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A Word from the President: Willy Gaff



Hi and welcome to another magazine report

Well winter is here in Victoria there not a lot of racing at this time but that gives us some time to catch up with friends do bit of gardening and try and keep out trouble.

The sad news of the passing of Sir Jack Brabbam a great man and there will not be another man like this in our life time our prayers go to his family and friends.

There has been a few meetings Winton Historic and the Shannons Nationals which we had a clash but we the club covered both meetings so thanks again.

At Winton we had the second photo shoot with Penrite Oils one of our sponsors a big thank you to Ken Bedggood for rolling out the car at some ungodly hour and I must not forget Greg Llewellyn from Narra Photography who took some great photos for us. There will be another photo shoot with Penrite at the Sandown Historic meeting in November we will let you all know when details arrive so watch this space!!.

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: August 24th

The Ed.

**This month's photo credits:
NarraPhotography, Jennifer Cross, Karen Legg, Glenn Rochester and Paul Kelly.**

Social Media has been very good from all you guys and girls the post and blogs have been great just post after you have been stood down for the day or 6-00pm thanks for your support. The club is all ways on the look out for some posts or blogs to print for the magazine so don't be shy send them to magazine@vicflag.org.au

There have been a number of service awards given out

5 Years Suzi Bell
 Adrian Huntly
 Ross Earl
 Chris Earl
 Jamie Davis
 Lee Davis

10 Years Paul Freeman
 Neil Hammond
 Elizabeth Svendsen

15 Years Paul Hiluta

20 Years Peter Svendsen

Merchandise update we will have the white polo shirts by Sandown 5-6 july if you want one see John Pollard or Russell Clasby for all your club gear.

The club is going to celebrate it's 30 year anniversary in early 2016 the committee is starting to look a what and how to celebrate this mile stone event if you have some ideas let us know.

Until next time
William Gaff
President VFT



Flag One Reporting

Completed Meetings:

Sandown VSCRC 2 organised by the MG Car Club. May 16/17/18. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief Flagmarshal. Sat/Sun numbers were great. The MG Car Club had helpers on Friday although this is not a VFT official day. I must convey my thanks on behalf of the MG Car Club for everyone's participation at this iconic event. A number of assessments were carried out on this weekend as well as a large number of newbies appeared for the first time trackside. A number of these newbies were the result of the CAMS Tent at the AGP. The confidence shown from Race Control towards the trackside officials and their ability to perform hot recovery was evident. A numbers of drivers have commented to me on their pleasure to go racing without the intervention of safety cars. Congratulations to everyone!

Winton Historics (Clash) May 24/25. Organised by Austin 7 Club. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. This event was run on the short track and numbers were adequate, with 2 to each point. Some great racing from both cars and bikes was up to the usual standard that is expected from this long standing event. A number of newer marshals were excited by the amount of gifts that were bestowed upon them by the Austin 7 Club.

Phillip Island Shannons (Clash) May 23/24/25. Organised by PIARC. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief Flagmarshal. This event had numerous races on Saturday which culminated in a 450 Kilometre race for GTs. Plenty of action and the winner was only decided on the last lap. Both Porsches and Radicals also had enduros on Saturday which created plenty of interest. Sunday had a 4 hour enduro which really tested our concentration levels. I have received personal thanks from the Race Director of the AMC on a job well done. To be able to supply officials to both National events held on the same weekend is a credit to everyone involved. Thanks again.

Winton Shannons June 14/15. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. Numbers were great for this meeting with a minimum of 2 per point. Saturday finished with a 30 lap race that required Porsches to run the last 5 laps with their headlights ablaze. A truly spectacular end to Saturday's events. Sunday, weather was fine, and of course, the Alfa and Audi in the sports sedan races were at it again. The Alfa triumphing again!



Flag One Reporting

Upcoming meetings:

Porsche 6 hours Sandown July 5/6. (Clash) Will Gaff, Chief of Meeting (assessment).

Winton VMRC 2 July 5/6 (Clash). Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting

Sandown VSCRC 3 July 19/20. Chief TBA

Phillip Island 6 hr Aug 2/3. Chief TBA

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.

