

# The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team News



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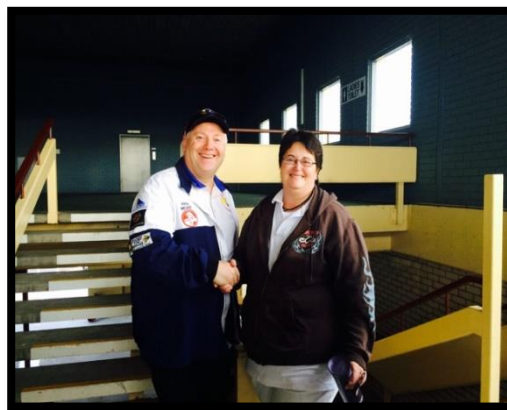
Ian Hogan – Grade 3 badge



Geoff Kay – 5 year badge



Blake Neck – Grade 4 badge



Sam Mc Coubrie – Grade 3 badge



Paul Van Den Akker – 25 years



Hayden Carroll – Grade 4 badge

# Recognition

## *Presidential Pit Stop*

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Hello again.

Having just finished a period of five away weeks in a row, I would like to personally thank the other five members who attended all five meetings with me. Also the other eight who helped for four out of the five weekends was very much appreciated. I think this effort needs special appreciation for the time spent away from family and friends. I guess quite a few brownie points were used up.

By the time this gets to your mailbox, the Training Expo will be done and dusted so I would like to pay special appreciation to Mark for the huge amount of time and preparation he put in to making it happen.

I have had the chance lately to work with a great group of people and to see most of them step up to the challenges of a new experience, and not only exceed expectations, but also enjoy the experience. This is very encouraging for the future of the club.

While a lot of positives are there, we still need to move on from some of the negatives that are around. Straight up..... let's get over it, "suck it up princess", move on and whatever other term you can put out there, but let's move on to a brighter future.

Having now done one major national meeting under the new television package, fair warning to all now, the old "I didn't see it" will no longer cut it. There is that many cameras that will show why you didn't see it, and any Chief will get asked why we were looking in the wrong direction, or sitting down or any other reason we were seen on camera not doing what we should be. So something to look forward to for upcoming events.

Catch you all soon.

Cheers for now,

Kev Watson, President.



## WINTON V8'S

### Through the eyes of Rebecca Armstrong



Clash time? Noo!

Once again we are faced with one of those nasty clashes that makes us weigh up what track and event is calling us the most. The two in question is Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships at Sandown and the V8 Supercars Winton Supersprint at Winton... in case the name didn't give it away. So just like everyone else, I was in a position where I had to choose one or the other. Let me start off by saying that VSCRC Sandown round holds that special place in my heart because it was my first ever event trackside (yay you all survived a year with me ) and because I fell in love with a little category called Improved Production, so this decision was not taken lightly. Over and over again I thought about it, lots of umming and aaahing. Then like a call from the Gods, this little voice popped up in my head and it said "Bec, we are running out of dog food" and I was like "... Seriously mum?" and then it was like "Yes" so I was like "Okay, I will put my name down for Winton V8s".

So this was my first event at Winton after many different occasions have forced me to cancel on prior events (assignments, exams, Katy Perry) so here I was popping my Winton virginity on a V8 Supercar event. After accidentally pulling into the wrong guy's driveway, we arrived at the bunkhouse, welcomed by an eerie fog train that made me weep inside on how cold I was going to be on the weekend. One of the first things I was taught was the temperatures of each track where Winton is one of the coldest so there I was, staring at that fog, throwing on as many thermal layers that I could. Those thermal layers wouldn't really be an issue after expecting to get a t-shirt like every other event and not getting one so there I was without gear to wear so I spent my entire time in a nice ultra-warm VFT jacket that I couldn't take off even when it got hotter. PS. The new Officials V8 Supercar hats are awesome!

After joining the rush for the bathroom and the kettle to fill up thermoses, we were ready for a day of fun and excitement! \*start playing your favourite car chase-ee, blood pumping music right now to get you in the mood. I prefer something along the lines of Brian Tyler - Dom Vs. Brian\*

CARS EVERYWHERE! Wheeeeeeeee! Skiiiiiiiiiiiiid! Wheeeeeeeeeee! No stoppiiiiiiiiiing! And that was stuff I didn't see. Heard about it but didn't really get to see much of it where I was at up at Flag Point 12. The most we had was contact, contact, bump, bump. They all just want some car hugs. Contact reports anyone? ANYONE!? By the time we finished up our two days, we had used up the last of the reports on our point and it wasn't one or two particular categories that wanted to get up close and personal, it was all of them. I mean it wasn't all day long, there were times where you wanted to know if you could create a big enough breathe to blow one car into the other just so you can break up the monotony by holding out a Safety Car board... oh speaking of which for all of the people flying off the track, very minimal use of the Safety Car. That was pretty awesome, however someone needs to talk to the Course Car because it's sounding a little grindy.

