

The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team News



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A Word from the President: Willy Gaff



Hi and welcome to another magazine report. This is the first report after the AGM and I would like to congratulate all of our award winners:

Matt Cornford – President's Award

David Thornbury: Stillwell Motor Group Encouragement Award

Russell Clasby: Neil Thompson Memorial Award

Trish Storey: Club Person of the Year

Danielle Bell: Flagmarshal of the Year

Eric Rigg: Life Membership

I hope you have had a good rest as it is all about to start again. We, as a club, have already done The Champion of Winton race meeting with some good numbers at Winton. Thanks to all who supported this event.

The next two big events are The Phillip Island Classic plus Round 1 of the VMRC at Winton, our first clash for the year. Please let the chief know which event you are doing ASAP. We then have the AGP, followed by the Shannon's Nationals round at Sandown and Winton V8s. As you can see we are off and running with busy times ahead for the club and I thank you all for your support.

We have some new faces on the committee for the 2014 year I would like to welcome Jason Carroll, Michelle Whitaker, Kevin Watson and our new training officer Mark Thompson onto the committee. Also big thanks go to the outgoing members Paul Meade and Roger Chirnside for the work over the past years as committee members, thanks again guys.

The new club trailer is on the way to being ready for Phillip Island we just have to sort out the design and to build the inside of it. As I write this it's just about done and I hope to fit it out next week fingers crossed!!.

It would not be a report if I did not say something about social media, if you're unsure about what is acceptable please speak to a senior official / committee member or our social media rep Suzanne Arnott.

We have had to change the date of the next general meeting at the Beach Hotel to Tuesday the 1st of April 2014 (yes it is April fool's day) but this is no joke we had to move it due to the Winton V8s as many people have to drive up Thursday night.

This year is going to be a big one again and I look forward to seeing you on the flag point for a chat. Feel free to speak to any committee member about anything it is your club.

Until next time
William Gaff
President VFT

Welcome to our new members:

**Jennifer Clasby, Don Johnson,
Arnold Smoley and Scott Garnham
[re-joining]**



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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Annual Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Awards

2013 Award winners:

Stillwell Motor Group

Encouragement Award: David

Thornbury

President's

Award:

Matt Cornford



Neil Thompson Memorial

Award: Russell Clasby



Club Person of the Year:

Trish Storey

Flagmarshal of the Year:

Danielle Bell



Flag One Reporting



I am very humbled and proud to be appointed VFT Chief Flagmarshal for 2014 and will endeavour to maintain the high standard for which the VFT is highly regarded.

What a fantastic effort by everyone associated with the VFT to successfully supply skilled marshals to motor racing authorities and promoters throughout 2013 which also included 3 clashes. Once again, thank you to everyone for your help and support and congratulations to all for a successful 2013.

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

My job as Chief Flagmarshals covers a number of areas. One specific area that is growing meeting by meeting is the induction of our new volunteer officials. The induction team lead by Paul Meade was extremely pro-active in 2013 and their system of "meeting and greeting" the newbies seemed to work extremely well. Paul Meade has stepped down from the position of induction co-ordinator for 2014. Thanks to you, Paul, for all your good work and support.

A number of other changes have occurred for 2014. After 4 years as Training Officer, Tony van den Dungan has decided to move sideways - Thank you Tony and other training committee members for all your hard work. Mark Thompson will assume the role of Training Officer.

Roger Chirnside, after 20 plus years as Chief/Assistant Chief, has decided to concentrate on other areas of trackside activities. Roger has been my mentor and sounding board. Thank you Roger for all your support. Congratulations to Arthur Cooksley and Kevin Watson, as part of our succession plan, will now both hold the position of Assistant Chief Flagmarshal. As in previous years, opportunities will still arise for other VFT members to fill the role as Chief/Assistant at events.

A new initiate for the VFT for 2014 was the successful implementation of the Training Expo held at Sandown

on February, 1. Thank you must go to Sandown, CAMS, TMA, Vic Fire and Rescue, WAMS, PIARC Recovery and all those who helped out on the day. Feedback received was very positive and debriefs have already indicated the format will be enhanced and continue in 2015.

Although the VFT have no direct involvement in the AGP, congratulations to all individuals that were successful with the EIO's, especially the 10 new VFT members that have been added to the list. The best piece of advice to the newbies is "If in doubt, ask questions, and don't be late".

The VFT 2014 calendar has taken shape. Please peruse the calendar to work out which events you will be available. Your assistance is always appreciated.

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

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

1. Ring the Club mobile on 0409823657 OR
2. Leave message on VFT answering service 87965321 OR
3. Email – chief@vicflag.org.au
4. Add your name to the list at a prior event.

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

Your Chief
Your Club
Terry O'Callaghan
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CAMS Club General Assembly

CAMS Club General Assembly Saturday 15th Feb 2014 at Melbourne Convention Centre.

Invitation sent out to Secretary of CAMS affiliated clubs Australia wide. Myself and Mark Thompson attended on behalf of the VFT, Kevin Redman attended as part of the State Executive. Representatives from other states also attended. Estimated 120 attendees.