Please remember, that when one signs on at an event, one is fit and able to perform one's duties. If there are any issues with health which may require medical attention during the event, it is one's own responsibility to inform the Chief Flagmarshal so appropriate measures can be put in place with your placement trackside.

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



**Welcome to our new
member:
Rebecca Armstrong**





VSCRC 2 Sandown

At last weekend's Sandown VSCRC-2 race meeting we decided to "go back to the future" and try to recover cars under local yellow flags whenever possible. Given the layout of the Sandown race track it is not always possible to do this. However I directed my race control officials to do this whenever both the recovery officials and we were comfortable that it could be achieved with minimal risk.

I briefed all of the drivers of our intention and made it crystal clear that it was dependant on their response and compliance with both yellow and white flags. If they did not want their race interrupted by Safety Car or Red Flag then it was in their own interest to work with the meeting officials.

I was clearly placing my trust in the skill and experience of the members of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team. I am very pleased to say that that trust proved to be well placed. I am very happy with the way that all the recoveries were handled and I applaud all the members of the VFT for their assistance, enthusiasm and skill.

I look forward to working with the VFT in the future. The MG Car Club continues to value the growing relationship between the club and the VFT.

With thanks
David Vernall
Clerk-of-Course
VSCRC-2 Sandown

The Chaplain: Mark Bateman

Levels of Communication, ...you'll love this

Quote: *The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at that tempting moment.* - Bill Cosby



At a Sandown Raceway Official's Briefing recently I spoke about, Understanding Levels of Communication. We all have families and friends who will benefit from us practicing these steps. Also, newcomers to our Clubs would feel they belong and quickly settle into our motorsports family, enjoying this sport like we do. Each of us has a responsibility to put our best foot forward and ensure we leave our sport significantly better than we found it.

In a society that has become narcissistic (self-absorbed, self-important), selfless volunteering is under challenge. The 'what's in it for me' or 'you need to keep me happy' approach will soon sever ties with volunteerism. I find the good book throws in a challenging thought here teaching, 'more **joy** and **reward** comes from being a giver, over being a taker'. I hope these 4 levels can help you to focus your commitment to giving and increase your reward as we participate in this great sport together.

POLITE

Polite communication is a natural part of everyday. When we arrive we mingle and mix with others, offering a polite greeting and start to chat. This is an appropriate and necessary method of communicating yet it is only an entry and very shallow level.

INFORMATIVE

Informative communication is also a vital part of chain communication. It could start with 'Race Control wants us to....' This ensures we all 'sing from the same song sheet' and do what we do successfully. Unfortunately, this is a shallow method of communication also because it's often used as a way to belong but, divulges little of whom you really are, revealing your thoughts and personality. It's easier to join someone else's opinion, because 'knockers' intent is to put you down.

PERSONAL

Personal communication is where one says what they think and feel, allowing others to see the real you. Most don't venture too often into this area as this opens you up to being critiqued. Fear of others rejecting an opinion, or being ridiculed unfairly, threatens the joy of belonging. Truth is, I think there is a lack of respect for individual's opinion. The greatest travesty here is that people don't really know you! Insecurity can mask itself as bluffing others by being aggressive or intimidated, holding your true thoughts in. Think about this; 'one won't make their candle shine brighter by blowing out someone else's'.

INTIMATE

Intimate communication is where true mateship is forged. It is the place where two walk together as mates side by side. Not one in front and the other following. It's where respect has made it safe for another to open-up without harsh criticism.

When my Dad was angry with me he would say, 'If your brains were made of gunpowder and they exploded, it wouldn't even ruffle your hair! I must have pushed my Dad's buttons a lot because he used to recite it to me quite often.

I like Bill Cosby's words '*The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at that tempting moment*'. Be a giver of wisely chosen words, don't be a taker and lose your joy and reward of valuable friendships.

Doing life together, Cheers, Chaplain Mark Bateman

Mb: 0412 151 121

Loving life with you, Chappy. Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



LOOK OUT FLAGGYS, HERE COMES MUSTANG 96

By John Clarke

The day dawned bright and clear, if a little chilly, as we unloaded Mustang 96 from its brand new trailer. Scrutineering goes ok and drivers briefing with the usual dire warnings.