Throughout the weekend I made new friends, there was the Pit Lane guy who waved the green flag to the Starter guy and the guys in the Medical car that followed the drivers around for the race start. I said hi to them and by the end of the second day, we were best buds, although they didn't really know I was talking to them or I wasn't cool enough to talk to. Either way, we shared moments that they aren't aware we shared. Also Flag Point 11, sometimes because we had to wave the Yellow for long periods of time while the Course Car just sat there, I was waving to you in a form of Morse code. I don't know what I said to you but I hope it wasn't offensive.

The biggest new friend I made over the weekend was James Moffat... for always running wide when I was on Green and spraying me with so many rocks. Thank you, the pins and needles at the impact points after being pelted by rocks felt awesome. Actually, I think I have all of the Dunlop Development Series and the V8 Supercars for helping me swallow so much dust and sand over the weekend that I have now become a human water filtration system.

All joking aside (except for Moffat because seriously, rocks in the face hurt) it was a fantastic weekend, no one was hurt (except for my face with rocks, Moffat. I should get a drive of your car as r payment for pain and suffering), everyone walked away without dog food (sorry mum but I got chocolates... which I ate) and it was a very welcoming experience to Winton. The track is awesome, like there is two tracks like wuuuuuuuuuuut!, we got a dinner put on for us by the track guys which was super nice which had the surprise appearance by one giant sized Elmo and a penguin that was somehow slumming it instead of wearing a tuxedo like it should, he was wearing shorts instead. Next time, I want to sneak out to the track at night and go for a walk around, I bet that would be great.

# "The Hat"



## 30 Years and Still Going Strong

For the benefit of members who may not be aware, and indeed those who may be, our club will attain the ripe old age of 30 next year.

After a short and not uneventful gestation period, the Victorian Flagmarshaling Team was born in or around February 1986. To mark this auspicious occasion it is proposed that a suitable function be held to celebrate the birthday. A small sub-committee is to be formed, to work with the main committee, to arrive at a time and venue for this extravaganza.

In view of our ever crowded race calendar, and in order to get the ball rolling, firstly we need to enlist the aid of, say, four people, who are willing to help (on the sub-committee) and offer constructive ideas etc. I will be canvassing members who would like to be part of this organizing group, or, anyone interested can contact me.

There will be a considerable amount of planning to be done to ensure that the night is a success, enjoyable and that we do our great club proud at this milestone in our history.

I look forward to working with all concerned.

**Roger Chirnside**

Vice President / Co-Founder VFT



# Flag One Reporting



## Completed meetings:

April 18/19 – VSCRC1 Phillip Island. Arthur Cooksley, Chief of Meeting. Kevin Watson, Assistant. Our first state race meeting for 2015 saw quality fields for this event which was promoted by PIARC. A number of new VFT officials attended this event and were processed through the VFT's renowned induction system. I have received numerous phone calls from newbies thanking a number of members of the VFT of their professionalism in welcoming the newbies to motorsport. Hopefully, we can retain them for the long term benefit of the sport.

May 15/16. Winton V8's Supercars. (Clash) Kevin Watson, Chief of meeting. Warren Gordon/Jenny Cross, Assistants. The VFT utilised flags only for this event. With new management in place at Winton, and in consultation with senior VFT officials, the rationalisation of a number of flag points was implemented. As usual, the VFT had their evening get together which was enjoyed by all.

May 15/16. Sandown VSCRC2. (Clash) Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Lloyd Owen, Assistant. We must all be congratulated with our manning levels at both venues for this weekend. Some great racing at Sandown and also a dry weekend! As usual, the state race series produced some challenges for trackside officials as well as race control, but happy to report that we all did well!

May 22/23/24 – Phillip Island Shannons. Arthur Cooksley, Chief of Meeting. Kevin Watson, Assistant Chief. A number of drop outs occurred at this meeting leaving us with 9 marshals working one out on the Sunday. VFT also covered a number of communication points due to the shortage of PIARC communicators. A great effort by all who attended and a job well done!

May 30/31 – Winton Historics. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. Jenny Cross, Assistant Chief. This annual event is held on the short circuit at Winton. This year the VFT was asked by the Austin 7 Club to also provide communicators. Usually, the A7 Club supply their own, but due to a shortage of their trackside manpower, we assisted. As usual, a great event!