Next year the General Assembly is looking to run in a different State.

Schedule: commenced at 9.00AM to 4.45PM

Welcome from Andrew Papadopoulos

Presentation from Eugene Arocca – CEO CAMS, CAMS major objectives and plans for 2014

Social Media presentation from Susan McLean. What your club needs to know about dealing with online issues. Promoting the club in social media has its merit, but draws negatives as well. People posting behind aliases rather than claiming ownership by using their own name is a common concern. Limit authority to the moderator and one from the committee for monitoring of comments on page.

Integrity in motorsport – Andrew Fischer, drug and alcohol testing

Track development and safety issues, Bruce Keys, ongoing testing of crash fence, cars and driver



safety devises. Videos of high speed test crashes into various barriers

Driver Development – Karl Reindler, update on direction of CAMS management of elite drivers Process from karting through to FI

FIA Institute and AIMSS – Garry Connelly and Michael Henderson, Driver motor sport safety

WAMS – Belinda Taylor, getting women involved in motorsport

AMSF- Geoff Morgan, Our role in motorsport. Driver development

OAMPS insurance – coverage, issues and processes in covering events, officials etc.

Officials – Michael Smith and David Mori issues, training, development and succession. David Mori took on the role at CAMS as Official's Manager on 17th Feb.

Sports and Club Development & Membership – John Murphy and Ben Pretty

CAMS Event Entry - Jeff Brown. New system created on CAMS website for competitors to register for events in a user friendly manner.

Finally, question session to Eugene Arocca.

Eric Rigg



Grade 3 Report: Jason Carroll



Well here we are and the 2014 season has commenced and personally I'm looking forward to this year more than any other due to my role as your Grade 3 Rep.

In February I sent out an email to all of the grade 3 and 3 adv members that I had email addresses for. So if you're a Grade 3 or grade 3 adv and you didn't receive the email please let me know so that I can update my records.

So far I haven't received any response so I take it that I either got all of your email addresses wrong or you are all happy with the way the club is running, but if you have any ideas, thoughts or improvements you would like to talk about email me at grade3@vicflag.org.au.

One of the biggest issues that has been going on in our club for a couple of years now is "Succession Planning" and planning for the future of our club. This year will mark one of the first years that you will see a difference with the people that are running the club, with a few new faces on the committee and some older faces in new positions on the committee.

But Succession Planning doesn't stop there. It is a continuous and evolving thing that needs to be in the mind of all members.

This is where the Grade 3 and 3 adv members play an important role in the future running of our club. In saying that here are some statistics that I presented at my first committee meeting:

- We have 53 Grade 3 members of which approximately 34 are active at the track (2 or more meetings attended per year)
- We have 10 Grade 3 ADV members of which 3 are active at the track

Now I'm not promoting that we all rush to our computers and print off upgrade forms now, but we need people to start thinking about where they want to go in the future, so as your grade 3 rep, come and have a chat with me and discuss how we can set you on a path in the future leadership roles within the club.

All the best
Jason Carroll
Grade 3 Rep



VFT Promotions and CAMS Rep

by Murray Stevens

With the AGM done and my positions ratified a short two weeks later, I'm looking forward to the coming year on the committee. We have some new faces and a full calender, actually we also have some full faces and a new calender too!!

Just in case no-one else has mentioned the point. This year is the first year Roger Chirnside will not be holding a position on the VFT committee. Now I know I've been less than respectful to the 'old man with scrub' but I honestly do admire the work he has done to establish the club, install integrity and build the reputation we now have to maintain. To you Roger, enjoy your nights at home. Well done!

CAMS Rep

At the last State Council meeting held at back in Nov '13, we were shown the new competitor entry system being launched by CAMS soon. Gone will be the days of having to call the event organizers. With the new system they simply log-in to their own page, click the events and what cars they will be competing in. The info is then logged at CAMS and sent to the event secretary (etc). One could only wish us officials could get the same, but time will tell. The whole room was very impressed and cheered with excitement.....

Promotions.

Last year we finally grew past the 200 members. A personal goal of mine. The whole room was very impressed and cheered with excitement..... We handed out the 3000 brochures and this made the inbox burst to life and made Paul Meade a very busy man.

As I write this, it's 3 weeks prior to the AGP and with luck the new images of the HRT '14 car will be made available in time for us to get this years brochures produced in time so we can have them available for the AGP just in case you're asked 'over the fence' about being a VFT official.

Naturally, our biggest events are the V8's but any event is important so please keep some brochures in your bag ready to use.

I'll take the opportunity now to thank CAMS and our sponsors for their continuing support of the recruitment program.

If you have handed one or one hundred brochures in the past, thank you.