Pre grid in pit lane, the pit gates open and out we go for practice and qualifying.

Get a wave from flaggy person at start /finish line on the hill, that was nice, (running short track this weekend), Around to turn five and another wave, wow this machine is attracting attention, must be the shiny paint job!!

Another wave at turn nine (black flag relay), dunno what job this is now, but my head is beginning to make up all sorts of stories!

Starting to pick up slower cars and see lots of blue flags waving, are they for me or them, I wonder?

As a big yellow Camaro roars past, decide it's for me, must use rear vision mirror more often, however, with a great team in the bunkers doing their work, all is well. Chequered flag out, return to pits, and as usual, no issues, shut down and wait for race start.

Pre grid again, around the middle of the field, gates open and away we go for warm up lap.

First thing we notice is a flaggy at turn one.

Thinking, he's going to have a quiet day.

Until, that is, the numbers get read out for "pinging" the blend line.

Oh well, we all have a job to do.

Over the hill, around the back and grid up in positions.

Amazing to see all these flaggys hanging out of bunkers waving as we go by, must be something hanging under the car.

Nothing making any noises, though, so decided it must be the paint job.

The flag drops, the B. S. stops, and with a roar the field is away.

Lose several places to turn three, and stay out of harms way.

Complete a full lap and the flaggys have it easy at the moment.

Having said that, they appear to have one facing the oncoming vehicles and one with their back to traffic, however they are facing each other.

So ever vigilant!!

Lap one completed, pull fourth gear for about two seconds as we approach start/finish, a quick change back to third, and W.T.F., there's a flaggy waving a yellow flag.

What's this for?

Round the corner into turn three, and..... pandemonium, cars spread across the track.

Standing up in the seat belts to pull up the rampaging machine!!

Tight fit around the L.H.S. on the grass, and still go by the incident doing some sixty kilometers per hour.

Mainly unscathed, just a little tap on the left rear under the brake light, no major damage, but did crack paint work.

Wonder if flaggys saw that?

Oh well, self reporting to Clerk of Course.

Continue on past next flag point, get a green flag on approach, and all go again.

However by the time we reach turn five, the red flags are waving and all bets are off.

Return to start/finish under red lights and flags, and regrid.

Pretty rough grid up, but some semblance of order, and the National Flag falls again.

Approaching turn 9 (black flag relay) and the yellow lights are on.

Some problem between there and turn ten.

Well got that worked out, turn through hairpin, settle in for run down back straight and see green flag, two yellow flags and a white flag waving at turn ten.

Wow, that's a new take on an incident.

I guess finally that there are three messages, a) clearance for yellow from turn nine, b) there's an incident past turn ten and there are cars and personnel on the track and c) a slow moving something in front. Great communication line here, but being well informed also has it's drawbacks I guess!

I be thinking at this stage, "race control would be having wordy words with flag point ten!!"

On the next lap approaching turn five yellow flag and SC Board out due to car on the grass and also "oil flag" displayed.

Form up behind safety car and on next time past the pits, green flag at start/finish line and away we go again.

Green flag displayed to entire field then withdrawn.

Think rule here is that should be displayed for one entire lap, need to check this one out.

Turn five in sight and and "oil flag" still out, carefully through that area and see oil on the track.

After two laps no more "oil flag."

Concentrating on chasing Alfa in front, travelling quick at turn five and about face the machine in its own length.

Look up to see yellow flag waving for following cars.

Fortunately all steer clear, get the thing in gear, spin around, and continue on.

Still wondering what happened to "oil flag?"

Aha, the penny drops, after two laps it's withdrawn.

Crazy rule, as oil is still on the track, and when



concentrating on rest of circuit, forgot previous warning. "Oil Flag" needs to be displayed until end of race, until oil cleared up, and poses no more threat.

Inviting trouble as the current situation stands.

Realizing of course that "oil flag" is correctly termed Lack of Adhesion Flag, and is used for indicating other items besides oil, which may very well clear within the space of two laps.

