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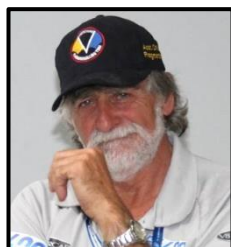


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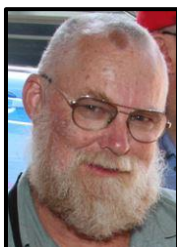
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VFT Christmas Party

Sunday 13th December 2015

Como Gardens, The Basin

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The Clubs Christmas Party will once again be held at Como Gardens thanks to our generous Club Patron, George Hetrel.

You are all invited to arrive from 11.00am onwards. Please bring your own food (picnic or BBQ), chair or picnic rug and lots of Christmas cheer.

The VFT will supply drinks (beer, wine & soft drink)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa will be making a visit to Como Gardens to give presents to our younger guests. If you wish for your child to receive a present, please bring a gift for your own child (no more than \$20 value) to fill Santa's stocking. Please make sure your gift is clearly marked with your child's name and give to one of Santa's helpers when you arrive.

**The
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Team**



Presidential Pit Stop



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Where has the year gone? Pulled the Aldi catalogue out of the mailbox today and to my amazement it was full of Christmas goodies for sale. Really?? Seriously??!!

We have had a very busy first half of the year, and we are about to get into the last run home which is also up there with the race promoters wanting our services at the expense of our home and family requirements. We all know we are just volunteers and have our own lives and commitments outside of motorsport. So I would just like to put it out to all of you that if you cannot do two days at an event, consider doing one day only. This will help spread the team around, especially if some can do Saturday only and an equivalent number to do Sunday only. We have used this system regularly at Winton with a couple of regulars who do the alternate days, both at a similar level of experience, which helps the chief out so they do not have to shuffle people all around the track. Think about it as it gets you out for a day doing something you obviously like doing, without the pressure of finding accommodation, and who knows you may be the lucky winner of the \$25 incentive draw at Winton and Phillip Island tracks.

Congratulations to those that have passed assessments and have achieved their desired upgrade to the next level.

Once again we have to touch on social media. The incidents at Bathurst are as good an example as you will get. The way that absolute wrong information spread on social media was extremely unnecessary and in bad taste, especially for families of any official working up there. We need to seriously think of why and when we need to be commentators of any happenings at any event. To our members at the point - Skip, Steve and Heath – I hope that you have been treated to the best care possible and that we are able to catch up soon

Cheers

Kevin Watson

President, Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc.

WAMS Ambassador - Natalie Daish

I am so lucky and grateful to have been chosen as the WAMS ambassador at the 2015 Singapore Grand Prix.

The opportunity was amazing and one that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was a pretty busy schedule and the heat, nothing prepares you for it. It's very warm (about 30 - 34 degrees every day) and the humidity is 75-85%. No need for hair straightness or make up. Your hair frizzes and make up sweats right off as soon as you walk outside.



I managed to get a little bit of sightseeing in. I had dinner on the Singapore flyer (which is like our Melbourne Eye - but better). Visited countless shopping malls (there is one on every corner) Went to Chinatown and had the best chilli crab. Went to Bughis Street markets. Went to the Sky Park at Marina Bay Sands (most beautiful view I have ever seen). Did the night safari at Singapore zoo and what would a trip to Singapore be without visiting Raffles, home of the Singapore sling.

Now it's down to business.

On the Wednesday afternoon I attended the Sector Marshalls briefing then did a track inspection. It was crazy as the public still had access to some parts of the tracks and were just strolling in and having a look. We then had a seniors briefing and a welcome dinner. The Singapore officials were so happy to see the CAMS people again. They are so grateful that they come back year after year to keep helping. I met Gabriel Tan (Clerk of Course) and his wife Janette Tan (Assistant Clerk of Course). These two people are the heart and soul of Singapore Grand Prix. It is their full time job to organize this event every year, and I can say what a fine job they do

Every morning the bus picked us up from our hotel at 10.00am and we (being myself and the senior CAMS officials who were in Singapore as mentors) had the seniors briefing at 11.00am. One word of advice - DON'T BE LATE, you will know about it if you are!! Everything is run to the minute. I was told that I will be in Sector 20 as a Flag Marshal on Thursday for Track Testing and also on Saturday and Sunday. Friday I would start in the support paddock and I thought, ok, I'll give this a go, haven't done it before.