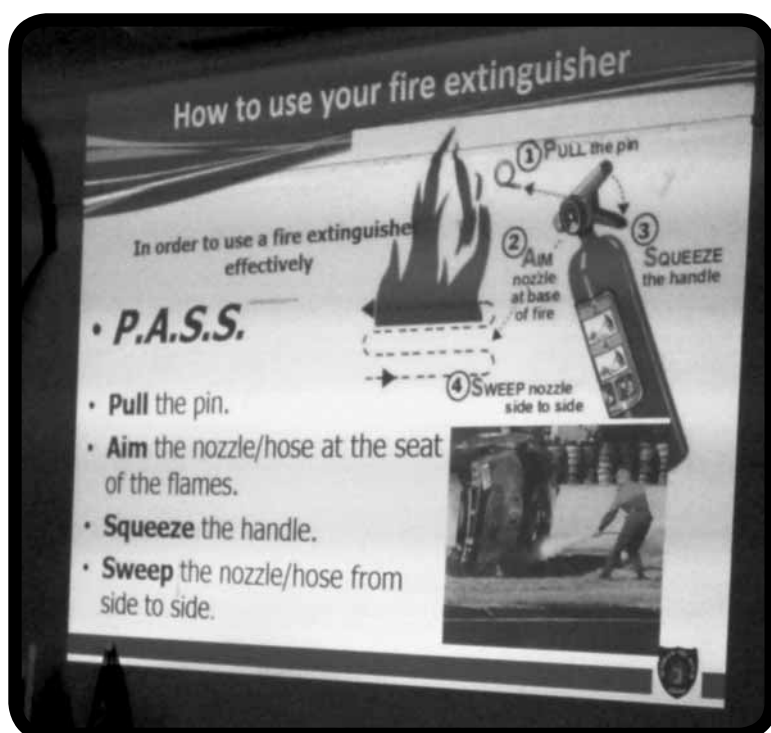
I'll see you all soon.

(Crowd cheers with excitement)

Thank you and good night.

With thanks

Murray Stevens



Training News

Hi everyone,

I would like to thank you all for your support and confidence, in giving me the honour of becoming the VFT Training Officer for 2014. I would especially like to thank Tony VDD, Terry & Will for their encouragement and support for the role. I look forward to working with you all over the coming months and assisting you with your assessments and upgrades throughout the year.

I feel with the crack committee listed below that our team will be able to fulfil the clubs training needs over the next year and beyond. I'm very keen to build on the great work that Tony has achieved over the past 3 years and welcome him as my mentor. I have lots of ideas and look forward to receiving any suggestions you may have for the betterment of the club; I encourage you all to put them up for consideration no matter how small or large the suggestion may be. Please feel free to call me or drop me an email: training@vicflag.org.au

One of the first tasks as the Training Officer is to select a Training Committee for 2014, I welcome back to the committee, Terry O'Callaghan, Kevin Watson, Simon Baston, Tony van den Dungen, and Perry Ballard as our Executive Officer. I also welcome to the team Glenn Rochester and Arthur Cooksley, I look forward to working with you all.

My first VFT race meeting is the Shannon's Nationals at Sandown, I look forward to catching up with you all then if not at the AGP.

Cheers

Mark Thompson

Training Officer

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Flags: Frequently asked questions

There was hearty discussion over the flagging questions during the February training day. Here are some of them for your information. Part 2 in the next mag.

1. When are Yellow Flags used at the commencement of a race at the starting grid?

Answer: The yellow flags can be displayed at the start of a race if a car stalls while on the grid, generally grid marshals display these flags at the point, and the flag point prior also displays a waved yellow to indicate a stopped vehicle on the track.

2. Can we use a White Flag when using a Red Flag?

Answer: Yes, as this indicates where service vehicles are on the circuit.

3. What flag do we use if the Safety Car is stationary on track?

Answer: safety car boards and a single waved yellow is all that is required. The safety car will often wait for the field to come around to pick up the leader.

4. What flag do we use when any slow moving vehicle is on hot track? Or on an open track.

Answer: Hot track - white, Open track yellow IF there are marshals etc on the track in your sector - if there is nothing in your sector there is no need to wave a flag for cars on an open track.

5. Is the blue flag waved?

Answer: Yes, during practice as required for cars being overtaken, during racing for lapped cars, or under instruction from the Clerk of Course. At some meetings the Clerk of Course may advise the use of steady blue flags to indicate to slower cars there is a fast car approaching

6. When do you determine the use of a blue flag in a race and or Qualifying?

Answer: Blue flags are used to indicate cars about to be overtaken by a faster car in qualifying sessions, and for cars being lapped during the race. As a flaggy you need to keep an eye on the fastest and slowest cars to ensure you provide adequate information to the drivers.

7. Why do we use a green flag at all points at a race start?

Answer: Usually on the observation/sighting lap to inform drivers of the position of flag points.

8. Why do some points behind the start finish put out a yellow flag at the start of a race?

Answer: To indicate stopped cars and marshals on the grid as cars move into their positions.

