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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to another magazine report.

I hope that Christmas and the New Year were good to all and what you wished for you were given.

The club is moving along at a nice pace at this time with planning already under way for the 2015 year of motorsport. The good news is there are only 3 clashes for the year.

The new safety car boards we hope will be done by the next committee it will be at a big cost to the club but well worth it in the long term.

The Chief Marshal's BBQ is the 17 of January from 6-00pm. Hope to see you all there I will be a little late due to another party that I have.

Until next time

William Gaff

President

Victorian Flag Marshalling Team

Will's election statement is with all of the other candidates, later in the magazine.

Welcome to new member:

Blake Neck



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

Next Magazine deadline is:

February 24th

FLAG ONE REPORTING

Completed Meetings:

Winton 300, Nov 8/9 (Clash). This event was organised by BAC. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. This iconic event was run for the Michael J Ronke trophy. The entry level of competitors was extremely high with plenty of trackside activities. We had a good number of members even though we had a clash. VFT members, once again, took on the duties of flags/lights as well as communications. The usual Saturday night dinner was enjoyed by a number of attendees.

Sandown Historic, Nov 8/9 (Clash). This event was organised by VHRR/MGCC. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Will Gaff, briefings and placements. A clash with Winton. This event attracted a record number of competitors. Flaggie numbers were tight on Friday, and also the VFT hosted 15 Tafe students from Ararat. The students were shown through various trackside disciplines as well as co-ordinated visits to Race Control, Scrutineering and Pit Lane. Sat/Sun saw 50+ flaggies enjoying some spectacular motor racing from historic cars from all over the world.

Phillip Island, V8s. Nov 14 - 16. This event was organised by PIARC. Chief of Meeting, Arthur Cooksley. Assistant Chief, Kevin Watson/Terry O'Callaghan. Friday we struggled with numbers which was expected with a full calendar of events leading up to this weekend. Sat/Sun, all points had a minimum of 3 per points which included Comms. A number of assessments were co-ordinated by Mark Thompson, Training Officer, on this weekend. Aussie legends put on some magnificent racing which thrilled the crowd as well as the officials.

Phillip Island Magic, Nov 29/30. Organised by PIARC. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief Flagmarshal. Briefings and placements by Michael Murphy. This annual event winds up our year at Phillip Island with the usual large field. The Magic hosted the formula V Nationals. Some magnificent racing was witnessed with 50 plus Formula V for the final on Sunday afternoon. Other categories demonstrated some great racing skills although the one hour sports car Enduro was a non event with the safety car completing more laps than most of the entrants. Having said that, looking forward to the Magic in 2015.

HQ 4 Hour Winton, Dec 6/7. Kevin Watson Chief of Meeting. The final trackside event for 2014 saw a number of VFT members travel up to Winton the 4 hour. The event was split into 2 x 2 hours Enduros. Sunday lunch was a surprise Xmas dinner for the officials which they all appreciated. Sunday's racing saw plenty of action with a number of sheep stations up for grabs. There was also plenty of pen pushing for reports.

On December 14, the VFT was invited to Pat and George Hetrel's Como Gardens for our annual Christmas party. The weather was splendid and the gardens superb as usual. Santa arrived by train to all the childrens' delight and gave gifts and lollies to the mob of children. George ensured that the museum has plenty of interesting machinery/vehicles for the bigger kids. Congratulations to Russell Clasby who was the recipient of the Patron's Award for 2014. A big thank you to George and Pat for providing this annual award and offering their property for our benefit.

Upcoming events: Please check the calendar elsewhere in the magazine for events.

Another year has flown by and I would like to thank both my assistants, Kevin and Arthur, for their support throughout 2014. Thanks also goes to the training committee for all their efforts, those who did briefings, placements, or gave their time trackside. Have a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2015.

Your Chief
Your Club
Terry O'Callghan
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Chief Marshal's BBQ

When: Saturday 17 January 2015

Time: 6.00pm onwards

Where: Brooklands, 46 Dorridge Drive, Boreham

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!

WINTON HQ 4 HOUR

Last round of the year was the HQ 4 hour: 2 hours on Saturday and 2 hours on Sunday. Yep that equals 4 hours!! With Super TT and Minis as support it was an eventful weekend.

