

# The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team News



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# A Word from the President



Hi and welcome to another magazine report. There is a bit going on at this time.

**William Gaff**

While we were at Winton for The Shannons Nationals I had a chance meeting with series director Mr Rob Kirkpatrick for quick chat about motorsport. During our chat Rob was only too happy to support the VFT by putting our ads in the Nationals program for the Victorian rounds free of charge. On behalf of the club a big thank you Rob.

It has been great over the first 6 months that we have had a positive response from club members in regards to posting on social media sites such as Facebook, and not posting during race meetings while you are on duty. Thanks for your support. Social media is a way of life today but we still must be careful in what we post and say as it is for all to see.

The Committee is looking to replace the club trailer. We have a quote and we are working on the design for the inside of it to make it a bit more user friendly for everyone to use. I will let you all know when we are ready to get it going.

By the time you read this the lists for the v8 Supercar rounds at Winton and Sandown will have closed. It is important to let the chief know as soon as the lists open of what events you can do, it not only helps Terry but the club as well.

Thanks for your feedback on the coffee cups that we got for you guys it was something we the committee wanted to do for the members for the time you all put in and to give a little something back.

The next 6 months are going to get busy with a lot of racing to be done so check your dates and let the club know what you can do via email or phone you all know how the system works.

The new club jackets look great if you want one Eric is the man to see to order one we need to order min of 5 jackets and its a 2 week turn around if you want merchandise we can get just what you want just let us know.

On a bright cool morning in north east Victoria I turned on my phone today it went bing bing read a face book page and learnt of the death of Allan Simonsen it was a shock. As they say on the ticket motor racing is dangerous but you never think it will happen to anyone, but that is the nature of the sport we love. I had never met Allan but followed him at the races from what I saw he was a racer and a tough one at that but he was fair in his racing our hearts go out to Allan's family and friends and all his motor sport friends R.I.P.

I would like to share a quote with you, it's from one of my favourite TV shows Hill Street Blues the old desk sergeant Phil in the briefing room would say "Hey lets be careful out there" before they went out for day I just wanted to share that with you on a sad day for us all.

**William Gaff**  
**President**  
**VFT**

## Welcome to our new members:

Mark Bateman, Andrew Fothergill



## Members: Please note

PIARC Officials Registrar will shortly be updating their mailing list for officials.

If you have not been at the Phillip Island circuit for over a year you may stop receiving letters of invitation from PIARC and will need to monitor the VFT club calendar for upcoming events.



# Flag One Reporting

by Terry O Callaghan

July has arrived and both the Winton and Sandown V8 lists have now closed. The process from here is that names have been forwarded to the relevant event organisers who then will invite the successful officials. Please bear in mind that preference will be given, as in the past, to those who support the individual track at other events.

## Completed meetings:

Sandown State: May 18/19: 55 flaggies, 8 drivers, 12 trainees, 8 assessments in progress. Terry O'Callaghan – Chief Flagmarshal. This event provided plenty of action which saw the deployment of numerous safety cars. The newly installed debris fencing was thoroughly tested. Thanks must go to Sandown management for implementing this safety initiative for marshals.

Phillip Island Shannons Nationals: May 25/26: 38 flaggies, 2 drivers, 4 trainees. Mike Murphy – Chief of event. Although this event clashed with Winton Historics, adequate manning levels were achieved. Repairs to flagpoints 1.1 and 1.2 were much appreciated and thanks must go to Phillip Island Management for this. Thanks to Mike for chiefing this event.

Winton Historics: May 25/26: 25 flaggies, 3 trainees. Warren Gordon – Chief of event. This iconic event was well supported with over 350 entries from bikes and cars. Thanks to Warren for chiefing this event.

Winton Shannons National: June 22/23. 30



flaggies, 4 trainees, 2 assessments in progress. Kevin Watson – Chief of event. Well supported event. The traditional Saturday evening meal was well supported. Thanks to Jenny for organising this. The late start on Sunday morning was much appreciated by trackside officials.

With the numerous events the VFT is invited to, as well as the occasional clash, thanks must go to Russell Clasby, our equipment officer, Geoff Kay and Eric Rigg for the logistics of ensuring that equipment is present at all venues. Thanks Guys. Please remember by signing on, one is agreeing to physically and mentally being capable of performing one's duties. If you have any concerns in this area, please speak with the Chief Flagmarshal of the event. It would be remiss of me here not to mention that we should all have personal ambulance cover.