June 7 – Winton COW. Matt Cornford, Chief of Meeting. Kevin Watson, Assistant Chief. This was a one day event. Our numbers suffered due to the heavy schedule at this time of year. Great reports back from various seniors on the performance of Matt – congratulations on a job well done!

June 13/14 – Winton Shannons. Kevin Watson, Chief of Meeting. Paul Kelly, Assistant Chief. Numbers were good considering the heavy "workload" at this time of year. As usual some great racing was witnessed by those who attended this.

## Upcoming Meetings:

July 4/5 Winton VMRC2. Warren Gordon, Chief of meeting. Assistant, TBA. 12 EOIs at this stage. Would expect a few more. Please contact Jenny Cross for info on Saturday night's function.

July 18/19 Sandown VSCRC3. Arthur Cooksley, Chief of Meeting. Kevin Watson, Assistant. 38 EOIs. 3 CAMS Young Officials too. This famous event, known as the Hot Dog round, is normally over-subscribed. Please get in early with your names as numbers may be limited.

August 1/2 Phillip Island 6 hr. Chief TBA. Numbers currently stand at 26 for this popular event. Capacity grid of over 50 cars has entered.

September 11/12/13 Sandown 500. Terry O'Callaghan, Chief. Arthur Cooksley/Kevin Watson Assistants. The list for this event is now closed and Sandown has all contact details. Information regarding sign-on times will be relayed to successful applicants.

One area of concern is that in the last few weeks we have had a number of no-shows at events without being informed. Please let me know if you have your name on the list and then find you cannot attend a meeting. This information will then be passed onto the Chief of Meeting.

**If and when you receive a communication from any event organiser in reference to your attendance, it would be a great help to respond to both the event organiser and me.**

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

**Ring the Club mobile on: 0409 823 657**

**OR**

**Leave a message on the VFT answering service: 8796 5321**

**OR**

**Email [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)**

**OR**

**Add your name on the list at a prior event.**

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

Cheers,

Terry O'Callaghan

Your Chief, Your Club

0402 359 099

## ***New Members***

Welcome to our new members **Phillip Muraca, Bertram Dana & Rebecca Thompson**. We hope you are part of our club for many years.  
Please make them all feel welcome 😊





## **CAMS, Promotions and Social Media Update**

### **CAMS**

My First State Council meeting since taking on the CAMS Representative role was in May. Given the broad range of disciplines and categories in attendance at these meetings, not everything discussed is of interest to us "flaggies", but there were a couple of takeaways for me to share with you.

Formula 4 - At the time of the meeting, the 20 car grid was 2/3-3/4 full. Although ideally CAMS would like the grid to be full, the business model is not dependant on this.

Our first chance to see this new category here in Victoria will be at the Sandown 500 in September. And after that, they will also run at the Phillip Island V8 Supercar meeting in November.

Cameras on Helmets - The Scrutiny representative raised the issue of GoPro's mounted on to helmets. Without going into the detail of the rules around this, we should not be seeing any helmet mounted camera's out on track. So if you do happen to see one, please ensure it is reported so that appropriate action can be taken.

Additionally, here are some of the updates from CAMS that have come through their website.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)/Drones - UAVs/Drones are prohibited from all CAMS sanctioned events, unless they have provided their specific permission to be used. So if you see one operating within the area of the circuit, ensure you report it so action can be taken.

New Licence Cards - A new card style officials licence was introduced a couple of months ago. Anyone who is joining CAMS for the first time, or renewing their licence in the future will be issued with the new card. I recently had to renew my CAMS licence and found the process smooth and easy!

For those renewing your licence soon, please note that you should continue to use your existing licence book to capture your activity. Or if this is nearly full, request an activity book at the time of renewing.

CAMS Annual Report - The 2014 CAMS Annual report is now available for download on the CAMS website. Even if you are not interested in the financials, there is a lot of other information to help you see how CAMS performed over the last year.

Just enter "Annual Report" in the Search section of the CAMS website to find it.

## Promotions:

We are currently discussing the possibility of a workshop tour of a prominent team active in a number of race categories. This will be a great opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at how a race team operates, and see some racing machinery up close. Dates etc. are still being worked on, but keep an eye on your email account for details once they are confirmed.

The new initiative of promoting the club through online volunteer sites continues to see a healthy number of enquiries. Thanks again to Zoe and the Induction team for their efforts to get them trackside.

Our next major recruitment push will be the Sandown 500. This is the event that we have traditionally had the best response in attracting new members from. With the list closing so early this year, if anyone has missed out and is interested in coming along to help with our promotional activities please let me know.

