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# A Word from the President

Hi and welcome to another magazine report, well it's that time of year, by the time you have read this report Xmas and New Year will have been and gone and I hope you all had happy and safe time over this period as we gear up for another year of motor sport in 2014.

The CAMS Victorian Motor Sport Official of the Year 2013 award went to our own Terry O'Callaghan, who as chief flag marshal does a great job. This is a fitting award for all of the work he does and puts into motor sport in Victoria and for the VFT, well done from the members and the Committee of the VFT.

I am running for President of the club again I feel we have a great year with in the club. We have had to deal with a lot but we have come out the other side looking OK. A big thanks goes to all who have supported the track side action. A small fact I would like to share is the team worked 1823 days track side in 2013!

Social media, it's only going to get bigger as time goes on. We as a club must be mindful of what can happen, if you're not sure ask someone in the club your mate, committee member, grade rep, social media rep Suz Arnott. If you're not sure don't post.

The Promotions team had a good year starting off with Jim Richards as a guest speaker, a great night was had by all. Jim, what a great guy he is. We thank Jim for his time and all of his stories.

The next guest speaker was Chas Talbot, it was a very informative talk about how we flag and what the driver sees and what he does not see from some of the positions around the tracks. It would be great to get him back for another chat in the future.

And the Erebus night with Betty Klimenko what a night and what a shot in the arm for motor sport and V8 supercars she is. The Erebus team made us feel at home on that night and we thank them for that, she is a great lady and I hope she gets the rewards for her efforts. A few people I would like to thank Murray Stevens, Tony Van den Dungen, Eric Rigg and Suzi Bell, without these members help these nights would not happen thanks to you all.

Back in July I was the Chief of the VSCRC round 3 (aka hotdog round ). I just would like to say to the members out there on that weekend, with all the bad weather we had I was so proud of the effort that was put in by all of you, as your President of this great club it makes the Committee want to work harder to make this club bigger and even better so thank you.

## William Gaff



The 2014 year is starting with a bang the Roger Chirnside BBQ January 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00PM start. Then February 1<sup>st</sup> is the training expo at Sandown Raceway 9.00AM start contact CAMS to let them know you're coming, then 5 days later the AGM the Beach Hotel 8.00PM start. Later that month we start racing again and as you can see we have a big start to the year.

Once again the committee would like to give the members something back any ideas let us know, p/s don't ask us for a new car.

The final thing I will report on 2013 we lost some of our motor sport family this year, spare a good thought over this festive season for them and the families of our motor sport friends.

Mr Pat O'Neill - VFT member and Safety one driver at Winton.

Mr Barry Petersen - Life member/ Founding member / President and Chief Flag.

Mr Michael Ronke - a life time of work at Winton to make it what it is today.

Mr Allan Simonsen - a good hard racer.

Mr Peter Hall - an icon of South Australian Motor sport.



**Until next time  
William Gaff  
President  
VFT**





# Flag One Reporting

Completed meetings:

Sandown Historic, (CLASH) November 8/9/10. Chief of Meeting, Roger Chirnside. Deputy, Suz Arnott (assessment). This 3 day meeting had over 50 flagmarshals, plenty of trackside action and a number of assessments completed. Entry level was extremely high. Unfortunately, the Penrite photoshoot that was scheduled for Saturday morning had to be postponed due to inclement weather. This had been rescheduled for the Phillip Island meeting in March, 2014.



Winton 300, (CLASH) November 9/10. Chief of Meeting, Warren Gordon. Deputy, Jenny Cross. This iconic event was run for the Michael J Ronke trophy. The entry level of competitors was extremely high with plenty of trackside activity. We had good numbers, even though we had a clash. VFT members once again took on the duties of Flags/lights as well as communications. The annual Saturday night dinner was another highlight of this event.



Sandown Shannon's Nationals, November 15/16/17. Chief, Terry O'Callaghan. Deputy, Arthur Cooksley. Friday saw a delayed start due to maintenance work on the track verges at Turn 1/2. Numbers were adequate for Friday, considering this was an extremely busy period in our calendar. Saturday/Sunday saw significantly increased numbers. Safety car was employed on numerous occasions. On Sunday, we were honoured with the attendance of some international marshals from Nepal. Thanks must go to the sectors who took on the extra responsibility of looking after our overseas guests.

Phillip Island V8 Supercars, November 22/23/24. Chief, Terry O'Callaghan. Deputy, Arthur Cooksley/Willy Gaff (assessment). Another 3 days of motorsport. Numbers were very good on Friday and even better on Saturday and Sunday. With very small fields and only 3 support categories, gave the officials a bit of free time. An incident on Saturday V8 Supercar race saw 2 of our

beloved Commodores written off. One will be replaced next year by a Volvo! The other car may have been repaired but unfortunately the driver suffered injuries which we wish him a speedy recovery. A number of assessments were carried out at this event.

Phillip Island Magic, November 30/Dec 1. Chief, Terry O'Callaghan. Deputy, Warren Gordon. This iconic event included an endurance race for sportscars with a mandatory pit stop. Unfortunately, when the pit window opened, the safety car was also deployed for an on track incident which negated the excitement of the pit stops. Plenty



# Flag One Reporting



of action over the weekend in the other categories. VFT numbers were once again very good supplying officials for flags, comms, pitlane, race control and sectors. Warren took on the extra duty on Sunday of roving between flagpoints. Warren's feet now realise that one lap of Phillip Island equates to 3 laps on Winton!