So for the first half of Friday I was in the support paddock gridding up the TCRs. Once again the heat was intense and when you are covered head to toe in overalls you sweat everywhere! I hadn't worked in the paddocks before so it was a great experience to see how precise and timed everything is. The other officials were great and answered any questions I had, like, why do they do that, and where does this go? They also had many questions for me about working in Australia and how many events we do every year. We had a little bit of down time and as we were situated near gate 10 we saw all the F1 drivers come through and enter the circuit. I have to say they are a lot smaller in real life than what they appear on TV.

Next I was off to the starter's box. I was whisked away and taken through three different levels of security to get to pit lane, but when I finally got there I had to stop, literally stop and take a few deep breaths and take it all in. The enormity of it all. It was huge, the bright lights, the cars, WOW. I was taken up to one of the starter's boxes and the view was unbelievable. I was able to see the different screens that they used to get information about the cars on track, their fastest sector times, lap times, who was in pits, who now many laps they had time, track temp, air temp etc. It was very insightful.

We had an F1 practice session then we had the Porsche's and I got to wave the chequered flag for the end of the Porsche qualifying. It's not as easy as it looks you know.

Looking over the F1 pits and seeing teams and all of their equipment and watching pit stops is out of this world. They had a pit walk and it was quite funny as the Singaporeans kept wanting to take my photograph. I felt like a celebrity. The whole experience that day was incredible. It was so hot and such a long day but it was awesome.

Saturday and Sunday I was back at Sector 20.L to be a flag marshal. My Sector Marshall was CK and our lead Flaggie was Peiyi. Everyone welcomed me with open arms so it made me feel at ease as I was quite nervous. It is amazing the amount of officials that are female, I would say at least half if not more. CK had asked me to run the briefing on the Saturday so I had to polish up on my public speaking skills. I ran the briefing really well and didn't leave much more for CK to say (how unusual of me to talk lots!!).

Then it was onto the business of Flag Marshalling. Singapore only have 2 support categories, Porsche Carrera Cup Asia series and the TCRs so there is a bit of downtime between cars being on track. A good chance to get to know my fellow marshals. Saturday night CK bought us dinner - Chicken satays sticks and cereal coated prawns. I tell you, they really know how to look after you on the point. I was lucky to be working near a Gelato place so in the downtime we were able to go an ice cream to try and combat the heat. Didn't work but still tasted great. Now I may have mentioned the heat. It is frustratingly hot and at the track there is no escaping it. It's defiantly a test mentally and physically. I thought at one stage, "how am I going to cope?" it was about 7 pm, I have been here since 10.30am, it seems to be getting hotter by the minute, I have drunk about 4 litres of water and isotonic drinks, but nothing seems to help. I look around at the Singaporeans and they are barely breaking a sweat!

Sunday came around and then it was finally race time. We worked on a rotation basis similar to what we do here. I remember standing there on yellow flag, looking at track and thinking I was just working at my normal grand prix. (The lighting is bright you feel like its daytime) Then I looked around and saw the amazing Singapore skyline all lit up and I thought, hang on I am actually in Singapore at their Grand Prix. It was all so surreal. The race started and I let out a little squeal of excitement, thankfully no one heard me. I am still pinching myself that I was actually there.

