        |
| June 13-14      | Winton         | Shannons Nationals                     |
| July 4-5        | Winton         | VMRC 2                                 |
| July 18-19      | Sandown        | VSCRC 3                                |
| September 18-20 | Phillip Island | Shannons Nationals                     |
| September 26-27 | Winton         | Supertruck Nationals                   |
| October 1       | Beach Hotel    | General Meeting                        |
| October 17-18   | Winton         | AROCA 6 Hour Relay                     |
| October 24-25   | Phillip Island | VSCRC 4                                |
| *November 6-8   | Sandown        | Sandown Historics                      |
| *November 7-8   | Winton         | Winton 300                             |
| November 20-22  | Phillip Island | V8's Phillip island 400                |
| November 28-29  | Phillip Island | Island Magic                           |
| December 3      | Beach Hotel    | General Meeting                        |
| December 5-6    | Winton         | HQ 4 Hour Relay                        |

Expressions of interest to attend events must be sent to Chief Flagmarshal via:

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