Winton HQ 4 hour, December 7/8. Chief of Meeting, Kevin Watson. Deputy, Warren Gordon/Jenny Cross. The final trackside event for the VFT for 2013. Numbers were about 20 each for each day. An arrangement with Senior Winton officials allowed a number of VFT members to visit Race Control. A great initiative and thanks must go to all involved and hopefully we will be able to continue this in 2014 at all tracks. Once again, the usual Saturday evening dinner was very popular. For Sunday lunch, the marshals were treated to a surprise "Christmas dinner" which was much appreciated.

A big thank you to everyone who officiated in hail, rain or shine and stepped up into senior roles when necessary. As this is the first magazine for 2014, I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and hope you are looking forward to a very enjoyable year in motor racing.

Up and coming meetings.

The list for the Winton V8's, April 4/5/6, will be opening on February 1<sup>st</sup> and closing on February 28<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, the numbers will be restricted, so preference will be given to those who support the venue.

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) OR
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\*\*\*\***

**The reason Facebook is not an option, is that the Chief of the Meeting or Deputy may not have access to the VFT facebook pages at all times and messages could be missed.**

**Your Chief  
Your Club  
Terry O'Callaghan  
0402359099**





# Planning for the New Year - 2014,

you'll love this

*'January 1, is the first blank page of a 365 page chapter, ...write a good one!'*

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Many people spend more time planning for a holiday than they do planning their life. That's a sobering thought. Here is a little exercises aimed at helping you to make this year your best year yet. Leading your life is your responsibility and it is the key to you enjoying a purpose driven and rewarding life. What could be more important?

Effective people know their priorities and focus their energy on them. They know what is important and they keep 'first things first' It is essential that we use our time wisely in order to accomplish what we are gifted to do. We need to ensure that urgent things don't keep us from doing what are the most important things. Like work v family.

Here are some questions that need to be asked - Where are I heading? What's most important? What's my priority? What am I aiming to accomplish? The issue is not whether this year will be busy or not, but what it will be busy with. Lots of activity does not always attract personal satisfaction alongside significant accomplishments.

Our lives are lived out in time and each person has the same amount of it every day. The truth is that we cannot manage time. We can only manage ourselves in relation to time. We cannot control how much time we have; we can only control how we use it. We cannot choose whether we spend it, but only how. Once we've used the time given, it's gone!

Listen to what Paul had to say about our attitude towards life and time: *'Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity (Ephesians 5:15)* Essentially, Paul tells us that there are two types of people. There is the wise person who understands God has given us talents to make the most of every opportunity and uses their time wisely. In contrast, there is the unwise person who doesn't see any God's given talents and misses opportunities, wasting their time.

God is on your side, so take a moment to think through this year's plans and prayerfully ponder, 'God, does this maximise the talents you've given me' -make room for God to drop a thought or two into your planning. I pray that you will find answers that add to your life.

Below are some promises from the Good Book on planning

*'May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.'* [Psalm 20:4]

*'Commit your work to the LORD, so that your plans will succeed.'* [Proverbs. 16:3]

*'Plans succeed through good counsel; don't start without the advice of others.'*[Proverbs. 20:18]

*"Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty."* [Prov.21:5]

*'I have plans for you,' says the LORD. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'* [Jerimiah. 29:11]

Have a fantastic 2014, I looking forward to doing it with you, Mark Bateman - 0412 151 121





## Chief Marshal's BBQ/party

When: Saturday 18 January 2014

Time: 6.00pm onwards

Where: Brooklands, 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia

What to Bring: Meat to cook, chair to sit on, and your favourite top shelf drink

As always the club will be providing: salads, desserts, beer, wine and soft drink

All you have to do is come along and have a good time  
- all members and families welcome!

Many thanks  
Roger and Joy

### Welcome to our new members:

Malcolm McLeod, Robin Wood, Greg Llewellyn, Joshua King, Darion Kendall and Paul Muckian [full], Kimberley Young, Matt Smythe and Samuel Smythe [social]



Thanks to all of our contributors this month. Please remember the closing date for articles and images is the 24th of even months. Photos should be submitted separately to written articles to allow for the best possible resolution. The Ed.

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### 2014 Membership:

Membership fees can be paid from November 1st. cash, cheque, money order or EFT.

A reminder, those wishing to pay early via Electronic Transfer, our bank account details have changed. Contact Secretary for new details.

Membership invoices will be sent out in the January magazine to those who have not paid early. Make sure your contact details are kept up to date!!

## Social Media Report

Just thought I would put down a few lines about what we have achieved with social media over the past couple of years...



**Facebook:** we have over 327 "Likes" which means people who follow our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/VicFlag>

Our followers include members, drivers, CAMS, and people curious about what we do. It is lovely to get messages to the team like this recent one

***"All you guys & gals are the unsung hero's.. of motor sport and i thank you all ..hope 2 meet you in 2014.... the old boy HARRO."***

We have had close to 500 views of our **YouTube** Channel....and have 8 subscribers, and really positive comments. <http://www.youtube.com/vicflagteam>

Our **Google Page** is linked to the YouTube channel, and Blog, as Google runs them all, one login is brilliant.