Saturday had us slammed with a massive storm and evacuated from point... BUT the HQ top 10 still went ahead!!! With the track being a river it meant for lots of slipping and sliding and us being kept busy.

Dinner Saturday night was a lot of laughs.

Sunday was a nicer day weather wise and not so busy :) Winton provided a Christmas lunch.. mince pies, custard and pav for dessert.. nom nom.. The day ended with Super TTs and one of our favs HARRO , aka Steve Harrison, winning the series for the year.

Jennifer Cross



VFT REPORT FOR THE AOC AUGUST 2014

From Tony van den Dungen; AOC CAMS Board appointed Commissioner and member of the VFT Training Committee

As requested at the last teleconference for the Australian Officials Commission this report is tabled as a guideline of the model of success currently enjoyed by the Victorian Flag marshalling Team

The VFT has seen a growth in membership numbers and activity over the last few years, a feat that is deemed to be against the general trend in officiating at a National level. The following represents an overview of the structure and operations of the Victorian club.

STRUCTURE

The VFT has a good sound management structure that the normal hierarchy of most clubs enjoy but has the added committee representation by the Committee appointed Chief Flag Marshal and Assistant Chief Marshal.

Members categories are now aligned with the CAMS grading structure and there are several Grade 1 Gold) Chief/ Assistant Chief Flag Marshals, An increasing number of Grade 2 (Silver) Capable of Chief roles, many members are now Grade 3 (Bronze) Seniors at a point, Grade 4 (General Competition) and new members are Trainees for a 10 day assessed period.

At the Annual General Meeting, a Committee representative for the Grade 3 and Grade 4 are elected by the membership and helps to create a conduit for members to relate and communicate to the committee.

The VFT also appoints senior flag marshals as Trainers on the job at circuits and an Event Assessment endorsement is now required. This Grade is called 3A and is the only grade not in the Cams structure.

The VFT structure is further enhanced by a dedicated Promotional/Marketing Team who is always handing out promotional materials at events and who also seek sponsorship. The committee also has a Training Officer who runs a Training sub Committee

One of the most critical posts is that of the Induction Officer and the team that looks after all the “new” potential members.

OPERATION

Due to the increasing numbers, the VFT is now able to service more events and on a number of occasions, is able to service two circuits on the same days. This has led to a good financial position even though many believe the club could well charge more for its services, it has retained its integrity and reputation.

The increasing numbers has also meant more scope was needed to satisfy member’s ambitions and future standings within the club. The club has been actively dealing with many of the stakeholders and has provided not only flag marshals but communicators, track marshals and Sector Marshals.

This also has meant that the club needed more “Chiefs” and seniors which it has done well by providing Training, Mentoring and Succession Planning. The club also has a number of Chiefs that hold senior positions at the Premier event of the Australian Grand Prix and subsequently has helped the club with its excellent reputation.

Many of the VFT members are frequently represented at International and National events and as such the club has strengthened its ties with many other marshal groups. This can only be seen as a huge positive for the sport in general.

AT EVENTS: The club has a well sponsored trailer for all its equipment which it maintains and provides as part of its service. Its exposure is essential to the promotion of the flag Marshals at most Victorian events.

The Induction Team meets with all new potential members and has a welcoming and thorough approach to the needs of the new marshals. All new marshals are contacted before events to ensure they know where to go and what to bring with them.

Once at the event they are briefed and buddied with senior trainer's trackside. Each senior then has the task of ensuring their training and safety are provided and each day will require feedback both in written and verbal format.

When new Trainees approach their last days of the 10 day program, the seniors will make sure that the Trainees have the skills and support for their next step which promotion to grade4. This state of readiness is confirmed by the training committee and once approved, the new member is formally presented with a club bag and grade 4 badges. This is deemed to be one of the most important functions that the club has implemented.

Induction checklists and 10 day Trainee forms are critical to this process.

The club provides many of the radio personnel at events and has conducted training sessions for that purpose. New incidents reports were designed with the MG Car Club for ease of use in the field.