## Social Media:

Our number of 'Likes' and 'Follows' on social media continues to steadily increase. As always, if anyone has any reports, news or photos to share, please send them through to [socialmedia@vicflag.org.au](mailto:socialmedia@vicflag.org.au) so we can post them up.

**David Thornbury**  
Cams, Promotions & Social Media



## **TRAINING MATTERS – May 2015**



Hi everyone, welcome to another Training Matters. Here we are half way through the year and with quite a number of race meetings ahead. This gives us an opportunity to start some of the programs we spoke of earlier in the year. One of the most important is Trackside mentoring. I believe this is crucial to the ongoing skill levels of our members and is an area we can all be involved with immediate results. With an ever increasing number of new members coming through the club and flagging trackside either as a newbie or as a grade 4, it is important that we, as the seniors of the club, ensure that the correct procedure, protocols and techniques are fostered to our new arrivals. The training committee has resurrected the Mentors form for use at all circuits. This form, together with our new on point check list, will ensure that not only will all our people be up to speed on the whys and how point duties is of our flag, they will also be well informed about the point. This on point check form will cover such things as escape routes, engineering issues to report, fire extinguishers, brooms, flags, medics and recovery to name but a few. The on point check list will be the responsibility of the senior on point and will be completed and handed to the Chief Flag or Assistant Chief Flag during their rounds. I hope to have these in place for the Hot Dog round at Sandown.

### **Upgrades**

We still have a number of people undergoing their assessments for upgrade. I encourage those people anticipating an upgrade to first talk with your grade rep and then send an EOI into the secretary to have it formally logged. This will then enable the process to begin and have you included on the Upgrade Assessment list.

I look forward to catching up with you all during the Hot Dog round at Sandown July 18/19

Mark Thompson

Training Officer

### **The 2015 Victorian Training Expo**

Well we have finally had the Vic Training Expo, what a great day we all had with an estimated 100 + people attending on the day. I personally thank Tony VDD for his efforts and assistance in putting the Expo together. I would also like to thank Eric Rigg for his invaluable support in sourcing some of the giveaways, doing the drink run and keeping everyone informed of the pending Expo etc, and also on the day for his assistance with setting up together with Bertram Dana, Simon Quirke, Paul Meade, thanks Paul for chasing up cars in time of need and Pravin Sinnan from CAMS. Well done and thanks again for all your efforts and support.

The days started off with Tony VDD MC'ing the event and introducing the Australian Officials Commission. This was followed by a short talk from Bob Piper, the AOC Chairman, then David Mori, Rob Thiry, Noel Tippet, Ewan Cole, Rosemary Taylor, Tracey Rowley, Paul Overell and Alan Young. It was enlightening to hear from the commission about some of the initiatives that are being put into place throughout the CAMS network to make being an official better informed of training, regulations and changes throughout the motor sport industry. The Commission also made themselves available to one and all to answer any questions that may have been on our minds.

Col Smith and Yose Van den Dungen then set the pace with their informative presentation and talk about the role as a Clerk of Course. I feel we all have a better understanding of the role as a Clerk of Course and the pre-preparation that goes into convening a race meeting.

Tony Jenkins then presented the Critical Incident session. This was certainly an eye opener for many of the participants, great feedback was received about the content and the knowledge of the presenter. This is a session I would encourage everyone to attend at some stage as it has a lot of track side advice should an incident occur.

Mark Bateman then presented his informative and encouraging Trauma Management presentation integrated well with the Critical Incident session. Again this was a 'not to miss session' with many tips on how we can help each other in a time of crisis and the identification of people in need. As usual Mark was well informed and empathetic to the needs of others and a great presenter, so well done Mark and thanks.

The day was then continued on with the excellent presentation delivered by Dr Brent May from Team Medical. The video presentation and informative talk kept everyone interested in the day of a Team Medic and the tasks that often lay before them on race days. This was followed up with a mock extraction from a Race car. We had Jesse Dickson as the Driver being extracted, again a very entertaining and informative session. So a big thanks to Dr Brent May and his Team.

The Victorian Fire Rescue Squad (VFRS) presentation was run by Russell Stork. It was evident that Russell's passion for fire management and the correct use of equipment is paramount when he was describing some of the incidents shown in his videos and throughout his presentation. Russell then took a group out into the Sandown raceway car park and demonstrated the use of Fire Extinguishers with many having the opportunity to squeeze off a fire extinguisher for the first time.

A great BBQ lunch was then prepared by Glenn Rochester (Rocky). Thanks Glenn for a great lunch and perfect timing. Sorry about your raffle number (B15) being called whilst you were out preparing lunch for us all and then missing out on the prize, I'm sure we will make it up to you somehow!