The **blog** has been awesome for telling stories of different views and roles we do at the track. I want input from as many club members as possible... this is your story too. Don't worry about spelling and grammar I can help make it read well. There have been nearly 2000 page views of our blog, so people are interested in our tales from the flagpoint. <http://vicflagteam.blogspot.com.au>

Twitter is linked to the Facebook posts, and generally is a way to share with a wider community including drivers, other official teams and mainstream media. We have 60 followers on Twitter and have made close to 500 tweets. <https://twitter.com/vicflagteam>

It is still a work in progress, and I hope to create some more videos to share. If you have ideas or would like to be a part of the reporting team shoot me a message at [magazine@vicflag.org.au](mailto:magazine@vicflag.org.au)

Cheers

**Suzanne Arnott - VFT Social Media Manager**

## Induction and Grade 4 Report

With Christmas over and done with, new years with all the ooh and arghs from the fireworks, both legal and illegal, we had a big finish to the end of last year with event after event and it was great to see our members jumping in to make sure we had enough people to run all the events.

It was a huge year from Grade 4/5 and Induction with 58 new trainees working trackside and this doesn't include the big number of drivers that come trackside for a day as well. Out of all of these trainees, only 8 have mentioned that they no longer wish to continue as it's not for them. This is a good retention rate and that's a credit to all members who have worked with the trainees and not to forget a huge thanks to the members of the Induction team. Without these guys and girls, this wouldn't happen. Out of all of these people, 16 members have gone to grade 4 with a couple of members not far off their 10 days.

Congratulations to Colleen Walker, Graeme Darcy, Heath Rawlinson, Ian Saxby, Jessica Hampton, John Clarke, Julio La Monica, Matt Cornford, Michael Clewitt, Naomi Harders, Paul Muckian, Paul Sweet, Richard Millott, Sarah Wood, Scott Heinecke, Steve Berry and Damien Mitchell for going to Grade 4.

I am intending on standing for Grade 4/5 rep again next year. As a member of the club for 10 years this year, I'm not a person who will sit on his hands and

do nothing. I need to give back to whatever I'm involved in. From doing merch in the early days, getting asked by Simon Baston to join the Induction Team and have the Induction Co-Ordinators role handed to me when Simons daughter was born, getting elected into the Grade 4 /5 role and being on the training committee, I love helping out new and existing member where ever and whenever I can.

As Terry said some time ago, "it's a privilege to do what we do" and I love helping people to have the same experiences that we get to enjoy. If I can do this, everyone else can and I'm more than happy to help get people started. I'm lucky enough to have had a lot to do with all the trainees that come through and have built up a repour with the them and have seen them go through to Grade 4. Throughout the year, I made a big effort to talk to the members at the track and by phone. Being there to represent you again would be very rewarding. So when it comes to the time to make your choice, I would appreciate your vote and your confidence in me in my role as grade 4 rep.

That's all from me. See you at the Training Expo,

**Paul Meade**

**Induction Co-ordinator**

**Grade 4 Rep.**



# The following nominations have been received for the 2014 Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Committee. Elections will take place at the AGM in February

Position	Candidate
President	GAFF, William
Vice President	REDMAN, Kevin
Secretary	RIGG, Eric
Treasurer	POLLARD, John
Grade 3 Rep	CARROLL, Jason
	CHIRNSIDE, Roger
	THOMPSON, Mark (Withdrawn)
Grade 4 Rep	MEADE, Paul
	WHITAKER, Michelle



## Grade 4 Representative nominee statement

Well what a year 2013 has been, new cars, new formats, new categories and new team mates. How about kicking off a new year with a new grade 4 rep?

With an exciting year coming up in 2014, the V8 merry-go-round in full swing and Volvo joining the grid, it looks like its going to be another great year. let's go with the flow and change the committee landscape a little. With this in mind I have decided to throw my flag (pun intended) into the ring and nominate for the position of Grade 4 rep, a position for our newer members, I held for 2 years in my very early days in the club.



I have now been in the club 8 years (wow how time flies) and would like the opportunity to support and mentor our trainees and grade 4's in a role that will both further their volunteer career and our club in a positive fashion.

I look forward to another fun and productive year working with everyone and would appreciate your consideration when casting your all important vote.

**Michelle Whitaker**

## Grade 3 representative nominee statement

It's election time again, and I am putting forward my nomination to be your Grade 3/3A representative for 2014.

As I am standing down from the position of Assistant Chief Flagmarshal, I would like to devote my energies to another position on the Committee, and one of the ways I feel I can contribute is by being the Grade 3 voice.

As one of the founding members of the VFT, little did I realise how much this club would grow in numbers and in stature and it is with this growth in mind that I feel I can contribute with my vast experience.

It has long been my belief that the Grade 3 levels of our club represent the driving force behind our club. The Grade 2 levels and eventually the Grade 1s all receive their grounding from the area of the Grade 3s, which is why I consider it vitally important to have an experienced ear and point of view to deal with any issues that may arise. If I am elected, I can use my privileged position of being able to wander around the track, visiting each flag point. I can speak personally with all the Grade 3s and 3As and chat about any suggestions that they may have regarding improvement of flagging in general because I further feel that the personal touch, face to face is always the best, as has been amply proved, by our previous Grade 3 Rep, Mark Thompson, who did an extremely good job, simply by talking to people. These suggestions can be discussed at Training Committee and General Committee meetings and always with the objective of moving forward.