However in the oil situation, need continuous warning until oil is actually soaked up and track swept.

Must take this one up with CAMS for a rule change.

Finish race about mid field, that's normal, although gained two slots from grid position.

Back around to the pits on slow down lap, and all flaggys giving drivers a clap.

Must have been entertaining to see grown men cry, when damage inspected.

Actually very appreciative, and acknowledge the guys and girls, with a thumbs up.

Race two, got the same waves from the bunkers as we went around on warmup, they must know someone in the car in front!

National Flag gets us underway again with a lot of wheel spinning and fishtailing, must have been the new "go juice" finally getting to the back wheels, either that or poor throttle/clutch control.

Largely uneventful until we get to black flag relay and "looky looky," a plain black flag and the number 96 displayed.

Hhhmmm.... Me do no wrong, me thinks.

Must be a mistake!!

Keep on racing, and see the same at the start/finish line and again at turn nine.

Must be two mistakes!!!

How can that be??

Acknowledge black flag relay, and return to pits.

Drive through penalty for movement at the start, but how can it be, it's an uphill grade.

It appears you can't go backwards either.

Well, out the pit gate, making engine and first gear work hard, wheel spin into second, and spy my friend on turn one watching the blend line.

Ho ho ho, name Billy not Silly, so allow him to go back to sleep, pull third, and take the short cut across in front of bunker at turn two.

That'll give them something to discuss with race control!!

Arrive at black flag relay only to find "meatball flag" and number 96 displayed again.

Something wrong here, car running like a dream.

Back into the pits, looks like lots of grass and mud hanging off underneath, oh, and a lowered exhaust pipe.

Quick tie up of muffler and out we go again for the last few laps.

Whoops, where did that blue flag come from, look in rear vision mirror (learning from past experience), and see race leaders approaching at great rate of knots.

Too late, my line into turn three, but move over and let them through for turn four, still watching blue flags.

Alright, alright, I've done it, you can put that away now!

Chequered flag, slow down lap, nice handclaps again, wave to everyone, and into the pits.

So what's next??

Hear about this nice outing to the golf club with the flaggys.

Well, I guess, what else could a gentleman do, but accept the invitation.

Good bunch, about thirty odd people, great camaraderie, nice meal, couple of "drinky poos."

Well what more could a poor driver do, but think about drinks all round.

It was then that realization set in. and discovered what a "poor driver" really was!!

Oh well the least I could do was buy a glass of red for the Chief Flaggy for the day, and enjoy the smiles and conversation.

In conclusion: Flaggy's are a really nice bunch of people and drivers should attempt to flag for more than the compulsory flag day for licence.

Drivers should also attend Saturday nights with flaggys, with money in their pocket.

Ring or see Chief Flaggy on Saturday to book a spot for a great night out.

These Guys and Gals really do look after us!!



"As It Should Be"

Photo taken at Bathurst, Easter 2014, just climbing out of The Cutting, taken by Karen Legg.

Actually not long after this picture was taken, the Mini was a "write off" exiting Forest Elbow, after having contact, or at very least getting a squeeze from the two Cortinas.

I think they all thought that three abreast would fit around the left hander there, but.....



Historic Winton

This weekend saw a clash with two national events both on in our state. The traditional and always awesome Historic Winton up the Hume and the Shannons Nationals at Phillip Island.

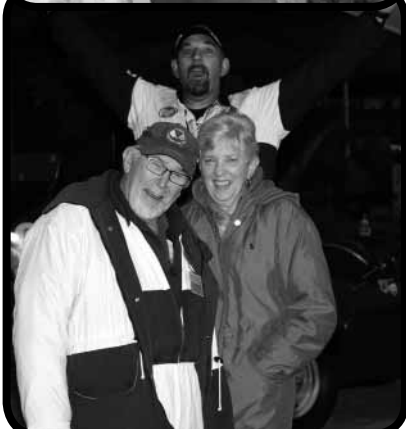
It Shows the depth of our team that we can provide officials in a range of disciplines to cover two circuits. Job well done team!