For registering for events, you need to

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**Your Chief, Your Club  
Terry O'Callaghan  
VFT Chief Flagmarshal**



# VFT Promotions and CAMS Rep

by Murray Stevens

## No armco, no big trucks, no mozzie bytes ... and no stupid hat

### Promotional matters....

As we work our way thru the motorsport year the v8 rounds loom closer.

For most members it's the battle to get onto the list, while for me it's time to think about obtaining permission for the site at Sandown etc.

For the first time we will be running a small program at Winton this year.

Karen Legg has made herself available to handout some trusty brochures at the driver signing that will be at the Town Hall, the Thursday prior, and the Council have given us the thumbs-up!!

**As a reminder, please check the brochures in your gear bag. Make sure they are the new ones with the new phone number.**

And while we are at the tracks, make sure we all show the professional image of the team we are all members of. The public and the cameras are never too far away.



### CAMS matters....

At the last Vic State Council meeting Bruce Robertson from Winton Motor Raceway thanked CAMS and its affiliated clubs for attending in great numbers at the memorial for Mick Ronke, who recently passed away. Later in the meeting Bruce updated us on the progress of the Motorkhana surface. For those who don't know, it's now waiting for the right weather to lay the asphalt and is where the oval used to be.

The chairman reminded us that the Fabulous Officials program is still looking for nominations. The system is really easy and there are no real prerequisites. If you think someone is kinda special as an official, go to the CAMS website and fill in the form. It's then assessed and as they say...you never know!!!

The CAMS website is being completely rebuilt as its information is not housed in a central location and this has made it hard to manage for CAMS, and for the government to obtain a snap shot of the sport.

One more thing before i go. Remember we can still be breath tested as we arrive for a day at the track. And we have to be 0.00 BAC.

And yes, I'm actually planning to do some race meetings myself, so i may see you soon.

Until next time...

**Murray  
CAMS Representative  
Promotions Officer**





# Training Matters

by Tony van den Dungen

The current Assessment process was deemed to have a number of flaws, in that paperwork was held by different people, and consequently was hard to trace. As such a number of the training committee members, with excellent participation from Arthur Cooksley, came up with a flow chart of the Assessment process. This flow chart is displayed below and was sent to the VFT committee members for ratification.

The difference notably was that VFT internal forms are excluded and members are asked to retrieve and retain Cams Upgrade and Assessment forms themselves.

The Cams grading system and how it equates to the VFT grading system is as follows:

VFT Grade Trainee	10 day	Cams Trainee 1 day	Trainee form
VFT Grade 4	Completion of 10 day form and Training Committee approval.	Cams General Official	Completed Trainee form. Introductory module On-line or Face to Face
VFT Grade 3	On line Bronze category module VFT Practical Assessment	Cams Bronze Licence	On line Bronze category module VFT Practical Assessment
VFT Grade 3A	Train the Trainer Recommendation from Training Committee	No equivalent	
VFT Grade 2	Silver module VFT Practical Assessment	Cams Silver Licence	Silver module VFT Practical Assessment
VFT Grade 1	VFT Practical Assessment and participation record. Letter of support to Australian Officials Commission	Cams Gold Licence	VFT Practical Assessment and participation record. Letter of support to Australian Officials Commission