9. When do we determine the use of a Lack of Adhesion Flag? And how is it used?

Answer: Lack of adhesion (the striped yellow and red flag) is shown when there is a change in surface conditions, where the drivers may need to take more care, this could be water, oil, fluid, gravel, small pieces of debris, anything which the cars can run over with care. This would be upgraded to yellow if the cars have to drive around the object, such as a larger piece of bodywork. This flag is held steady - not waved.

10. Who waves the red flag, the person on Yellow or Green? Comms?

Answer: whoever grabs it first. The important thing is to let drivers know the session/race has been stopped as quickly as possible so they can stop racing

11. Who waves the white Flag?

Answer: The person on yellow - this is where team work is important as the person on blue will often see the slower car of service vehicle coming and can let the yellow person know.

12. How many yellow flags do we need when a person is on a hot track but behind the cars?

Answer: Always double yellows to indicate marshals on the track

13. What is the best technique for waving a flag, especially for long periods

Answer: use your wrist, not your whole arm, draw figure of 8 motion with the flag, or if it's windy don't fight it, let the wind work the flag for you. Swap arms if necessary.

14. What is a Single Yellow Flag used for? What is Double waved Yellow Flags for?

Answer: Single yellow - hot track: incident in the sector drivers should reduce speed and look for incident, followed by a green at the following point when drivers can recommence racing. cold track: marshals on circuit. Double waved yellow incident: cars need to leave the racing circuit to avoid the incident, track is blocked, or marshals are on a hot track. Drivers should slow to a speed where they can take evasive action if required.

15. Do we need to use a Yellow Flag on a cold track or before the race day starts or during a break?

Answer: Yes, if marshals are on the circuit in your sector



Flags: Frequently asked questions

16. How is the Black Flag relay flag used? How do we know when to use it?

Answer: The black flag relay is used to convey information to drivers before they have to complete another lap, it is usually just before the pit return lane. All advisory flags shown at the black flag relay points are only shown on instruction from race control. There is usually a communicator, or someone allocated a radio to get this information.

17. How is the meatball Flag used? How do we know when to use it?

Answer: The mechanical black flag (called the meatball flag as it is black with an orange disc) is only put out at start finish and black flag relay point under the instruction from race control. This indicates to a driver that there is something wrong with his car that he may or may not be aware of eg: leaking oil or fuel, body work hanging off etc. The meatball flag is held steady with the number of the car. This is then shown to the driver as he/she passes the post. The driver may acknowledge having seen the flag and go into pit lane. Race control will then let you know if you should withdraw the flag or keep it out, depending on if the driver has returned to the pits.

18. When do I wave Yellow Flags if the red flag is out and can I also use a white flag?

Answer: If the incident is in your sector you continue to wave your yellow flag, even when the red flag has been called for. You can also use a white if you have slow moving race cars limping back to pit lane, or service vehicles in your sector

19. How long should I wait until I put the Yellow Flag out?

Answer: In the case of a track incident wait for the car to stop moving before displaying yellow flags. Sometimes impressive spinners are able to continue racing and don't require a yellow at all, and it can be confusing to drivers to see a yellow flash in and out. Be patient, and make sure the situation requires a yellow. If it is to cover marshals, as soon as they step onto the circuit.

20. Should I remember how long the Yellow Flag is out for?

Answer: Yes. Try to keep a note of time or laps in case you have cars overtaking under a yellow flag, and you are then able to more accurately write your report. Take note of the first few cars who take your yellow, not just the leader. The yellow flag should remain out for two laps, and then it is deemed that all drivers have seen the change of conditions (whether it is a car on the side of the track or some bodywork they need to drive around) and it has become part of the racing surface.

21. When do I use the Green flag other than at the start of a race?

Answer: When a yellow flag is shown at the point prior to yours to indicate drivers can resume racing

22. How long should I leave the Green Flag out after a waved Yellow on the previous point?

Answer: Until all drivers who have seen the yellow flag displayed at an incident have seen your green flag.

23. What is a mirror point exactly?

Answer: A mirror point gives drivers a bit more notice on blind corners as to incidents ahead. Eg: at Sandown 0.5 mirrors the yellow flag shown at 1, this gives drivers a heads up that something is amiss before they turn the blind corner and are on top of the incident, giving them time to get ready to take evasive action.

24. Why can't I smoke on point during a race and should I say something if others do it?

Answer: Cars often leak flammable fluid, having a point of ignition is very dangerous.

25. Why can't I listen to a radio or scanner whilst working on a point?

Answer: You need to be able to communicate with your partner and hear what the communicator tells you. radios and scanners can be distracting you from your job.

26. How many flags can be used at any one time?

Answer: As many as required: potentially you could have a double yellow incident with debris and oil over the circuit, service vehicles driving through and the red flag has been called!!

27. Should the Yellow Flag be in front of the SC Board?

Answer: Both should be visible, so it should be beside/above the safety car board. Talk with your team to determine who is best to go high and best to go low.

28. Why do South Australian hold a Blue Flag rather than a Green Flag at the start of a Race?

Answer: In case a faster car is coming back through the pack.