Historic Winton Report: Paul Kelly

Cant believe I have not done this event before was great and will now be on my yearly calendar. This weekend we had a clash with Phillip Island and seeing I missed Historic Winton last year I decided I would go to this event. With about 22 flag Marshals we had all points covered well on short track for the weekend. Kevin Watson was chief with Warren and Jenny assisting good job done by all and a very smooth running weekend.

I was on point 2.0 which is normally 4.0 on the long track. I worked with Brad Ross on Saturday and Russell Peach on Sunday. We had to write three reports over the weekend with only one major incident at turn 1 on Saturday with a sidecar into the tyre barrier. It looked bad from where we were, thankfully both rider and pillion were ok, with one of them receiving a broken leg and flown to Melbourne but will be ok but sore.



VFT Promotions and CAMS Rep

by Murray Stevens



Cams report

Unfortunately I was unable to go to the last meeting of the Vic State Council, but lucky Kevin Redman attended and reported at the last VFT General Meeting that CAMS will be running a training session on HANS devices. Like always, I strongly suggest you checkout the CAMS or VFT website for details and dates.

<http://www.cams.com.au/get-involved/officials/training>

Promotions

Last month I was joined by our new trailer at the GRM Open Day. The crowd was 100% our target market, being Motorsport fans with sticky beaks!! Anyway, I handed out over 300 brochures to the needy crowd of on lookers! By 4.00pm that day we had our first email!! Woohoo and welcome aboard who ever you are!! And trailer looked great and I had some good comments made about it.

One thing was that some old blokes from the Volvo club came up to me asking about 'this one and that one' from the VFT back in its early days. Names I didn't know apart from one..."the hat" Churnside.

I've thought for sometime now we have got to do something to capture our history. Mmmm, something to think about!

So the next effort will be Sandown then The Island.

Until next time...

Murray Stevens

CAMS Representative and Promotions Manager





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Russell: 0432 952 572 John: 0451 308 840

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



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\$140

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\$35

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Shannons Nationals Phillip Island: Glenn Rochester



I woke up Sunday morning, and made the trip south, along the "South Gippsland, Slippery when Wet, Uneven Surface". Traffic was, as usual, a breeze. We like it like that.

I arrived at the track at 7:10am, signed in at the gate, and then made my way to the Muster Shed. Terry greeted me at the table with his usual smile. Flag point 6 today. At the Siberia end of the track. Luckily I bought my cold weather gear, and wets.

We had our usual flag briefing, then the general briefing, paying Homage to 2 greats of motorsport. Then we headed out to out points. Cars were on track at 9:10am. The radicals opened the day's events with a 10 minute warm up / practice. Then the rain started. Just drizzle at first, for about 20 minutes, then the sky literally opened up and it came down like we were in the tropics. There was a very close lightning ground strike with an almighty boom. It was shortly after this race control decided through the goodness in their hearts to bring us back into the muster shed to keep us dry and out of the wind. Cheers L's and G's. We were there about 20 minutes before it passed and we were sent back to our points. From then on the day remained dry. A dry line was created on the track soon enough, and even sooner at one part of the track with a Porsche catching on fire as it made its way down the straight. VFRS were on the scene quickly and extinguished the fire. No snags were cooked. There were a few spills and thrills throughout the day, but nothing like Saturday.

Between the Radicals, the Porches, and the Productions Cars, my partners in crime on point with me, sector Marshal Kevin, communicator Kevin, and trainee Dylan, my Sunday was great. Thanks to everyone involved. !



Shannon's Nationals Winton...





Unfortunately due to work I couldn't get to Winton until Saturday afternoon, but this added an interesting look to motorsport... spectating!!! It is a totally strange way to see motorsport, and I prefer to be on the "other" side of the fence. But I was there for dinner on Saturday night, with 24 of us :)

Sunday...a good weather forecast.. mmmm... I was Chief for the day !!! First briefing, and thanks to all for the positive feedback.