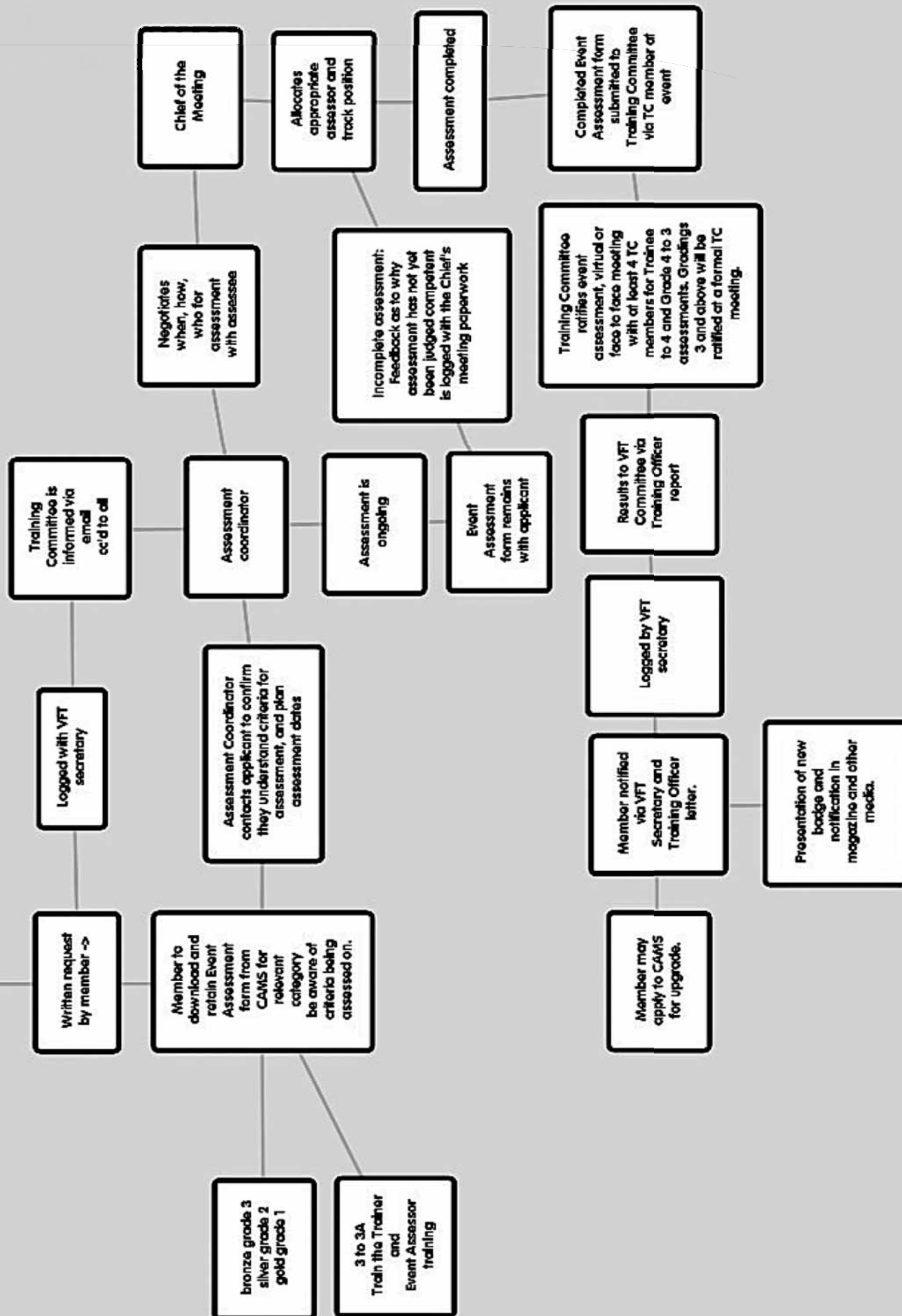
Upgrades are; Grade 3, Chris Sullivan, Russel Clasby, Steve Clasby, Jamie Davis, John Pollard, Tony Elkin, all others are still on going and will have completed their upgrades successfully and will be published in the next magazine. Grade 4; Matt Cornford, Heath Rawlinson.

A training night was held on 24/6 7 at the Beach Hotel with Sport Sedan Driver and Motor Sport Panel member Chas Talbot the guest speaker who talked about drivers expectations of Flag marshals.

Although only 19 people attended, it was very informative and our thanks go to Chas for his contribution. A Communications Up skilling training session was held after and the skill level of many of our new members was wonderful. Verbal and written communications were covered and a number of our senior members who were present provided valuable input.



## VFT assessment process





## Flag Marshalling

Glenn Rochester

I read the magazine from cover to cover each and every month. I just love it. I find interest in hearing what others think and experience. For everyone it's something different, so it's a little like reliving the experiences over and over again. I missed the Phillip Island and Winton meets on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May, so I'm already looking forward to the next edition to hear all about it.

I'd like to talk about my weekend at Sandown for the VSCRC round 2. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Flag point 10, under the Jim Beam Bridge. Drivers left. On point, Will Gaff, Ash Goodwin, Robert Salan and Myself. We had two communicators from the M.G club both days, and one driver doing his training on Saturday. My experience didn't start on the Saturday morning, but on the Friday night packing my bag. Checking the weather forecast I conceded I needed my larger bag. Wet weather gear, and a change of clothes wouldn't fit in my usual bag. Turns out it was a good decision, as Saturday was wet. Bag packed, overalls laid out, credentials hanging on the door, now ready for bed..... Who was I kidding. Wasn't until after midnight before I finally got to bed and to sleep. Saturday morning arrived, and as usual I had set my alarm too early. I got up, and went and got dressed. Two layers today. It was expected to be cold and wet. Made myself some breakfast, threw my bag into the truck, grabbed my credentials, and headed to the petrol station for breakfast seconds, and energy drinks for the day. Race weekend, petrol station, microwaved pies. Honestly, is there anything better? Traffic was light on the Monash for once, and I made it to the track before 7am. Pulling into the officials car park, I saw through the dim light up on the ramp, a few officials loitering, waiting to sign in, and immediately got out of my truck with an energy drink. I didn't even retrieve my bag from the truck before heading up to say Hi to the early birds, and waiting to sign on. Is it me, or is the wait, to find out what point you're on exciting? We all talked about the V8's first day in Austin Texas, and the shenanigans that were reported on in the news.