TRAINING

The VFT has been instrumental in leading training needs by the introduction of the inaugural Victorian Training Expo at Sandown Racecourse in February this year. It was such a huge success that the club has once more been asked to play a leading role for next year.

As mentioned earlier, the senior members trackside play an important role in the training of members in the field and indeed the assessment process for upgrades at all levels. Members were, and asked continually, what the club can do for them and being involved with the assessment process was a high priority.

Presentation of members at events is also extremely important and the proud showing of flag marshal uniforms and grading badges is a testament to that.

SOCIAL

The club has in addition to the events has a number of well attended and enjoyable social activities whether it is a bar b q, a guest speaker or a visit to a race team garage.

The VFT have a proud history and have enjoyed its meteoric rise in numbers that is a testament to all those on committees and its trackside personnel.

Tony van den Dungen

A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

‘To Thine Own Self, Be True!’ Shakespeare to Hamlet, ...you’ll love this!

Happy New Year 2015

As I’ve scrolled through many posts on Facebook, I’ve noticed a lot of comments about how difficult 2014 was ...and a whole lot of hoping 2015 will be better. It almost sound like people want a ‘problem free’ year! Reality says, ‘That won’t happen!’ Why not make this year the best year of your life? ...no matter what comes your way!

What do I mean by ‘the best’? There are three types of people in the world. Those who ‘make’ things happen, those who ‘watch’ things happen and those who say ‘what happened?’ To make things happen, they have to be the ‘right’ things.

So, the question before us today is, ‘How do we make the right things happen for our families and ourselves in 2015? So that at the end of the year, we are not scratching our heads and thinking, ‘What happened in 2015?’ How do you chart the right course?

My conviction is we must ‘Guard our hearts with diligence’, the good book says, ‘for from your heart flows life issues.’ The word guard suggests there are some ‘issues’ that want importance, that are not deserving of importance. Steve Biddulph, author of ‘That’s Life!’, which is a collection of short stories says, *“We have four essential aspects to our being - work, family, community and spirit. Neglect any one of these and you will fall over in the slightest breeze.”*

Rather than neglect any of these essential area, be on guard and work on these areas. I’m a believer in setting goals. Goal setting has both bought me undone and made me; mostly, made me! Some hardships are inevitable in life. Most of it, if we are honest is self-induced. You have to learn to accept the bad things, self-induced or otherwise, roll with the punches, then come up again smiling with a plan for a better direction.

Sometimes I feel like a failure when I contemplate goal setting. I have stumbled many times and failed to reach the goals I set but I take courage in the words of Theodore Roosevelt; *‘He who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.’* This is what I call failing forward!

The hardest thing in life is deciding what is really important and making sure that what is important is first and not the last. If we don’t establish the really important things first, we will get swamped with the trivia and busyness of life and never do the things we really want to do. The important goal groupings in life are:

- 1) Spiritual Goals
- 2) Relationship Goals
- 3) Integrity & Character Goals
- 4) Financial Goals
- 5) Self & Self-Development Goals

Sting writes in one of his songs, *‘We are spirits in a material world’*. John reported that Jesus taught, *‘Seek first a real spirituality and all the rest will come’*. Spiritual goals build integrity/character goals. The hardest thing is to be honest with ourselves. Remember those famous words of advice by Shakespeare to Hamlet, *‘To Thine own self be true!’*

That is why we must reach down deep inside our hearts and pursue what makes our heart sing. But we must pursue our goals in a spirit of integrity. Thieves and murderers have goals too and they achieve them, but that does not make them right. The key is to have the right goals so, prayerfully pondering your pathway forward.

Stop the noise at the start of this year and listen to your heart. Wait for that soundness of conviction. Figure out what really makes your heart sing. Plan well, ensuring your relationships are prioritised and pondered through. Then whether great or tough ...make 2015 the best year ever.

Doing Life Together. Cheers, Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



HISTORIC SANDOWN



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2015 VFT COMMITTEE ELECTION

A message from your Returning Officer

With nominations for the 2015 Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Committee elections now closed, I am pleased to announce who your candidates are.