The entire experience was just amazing. Watching and learning how another country runs a race is unbelievable. The people you meet, the stories they have, the jobs that you get to do that you normally wouldn't, all of it made me realize how lucky I was. When it was all done and finished and everyone was back at the muster tent for the Champions after party, it all hit me and I got bit emotional. It finally sank in what I had just done. I had the best team of Aussies with me answering every question I had and giving me all their knowledge. I couldn't have asked for better mentors (Tony, Tony, Terry, David, Phillip and Rob,) you guys gave me so much encouragement and advice and we certainly had some laughs. And to Bernadette, my fellow WAMS member, having you there made me feel at ease, you were a fantastic support to me. Xx

The officials in Singapore take this job very seriously. They only do 1 event a year and so they have to get it right. They are committed, dedicated and focused on what they have to do. This is a big deal to them and they all love it. They work together as a team, and treat each other with respect and like family. Singapore has a Retention rate of officials of about 92%. That to me speaks volumes.

For myself:

I am stronger than I thought. The heat is intense and it is quite overwhelming. Being trackside physically demanding and sometimes you think "how am I going to manage " but then I took a breath, looked around and realized where in the world I was and just kept going. The Singaporeans took me in with open arms. I was quite nervous but they put me at ease with their friendly nature. I am so incredibly lucky to have been able to do what I did.

For the ladies,

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The experience is one you will never ever forget. The fact that they have opened it up to Bronze level officials gives more of us the chance to apply and hopefully attend this amazing event and show then what we can do. You get to do things you wouldn't normally do, it gives you so much confidence in yourself personally and as a marshal. I would encourage any female marshal out there to apply to go next year. Whether you think you are qualified or not, just do it. The worst answer you will get is no. I am happy to talk to anyone that is interested in applying to be next year's WAMS ambassador.

I cannot wait to go back next year.

Regards

Natalie Daish



"The Hat"



Chief Marshal's BBQ - Saturday 16 January 2016

In order to get you all in a party mood for our 30th anniversary later in the year you are all invited to the biggest occasion of the year and that is the Chief Marshal's BBQ. Whilst we cannot promise to better the Grand Prix racing Bugatti in the driveway of two years ago, we can still have a great night!

For those who are not familiar with the format, details are as follows:

Where: Brooklands
46 Dorrigo Drive
Boronia 3155

When: Saturday 16 January 2016
6.00pm onwards (or until the last drunk is fished out of the garden!)

What to bring: Meat to eat
Chair to sit on

Club will supply salads, desserts as well as beer, wine and soft drink. If you wish to drink top shelf spirits please supply your own, to be run past Roger first for sampling!

Roger & Joy Chirnside

VFT 30th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday 4 June 2016

We now have a definite date for the Club's 30th year extravaganza - Saturday 4 June 2016 - so keep this date free!

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.

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

We would appreciate it if people could contact myself (Roger Chirnside) with names of prospective guests in order to help with catering numbers.

Remember - the success of this night depends on you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Chirnside

Flag One Reporting



Completed meetings:

September 11/12/13. Sandown 500. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Arthur/Kevin Watson Assistants. Will Gaff, placements and briefings as part of his ongoing assessments. As usual, Melbourne put on its usual fine and sunny weather for all 3 days. Friday we had 30 flagmarshals, which was a great effort. Saturday and Sunday saw 50+ flaggies attend the event. Numerous assessments were coordinated and thanks must go to all involved in our assessment process. Trackside, a great result only if you were a Ford fan!

September 19/20. Phillip Island Shannons. Arthur Cooksley, Chief of meeting. Kevin Watson, Assistant Chief. 26 registered for this event. But a number of withdrawals brought us down to 20. A great effort, considering 2 national meetings in 2 weeks. Thanks to Arthur and Kevin for looking after the event and those who made the effort to travel to the Island.

September 26/27. Winton Trucks. Chief of meeting, Kevin Watson. The usual truckies festivities headed to Winton for this annual event. Numbers: Approx 16 flaggies. Unfortunately, with only 6 trucks to greet the starter, this event was not up to its capacity grid of previous years. Support categories put on some great racing. The usual Saturday night dinner was enjoyed by all.

October 17/18. Winton AROVA 10 hour relay. Due to lack of numbers, the VFT had to withdraw from this event.