Met Terry at the sign in desk and was, as usual, greeted with a smile. "Morning Glenn. You're on turn 10 this weekend". Leaning over the bench looking at the list, Terry reads my mind, "Willy Gaff, Ash Goodwin, and young Robert Salan".

"Thanks Terry". I moved off to find my team mates for the weekend, and introduce myself to Ash, as I'd never met him.

After socialising for an undetermined amount of time, it was main briefing time. We started with a run down on the new fencing on all flag points, then a few words by Mark Bateman on the loss of one of our founding members Barry Petersen. Very well spoken Mark. I only met Barry once, but could tell from the reactions of everyone in the room he was a great man. Then we broke off into our own groups and had another briefing, outlining finer details of the weekends flag rules. Once we had completed our flag briefing, we headed off to garage 34 for our lunches. Listening to the wheels on my bag run along the ground, I was reminded of all the previous events attended, and reflected on how that sound, can mean the start of an exciting day, or the fatigue of the end of a weekend. The sound is the same, but can mean two different things. To me anyway.

After getting to the flag point, meeting our communicators, and our driver trainer, we set to checking extinguishers, soaker, number board and flags. After a track inspection, and briefing from our senior on point, Will, we set about possibly the most important inspection of the day, our lunches. Yip! All the food groups covered. Processed meat, fruit with a sticker on it, food in a wrapper and chocolate.

Now we had to wait for the competitors to get out on track. MG's first. Then an hour break until the next event due to an oil spill basically the entire length of the track. That gave as ammunition for our communicators all weekend. Luckily we had two 'top chaps' who had a sense of humour, and even joined in on our British car manufacturing bashing. A few BIG hits at turn 9 and spins out of turn 6 that we got to see, (no reporting) and a lot of blue flagging. A tribute lap for Barry Petersen where we all got out trackside with our flags. Over the weekend, we had great conversations and laughs. I want to thank Robert, Ash and Will for an awesome weekend. I'm already looking forward to round 3, again at Sandown. For the sound of my bag wheels rolling on the tarmac, and for the hotdogs.







## That Sandown Meeting in May

### To all Sandown Officials,

It has took most of us a couple of days to recover from the 17-19 May round of the Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships. I am sure that I am not the only one; most of the Officials from Race Control and those working out on the track would feel the same. Speaking to Michael Herlihy, my friend and the other half of the partnership that drives these meetings on Monday, I know he was in a similar condition.

I have been involved in running these race meeting since the 1980's and I can say without any exaggeration that this was the most disrupted, interrupted and difficult I have ever experienced. According to Gary Grants statistics we had 15 multi car collisions and 14 single car collisions. Not to mention 5 cars losing wheels, probably the biggest oil clean-up I have ever seen (70 bags of soaker required). Multiple barrier repairs - even the sound fence required repair after one crash and the use of the jaws of life to free a driver. I would hate to add up all the lost time required to attend to all these incidents.

Through all of this driver induced mayhem, our team of race officials worked and worked and worked to keep the meeting in operation. Unfortunately most drivers have no concept of the demands made on race officials both in the preparation and operation of these meetings and all of us are volunteers. Why do we do it? I will not presume to speak for anyone other than myself. I get great satisfaction from planning, organising and producing these events. I am very fortunate to have a terrific group of equally dedicated people who make very large contributions in time and energy.

May I take this opportunity to publicly thank every last one of the race officials who turned up and gave up their weekend. All of you should feel immensely proud of the skill, commitment, energy and enthusiasm that maximised the number of laps that the drivers got, largely despite themselves. It is a tribute to you all that the drivers got the amount of track time that they did.

It seemed that no matter what nature and the endless stream of incidents thrown at us, we all contributed much more than could be reasonably expected. I salute you all and thank you for your persistence and the well known Aussie trait to carry through to the end no matter what.

I am sure I speak for the management of the MG Car Club of Victoria when I say - thank you and well done.

**David Vernall**

VSCRC-2 Clerk of the Course





## MY FIRST 12 MONTHS AS A FLAG MARSHAL WITH THE VICTORIAN FLAGMARSHALLING TEAM

My name is Paul Kelly it all started when I brought my son James a V8 front seat passenger ride at Sandown while I was there I picked up a brochure from VFT on Marshalling and thought this might be fun.