- President: William GAFF, Kevin REDMAN, Kevin WATSON
- Vice President: Roger CHIRNSIDE, Arthur COOKSLEY, Mario PACIFICI
- Secretary: Eric RIGG
- Treasurer: John POLLARD
- Grade 3 Representative: Jason CARROLL
- Grade 4/5 Representative: Matthew CORNFORD, Paul MEADE

I'd like to thank all of the candidates for accepting their nominations, and wanting to be part of the running of this fantastic club.

The election will take place at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 5 February 2015 at the Beach Hotel. Each candidate has been given the opportunity to write a piece for the January magazine, and speak at the AGM as to why they deserve your vote.

Members unable to attend on the night should request a postal ballot from Eric by emailing 'secretary@vicflag.org.au'. As per previous years, country members living 80km+ from the venue will receive a postal ballot with the January magazine. Please note postal ballots close on 30 January 2015

Voting is open to all Full Financial Members. If you are yet to renew for 2015, please ensure you do so as soon as possible so we can see it on our records prior to election night.

This is your chance to decide who you think will best represent you, and take the club forward over the next twelve months. With one of 2014 elections decided by a single vote, every vote counts. So I encourage everyone to make sure they have their say!

Regards

David Thornbury
2015 VFT Returning Officer

MEET THE CANDIDATES

For President:



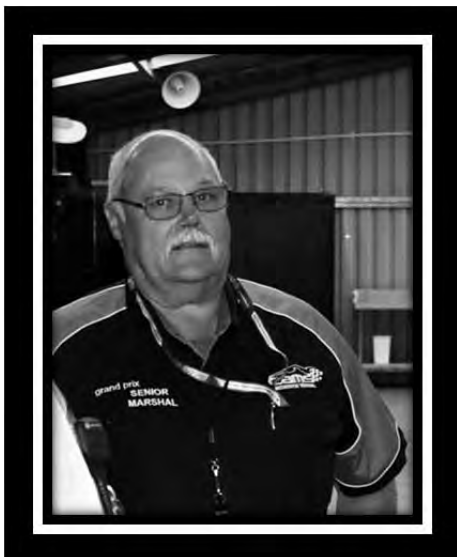
After a short time in the background , I would like to offer my services again in the role of president. I am committed to seeing the club be the best team of officials to motor sport, in every way, at every track, at every event we attend.

I believe we need to to bring back our positiveness, our teamwork and the enjoyment that is out there in what we do.

I intend to be there for all , and hopefully still continue as Asst Chief , which will allow me to be with you in the work zone.

Looking forward to the future,

Kev Watson.



The AGM is the 5th of February at the beach hotel at 8-00pm; I will be standing for a third term as the President of this fine club.

The last two years as the President much has been done to make the club bigger and better. With 216 members the highest level it has ever been plus with very good finances in the bank.

We as a club cannot stand still that's why by leading on the front foot under my leadership we have plans to grow into the future and beyond if we don't we will be in strife. At this time the club needs a steady hand to guide into the next year I will be that steady hand with a united committee with me.

One of the big ticket items will ORP (overall replacement program) more details at the AGM this has been a plan for the last 6 years between Murray Stevens and myself

I hope to announce some other things I have been working on over the last part of 2014

I look forward to a positive outcome when casting your vote.

Until next time

William Gaff

And Kevin Redman

Fellow members

It's election time again, and I am putting forward my nomination to be Vice President of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team for 2015.

I feel this position is extremely important in the club and as such needs an experienced person to fulfill the role.

I have been a member of the VFT since its inception, as one of the founding members, and I feel that my previous experiences as Chief Flagmarshal and prior to that, President, hold me in good stead to be Vice President, and to help achieve the best results for our club.

In order to move forward and maintain the highly respected reputation that it enjoys there are many issues that our club needs to address. I would welcome the opportunity to support the President and Committee to do this, although perhaps not verbatim, as I further believe that robust discussion is essential at times.

I look forward to your positive consideration of my nomination.

Roger Chirnside

VICE PRESIDENT



My name is **Arthur Cooksley** and I take this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the position of Vice President for the upcoming financial year.

Having been a serving member of the VFT for quite a number of years now, I have come to appreciate the complexities involved in running a successful organisation at the management (Committee) and operational (Trackside) levels.