29. What flags should be waved?

Answer: All flags are waved except for: lack of adhesion and the Black flag relay flags

30. How should the flags be set up on point, if you don't have a rocket launcher?

Answer: Person facing oncoming traffic has the blue and green, red to one side (so it is not shown accidentally), lack of adhesion and second yellow in the middle and the person facing traffic leaving the sector has white and yellow.



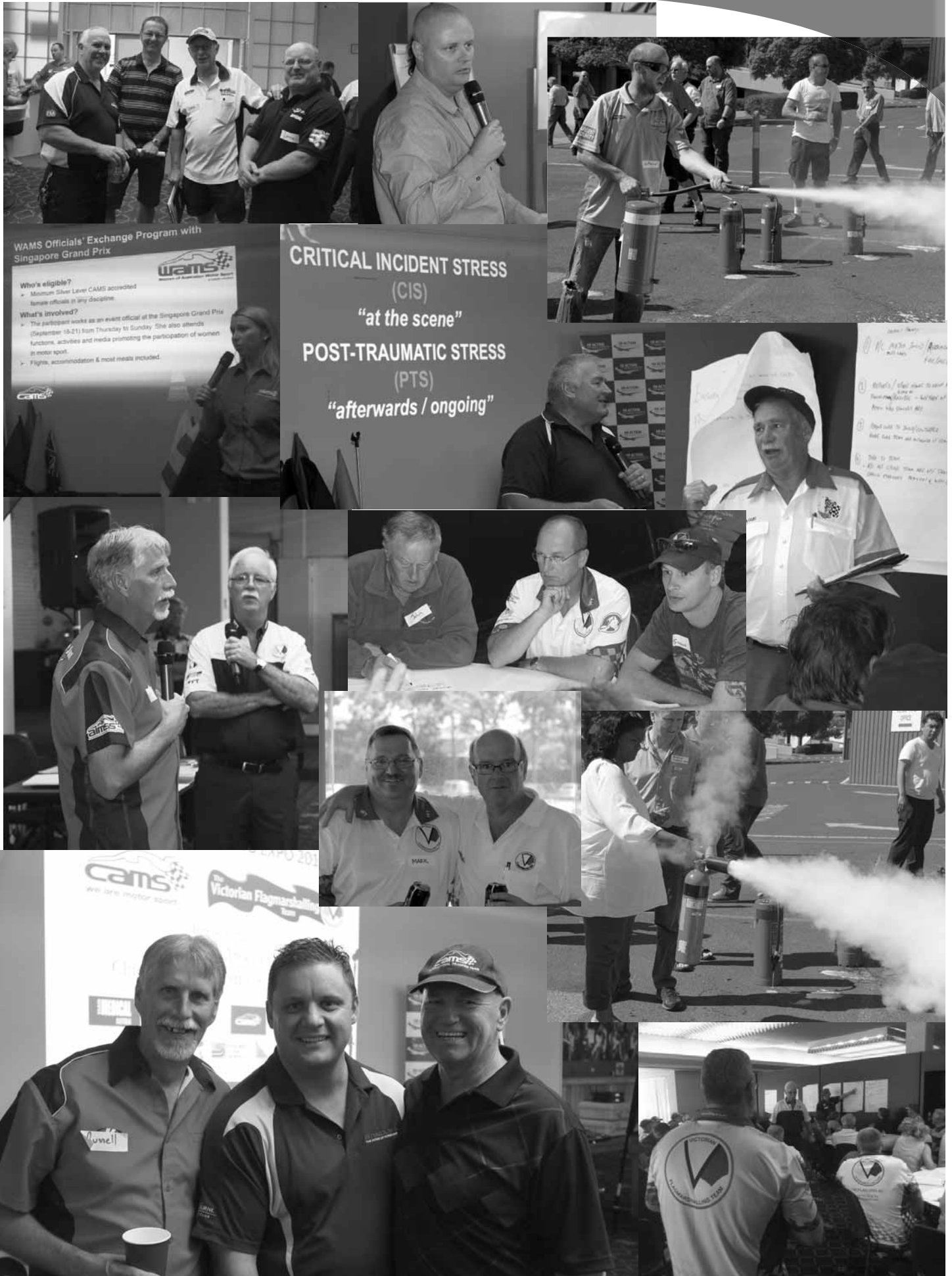
Training Expo



Jay Seater, Richard Millott, Eugene Aroca and John Murphy
representation from
CAMS supporting the Expo