So the following week I went to the web site and sent an email saying I was interested in finding out more. It was only a day or two later when I received an email saying Paul Meade would be contacting me in which he did, unbeknown to me his daughter goes to the same school as my son and they know each other. Well after about an hour on the phone Paul said he could organise it for me to come to Phillip Island for the 6 hour on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as it was too late to get in for the V8s.

He emailed me all the paperwork I needed to fill out and after getting all this I was thinking what am I getting into but thought what the heck its one w/end if i don't like it I have lost nothing.

My first w/end at Phillip Island I worked with Alan Krahe at point 1.0 what can I say what a great w/end it was. I met some great people some newbies like myself and ones like Alan who is a 50 year Veteran. By the end of Sunday I had made my mind up this is what I want to do on my spare w/ends.

My goal now was to get my ten days in before Sandown V8s and hopefully get a spot, well I did and had my Grade 4 Presentation at Sandown V8s. Since then I have done at least 15 events and some 33 days track side and thanks to the training I received went to Bathurst 12 hour and was put as senior on point. Garry McGraw was Sector, first time I had met him and he too has been part of VFT and was able to give some good pointers for me at this track as I have never been to Bathurst before.

Then what a great way to follow on from Bathurst than Melbourne F1 worked with a great team and just took everything in even getting soaked while sweeping the water off the track.

So after 12 months and working with many different people at all three circuit's that VFT go to Im hooked so now my goal is to go to Grade 3, I have done my Bronze online with Cams and will do my track assessment sometime soon. I would like to thank all the everyone that I have worked with during my 10 days training and everyone I have worked with at different points over the last 12 months I'm still learning and I think that's the good thing about this is that different things happen that test us and help us all become better at what we do. If we make a mistake then we learn from it. Thanks VFT for the great work you do as a club and the opportunities you give so we can improve and learn from. I can recommend this to anyone and have already roped my two sister in-laws into it.





# YOUR AMAZING BRAIN!...you're gonna love this!

Quote: *If the human brain was so simple that we could understand it; we would be so simple that we couldn't!* - Emerson M Pugh

Constantly through the pages of the good book you read; to be thankful, give thanks, and in one scripture it goes as far as saying 'In *everything* give thanks; this is God's plan for you.' (1 *Thessalonians 5:18*) Stay with me on this – here is just one example: to give thanks before you enjoy your meal.

**SCENARIO** – Tim's rushed out of the house leaving his wife Sue to get the children ready for school. The last thing he saw as he shut the door behind him was the frustrated look on Sue's face as she insisted that the children hurry up and finish their breakfast. He glanced at his watch knowing he's running late, the car false starts a few times before firing up. The pressure is on and he knew it wouldn't let up all day. Frustrated with traffic speed and pondering through that business meeting scheduled for 10 - suddenly a car cuts him off. He reacts; shouting and cursing at the other driver who was definitely in the wrong. His mind was darting all over the place and clouded, that he didn't even notice the beautiful blue-sky day he woke up to.

Upstairs in Tim's brain, his amygdala (a-mig-da-la) releases a protein message called a neural peptide (any Essendon fans?) instructing his adrenal gland to secrete a hormone called cortisol. Cortisol works to break down fatty acids, giving Tim the energy he needs to respond to stress. But, excessive levels of cortisol bought on by constant stresses will increase the amount of free fatty acids in the body which in turn causes headaches, clogging of the arteries, forcing the heart to work harder and acts like a poison.

Feeling stressed is not just a state of mind but also a state of body. The sympathetic nervous system accelerates your heart, constricts your blood vessels and raises your blood pressure. Some hit the smokes or alcohol to slow their heart rate and relax their muscles. This external stimulus is like having your feet buried into the accelerator and the brake at the same time.

Here is a better way to bring our engine back to idle, **BREATH – STRETCH – REFOCUS**. Interrupting stresses by adapting the breath, stretch, refocus plan, releases endorphins (en-dor-fins). Endorphins diminish the pain and acts as a sedative, similar to morphine. It is manufactured in your brain, spinal cord, and many other parts of your body. The endorphins hormone counters cortisol and unlike morphine, does not lead to addiction or dependence.

**BREATH** - Research has shown many benefits from controlled breathing such as; inhaling slowly for 3 seconds, hold for 3 seconds and exhale slowly for 3 seconds, it calms you down. This 'controlled' breathing exercise rather than normal breathing reduces hypertension, anxiety, stress and the release of cortisol.