Over those years, I have also witnessed the VFT growing from a fairly humble scale to a position of financial strength, complimented by an industry-wide reputation for its excellent development and training of trackside personnel.



My full-time working role is at a senior management level, which involves training, as well as the management of personnel and budgets. Complimenting this role, I had the privilege of being President of my tennis club for 11 years. This latter role taught me one of the most important rules, and that is that for a Committee to function successfully, it must firstly work as a team. Personal agendas and politics have no role in such a team environment and, indeed, will only act to undermine the realisation of any positive outcomes.

In putting forward my nomination for Vice President, I look forward to consolidating the excellent work done to date by the current outgoing Committee. Our club has a great future, which is reliant on strong leadership at both management and trackside levels. I would see it as a privilege to be a part of this leadership role.

With that in mind, the members can be assured that if elected, I would represent the role of Vice President in a fair, transparent and balanced manner. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the AGM in February, as I will be travelling to Bathurst for the 12 hour. However, I look forward to catching up with everyone later in February.

Dear Members,

For those members who may not know me personally, let me introduce myself my name is Mario Pacifici and I have nominated for the position of Vice President on the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team (VFT) committee. I have been a member of the VFT for the past 20 years and in that time I have serve the members and the club in various positions on the committee. I have undertaken and completed training in Club Administration and have an excellent understanding in the rules, protocols and business skills of running a club.

I believe the committee has had a tendency towards secrecy in its dealing with members and I will strive to change this so that it is more open and transparent in its dealing. I also believe that the way the committee carries out its purchasing of it goods and services are flawed and a new procedure needs to be developed so the club does not have the same issues that transpired last year concerning the drink bottles. This resulted in the club not getting what it originally specified and the resignation of a Vice President. This type of mistake can be costly to a club.

With the help of the membership I will aim to make the minutes of the committee meetings available to the membership on request and implement a new process for the procurement of good and services.

If elected I will strive to advance the clubs reputation as a professional organisation. I will always do my utmost to work hard at being a member of the VFT executive and work closely with the committee and members in a consultative and constructive manner to deliver the outcomes for members and for the betterment of the club as a whole.

I hope that when you consider your vote will take into account the person that has the necessary business skills to perform the role effectively and is the most capable of shaping and advancing the future of the club for all.

I hope you will all support me in the upcoming election at Annual General Meeting on Thursday 5th February 2015.

Regards

Mario Pacifici



Secretary: Eric Rigg

Treasurer: John Pollard

Grade 3 Rep: Jason Carroll



GRADE 4/5 REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

Hello to all in the VFT for those of you that don't know me my name is Matt Cornford. I have now been a part of this great team now for 2 years having worked at most events in these 2 years. I am putting myself up for your consideration to become the clubs grade 4/5 rep. I am wanting to put something back into this great club as it has given me so much. As I am reasonably new to the club and have been through the training process recently I know what new members and grade 4's maybe feeling. There is no question too silly to ask as I have found out they have all been asked before. I feel that I would be able to help guide trainees and grade 4's through these questions and assist grade 4's into moving to a grade 3 role as I have done. I look forward to working with both the induction team and grade 3 rep to get the most potential out of all members. As I attend all 3 tracks we work at regularly I will be available to all members most race weekends. As some people may not feel comfortable talking about any issues they may have in a group situation, when numbers allow it I will be hoping to do a walk around at race events to talk to new trainees and grade 4's one on one. So when making your all important vote for YOUR grade 4/5 rep please consider me for your vote. I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year and look forward to catching up with everyone in the 2015 Racing Season



Cheers

Matt Cornford.

Hi All, Its **Paul Meade** and I am putting forth my nomination to be your Grade 4/5 Representative.

As you may or may not know, since joining the VFT nine years ago, I've taken on different roles with a variety of teams, namely Merchandise, Training Committee and have previously been your Grade 4 Representative. But I have not been idle during this time away, staying active as part of the Induction Team for the past year as a Member and previously held the position of Co-Ordinator. Getting my hands dirty, that's what I stand for. If there is something that needs to be done, I am all for getting in there and giving a hand. Not one to stand back and be idle, I believe in being proactive!



