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A Word from the President: Willy Gaff



Hi and welcome to another magazine report.
Wow what a start to the year, with 7 out of 8 weekends having racing events for us. It does not get better than that, now for a little time before we have the 2nd VSCRC round at Sandown in May.

On a sad note I must inform the members that Mr Kevin Redman has tendered his resignation as Vice President from the VFT committee to take effect immediately.

The committee thanks Kevin for his hard work in his time as Vice President and wish him all the best on a personal note from me (Will) I thank you Kevin for your support of me as President of this fine club, thank you.

On a brighter note the club welcomes Zoe Butteriss to the role of Induction Team Leader. I know Zoe will do a great job, so please support her in this new role as it takes time and effort to do these jobs for the club. So please support all of our volunteers and thanks as always.

We have some new faces on the training committee lead by Mark Thompson as the leader of the team I know has a some of great ideas for the committee to move it forward. We welcome Glenn and Arthur to the team.

So if you want an upgrade talk to your grade reps about it then give the upgrade form to the secretary Eric so he can log it and get you into the system. I must say a big sorry to Tony van den Dungen our outgoing training officer for his work on the training committee and the main committee as well thanks Tony (sorry I forgot)

I am glad the new trailer is up and running around hope

you all like it's a bit brighter than the other one and I know Russell likes it. You will also find we now have some merchandise in the trailer so give our new merch officers something to do before they head out trackside. The merchandise officers are Russell Clasby and John Pollard.

At Sandown we had a new sponsor join the club Mr Brad Ross and his company BDR HAULAGE if you want to move something around Brad will be able to sort it out for you. Brad has been a member for many years, so like our other sponsors, give them the support back as they give the VFT support.

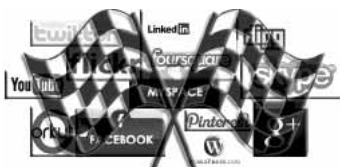
The last thing to report on the 29th of April we had a guest speaker night. Mr Fred Gibson came along for a chat at the Penrite workshop a great night was had by all lots of stories about the old days with Ford /Nissan and Holden the history that Fred has in motor sport is mind blowing good times.

Time to thank some people Eric Rigg, Murray Stevens, Jon Dymond and Brendan Hughes for his talk on oils from Penrite thanks guys for a great night. Also it was great to have our club patron Mr George Hetrel at the night it's always great to have George with us at these events.

Until Next Time
William Gaff
VFT President

Welcome to our new members:

**Anton Johnson, Brendan Jenner,
David Hosking, Greg Hardy,
Samantha Dumesny, Peter and Jenn
Southwell [Qld], Douglas McArthur
[NSW] and Wayne Oliver [NT]**



Thanks to all of our contributors this month. Please remember the closing date for articles and images is the 24th of even months.

Next deadline: June 24th

The Ed.

**This month's photo credits:
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Monica and Paul Kelly.**



Flag One Reporting

Completed Meetings:

Winton VMRC1, March 9/10. This event was organised by BAC. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. This event had approx. 200 entrants which was great giving the 17 flaggies plenty of opportunity to hone their skills. The usual Saturday night dinner was enjoyed by a record number of attendees.

Phillip Island Historic, March 8/9/10. This event was organised by VHRR/VMIC. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. A clash with Winton. This event attracted approx. 500 entries. Flaggie numbers were tight on Friday, but this was expected with the Clipsal the week before. Sat/Sun saw 50+ flaggies enjoying some spectacular motor racing from historic cars from all over the world. At late notice, Penrite, one of our sponsors organised a photo shoot with some of their cars from their famous stable with the flaggies.

AGP. Although not a VFT event a number of members officiated at this world class event. The roar of the engines have changed but the excitement and the adrenalin rush was still there. To see the world's best drivers in the world's fastest cars is something we all appreciate and with Daniel Riccardo crossing the line second was an extra bonus! Although Daniel was eventually disqualified and received no points for this event but did us proud anyway! It has been a long time since an Australian has stood on the podium at any AGP.

Sandown Shannon's, March 28/29/30. This event was organised by Sandown International Raceway. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Kevin Watson and Arthurs Cooksley, Assistant Chiefs. This 3 day event really stretched our commitment to motorsport after such a heavy schedule in the preceding weeks. Friday, numbers were down, but we still managed to cover most flag points. Sat/Sun flaggie numbers were approx. 50 both days and a number of trainees and drivers were helping as well. VFT members also helped out monitoring the noise meter as well as pit lane. The race director from the AMC has asked me to pass on his thanks for our assistance in the 3 hour race. Zoe Butteriss, this year, has taken on the role of Induction Co-ordinator. With 7 trainees at this event, Zoe stood up to the challenge with the assistance of the rest of the Induction Team. It looks like it is going to be another busy year with the number of trainees applying for events. I am confident that each member of the VFT will help out and encourage the trainees to become qualified marshals.