More often than not, in the case of a grievance, a chat and a sympathetic ear can work wonders, and I am a firm believer that there are always two sides to every story.

I look forward to your positive consideration of my nomination.

**Roger Chirnside**



## Grade 3 representative nominee statement

Hi all and welcome to another year of motorsport. For those of you that don't know me my name is Jason Carroll and I have been a member of the VFT for 8 years.

This year I have decided to put in my nomination for the Grade 3 rep position on this year's committee.

I believe that I would be able to bring a new face and new ideas to the Grade 3 rep role and be a positive influence on the committee to help further grow the club and help the club move into the next 5+ years.

Even though my role at the race track has changed into more sector marshalling roles, I will still be at the track for most race meetings through out the year to get the views of the grade 3 and 3A members and to also share my experiences to anyone wishing to move forward in a leadership role.

If I was to be successful in being elected to the committee I would like to concentrate on the following points:

- Be the voice for the Grade 3 and grade 3 advanced flag marshals on the committee.
- Help resolve any issues that may arise.
- Mentor and guide any grade 3 that wishes to become grade 3 advanced.
- Mentor and guide any grade 3 advanced that wishes to become a grade 2.
- Work with the grade 4 rep to mentor and guide any grade 4 that wishes to become grade 3.

If elected I plan to meet as a group as regularly as we can trackside, but with time normally very tight and not all Grade 3 and 3a's being at the track at one time I plan to send out regular emails to keep the members informed as to what's new. I will also use the Club's Facebook page to keep members updated.

We have a great club with a great future and I would love to take on the Grade 3 Rep role to continue the great work our previous committees and members have done in making our club what it is today, and to further grow, develop and keep our reputation within the motorsport community to the high standard it is today .

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting and for those that can't make it to the meeting I look forward to seeing you trackside.

All the Best,

**Jason Carroll**





## Historic Sandown



## WAS MY FACE RED?

I would like to discuss a medical condition for which there is no cure. I speak of sunburn. We can mostly prevent it, but once it has happened we just have to wait for it to go away. Those of us who attended the Sandown Historic meeting in early November will recall that there were some spectacular red faces on the Sunday morning. This was mostly due to sunburn, but with a little added embarrassment I suspect. This happened because some of us were caught out by the bad weather on the Saturday. On the Saturday the weather was cold, overcast and wet. We got a handy reminder that sunburn can happen on a cloudy day, and that UV radiation passes through clouds very easily. Even if we can't see the sun, it can see us!

Apart from sunburn, what are the dangers of excessive UV exposure? UV causes premature skin aging with wrinkle formation, and increases our risk of skin cancer. Australia has the dubious reputation of having the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. Many skin cancers can be fixed, but there are some that lead to a fatal outcome. Caps give only fair sun protection, which is why I often wear a dorky beach hat when the sun is strongest. But today I want to focus mostly on sunscreen.

Sunscreen works best if it is applied generously before the first sun exposure, and is re-applied once or twice during the day. The higher the SPF number, the stronger is the protection, but it's easy to be fooled here. It sounds as if SPF 30 is twice as strong as SPF 15, but in fact it's only a little bit more protective. Go for a high number, and put it on thickly, as a miserly thin application won't give you the SPF you paid for and expect.

Are there any downsides with the use of sunscreens? Not very many. Allergy is possible, but can usually be fixed with a switch of brands. There remains a small concern about the long-term safety of sunscreens containing zinc and titanium. (These ones often make your face look white and ghostly.) The concern relates to the particle size, as it is possible that if the metal particles are very small (nano-particles) they may cause long term problems. If this concerns you, buy a product that is zinc and titanium free, you will still get excellent cover. The other possible downside is that reducing UV exposure can lead to vitamin D deficiency in some people. A simple blood test will sort that out, and the management is just to take a daily capsule to top your level up.

### LADIES

There are lots of eye creams, wrinkle creams and moisturizers out there. Most are expensive and most are of dubious benefit. Moisturizing after sunburn makes it feel a bit better at the time, but does not undo the damage. (Ditto, aloe vera.)

### Gentlemen

It is NOT woosie to use sunscreen, so go ahead and slap it on. Don't forget your ears. I have lost count of the number of cancers and sunspots I saw on blokes ears. They are easy money for GPs and dermatologists, there is no need for you to contribute to their income! Use sunscreen on your forearms too, or better still, wear long sleeves.

Let's all resolve to do better with our sun protection from now on. We can reduce our risk of sunburn, reduce our risk of skin cancer, and maintain our peachy youthful complexions.

**Paul Freeman.**





# *Victorian Motor Sport Official of the Year 2013*

## **Terry O'Callaghan**



Terry began his officiating life with the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team (VFT) at the Sandown 500 in August 1991 after responding to an article in Auto Action. Today he is an Honorary Life Member of the VFT.

Terry quickly rose through the ranks to become a senior flag marshal for Victoria in 2010, a position he still holds to this day.

Terry has attended many major events around Australia including the Bathurst 1000, Townville and Darwin V8's. Terry has also attended races at Phillip Island and Sandown as well as State and level racing in Victoria.