Our Trainees and Grade 4 members are the way of the future, our succession. These are the members who will one day come through and take over the running of the club. We need to look after these members and give them the best representation! I want to see this happen and I have taken it upon myself to get to know most of the new members as they have come through the club and built up a rapport with them. If I was to be voted back in as your Grade 4/5 Representative, I will continue to attend committee meetings, proudly be the voice of the members and give them the representation they deserve. Above all that, I will continue to be available to any Grade 4 or Trainee member that has any concerns, queries or generally would like to talk about anything so they can feel like they are part of our team. I would appreciate your vote and confidence in me to be your Representative for 2015.

PHILLIP ISLAND V8 SUPERCARS

All of the action! All of the excitement! The highs and the lows that no one saw coming! The crashes! The spills! So many that you needed all of your fingers and toes and your buddy's fingers and toes to count them on! And oh the Safety Cars, ALL OF THE SAFETY CARS!

If this was the weekend you experienced then you were probably not at the Phillip Island 400.

Let's start this tale off on Friday and the crickets that were heard in the muster shed as you stepped in there, the sea of people and friendly faces that you are normally accustomed to when you enter the shed were replaced by sounds of solitude.

I was there alone up at FP 9.0. Okay I was really with a Communicator and a Sector Marshall, ahem, a FAMOUS Sector Marshall, Gary Mclean! He did that Bathurst video you know! I wanted to ask for his autograph but I didn't want to come off as creepy so I continued to soldier on because he is just people too. After I decided to wave a yellow flag trying to say hi to Jamie Whincup as he spun off into the gravel, the Communicator was then upgraded to an honorary Flag Marshall to which we saw the day out together and then, I was no longer alone *fade to black, roll credits*.

Sorry, we still have two days left. Roll on Saturday and Sunday and a location change to FP 12.5, the most magical place where coffee is nearby. Also like my last FP on 9.0 and 4.0 where people were snickering "good luck up there" as if they were expecting the world's most crushing event to happen, I walked away from the point wondering what kind of drugs were they on because nothing happened. NOTHING! Hi little Aussie Racing Car... oh no you want to stop well down the track away from us but still just in our sector for us to wave yellow? Fine, be like that. Nissan Skyline do you want to say hi? Oh... no you don't either, you want to drive out of the sector too. I'm starting to think I smell or something :(

Thankfully others around the track had better luck with people coming to visit... oh I'm sorry that was spin and resume. Well there was this one Aussie Racing Cars... spin and resume. But you know... car has resumed. But they stopped at the side of the track in a dangerous position... resumed.

So many times my hands crept towards the Safety Car sign only to have to put back into place with a little dejected sigh. Just wait! David Wall of Wilson Security #17 finally decided to give us our first Safety Car of the weekend! Only to resume before the actual Safety Car got out...! I'm starting to think they gave all cars magical restart tools or hover abilities to rectify the issues without having to stop the race at all. I'm sure it was the swift response of Race Control and Recovery and the amazing work that PIARC does but right now, I think there is a magical unicorn out there stopping all race incidents.

And while we sit there and clench our fist and shake it at the track for being laced with rainbow unicorn poop that saves the day, we can be all happy that we walked away from this three days safe and with good bonding time on point with the people we work with. Like Paul Meade is now very happy to know that even as the birthday boy on point, he is much younger than Wozza is and I am going to Google what taking a slash means and how does peeing equal out to that word...

By: Rebecca Armstrong





MINUTES FROM THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened 8.05PM

Members present - 41. Guests - 3

Apologies: Tony Green, Tony van den Dungen, Chris Sullivan, Terry Regester, Geoff Kay, Doug Salan, Robert Salan, Wayne Butteriss, Deanne Millett, Jennifer Cross, Katrina Ballard, Country, Interstate and International members.