**STRETCH** – Whenever a muscle is stretched, clenched for a period of time then is relaxed, endorphins are released. The sensation that follows a run or workout is often described as 'euphoric', stretching muscle groups for 10 seconds and then relaxing for 10 seconds balances the excess of cortisol in your system.

**REFOCUS** - Unless we are emotionally captivated by what we refocus our attention on, any attempt to distract ourselves will only be short lived. One of the easiest ways to take the spotlight off our problems is to place our attention on that which we truly appreciate, grateful for. The more detail we go into about what specifically we are thankful for and why we are so grateful, the greater the shift in our refocus.

With sincerity, identify 5 really specific things you are thankful for today, together with the accompanying reason. Say out loud – 'God I'm thankful for ....., because ...' and ponder, enjoy the thought for a while.

Enjoying life with you, Mark

Phone 0412 151 121



# Ride To Conquer Cancer 2013 Fundraising

VFT & Motorsport Friends – from Robert Blake VFT member

To be able to ride a pushbike in the 2013 Ride To Conquer Cancer day in October, I need to raise \$2500, the same amount I contributed last year. The majority of funds came from me with some donations.

Last year we rode from Albert Park Melbourne to Healesville and back again, 200km across the weekend.

This year we are Peninsula bound and then return to Albert Park again.

Jason Richards/Jimmy Stynes/Bethany Wake all succumbed to Cancer, showing it touches everyone.

In Melbourne the Brad Jones Racing Team lost one of their team Members Jason Richards to Cancer 2 years ago. Jason's wife and kids were there to share the jubilation at the teams success at this event with drivers Fabian Coulthard & Jason Bright, it was an emotional time for the team and their success dedicated to the memory of Jason Richards. Both Cars carry a remembrance insignia of JR on their door pillars so Jason will always be remembered. Success in New Zealand for BJR was also very fitting and Facebook support was plentiful.

2013 Campaign Funds can be donated at anytime as they are used straight away once received so no one has to wait till October before contributing.

If you can help, any sized donation would be appreciated, if not I understand as well, if you would like to know more the website has lots of information or your very welcome to have a chat with me, email or phone.  
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kind regards

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Welcome to my Personal Page! The Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, is a cycling journey throughout Victoria's scenic countryside that I'm embarking on to fight cancer. It will be a challenge in a number of ways, but with my bike, my helmet, and your generosity, a real impact will be made!

Goal: \$2,500.00  
Achieved: \$485.00

Contribute to this history-making event with a donation. Funds raised in The Ride to Conquer Cancer will support Peter Mac, the only public hospital in



# Shannons Nationals: Phillip Island and Winton





Short days, late starts and sleep ins don't make for quiet days !!! Winton Shannons round had everything happening.. except the Swift roll over which happened Friday!! But dinner Saturday night had Suzuki Swift drivers showing their appreciation by buying us drinks :)

Chilly mornings led to beautiful sunny winter days, and some exciting racing.. lots of training on track and in race control, and assessments here and there (good luck to those).

Thanks to everyone who attended, Winton Raceway and Shannons Nationals for a short but exciting weekend. "

**Jen ( Porsche magnet!!)**







# Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 8,10PM  
The Beach Hotel  
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

## Members Present: 26

Apologies: Katrina Ballard, Michael Neilsen, Michael Arnott, Russell Clasby, Glenn Rochester, Ian Saxby, Kevin Redman, Country, Interstate and International members.

## President's Report

- A/ Guest Speaker night, Wednesday night prior to Sandown V8's, limit 60, details soon.
- B/ Trailer upgrade, in investigation stages.
- C/ Coffee mugs, lanyards and membership cards being distributed.
- D/ Apology for late start due to Training Committee Meeting earlier

**Minutes from the previous meeting:** Moved: Warren Gordon, Seconded: Shane Rogers, that the minutes be accepted. Carried