Terry first attended the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Adelaide and continued his flagmarshalling roles when the race moved to Melbourne in 1996. He then worked as a senior flag marshal before going on to firstly be a deputy sector marshal. He is currently part of the chief marshal team where he will act as Chief Marshall at the 2014 event.

As well as his vast experience in Australia, Terry has been a regular and valued member of the CAMS International Training Team where he passed on his extensive

knowledge to officials in other countries including Bahrain, Singapore and Korea.

Terry has also been an active and enthusiastic supporter of the training of new officials to motor sport through the VFM team and his tireless efforts have been largely instrumental in the ongoing high standard of motor sport officiating both in this country and internationally.

Though well known for his devious sense of humour, he can also accept the odd joke with good grace when he is on the receiving end. Terry has an extremely personable and approachable demeanour which immediately puts new and old officials at ease.

For all of Terry's achievements and his dedication to motor sport around the world he is awarded the 2013 CAMS Victorian State Official of the Year.

Andrew Papadopoulos  
President, CAMS



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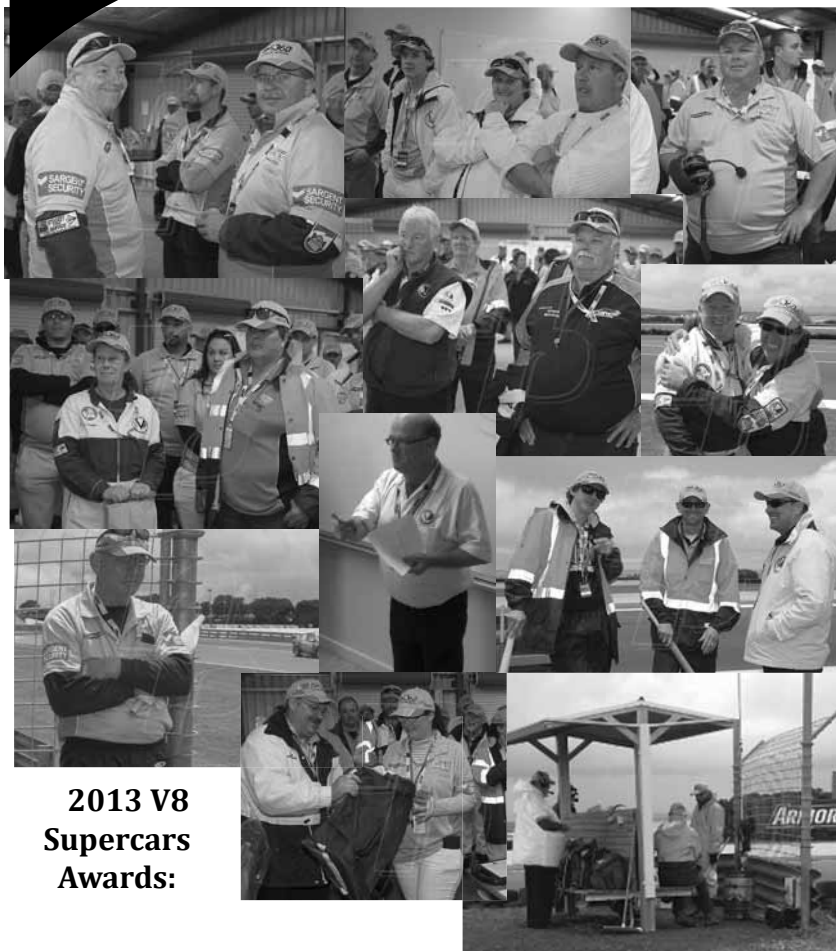




# Shannons Nationals Sandown Round



## V8 Super Cars. Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit. 22nd,23rd,24th November 2013. Sergeant Security 360



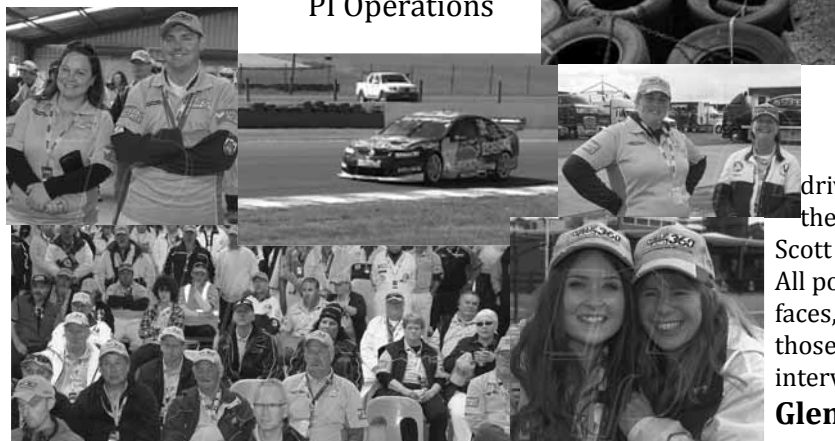
### 2013 V8 Supercars Awards:

#### Best Volunteer Group - Sargent Security Phillip Island 360

Please pass on our congratulations to all officials who participated at the recent Phillip Island V8 Supercar round. It's great to see the recognition of a very professional team acknowledge as the best in Australia.