President's Welcome

Minutes from the August 2013 General meeting: Moved: Perry Ballard, Seconded: Tanya Salan that the minutes be accepted. Carried

Matters arising from August General Meeting minutes: Nil

Minutes from the 2013 AGM: Moved: Mark Thompson, Seconded: Paul Freeman that the minutes be accepted. Carried

Matters arising from 2013 AGM. Nil

Reports:

1 President

- 1.1 Thank You to Committee, Sub Committee, Teams and volunteers.
- 1.2 Social Media, curfew between 7.00am and 6.00pm at race meetings. Club needs to show a professional image and do the right thing.
- 1.3 Training Expo, 127 signed on. Thank to Sandown Raceway, TMA, VFRS, Corey Pais and other contributors on the day.
- 1.4 Paul Meade, withdrew from Grade 4 Rep and Training Committee.
- 1.5 Celebrity challenge, looking for helpers.
- 1.6 Champion of Winton, 16th Feb.
- 1.7 Penrite night 29th April, more details to follow.
- 1.8 New trailer arrived.

2 Vice President

- 2.1 Thank you to President William for his efforts in 2013.
- 2.2 Club should be proud of results over 2013. Being recognised internationally.
- 3 Secretary – as per report
- 3.1 Mail in, 1645 for 2013, 1364 for 2012. Mail out 540 for 2013, 368 out for 2012

4 Treasurer – as per report

- 4.1 Auditors report present to members.
- 4.2 New suppliers, better prices
- 4.3 Net worth of club includes equipment.

5 Chief Flagmarshal.

- 5.1 Very productive year, stats provided. 1853 days worked by members in 2013
- 5.2 Continue on sharing Chief and Asst Chief roles at race meetings.

- 5.3 Clashes covered well.
- 5.4 Sandown 500, looked after the young officials.
- 5.5 30 assessments over the year, database established.
- 5.6 Upcoming meetings, lists available.
- 5.7 Thank you to Committee, Training Committee, Induction Team, Eric Rigg and John Pollard, Russell and Steven Clasby, William Gaff and Angela O'Callaghan.
- 5.8 Thank you to family and partners of members in allowing them to attend race meetings.
- 5.9 Thank you to Roger Chirnside as Chief Flag Marshal for 20 years, and Asst Chief for past 2 years.
- 6 **Assistant Chief Flagmarshal.**
- 6.1 Thank you to Terry O'Callaghan.
- 6.2 William Gaff thanked Roger Chirnside for 28 years on Committee.
- 7 **Training Officer** – report read by Mark Thompson
- 7.1 Training Expo, great success.
- 7.2 Thank you to Paul and the Induction team.
- 7.3 Looking at clearer pathways for our members.
- 7.4 Enjoyed working closely with Terry O'Callaghan and Roger Chirnside.
- 8 **CAMS Rep:**
- 8.1 William Gaff attended the State council meeting during the year.
- 8.2 Passing of Peter Hall was noted in minutes
- 8.3 New CAMS event entry option on website for competitors to register for events.
- 8.4 Elections, same usual people.
- 9 **Promotions**
- 9.1 Over 3000 flyers distributed at Sandown and Phillip Island
- 9.2 Thank you to helpers.
- 10 **Grade 3 Rep**
- 10.1 Number of upgrades happened
- 10.1 Thankyou to members for commitment in looking at upgrades and looking after new members.
- 10.2 Upgrade process reviewed.
- 10.3 Training Expo
- 11 **Grade 4 Rep.**
- 11.1 Thank you to Everyone
- 11.2 Stepping back from some club roles for the time being.
- 12 **Induction Officer**
- 12.1 Thank you to the team, have EOI to help for 2014
- 12.2 President William thanked Paul and his team for their efforts for 2013
- 13 **Merchandise**
- 13.1 5XL polo shirts, trying to move, not too much stock in hand.
- 14 **Magazine**
- 14.1 Thank you for the articles.
- 14.2 Thank you to Narraphotography.

Reports: Moved: Trish Storey, seconded: Shane Rogers that the reports be accepted. Carried.