**Matters arising:** Nil.

## Reports:

- 1 **Vice President:** Nil
- 2 **Secretary:** as per report
- 2.1 Australia Post: VFT no longer recognised as not for profit organisation and are subject to a %700 increase to business rate for mail re-direction. As a result the club has a new postal address. PO Box 5140 Frankston South 3199.
- 2.2 Paula Petersen passed on her thanks to the VFT following the parade lap at the VSCRC 2 at Sandown for the tribute to Barry Petersen.
- 3 **Treasurer:** as per report.
- 3.1 Deanne Millett, trailer insurance appears expensive at \$319.00 as I have just insured a caravan for \$150
- 3.2 `Mario Pacifici, query on items in report, John explained that amounts were shown when money moved between accounts.
- 3.3 Cheques to be passed for payment: Russell Clasby \$35 [tyre repair on trailer]  
John Pollard \$22 [BOQ stickers for trailer] Vicroads \$47.60 [Trailer rego] Corporate Printers \$130.00 [May magazine] Eric Rigg \$208.42 [magazine postage, pre-paid mobile phone card and phone calls]. Moved: Darren Millett, seconded: David Humphries that the cheques be passed for payment. Carried
- 4 **Chief Flagmarshal**
- 4.1 VSCRC 2 - Trish Storey gave report  
P/Is Shannons - Mike Murphy gave report  
Winton Historics - Warren Gordon gave report
- 1.2 ongoing issues at Phillip Island, flagpoints 12.5, S/F, 1.2 and 1.2 trying to resolve.
- 1.3 Social media comments regarding Sandown catch fence prior to VSCRC 2 proved unfounded, as at the end of the VSCRC 2 event the catch fences had done their job on a couple of occasions. Sandown Ops now moving to second stage.
- 4.4 Upcoming events  
Winton Shannons, 22 at moment, Kevin Watson is Chief  
VMRC at Winton in July  
VSCRC 3 at Sandown in July. 55, William Gaff is Chief  
Winton V8's list open, closes 1<sup>st</sup> July, Kevin Watson is Chief, regular supporters of Winton get first preference.  
Sandown V8's list closes 28<sup>th</sup> June, VFT will submit names, Sandown will send letters to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> July.  
V8 Supercars will set numbers, supporters of Sandown will get first preference.  
All EOI are to be directed to Terry
- 5 **Assistant Chief Flagmarshal**
- 5.1 lots of assessments in system, people requesting upgrades should review management of themselves, [appearance etc']
- 5.2 Names on list as soon as possible
- 6 **Training Officer**



# Meeting Minutes



- 6.1 Training Committee meeting earlier
- 6.2 Lots of assessments happening some levels take a little longer to finalise
- 6.3 New assessment process, will be published and presented to the Committee.
- 6.4 24<sup>th</sup> June Training night at the Beach Hotel, Chas Talbot talk on driving standards, followed by communications course.

## 7 Promotions

- 7.1 Winton V8's and Sandown V8's, looking at flyers

## 8 CAMS Rep

- 8.1 William Gaff attended the VSC
- 8.2 Bruce Robertson thanked everyone for their thought and comments following the passing of Mick Ronke
- 8.3 CAMS fabulous officials, form on website
- 8.4 CAMS website being rebuilt, all databases will be on one system
- 8.5 J-race program, 9 out of 20 have continued on since the GP.
- 8.6 CATO's – Certified Alcohol Testing Officer. Program being reviewed, officials are to be 0,00 at events.
- 8.7 John Clarke: approach V8's for ad in program, Murray explained we have been there before.
- 8.8 John Clarke: Does VFT need their own CATO, we are under CAMS policy. Darren Millett states that a CATO qualifications is only from CAMS, outside breath testers must have a CATO qualification with CAMS to practice.

## 9 Grade 3 Rep

- 9.1 Grade 3's at 55, Grade 3A at 13

- 9.2 Working on database

## 10 Grade 4 Rep

- 10.1 Grade 4 presentations to Ian Saxby, Graham White and Steve Berry done, Matthew Cornford and Heath Rawlinson pending.

- 11 Induction

- 11.1 28 first timers

## 12 Magazine

- 12.1 Facebook, 220 likes

- 12.2 Magazine deadline 24<sup>th</sup> June

## 13 Merchandise

- 13.1 Tyrone Parkhill looking after merchandise whilst Geoff is away

- 13.2 Winter jacket, order has been placed.

Reports: Moved: Terry O'Callaghan, seconded: Paul Kelly that the reports be accepted. Carried

## 14 General Business

- 14.1 William Gaff

- 14.1.1 Lanyards and mugs being circulated, mugs going to sponsors as well.

- 14.1.2 Possible Constitutional changes, constructive ideas send to Secretary

- 14.1.3 Spoke to Heather Wallace, passed on clubs condolences following the passing of Mick Ronke.

- 14.2 Terry O'Callaghan

- 14.2.1 Sandown 500, Jrace people will be there.

- 14.3 Kevin Watson

- 14.3.1 Thought the trailer would have been at Winton Historics for sponsors. William Gaff mentioned that logistically it was more beneficial to send to Phillip Island for the amount of equipment that was required.

- 14.4 Darren Millett.

- 14.4.1 With the new trailer being investigated, is it possible to keep old one for a second trailer. Still under consideration, had an offer to buy the old one.