Training Expo





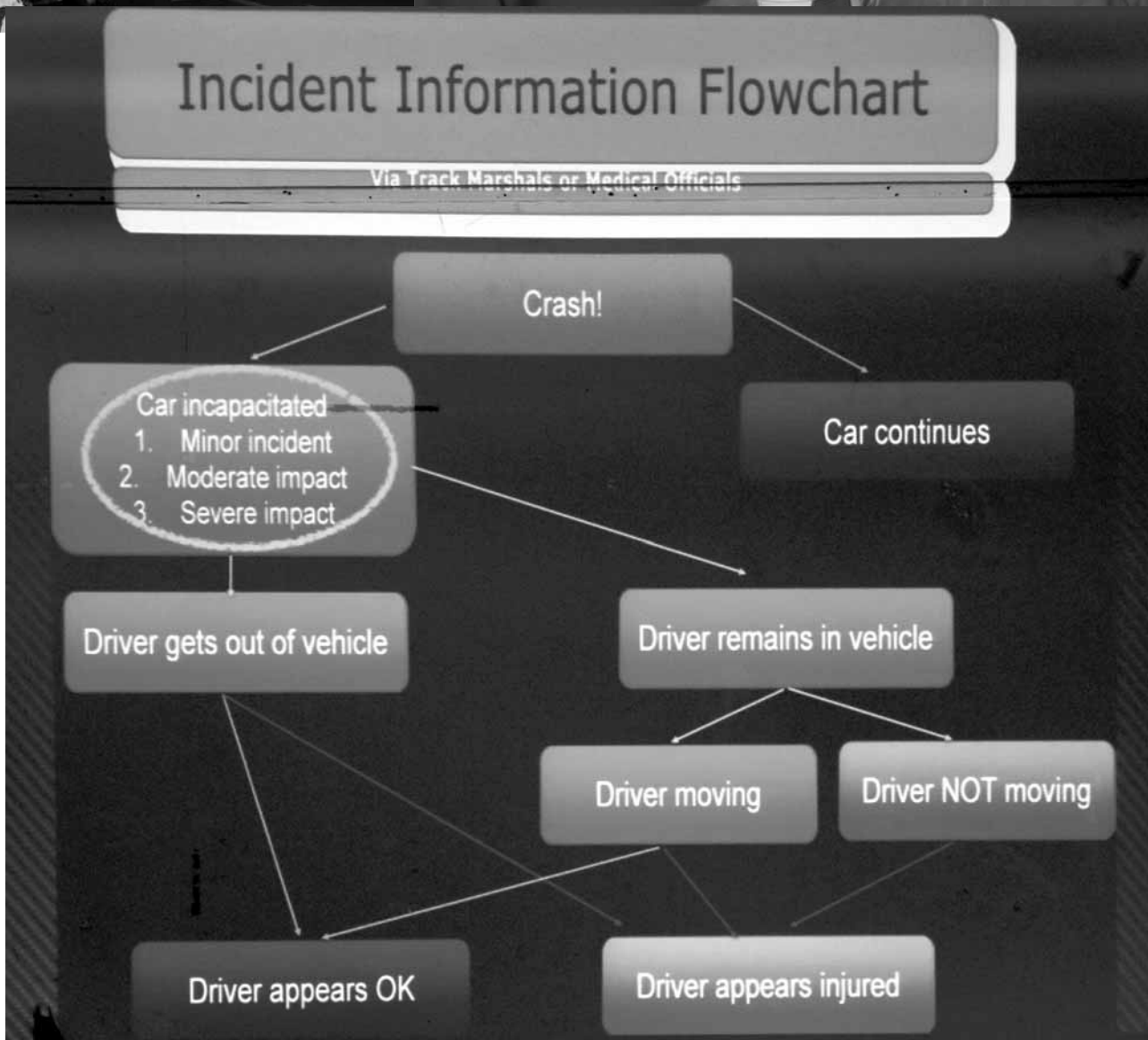
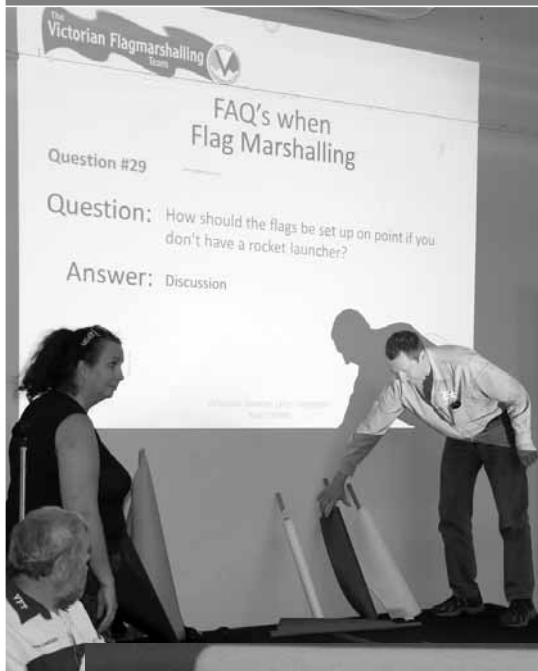
How to use your fire extinguisher

In order to use a fire extinguisher effectively

• **P.A.S.S.**

- **P**ull the pin.
- **A**im the nozzle/hose at the seat of the flames.
- **S**queeze the handle.
- **S**weep the nozzle/hose from side to side.





Huge thanks to Corey Pais and the team at CAMS for all of the behind the scenes organising with registration, show bags and even the BBQ cooking. Thanks to all disciplines and teams involved in presenting on the day. It's sure to become an annual event.