Well done everybody!

Kind Regards,  
**FERGUS CAMERON**  
Managing Director  
PI Operations



Wow! What a weekend. The V8's were back in Victoria for the final time competing this year. I was looking forward to it for months. It had been a while since I have volunteered my time for the V.F.T. Friday had me on flag point two. Great spot for spectating the V8's and even better spot for blue flagging. The V8's were fantastic coming through the high speed turn one into turn two. Our flag point had a few "Offs", including a few V8's and memorably a Formula Ford that spun out of turn one into our flag point tire barrier. Check out the tire marks leading up to and into the tire wall. Happy to say the driver was ok, if a little upset with himself, but his car was flat towed away.

The Touring car masters put on their usual great show and definitely didn't disappoint. A great field of competitors with great qualifying. The super bikes were a very small field for Friday practice, but that would change on Saturday. From memory we only had one rider down at turn 6, Siberia. The sun was out, and after the weather prediction we had for the weekend, we were blessed with a lovely day Friday. The mood in the muster shed at the close of practice and qualifying was of excitement and anticipation for weekend coming. Saturday saw me on flag point 3. Teamed up with Simon and Paul. Paul was completing his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> day of training. Our communicator was Chris from S.A. Before I briefly mention the weekends racing, I'd like to thank Simon, Paul, and Chris, for many laughs and tall tales told. Saturday morning was wet. All classes of cars, and bikes, still managed to put on a show. The Touring car masters came out during a particular down pour, and were aqua planning over the ridge just before turn three and spinning at high speed in all directions. Spectacular stuff. Luckily, or skilfully, none managed to come to grief with another competitor or wall. Sunday had all the usual frivolities of the drifting ute's, the stunt bikes, the red bull aerobatic plane, piloted by Matt Hall, and an awesome fire breathing ute that did wheel stands up and down the main straight. Crowds were good again for the V8 supercar weekend, and I'm already looking forward to next year.

Sunday afternoon saw three drivers give their time to come see the volunteers. David Reynolds, Scott McLaughlin, and Jamie Whincup. All posed for photos, and signed hats, faces, and shirts. A big thank you to those three drivers for the insightful interviews and your penmanship.

**Glenn Rochester**



# The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team



Victorian Training Expo Timetable & Program

Vintage Room Sandown Race Course

February 1. 2014

8.30-9.00am	Registration and welcome
9.00-10.15am	VFRS Fire Training Theory & practice covering the principles of extinguishment, extinguisher types, inspections and practical use.
10.15-10.30am	Morning Tea break Coffee & Tea biscuits, water provided by organiser
10.30-12.15pm	Team Medical. Medical responses and how marshal can assist at events. Marshal welfare and a practical extrication demonstration.
12.15-12.30pm	Trauma management . Presentation by Motorsport Chaplain Mark Bateman on marshals responses to Critical Incidents.
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch. Sausage sizzle provided by the organisers.
1.15-1.30pm	WAMS Presentation of the role of women in motor sport by Belinda Taylor
1.30-2.45pm	Flag marshal Up- skilling. Frequently asked questions about flag rules, and interpretations. Communicator /Observer radio protocol
2.45-3.00pm	Afternoon Tea break
3.00-5.00pm	Sector Marshal Workshop. The role and qualities of a sector marshal, Communication, Incident Management. Recovery presentation of how the S/M can assist at an incident.

Presenters Victorian Fire & Rescue Service - VFRS, Phil Craig & Team  
 Team Medical Australia – TMA, DR Brent May & Team  
 Chaplain Mark Bateman  
 WAMS Belinda Taylor  
 Victorian Flag marshalling Team – VFT, Tony van den Dungen, Roger Chirnside & Suzanne Arnott.



Registration: Contact Corey Pais: [Corey.Pais@cams.com.au](mailto:Corey.Pais@cams.com.au) or 9593 7777

Query on content: Contact Tony van den Dungen: [training@vicflag.org.au](mailto:training@vicflag.org.au)



Club Patron:  
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# Annual General Meeting Minutes 2013

**Meeting opened** 8.05PM

**Members present** - 57. Guests - 4

**Apologies:** Tony Green, The Begg family, Michael Rasmussen, Paul Overell, Alan O'Dea, Paul Kelly, Country, Interstate and International members.

## President's remarks

- 1 Announced the passing of Patrick O'Neill, past member of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc.
- 2 Bank of Queensland sponsorship, coming on board. John Pollard spoke on behalf of Bank of Queensland and presented cheque for \$3000

**Minutes from the previous AGM:** Moved: Kevin Redman, Seconded: Perry Ballard that the minutes be accepted. Carried

**Matters arising:** Nil

## Reports:

### 1 President

- 1.1 Been a busy year with a number of clashes. Thank you to all for making sure we could cover all events
- 1.2 Thank you to Committee, Induction and Training. Club has a strong future due to work done

### 2 Vice President

- 2.1 Thank you to all for their work during the year
- 2.2 Thank you to Stavros Polyhronidis for 8 years' service
- 2.3 Thank you to Eric Rigg for work done behind the scene, especially with website.

- 2.4 Hoping to catch up with Lisa Howard soon.