October 24/25. Phillip Island VSCRC4. Arthur Cooksey, Chief of meeting. Assistant, Kevin Watson, Terry O'Callaghan. Jenny Cross, placements and briefings, as part of ongoing assessments. The final round of the state series where championships were decided. A number of drop-outs put unwanted pressure on those working trackside. Although the weather for 2 days was kind, numerous trackside incidents were covered professionally by VFT members.

Upcoming meetings:

Nov. 6/7/8. Sandown Historics. (Clash) Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Assistant, Lloyd Owen. Numbers are 50+ for this iconic event where the big banger sports cars are the featured category.

Nov. 7/8. Winton 300. (Clash) Kevin Watson, Chief of meeting. Assistant, TBA. Once again, a number of our members will travel to Winton for the annual endure. If you can help out at this event, it will be much appreciated. As usual, the Saturday evening dinner will be provided.

Nov. 21/22. V8 Supercars Phillip Island. Arthur Cooksley, Chief of meeting. Assistants, Kevin Watson/Terry O'Callaghan. List is now closed for this event with 50+ EIO's.

Nov 28/29. Phillip Island Magic. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Assistant, TBA. This event attracts a huge number of state and national competitors. With no championships on the line, but plenty of bragging rights, it should be another fantastic weekend. 30 EIO's at the moment. List is still open and if you can come and help for either or both days, it will be most helpful.

Dec. 5/6. Winton HQ 4 hr. Chief, TBA. Numbers adequate at the moment, but as with all Winton events, we could use any additions to ease the burden. In previous, the annual Xmas dinner was provided as added bonus.

Dec. 13. VFT Xmas party. Como Gardens. (Please see advertisement elsewhere in magazine)

It is imperative and members sole responsibility to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover if they wish to attend as an individual where the VFT has withdrawn due to lack of numbers. Just a reminder, if you change postal address, you need to contact all promoters and inform them of your new address. Due to privacy constraints, the VFT cannot and will not pass on this information to 3rd parties.

If and when you receive a communication from any event organizer in reference to your attendance, it would be a great help to respond to both the event organizer and VFT (Me) so we can manage our placements lists.

As this is the last magazine prior to Xmas, I wish everyone and their families a happy and safe Xmas and prosperous New Year. Thank you everyone for your support, on and off the track, and I look forward to working trackside on a flagpoint with you in 2016.

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

Ring the Club mobile on: 0409823657

OR

Leave a message on the VFT answering service: 87965321

OR

Email chief@vicflag.org.au

OR

Add your name on the list at a prior event.

PLEASE DO NOT USE FACEBOOK'S PAGE TO REGISTER/WITHDRAW YOUR INTEREST.

Cheers,
Terry O'Callaghan
Your Chief, Your Club
0402077405





CAMS, Promotions and Social Media Update

CAMS:

The CAMS State Council was held on 6 October, where the Executive for 2016 was elected. The results were as follows:

- Director (3 year term) – Norman Gowers
- Alternate Director (1 year term) – Michael Holloway
- Chair (1 year term) – Paul Zsidy
- Deputy Chair (1 year term) – Jess Harper
- State Executive (2 year term) – Graeme Williams, Lee Filliponi, Noel Tippet, Shane Rodgers, Peter Bready
- State Executive (1 year term) – Vivek Ponnusamy

David Bellenger has been appointed chair of the soon to be reformed Victorian State Officiating Panel. Nominations are currently being sought to fill the rest of the panel positions.

Motions put forward by the Victorian State Council to the Board to reconsider the AMRC Strategic Review were given consideration but rejected. Similar motions are expected from the other state councils over the next month or so.

The State Series have confirmed the addition of a new round at Winton next year. Winton will also play host to the 2016 Australian Supersprint Championship for those interested.

There is currently a review into all aspects of passenger rides across the board, so we may see some changes here in the near future. The rides are seen as an important method for attracting new people to the sport, so it is unlikely we will see them go.