Winton V8's April 4/5/6. This event was organised by BAC. Kevin Watson, Chief of meeting. Warren Gordon, Assistant Chief. Friday was wet and of course everyone is aware of issues with the track surface. Saturday, full compliment of flaggies where the track "rubbered in" and we had some tremendous racing. Qualifying lap records were slashed. Saturday evening had the usual get-to-gether in Benalla, with the VFT playing host to over 40 for dinner. Thanks Jen for organising this. Sunday all flagpoints were manned. As usual, the VFT was responsible for Comms at each flagpoint. Well done to everyone who was part of this event.

Phillip Island, VSCRC1, April 12/13. This event was organised by PIARC. Chief of Meeting, Kevin Watson. Assistant Chief, Arthur Cooksley, Saturday, Terry O'Callaghan, Sunday. All points had a minimum of 2 per points which included Comms with the exception of 2.6 and 9.6. Thank you Michelle and Matt for looking after these points. Saturday morning had a few showers with racing commencing after lunch. Racing all day Sunday with plenty of action and up to the usual standard of VSCRC events.

Upcoming meetings:

Sandown VSCRC 2 organised by the MG Car Club. May 16/17/18. Sat/Sun numbers are great. The MG Car Club is looking for helpers on Friday although this is not a VFT official day. If you can help out, please contact me in the usual way.

Winton Historics (Clash) May 24/25. Organised by Austin 7 Club. This event is run on the short track and numbers at this stage are adequate, but could also do with more, even only one of the days.

Phillip Island Shannons (Clash) May 23/24/25. Organised by PIARC. Still looking for officials for this event for either both or one day. This event will have a 4 hour endure on Sunday which will really test our concentration levels.

Sandown 500. Organised by SIRW/V8 Supercars. This event is not until mid September and final details about credentials and applications are still to be released. Remember to get your name in early and as always, preference will be given to those who support the venue at other events.

If and when you received communications from an event organiser in reference to your attendance, it would be a great help to respond to both the VFT and the event organiser. This assists with catering issues and carparking allocations.



Flag One Reporting



One final comment.....As the Club grows and we evolve there will be different personalities to deal with. Please remember if you have any trackside issues at all, contact me or one of my assistants so that we are given the chance to try to rectify the issue. We all need to show respect to our peers whether we agree with their opinions or not and learn to "agree to disagree".

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
0402359099

Winton VMRC Round 1, March 7 - 9

Winton VMRC round, with HQs, Porsche 944s, Clubmans, Vic V8s, BMW and invited, I believe the count was 37 Improved Production cars and great 27 field of Sports Sedans... and not to forget the Superkarts with the one and only AKKER (Jason Akermanis) winning a few races.



Winton 400 V8 Supercars

Flags... check... nibblies... check... V8 Supercars.. yep they are here too... Winton V8 Supercars.... With Development series, Sports Sedans, Touring Car Masters and a guest appearance from the HQs on Sunday.

Friday brought rain and sunshine, which lead to a busy day waving flags and pushing buttons with cars spearing off all around the track.

Saturday and Sunday were magical sunny days and not as busy. All categories put on a great weekend of racing.

One of the great parts at Winton is that the presentation podium is across the road from the Old Race control, which is Muster area for the weekend.

Friday night BBQ... lots of laughs with the team

Saturday night and 40 for dinner, it was a great night with special guest Ruth "Racer" Bowler

A family affair... The Carroll, Clewett and Clasby clans all working together trackside.