### 3 Secretary: as per report

- 3.1 Thank you to Paul Baxter of Active Communications for answering service. Phone messages are emailed to Terry O'Callaghan and me at completion of call.

### 4 Treasurer

- 4.1 Auditor's report presented to members
- 4.2 Cheques to be passed for payment. Anne Wersching Consulting \$150 [Auditor], Peninsula Trophies \$126, Sunaura Embroidery \$122.65, Kevin Watson \$40 [President's award]  
Moved: Geoff Kay, Seconded: Garry McArdle that cheques be passed. Carried.
- 4.3 Thank you to all for your support over the past 8 years.

### 5 CAMS Rep

- 5.1 VSC, - important avenue for the club

### 6 Promotions

- 6.1 Guest Speaker, Chaz Mostert and Mike Stillwell
- 6.2 4000 flyers distributed
- 6.3 2 Pedder Motorsport display days attended.
- 6.4 V8 test day at Sandown was best day for recruitment.
- 6.5 Thank you to all those helping with flyers at tracks
- 6.6 If members require flyers, see Murray later
- 6.7 Flyers can be handed over the fence at the GP only if asked
- 6.8 Jim Richards night 11th April, details being finalised.
- 6.9 Bank of Queensland sponsorship, members asked to support BoQ if possible.
- 6.10 William Gaff: Thank you to Mike Stillwell and Stillwell Group for donation of a BMW watch to the Neil Thompson Memorial award.

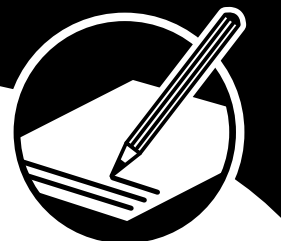
## 7 Chief Flagmarshal

- 7.1 Successful year, managed 5 clashes, thank you to members.
- 7.2 Held in high esteem due to Tony van den Dungen - Training and Paul Meade -Induction, Thank you
- 7.3 Three clashes in 2013, all historic meetings
- 7.4 Sandown 500, over 100 expressions, some unfortunately were unsuccessful in attending event. 57 flags, people in many other roles, totalling in 88 VFT Members at the event.
- 7.5 Thank you to Sector Marshalls, most of who are VFT members.
- 7.6 New People, up skilling, members making new people welcome, Induction Team thank you
- 7.7 Sandown, catch fencing being installed, B/F and F/P 10 combined, 0.5 remains the same position. Members asked to work with new changes at Sandown
- 7.8 Thank you to Stavros Polyhronidis in role as Treasurer
- 7.9 Thank you to Committee, 1 General Meeting, could not meet quorum.
- 7.10 Thank you to Roger and Joy Chirnside
- 7.11 Thank you to Angela O'Callaghan for typing emails
- 7.12 New Phone system. Thank to Paul Baxter, Darren Millett, William Gaff and Eric Rigg
- 7.13 Thank you to Murray for promotions
- 7.14 Upcoming events, list available to register
- 7.15 Please let someone know if you cannot attend, if you are on list, do not list other people

## 8 Assistant Chief Flagmarshal

- 8.1 Flag equipment, please report broken or damage equipment, do not put back in bag for someone else to find.
- 8.2 Grand Prix, 2 events leading into GP, officials to put on a professional display at the GP
- 8.3 Sector Marshalls, Thank you
- 8.4 Thank you to Tony van den Dungen and Training
- 9 Training Officer
- 9.1 Reminder: yellow and red flags are waved
- 9.2 Clipsal and GP, involved in track inspections with Chief Flag.
- 9.3 Training is not one person, but team effort, thank you Simon Baston, Mark Thompson and Suzanne Arnott for coming on board
- 9.4 Thank you to the Executive Officer: Perry Ballard
- 9.5 Thank you to people who hosted Training Committee meetings.
- 9.6 Ten day form and other forms being adjusted.
- 9.7 induction Team, well done
- 9.8 Workcover issues, Safety first in all our documentation
- 9.9 Comms and Sector Marshal courses are in planning.
- 9.10 Standing again in 2013 and working at succession planning
- 9.11 Received award at CAMS presentation dinner, mentioned that the VFT members were involved in contributing as well.

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- 10 **Grade 3 Rep**
- 10.1 Thank you to members for privilege in being Grade 3 Rep
- 10.2 Thank you to Committee
- 10.3 Thank you to Suzanne Arnott for area of Social Media
- 11 **Grade 4 Rep**
- 11.1 Thank you to Committee
- 11.2 Melissa Hatton awarded Starter kit and Grade 4
- 12 **Induction Officer**
- 12.1 Thank you to Induction Team
- 12.2 Porsche 6 hour, 17 people, 9 of who are first timers
- 13 **Merchandise**
- 13.1 Orders placed before 13st December have arrived
- 13.2 Thank you to all
- 14 **Magazine**
- 14.1 Deadline 24<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 14.2 Facebook also followed by CAMS and drivers

**Reports:** Moved: Warren Gordon, Seconded: Kevin Redman that the reports be accepted. Carried.

## 15 **Awards**

### 15.1 **2013 Long Service Awards**

5 Years. 9 members

21/01/2008	Anthony Filippousis
21/01/2008	Patrick Garry
20/02/2008	Annette Agnew
20/02/2008	George Bito
22/05/2008	Matthew Ahlgren
16/07/2008	Patrick Atkins
15/10/2008	Chris Monck
19/11/2008	Brian Mackey
19/11/2008	Mark Thompson