Promotions:

The Sandown 500 saw us distribute around 1000 flyers over the course of the weekend. Thanks to Kim Dale, Kimi Stevens, Sam Smythe, Matt Smythe and Christine Fennelly who all volunteered their time to help the club walking the crowd. And thanks also to anyone else who passed a flyer over the fence or chatted to an interested member of the public about the role.

On the 24th of October I represented the club at an Open Day at the workshop of the Heaphy Group. This covers Gibson Motorsport, Team Mitsubishi Ralliart and Performance Parts and Engineering. I spoke about the role and the club to around 50 people who took an interest in our display there, so hopefully we will see some enquiries come through over the next few weeks. I think the event was a good one for us to attend given it's attraction to people who have an interest in motorsport beyond just V8 Supercars. Thanks to Alan Heaphy and his team for their support in this activity. *(see pictures on next page)*

Social Media:

I would like to make mention here of the reaction on Social Media to the incident at turn 17 at Bathurst.

When incidents like this occur, it is only natural for us to seek information. We care about our motorsport family, and want to check on the welfare of its members. In the absence of immediate official announcements, social media will rapidly fill the void. And in this case, 90% of the information floating around Facebook was incorrect, ranging from half-true to the alarmingly tragic.

We have to be extremely careful in such situations not to facilitate the spread of gossip and rumours. Posting second or third hand information, commenting on or sharing posts can help validate these false stories. All of which exasperates the situation for those involved and their loved ones.

The best course of action is to allow the official communication channels to the time to provide accurate information as and when they can. And if you do need to reach out to people to discuss, pick up a phone and keep it offline.

David Thornbury

A “Thank You” from V8 Ute racer, Richard Mork

For those of you who attended the Sandown 500, you would have heard V8 Ute racer Richard Mork speak at the morning briefing. In a rather entertaining talk, he gave thanks to all the officials (particularly the flag marshals) for our contribution to the sport and allowing everyone to go racing.

After the event, VFT member Luke Hingeley reached out to Richard, who once again thanked us. This time in a slightly abridged version...

“Mate, without you people no one would be racing. You are the backbone of Motorsport and I thank you!” - Richard Mork, V8 Ute 77



Cover Story – Shane Rogers

Well what can I say? I had an interesting weekend at the VSCRC round 4 at Phillip Island Grand Prix track, with Formula ford, formula Vee, Saloon Cars, Sports Sedans, Improved Production, Sportscars, MG and invited, Porsche 944's and HQ's as our categories for the weekend.

Working at flag point 11 for the first time down there. And I have to say, that would have to be one of the best points to work. On Saturday I had Michael as a trainee who is joining this great club of ours, and was a pleasure to train. And Kevin as our communicator for both days, and also a pleasure to work with.

Now for the proceedings. Saturday started off as the usual Practice and Qualifying. Not much happening, just the normal spins, wides, and breakdowns. Then came the racing. My oh my, the action was non-stop. Off's, spins, contacts. WOW!

Then came the Sports Sedans, (I love those beasts). Standing there on the green flag watching great racing for the first few laps. Then next thing I see is a car coming over lukey heights into MG corner on fire. It was time for full alert. The red flag was called for. Kevin and I must have had the same idea. We went for the extinguisher and I ran as fast as I could to get to the fire before it got too big, and great to look up and see the driver out of the car. Got it down and contained it till the great guy from the VFRS arrived to take control and finish the job. I went to make sure the driver was ok, and then helped to direct the oncoming car away from the scene.

Once I wasn't needed, I went back to the point for the rest of the proceedings.

At the end of the day I felt very proud of what I had done as everyone was coming up to me saying what a great job I had done. But deep down I thought I had only done what anyone might have done in that situation.