- 14.5 Paul Meade

- 14.5.1 Brian Ballingal passed away, member of VFRS

- 14.6 Kevin Watson

- 14.6.1 Rodney Crick passed away recently.

Next Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at the Beach Hotel

Meeting Closed at 9.30PM



# Merchandise

Geoff Kay and Tyrone Parkhill are your VFT Merchandise Officers.

Email them at [merchandise@vicflag.org.au](mailto:merchandise@vicflag.org.au) or call 0408 408553 (Geoff) to order any of the items below.



Winter Jacket

\$140



\$140

Overalls



\$120

Overall jackets

Subsidy of 50% applies to the issue of first one of each item, on the top row further purchases are at full price as of 1/1/2013



VFT Bag

\$30



Jumper

\$35



Polo shirt  
New colour: White

\$25



3 plastic pouches

\$2



Beanie

\$10



Baseball cap

\$10



Bucket hat

\$12



\$20



\$2

Internal/external stickers



\$5

Small Badges

\$5



Hat pin

MEMBER DISCOUNT Customer ID: D79832

**Ray's Outdoors**  
Est. 1958

Conditions apply in store on how much discount price is on items





Contact the  
Chief Flagmarshal  
to attend these events

## VFT Events 2013

**\* denotes Clash**

<b>2013</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
July 20-21	Sandown	VSCRC 3
August 1st	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 3-4	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 10-11	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 23-25	Winton	V8 Supercars
September 13-15	Sandown	V8'S Sandown 500
September 21-22	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
October 3rd	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 5-6	Winton	Supertruck Nationals
October 19-20	Winton	AROCA 6 Hour Relay
October 26-27	Phillip Island	VSCRC 4
November 8-10*	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 9-10*	Winton	Winton 300
November 15-17	Sandown	Shannons Nationals
November 22-24	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip Island 400 (Note Change )
November 30 - Dec 1st	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 5th	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
December 7-8	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay

**Important Note:** These are the only events the VFT will attend as a club. Should you attend any other event it is your responsibility to ensure it is either a CAMS or AASA sanctioned event or you have adequate insurance. VFT uniforms and badges may not be worn at other meetings. Note: Please contact the Chief 10 days prior to each meeting to indicate your availability and obtain the sign on times for each day. Major Events (V8 Supercars etc.), require at least 6 weeks notification of availability.

### Registering for an event

Please note that the VFT's Facebook page advertises upcoming events the club is involved in, and can not take responses to register for events. If you have nominated to attend and your circumstances change please notify the Chief ASAP via one of the following methods.

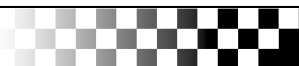
Expressions of interest to attend events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via:

The club phone: 03 8796 5321

The club mobile: 0409 823 657

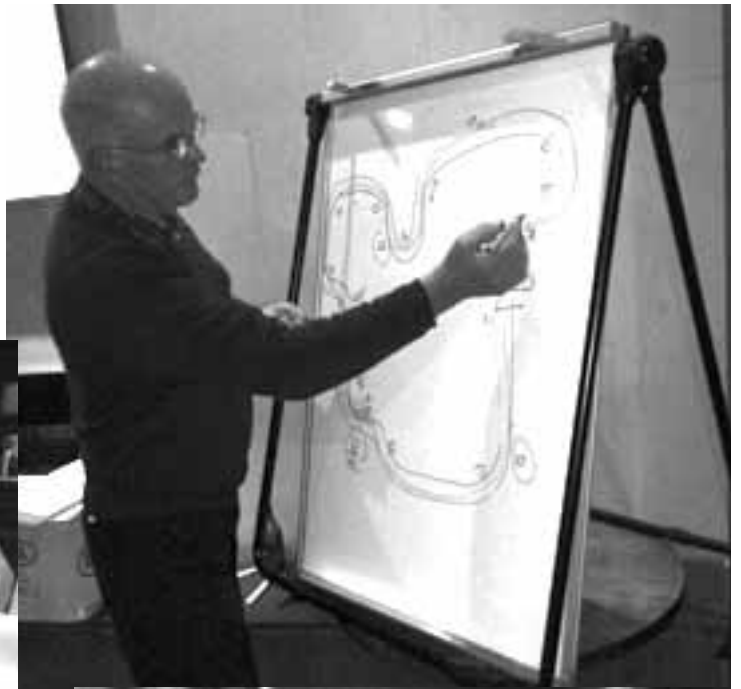
Email: [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)

Or in person at the track or club meetings.



A huge thankyou to Chas Talbot who informed and entertained the team at The Beach Hotel for a training evening.

Everyone who attended left that evening with a great deal more knowledge of driving standards and expectations.



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