15 Service Awards for 2014

5 Years. 21 members

18/01/2009	Edward Hingeley
18/01/2009	Luke Hingeley
18/01/2009	Gary McLean
18/01/2009	Michael Rasmussen
18/02/2009	Robert Blake
11/03/2009	Stuart King
15/04/2009	Suzi Bell
15/04/2009	Tony Green
15/04/2009	Adrian Huntley
17/06/2009	Lee Davis
17/06/2009	Jamie Davis
17/06/2009	Chris Earl
17/06/2009	Ross Earl
17/06/2009	Christopher Van Kampen
20/08/2009	Rowen Davies
18/09/2009	John Grist
21/10/2009	Perry Ballard - Presented
21/10/2009	Tony Elkin
18/11/2009	Clinton De Poel
23/11/2009	Jeremy Jenner
23/11/2009	Lance Jenner

10 Years. 5 members

18/01/2004	Neil Hammond
19/02/2004	Tania Begg
19/02/2004	Elizabeth Svendsen
21/07/2004	Paul Freeman - Presented
18/08/2004	Terry Regester

15 Years. 3 members

19/05/1999	Paul Hiluta
15/09/1999	Stavros Polyhronidis
20/10/1999	Bryce Crawford

20 Years. 3 members

24/01/1994	Peter Svendsen
11/02/1994	Suzanne Arnott - Presented
18/03/1994	David Humphries

25 Years. None

30 Years. None

16 Awards for 2013

Stillwell Motor Group – Encouragement award [perpetual] – David Thornbury.

President Award – Matt Cornford.

Neil Thompson Award – Russell Clasby.

Club person of the Year [Noel Barr Memorial award] – Trish Storey.

Flagmarshal of the Year – Danielle Bell.

President William congratulated the recipients.

Life Membership awarded to Eric Rigg.

17 Meeting handed over to Darren Millett – Returning Officer for Election of the 2014 Committee. Thanked the 2013 Committee for their efforts.

Election of 2014 President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Grade 3 and Grade 4 Reps.

President – returned unopposed. William Gaff

Vice president – returned unopposed – Kevin Redman.

Secretary – returned unopposed – Eric Rigg.

Treasurer – returned unopposed – John Pollard.

Grade 4 Rep – elected after withdrawal of other nomination. – Michelle Whitaker.

Grade 3 Rep, both nominees, Roger Chirnside and Jason Carroll given opportunity to speak to members.

Meeting recess as votes were counted for 15 mins

Meeting resumed

Grade 3 Rep – after voting is Jason Carroll.

Motion: That the voting slips be destroyed: Moved: Darren Millett, seconded: Eric Rigg, Carried.

Returning officer Darren Millett handed meeting over to the 2014 President; William Gaff.

William Gaff thanked Darren Millett as Returning Officer and members taking part in the voting.

18 General Business

18.1 William Gaff – EOI's are still open until committee meeting on the 19th Feb 2014

18.2 Paul van den Akker – training day at Winton 9th Feb 2014

Next Meeting: General meeting 1st April at the Beach Hotel

Meeting closed: 10.00PM

MERCHANDISE



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

Please contact them by email at:

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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



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

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\$10

Beanie



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Baseball cap



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Bucket hat



\$20



\$2

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2015 CALENDAR

* = Clash

January 17	Brooklands	Chief Marshal's BBQ
February 5	Beach Hotel	AGM
February 15	Winton	Champ of Winton
*March 6-8	Phillip Island	Island Classic
*March 7-8	Winton	VMRC Round 1
March 12-15	Albert Park	Formula 1 Grand Prix - not a VFT event
March 27-29	Sandown	Shannon Nationals
April 2	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
April 18-19	Phillip Island	VSCRC 1
*May 15-17	Winton	V8's Winton 400
*May 16-17	Sandown	VSCRC 2
May 22-24	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 30-31	Winton	Historic Winton
June 4	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
June 7	Winton	Champ of Winton
June 13-14	Winton	Shannons Nationals
July 4-5	Winton	VMRC 2
July 18-19	Sandown	VSCRC 3
August 1-2	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 6	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 8-9	Winton	Festival of Speed
September 11-13	Sandown	V8's Sandown 500
September 18-20	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
September 26-27	Winton	Supertruck Nationals
October 1	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 17-18	Winton	AROCA 6 Hour Relay
October 24-25	Phillip Island	VSCRC 4
*November 6-8	Sandown	Sandown Historics
*November 7-8	Winton	Winton 300
November 20-22	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip island 400
November 28-29	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 3	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
December 5-6	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay

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

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Service awards presentation at Island Magic Briefing

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