Then came Sunday. In the morning flag briefing, 2 members of the VFRS came along to thank me again for the job I had done. (I thought they were coming to try and steal me from the VFT). Then out to point we go to enjoy another great action packed weekend. Kevin and I were joined by Ian Hogan. We had lots of laughs and lots of close racing. We had everything again, contact, run wides, breakdowns, the works. We have a couple of visitors to the point from drivers. I even did my first ever black flag at Phillip Island. I really enjoyed the Sportscars for wanting to do an extra lap after their races to show their appreciation for what we do so they can go racing.

I am very proud and privileged to be a member of the VFT. We have the best seat in the house, great friends, we work alongside some other great groups.

I think I have babbled on enough.

Shane Rogers

Signing off from Phillip Island Flap Point 11

(Front cover photo courtesy of SD pics)



How Being Busy Makes You Unproductive

'Beware the barrenness of a busy life! Socrates



Being busy has somehow become a badge of honor. The notion is that if you aren't super busy, you aren't important or a hard worker. The truth is, busyness makes you **less** productive.

When we think of a super busy person, we think of a ringing phone, a flood of e-mails, a schedule that's bursting at the seams with major projects and side-projects hitting simultaneously. Such a situation inevitably leads to multi-tasking and interruptions, which are both deadly to productivity.

David Meyer (University of Michigan) published a study showing that switching what you're doing mid-task increases the time it takes you to finish both tasks by 25%. 'Multitasking is going to slow you down, increasing the chances of mistakes,' said Meyer. 'I was surprised by how easily people were distracted and how long it took them to get back to the task,' said Eric Horvitz, a Microsoft research scientist behind the study. So why do we keep doing it? Feeling all spent and exhausted, yet looking at shallow results and feeling unsatisfied.

Researchers from the University of Chicago found that the belief that busyness is a sign of success through hard work is so prevalent that we actually fear inactivity. We do this to hide from any laziness and fear of failure yet it trains the brain to be mindless and unproductive. That is completely the opposite of what we worked towards and ever intended.

We really do have to slow down to do your best. When you don't, the consequences can be severe. The notion that you are important because of what you do or how busy you are is horribly flawed. Our performance driven society is getting people focused on the wrong set of values. My advice is, enjoy being you and love the skin you're in.

The good book holds answers for us to embrace. Psalms 139, ...The creator declares that you were formed in awe, with all the gifts, talents personality and character added for a full and joy-filled life. A record of your days was planned, so you would never have to be exhausted trying to become someone. My Dad used to tease us and say "Your belly button is where God poked you when He finished putting you together and said 'PERFECT, ..YOU'RE DONE!'

Yes, I know there is opposing arguments, but it is either we keep struggling, never being 'good enough' or find a resting place about who/whose you are in the midst of heaps of 'stuff' that's screaming for your attention. What I love about faith is, it is simple!

At the end of any promo, there is usually a contact number for more information. Mine is a little different, ...Lift your head heavenward and ask for help, it's simple but as you know, it works. Keeping things in balance all the time and placing the appropriate emphasis and focus on the main priorities is a handful. Giving thanks for your life and asking for wisdom to live your life the best, that's a great place to start.

I love doing Life together with you,

Cheers,

Mark

Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



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Minutes of General Meeting
October 1 2015 8.00PM
The Beach House Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

Members present: 21

Apologies: Arthur Cooksley, John Pollard, Perry Ballard, Paul Kelly, Michael Murphy, Trish Storey, Phillip Muraca, Country, interstate and International members.

Minutes from the previous meeting: Moved: Warren Gordon, seconded: Geoff Kay that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters arising: Nil

Reports:

- 1 President
- 1.1 Concern on number of members attending meetings. Roger Chirnside: Too many events. Mario Pacifici, may be other members could assist by doing one day, or re-establishing the incentive scheme.
- 2 Vice President
- 2.1 Also concerned that not enough members are working trackside.
- 3 Secretary: as per report
- 3.1 Nomination forms for the AGM and membership invoices in November magazine
- 4 Treasurer: apology, report based on figures at September Committee meeting
- 4.1 Cheques to be passed for payment: Kevin Watson \$100 [cash draws], Geoff Kay \$75 [trailer] Terry O'Callaghan \$30 [phone recharge], Corporate Printers \$153 [Sept Mag], Promotional Centre \$81 [vests], Aust post \$13.45. Moved: Robin wood, seconded: Matt Cornford that the payments be made. Carried.
- 4.2 No Change to membership fees for 2016, and can be paid from Nov 1st.
- 5 Chief Flagmarshal
- 5.1 Festival of Speed – number of no shows.
- 5.2 August Access – insufficient members for club to attend.
- 5.3 Sandown 500 – report from William Gaff, Phillip island Shannons – thanks to Geoff Kay for the Friday, Winton trucks – report from Kevin Watson.
- 5.4 Aroca 10 hour, numbers low
- 5.5 Upcoming events: VSCRC 4, Winton 300, Sandown Historics, Phillip Island V8's. Island Magic and HQ 4 hour. Names on lists.
- 5.5 2 members shortlisted for the Singapore GP, Danielle Bell and Natalie Daish.
- 6 Assistant Chief Flagmarshal – apology, no report.
- 7 Training Officer.
- 7.1 Several upgrade requests currently active.
- 7.2 EA Endorsements.
- 7.3 Trialling incident reports on iPads.
- 7.3 Mentoring
- 7.4 Flagpoint checklist.
- 7.5 Fabulous Officials award
- 7.6 Video Training program
- 7.7 Report writing
- 8 CAMS Rep
- 8.1 Change of dates for the 2016 GP
- 9 Promotions
- 9.1 Sandown 500 - approx 1000 flyers circulated.

Minutes of General Meeting
October 1 2015 8.00PM
The Beach House Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

- 9.2 Fred Gibson workshop open day 24th October.
- 10 Social Media
- 11 Grade 3 Rep
- 11.1 Social Media
- 11.2 Bathurst – event uniforms. Safe travel to those heading to Bathurst.
- 12 Grade 4 Rep
- 12.1 Simon Quirke to Grade 4
- 13 Induction
- 13.1 number of enquiries coming through
- 14 Merchandise
- 14.1 Mario Pacifici – first member to receive overalls on the Overall Replacement program
- 14.2 Committee will advise where Shannons badges will be placed
- 15 Magazine – 24th October deadline

Reports: Moved: Kevin Redman, seconded: Shane Rogers that reports be accepted. Carried

- 16 General Business.
- 16.1 Robin Wood
- 16.1.1 Recycling overalls from members no longer working trackside
- 16.2 Roger Chirnside
- 16.2.1 30th anniversary June 4th 2016, looking for photo from the past
- 16.3 John Clarke
- 16.3.1 Need to review Quorum structure for General Meetings
- 16.4 Simon Baston
- 16.4.1 Received letter from Noel Tippet for chair to the State Officiating Panel, did anyone else receive and who is Noel Tippet.

Next meeting: 3rd December at the Beach hotel

Meeting closed: 9.30PM

2015 Calendar

* = Clash

January 17	Brooklands	Chief Marshall's BBQ
February 5	Beach Hotel	AGM
February 15	Winton	Champ of Winton 1
* 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	Shannons Nationals
April 2	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
April 18-19	Phillip Island	VSCRC Round 1
* May 15-17	Winton	V8's Winton 400
* May 16-17	Sandown	VSCRC Round 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 2
June 13-14	Winton	Shannons Nationals
July 4-5	Winton	VMRC Round 2
July 18-19	Sandown	VSCRC Round 3
August 1-2	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 6	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 8-9	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 15-16	Phillip Island	Multi Club Event
September 11-13	Sandown	V8's Sandown 500
September 18-20	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
September 26-27	Winton	Supertrack Nationals
October 1	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 17-18	Winton	AROCA 10 Hour Relay
October 24-25	Phillip Island	VSCRC Round 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 any events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshall via any of the following 4 ways:

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- The VFT Club Mobile: **0409 823 657**
- e-Mail: **chief@vicflag.org.au**
- In person trackside or at club meetings

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