With V8 Touring cars, Sports Sedans, Formula Ford , Super 6 Touring Cars (Saloon Cars), Sports Racers GT3 Porsche and a VERY wet and soggy infield they kept us all busy. A MASSIVE "hope I don't land on my backside or face" walk around the track!!! But I was busted by Greg (Narraphotography) climbing a fence!!!

Being Chief is always interesting... it gives a different view point on what is going on, an opportunity to work with more people in a different capacity other than on a single flag point, AND a lot of walking.

Thank you to Kevin and Warren for their guidance, AND a big thank you to all who were there for the weekend for your support.

Jenn Cross

Shannon's Nationals Winton.





General Meeting Minutes 2014

Minutes of General Meeting
June 5th 2014 8.00PM
The Beach House Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

Members present; 23

Apologies: Michael and Suzanne Arnott, Mark Thompson, Paul Kelly, Warren Gordon, Jenny Creet, Ian Saxby, Russell Clasby, Tony van den Dungen, country, interstate and International members.

President's Welcome

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

Matters arising

- A/ William Gaff, item 14.4 of April minutes. Apology to Suzanne Arnott for including the times from the VFT Social Media Policy into the magazine report.
- B/ Kevin Redman, item 1.3 of April minutes. I hereby unreservedly withdraw any comment in relation to aluminium being a health hazard and apologise for any angst caused.
- C/ Kevin Redman, item 15.5.1 of April minutes, addition. Kevin Redman requested that the Aluminium bottles be referred back to the Committee for further investigation.
- D/ John Grist. Item 15.2.1B, is it a means of official communication, Will Gaff – magazine is official process of communication. Phone, text, email is an option. John Grist reflected back on the Island Classic photo shoot that members weren't aware of it happening. John was reminded of the timeline from the Sandown Historics when the photo shoot was cancelled due to weather. Due to last minute arrangements at the Island Classic the Chiefs were notified. Mario Pacifici stated that some things happen and if events changed or cancelled then phones, emails would be used to avoid members travelling unnecessarily. Kevin Watson: his car club uses text messages, not sure of costs involved.

Reports

1 President

- 1.1 Penrite shoot from Winton, picture is available
- 1.2 Sample Safety Card board will be at Porsche event.

2 Secretary, as per report

- 2.1 Website update, a third area of site was located and had been dormant for 2 years and not part of handover and has been deleted. Thank you to Michael Herlihy and IQT systems for donating time in fixing error.

3 Treasurer, as per report

- 3.1 Cheques to be passed for payment: Corporate Printers \$445 [3 past editions] Eric Rigg \$40 [phone recharge], Murray Stevens \$80 [hip flask for Fred Gibson], Sunaura Embroidery \$140 [overalls], Heather O'Dea \$22.75 [postage], Embroid Me \$151.82 [Chief shirts, ½ payment] Insports Promotions \$372.90 [20 polo shirts]. Moved: John Grist, seconded Garry McArdle that the cheques be passed.
- 3.2 Any ideas on use on money, send through to Treasurer.
- 3.3 A reminder to members when uniforms are ordered there is an estimated delivery time of 4- 6 weeks. Grading badges now supplied separate. More BDR Haulage badges coming.

4 Chief Flagmarshal

- 4.1 Welcome to Rebecca Armstrong [new member]
- 4.2 Completed meetings, Winton V8's – report from Kevin Watson, VSCRC 1, VSCRC 2 – went back to hot recoveries – Zoe Butteriss had an opportunity to do walk around, Winton Historics, Shannons Phillip island – issue with Start/Finish.
- 4.3 Upcoming events. Winton Shannons, Porsche 6 hour, VSCRC 3, Vic 6 Hour, Sandown 500.
- 4.4 Jennifer Clasby to Grade 4.

5 Assistant Chief Flagmarshal

- 5.1 Porsche 6 hour is a good opportunity for trainees to wave plenty of flags.

6 Training Officer: No report

7 CAMS Rep.

- 7.1 Apology at the State Exec meeting.
- 7.2 Kevin Redman, Eugene Arocca attended, Head and neck restraints mentioned, David Mori is Officials manager at CAMS, Training schemes under review.