10 Years. 2 members

19/01/2003	Harold Dreher
16/04/2003	William Gaff

15 Years. 4 members

19/02/1998	John Mahoney
18/03/1998	Angelo Magro
15/04/1998	Ray Malviste
18/08/1998	Paul Baxter

25 Years. 2 members

1/02/1988	Ron Rayner
1/05/1988	John Haywood

- 15.2 **Shallcross Award:** recipient Mark Fischer.  
Kevin Redman Thanked Mike and Gloria Shallcross  
Thank you to Andrew Mercieca for donating picture of 50 years of Grand Prix
- 15.3 **Neil Thompson Memorial award:** most days attended.  
Recipient: Geoff Kay  
Thank you to Mike Stillwell for donating BMW watch.
- 15.4 **President's award:** recipient: Anthony Filippousis
- 15.5 **Flag Marshal of the Year:** Recipient: Zoe Butteriss

Thank you to Andrew Mercieca for donating picture of 10 years of Grand Prix

- 15.6 **Club Person of the year:** Recipient: Katrina Ballard  
Thank you to Peter Weaver for donating book of photo of motor racing compiled by Peter Weaver.

## 16 **Elections**

- 16.1 President called on all nominees to have an opportunity to speak to members prior to voting
- 16.2 President handed the meeting over to the Returning Officer: Darren Millett. Darren thanked outgoing Committee  
Voting for positions  
President: between William Gaff and Kevin Watson.  
Treasurer: between Melissa Hatton and John Pollard.  
Grade 3 Rep: between Jason Carroll, Mario Pacifici and Mark Thompson.
- 16.3 Voting papers were circulated and collected, and after short recess Darren announced the results
- 16.4 2013 elected positions on Committee  
  
President: William Gaff after voting  
Vice President: Kevin Redman, elected unopposed  
Secretary: Eric Rigg, returned unopposed  
Treasurer: John Pollard, after voting  
Grade 3 Rep: Mark Thompson, after voting  
Grade 4 Rep: Paul Meade, returned unopposed
- 16.5 Following election, Eric Rigg moved that voting slips be destroyed, Seconded: Mike Shallcross. Carried by the members.
- 16.6 New president, William gaff thanked everyone for giving him the honour to lead the club. Thanked Kevin Watson, Mario Pacifici and Stavros Polyhronidis for their work, and welcomed the new committee members. Thank you to Darren Millett as Returning Officer.
- 17 **General Business**
- 17.1 Terry O'Callaghan, for those interested, racing memorabilia at rear of room.
- 17.2 Roger Chirnside, Lost property from BBQ
- 17.3 Suzanne Arnott: OK to publish new Committee on Facebook? Yes.
- 17.4 Geoff Kay: Overalls are here for those you have orders.

Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> April at the Beach Hotel, Albert Park.  
Meeting closed at 10.10PM



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# 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

**\$90**



**\$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



**\$30**

VFT Bag



**\$35**

Jumper



**\$25**

Polo shirt  
New colour: White



**\$2**

3 plastic pouches



**\$10**

Beanie



**\$10**

Baseball cap



**\$12**

Bucket hat



**\$20**



**\$2**

Internal/external stickers



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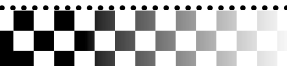


## VFT Events 2014

**\* denotes Clash**

Contact the  
Chief Flagmarshal  
to attend these events

February 1	Sandown	Training Expo
February 6	Beach Hotel	Annual General Meeting
March 7-9*	Phillip Island	Island Classic
March 8-9*	Winton	VMRC Round 1
March 13-16	Albert Park	Formula 1 Grand Prix
		F1 GP not a VFT event
March 28-30	Sandown	Shannon Nationals
April 3rd	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
April 4-6	Winton	V8's Winton 400
April 12-13	Phillip Island	VSCRC 1
May 17-18	Sandown	VSCRC 2
May 24-25*	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 24-25*	Winton	Historic Winton
June 5	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
June 14-15	Winton	Shannons Nationals
July 5-6*	Sandown	Porsche 6 hour
July 5-6*	Winton	VMRC Round 2
July 19-20	Sandown	VSCRC 3
August 2-3	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 7	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 9-10	Winton	Festival of Speed
September 12-14	Sandown	V8's Sandown 500
September 20-21	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
October 2	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 4-5*	Winton	Supertruck Nationals
October 4-5*	Phillip Island	VSCRC 4
October 18-19	Winton	AROCA 6 Hour Relay
November 7-9*	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 8-9*	Winton	Winton 300





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Chief Flagmarshal  
to attend these events

## VFT Events 2014

November 14-16  
November 29-30

Phillip Island  
Phillip Island

V8's Phillip Island 400  
Island Magic

December 4  
December 6-7

Beach Hotel  
Winton

General Meeting  
HQ 4 Hour Relay

\* = Clash

General Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of even months at the Beach Hotel  
97 Beaconsfield Pde. Albert Park.



**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.

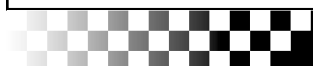
Expressions of interest to attend events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via:

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.



# VFT Christmas Party at Como Gardens



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