Jennifer Cross

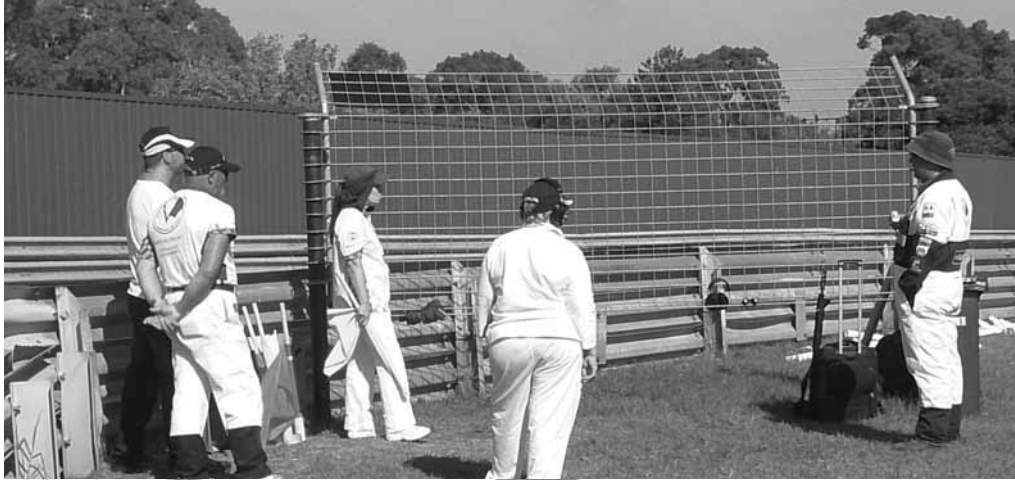




Island Classic, March 7 - 9



Shannons Nationals, Sandown, March 29 - 30



The first round of the Shannons Nationals for the year saw me take on a new role trackside. Having been a flag marshal and communicator for 20 years, and part of the race administration team for 12 years, I felt it was time to step up, and when Roger asked if I would be interested, I jumped at the opportunity to learn new skills. So I started my training as a Sector Marshal.

Thank you to Lance and the team at turn 4, where we had fun and action from session 1 lap 1, throughout the weekend. A great learning experience.

Suzanne Arnott





General Meeting Minutes 2014

Minutes of General Meeting
April 1st 2014 8.00PM
The Beach House Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

Members present; 23

Apologies: Shane Rogers, Murray Stevens, Terry O'Callaghan, Kevin Watson, Michael and Suzanne Arnott, Mark Thompson, Paul Kelly, Steve Clasby, Doug Salan, country, interstate and International members.

President's Welcome

Reports:

1 **President**

- 1.1 Thank you to members for their support through the busy time.
- 1.2 Membership cards order in progress
- 1.3 Stainless Drink bottle and report folders presented to members. Kevin Redman asked if they were aluminium bottles. John Pollard: Invoice has aluminium. Kevin Redman mentioned that aluminium was detrimental to people's health. To be checked out regarding delivery
- 1.4 Deadline for magazine 24th of the even month.
- 1.5 New Trailer on the road

2 **Vice President** – no report

3 **Secretary:** as per report.

- 3.1 14 enquires from Grand Prix for new memberships
- 3.2 Emails going out for Penrite night

4 **Treasurer:** as per report

- 4.1 Cheques to be passed for payment. Russell Clasby \$150 [trailer], Steve Clasby \$75 [trailer] Mr B Screenprinting \$704 [trailer signage] Cams Engraving \$80 [Stillwell award], Eric Rigg \$90 [phone and postage] Russell Clasby \$24.89 [keys and bits for trailer] Moved: Warren Gordon, Seconded Glenn Rochester that the cheques be passed for payment. Carried.

- 4.2 If members have ideas for use of funds. Petrol vouchers etc.

5 **Chief Flagmarshal**

- 5.1 Apology and report emailed
- 5.2 Appointments: Kevin Watson and Arthur Cooksley as Asst Chief Flagmarshals, and Mark Thompson as Training officer.

- 5.3 Completed events: CoW meeting, VMRC, island Classic, AGPC and Shannons

- 5.4 Upcoming events: Winton V8's and VSCRC 1

6 **Asst Chief Flagmarshal:** Apology: moving house. No report

7 **Training Officer:** Apology due to family situation, No report.

8 **CAMS Rep:** apology – text message

- 8.1 VSC, no date yet

9 **Promotions:** apology –text message

- 9.1 Thanks to Lisa Howard for new flyers
- 9.2 Had interview with Darren James 3AW during Grand Prix
- 9.3 Corey Pais had flyers at the CAMS stand, Michelle Clewett has flyers for Benalla town Hall on night before Winton V8's.

10 **Grade 3 Rep**

- 10.1 Jeff Birrell and Glenn Rochester to Grade 3
- 10.2 Stats provided: 46 grade 3s, 3adv 9.