8 Promotions

- 8.1 GRM day, a few enquiries, 300 flyers handed out.
- 8.2 Thank you to Rob Curkpatrick, always helpful in running our ads in Shannons programs, also Aust Sports Sedans Assoc for the upcoming VSCRC 3.

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8.3 Kevin Redman: AOC complimentary to the VFT on promotional activities. Also AOC would like the VFT to prepare a paper on how the VFT has created the programs. Jennifer Cross: CAMS process to hard, losing paperwork etc, is this being addressed. Kevin Redman mentioned that this is already with CAMS for review. William Gaff: potential staff shortages, of recent times a few good people have been lost to other careers. Kevin Redman mentioned they may be on short term contracts. Several comments on use of VFT's intellectual property.

9 **Grade 3 Rep**

9.1 Shane Rogers and Matt Cornford to Grade 3

9.2 Several upgrades happening.

10 **Grade 4 Rep**: no report

11 **Merchandise**

11.1 Overalls and jackets are in

12. **Induction Officer**: No Report

12.1 Eric Rigg: websites carries an Induction page, not in public domain and is shared with newbies.

13 **Magazine**

13.1 24th Deadline

13.2 Looking for pics and articles.

Reports: Moved: Anthony Filippousis, seconded Geoff Kay that the reports be accepted. Carried.

14 **General Business**

14.1 Jennifer Cross

14.1.1 So many variations on social media times. William Gaff - VFT have a policy with times. Clerks of Courses now addressing Social Media times, any breaches go to Stewards. VFT times are there to protect members. Members need to remember who is on their friends list when posting.

14.2 Garry McArdle

14.2.1 Congratulations to Lee and Cindy Davis. Wedding recently took place.

14.3 Kevin Redman

14.3.1a Disappointed that his resignation was not noted at commencement of the meeting. William Gaff pointed out that members were notified via the magazine.

14.3.1b Kevin pointed out Committee roles and appointed persons and who they report to. Management Committee make decisions for the betterment of members. People should embrace the decision and not carry grudges. Kevin then read out timeline from April 1st regarding aluminium drink bottles until his resignation as Vice president. Roger Chirnside asked if the President would like to respond. William Gaff went through his timeline of proceedings. Mario Pacifici: need to address the process of purchasing items and insure they are of the quality requested.

14.3.2 Garry McArdle: Motion: That the members vote that Kevin Redman should reconsider being Vice President. Garry called for a seconder. William Gaff asked for a hold as this will need to be referred to the constitution. Kevin Watson: cannot withdraw a resignation once it had accepted. Garry McArdle asked how we get a Vice president. Kevin Watson: 'Committee may choose to fill the position; constitution does not say it must be filled'. The constitution regarding vacancies was out to members. Replacement of ordinary members of the committee come from the membership, replacement of an office bearer comes from the ordinary members of the committee.

14.4 John Grist

14.4.1 Purchase or procedure, if goods don't meet standard, 3 options, 1 send it back, 2 accept with reservation 3 negotiate price reduction.

14.5 Mario Pacifici

14.5.1 Can members get a layout of badges on uniforms and where club service badges are placed?

14.6 Simon Baston

14.6.1 Can we get more badges? See merchandise.

14.7 Terry O'Callaghan

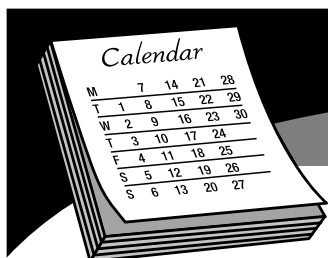
14.7.1 Lists for upcoming events on table

14.7.2 Terry asked that Kevin Redman and William Gaff get together and resolve the problem.

Next Meeting: 7th August at the Beach Hotel

Meeting Closed: 10.15PM





Contact the Chief Flagmarshal to attend these events

*** denotes Clash**

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.

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

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.



Penrite Evening with Fred Gibson





A warm welcome to Brad Ross and BDR Haulage becoming our newest club sponsor. Brad has been a part of the VFT for over 20 years and is looking forward to this new relationship with the club.

So if you have something that needs moving, give Brad a call



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