Bathurst 12 Hour

By Jennifer Cross

After months of planning and preparation, Lucy and I were on the way to Bathurst for the 12 Hour on Wednesday 5th Feb. WOOOHOOOOOOO. After the long drive pulling into Mount Panorama... AHHHHHHHHHH... the goosebumps and excitement really hit. Set up camp... sit back and take it all in...



Jen and Lucy's home

Thursday was a day of shopping, rest and a walk in the pits, which was full of amazing cars, many different accents from all over the world.



Betty as usual was her fabulous self... not only did she put the Pole Trophy in Ferrari 88's garage, but was at the muster tent end of Friday chatting to officials and having photo ops with anyone and everyone.... A great asset to our sport

Friday.... **LET THE FUN BEGIN....** Breakfast supplied at muster tent... sign on, positions given (Roaming Sector at 13... the ESSES is mine!!!)



My view for Friday

With HQs and Gemini's, Improved Production and Radicals as support categories... bring it on ...



And bring it on they did!!! HQs thundering around The



Mountain.. WOW, Great racing all weekend, and some drivers were flagging on Sunday!!!



Saturday saw a change of location!! Roaming sector from FP 7 to 10!!!!



Bathurst 12 Hour

The 12 Hour Cars are awesome... simply awesome...
Erebus cars are PORN ON WHEELS!!!!

And the little Fiats...
hehe, the ABARTH team
provided everyone with
a pack... a stool with
an esky attached and a
floppy hat... all used and
much appreciated

Ferrari, Lotus,
Porsche, Ford Focus,
Audi, BMW, Nissan... all
makes and models... all
different speeds.. Many
records were broken.



Catching up with "old faces"... but meeting "new faces" is
always one of the best parts of motorsport... great to put
faces to names.

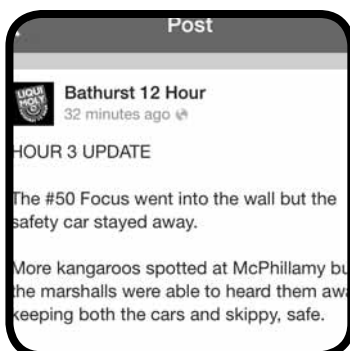
Sunday Morning.... RACE DAY



We talk about "STUPID OCLOCK"....
WELLLLLLLLLLLLLL... this was past
"STOOPID OCLOCK !!!!! Lots of bleary eyed
officials piling onto buses in the dark...
getting to flag points and needing a torch
to check for wild life before jumping wall!!!

Quick check... track closure... and
out they come... lights ablaze.... HOLY CRAP!!! Grid up...
formation lap.. Lights ablaze... HOLY CRAP... AND GREEN...
they are away...

An unbelievable race... which went down to the last 15
minutes for the eventual winners... a very hot day, spent
chasing Skippy, avoiding the big black snake!!! Getting
drivers to medical cars. Some HUGE incidents, and thankfully
all drivers are OK I ran!!! yeppo... I ran !!! Couldn't believe
it... sore feet are a must.. as is sweating and being filthy



Wild life control even
mentioned in a FB post!!!

Sammy snake and I came to an agreement...
he leaves me alone.. I leave HIM well and truly alone !!!



Was an amazing weekend.. making and meeting friends,
some of the best racing I have ever seen... Being given the
opportunity to be a sector marshal was a MASSIVE learning
experience (am thankful for the training day at Sandown
and the trust and references from people to give me this
opportunity) AND YESSSSSSSSSSSS... I will be there next
year!

One
dirty official..
Damien Mitchell !!!



One happy
birthday

The VFT at the Clipsal 500

For the story check out the blog <http://vicflagteam.blogspot.com.au/>



The Chaplain: Mark Bateman

SPECTACULAR! IN FACT AWESOMELY MADE!

Psalms 139v14, ...you'll love this

Quote: 'Be yourself, because everyone else is taken.' - Author Unknown



I was heading into Myer via the perfume area, and besides sneezing a lot was blown away by all the signs that there were on every counter. Words have power, and the words on display in these aisles have a deep impacting power. Words and phrases like: affordably gorgeous, infallible, flawless finish, brilliant strength, liquid power, go nude, age defying, instant age rewind, choose your dream, nearly naked, and natural beauty.

When you have children you start to realise they are just as strong as everyone else in the house - a force to be reckoned with, a spectacular and awesome soul, with the same life and gifts and passions as anyone. But sitting in this store aisle, you also begin to realise most people won't see themselves that way. They'll see themselves as below par. Marketing ploys will tell them they need this product to look a certain way to have any worth or influence.

Your words do have power and maybe, just maybe, the words of a Mum or Dad will compete with the words of the market spin. Maybe a loving parent's words can deliver their children through this gauntlet of institutionalised shame and into a deep, unshakeable sense of their own worthiness and beauty. These words aren't different words, but they are words with a radically different meaning with transforming truths like...