General Meeting Minutes 2014



- 11 **Grade 4 Rep:** No report
- 12 induction officer
- 12.1 Paul Meade helping
- 12.2 3 Newies, 6 trainees and 3 drivers
- 13 **Merchandise**
- 13.1 8 Uniforms on order, jackets arrived.
- 13.2 investigating cost for vests.
- 13.3 Approx \$500 of goods sold at Shannons
- 14 **Magazine:** apology. Report emailed
- 14.1 Social Media: 400 followers on facebook, 60 on Twitter
- 14.2 Working on video
- 14.3 Thanks to bloggers and drivers for feedback
- 14.4 Responsible use of Social Media. No posting between 7.00am and 6.00pm of the events
- 14.5 Deadline 24th

Reports: Moved Zoe Butteriss, seconded: Marita Larkin that the reports are accepted. Carried

15 General Business

- 15.1 William Gaff
- 15.1.1 Trailer sale open for tender, tenders close 5.00PM 16th April 2014 before Committee meeting.
- 15.2 Wayne Butteriss
- 15.2.1a Social Media: how is club breaches of social media handled. Grade Reps following up on some at moment. Club has a brand that we are trying to protect. Roger Chirnside: VFT is not sole arbitrator. Clerk of Course's, Circuits and Race Secretaries can arbitrate on breaches. Chief Marshal will then become the messenger.
- 15.2.1b Official VFT page, Suzanne Arnott is only person who can put up. Personal pages are also monitored.
- 15.2.1c Zoe Butteriss: how many warning do some people get, some people are habitual posters.
- 15.2.1d Social Media policy will be re-distributed in next magazine.
- 15.2.1e: Maria Larkin, when can things be posted. After 6pm of the event or Monday following events.
- 15.3 Robin Wood
- 15.3.1 Anyone interested in Marshalling at Sandown contact me.
- 15.4 Roger Chirnside
- 15.4.1 Apology for next 2 General Meetings
- 15.5 Kevin Redman
- 15.5.1 Consider Aluminium drink bottles are a health hazard and a serious matter. Roger Chirnside: aluminium is a problem with aerated drinks. William Gaff works with aluminium and will contact the advisors at his workplace on the issue. Kevin Redman: plastic tops are a concern. William Gaff: 34 years in the industry, the plastic will be of food quality standards.

Next meeting: 5th June
Meeting Closed at 9.05PM



VSCRC Round 1 Phillip Island, April 12 - 13



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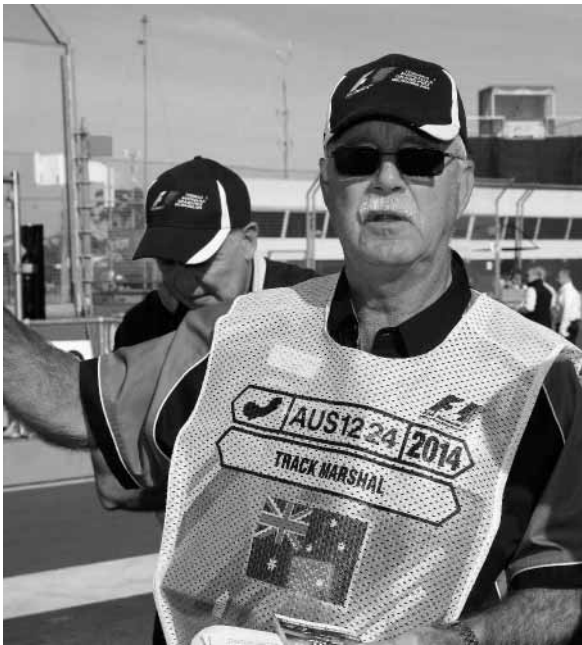


The Australian Grand Prix



Albert Park







Russell Clasby and John Pollard are your Merchandise Officers for 2014.

Please contact them by email at:

merchandise@vicflag.org.au

Russell: 0432 952 572 John: 0451 308 804

or when you seen them at the track to put in your orders



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



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Bucket hat



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VFT Calendar of Events 2014

Contact the Chief Flagmarshal to attend these events

*** denotes Clash**

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
December 4	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
December 6-7	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay
December 14	VFT Christmas Party	Como Gardens

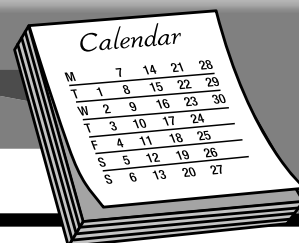
General Meetings – 1st Thursday of even months at the Beach Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde. Albert Park.

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.



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Contact the Chief Flagmarshal to attend these events



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.

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

**Congratulations to Terry Regester for
10 years of service in the VFT**

**Congratulations to Robert Blake for
achieving 5 years of service with the VFT**



**Congratulations to
the fabulous 40 who
have worked at every
Australian Grand Prix.**

**The roll call includes
many VFT members .**



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