Brilliant strength. May your strength be not in your fingernails but in your heart! May you discern deep inside who you are, and then may you fearfully but tenaciously live it out in the world.

Choose your dream. But, not from a department store shelf! Find the still-quiet place within you. A God made, real dream has been planted there. Discover what you want to do in the world. And when you have chosen your pathway, may you faithfully pursue it, with integrity and with hope.

Naked. The world wants you to take your clothes off. Please keep them on! But take your gloves off - pull no punches. Say what is in your heart - be vulnerable - embrace risk. Love a world that barely knows what it means to love itself. Do so transparently, (nakedly), openly, with abandon.

Infallible. May you be constantly aware that infallibility doesn't exist. It's an illusion created by people interested in your wallet. If you choose to seek perfection, may it be in an infallible love and grace - for yourself, and for those around you.

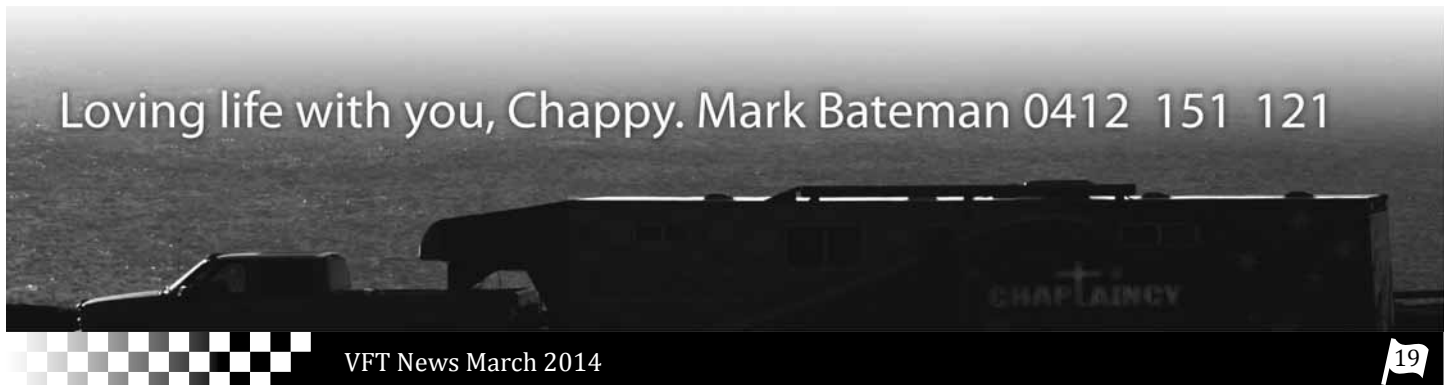
Age defying. One thing for sure, your skin will wrinkle and your youth will fade, but your soul is ageless. It will always know how to play, how to enjoy and how to revel in this one-chance life. May you always defiantly resist the aging of your heart, and be happy and satisfied with your lot.

Flawless finish. Your finish has nothing to do with how you appear today, yet everything to do with how your life will look on your last day. May your years be a preparation for that day! May you be aged by grace, grow in wisdom, and your love become big enough to embrace all people. I pray you flawlessly finish with a peaceful embrace of the end along with the unknown that follows. And your life be many great memories, a treasured gift to everyone who cherishes you.

You, or your kids might like makeup and it may be important to you. That's OK, but I pray three words will remain more important to you - three words so bright, no concealer can cover them. 'Where are you the most beautiful?'
On the inside!!!

God has done his part brilliantly - believe it for yourself and make a difference in those around you.
From my heart to yours, cheers! Chaplain Mark Bateman. - 0412 151 121

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Please contact them by email at:
merchandise@vicflag.org.au
or when you seen them at the track to put
in your orders**



Winter Jacket

\$90



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Overalls



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\$30

VFT Bag



\$35

Jumper



\$25

Polo shirt
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\$2

3 plastic pouches



\$10

Beanie



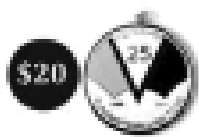
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Small Badges



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Contact the Chief Flagmarshal to attend these events

*** denotes Clash**

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
November 14-16	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip Island 400
November 29-30	Phillip Island	Island Magic



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December 4
December 6-7
* = Clash

Beach Hotel
Winton

General Meeting
HQ 4 Hour Relay

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

Please note the new date for the April General Meeting will be Tuesday 1st April, to allow for those members travelling up to the Winton V8 Supercar round on the weekend.

Members wishing to have their attendance in other disciplines recorded at a VFT calendared event, contact Chief Flag via email or phone. Your days will then count towards the Neil Thompson Memorial award.

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.

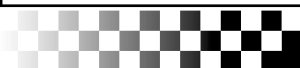
Expressions of interest to attend events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via:

The club phone: 03 8796 5321

The club mobile: 0409 823 657

Email: chief@vicflag.org.au

Or in person at the track or club meetings.



Service Awards



**Life Member:
Eric Rigg**



**20 Years
Service:
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**10 Years
Service:
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**5 Years
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