We all returned from lunch with full bellies and to a brief address and presentation from Karyn Hamer, Vice Chair of Women of Australian Motor Sport (WAMS). It was great to see the level of enthusiasm and passion that Karyn has for the promotion of Women in Motorsport, so I encourage our female members to get in touch with WAMS should they wish to explore further in the world of motorsport.

Next it was the Communications Up Skilling and EA Sessions to commence. The Comms Up Skilling, led by David Mori – CAMS, was a great success. Thank you David for not only making it constructive and informative but with some fun in there as well. I'm sure all participants will have taken away not only the well prepared course notes but a much better understanding of the process of report writing and the role of the communicator. It was also interesting to learn that it is no longer a taboo to mention the colour RED over the radio, it's always been a bone of contention with only the words cherry, crimson, ruby, scarlet often used rather than red in order to avoid a misunderstanding by fellow communicators. It seems that it is now accepted practice to use the word RED. After all we all know that when a red flag is called, it is **repeated 3 (or 6) times** in quick succession to avoid any confusion.

The CAMS Event Assessor (EA) Course was delivered by Tony van den Dungen and was well received by all participants. By the level of engagement from the attendees it was evident that the room was full of a new lot of EA's yet to be fully assessed trackside, so watch this space for a few more EA assessments taking place soon. Well done Tony.



On completion of the Comms Up Skilling course we were fortunate to have Greg Every, who was happy to give a Steward's presentation. It was a good opportunity for us all to see the working of a Steward in his or her role on race day and the importance of the role as a Steward. I think it's all too often we know that they are about but what they actually do can be a bit of a mystery. I'm sure all who attended have a much better appreciation of the vital role they play.

#### Kangaroo Court

Greg Every was also gracious enough to assist in running a mock stewards hearing of a report that was written during the Comms course. With Paul Meade as our Driver, Greg Every, Bob Piper and Paul Overell as the Stewards, together with Col Smith as the Clerk of Course pushing a charge. It was a session that not many of us would ever get an opportunity to see as a Flaggie trackside but interesting to see the level of information and the need for accuracy in a report when a charge is escalated to this level.

The day wrapped up with plenty of thanks you's and some great feedback, so thank you to all that attended, you made it a truly top day!

A very special thanks to CAMS for all their incredible support of the Victorian Training Expo and in particular Pravin Sinnan for your expert assistance.

Also a big thanks to the following people for their support;

Sandown Raceway / William Hill Park – Joanne Panetta & Brendon Stuart - Venue

Shannons Nationals racing series - Rob Curkpatrick - Series Director - \$250 donation

V8 Race: Loren Greenslade - Events Manager \$246 Red Pass Drive Voucher

Penrite Oils: John Dymond - Show Bags & Fuel Additive

Shannons Insurance: Belinda Douglas. Vic Business Manager - 120 caps & Show Bags

Melbourne Grand Prix Corporation – Craig Fletcher & Toby Ward – Mini GP Helmets, Signed GP Photo and Books & Hats

VHRR - Ian Tate Display Banners

PIARC – Geoff Bull & Kage for the Display Stand and Course Car

Jesse Dixon – Hayman Reece V8 Development series - Poster Signing and giveaways

Mark Bateman – CD Giveaways

Van Newman – Toyota Car Club Car 51 for use on our day.

Rebecca Thompson – Rebecca Thompson Photography – Photos that captured our day

Greg Llewellyn – Narra Photography



## Grade 3 Rep



Hi all, Congratulations to Sam McCoubrie and Ian Hogan on them being presented with their Grade 3 badges. Not much else to report at this stage but we are working on something that we hope to announce in the near future which will be great for our club. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Paul if you need anything done or raised to committee

All the best,  
Jason Carroll

## Grade 4/5 Rep



There's really not much to report.

I have made two presentations recently to Hayden Carroll and Blake Neck. Both guys had received their 10 kit bags but not received their badges.

Congrats guys.

Just remember if you have any issues that you would brought up a committee meeting, both Jason and myself being your reps are the people to come and see.

See you at the track or next meeting.

Paul Meade

Grade 4/5 Rep



All Expo photos are courtesy of Rebecca Thompson Photography





Russell Clasby and John Pollard are your  
**Merchandise Officers** again for 2015.  
 To put your orders in, please contact them by e-mail at  
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 or when you see them at the track.



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The 2015 Merchandise Officers are Russell Clasby and John Pollard  
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You can also contact them at: [merchandise@vicflag.org.au](mailto:merchandise@vicflag.org.au)

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## A Healthy Outside starts from Inside



A Healthy Outside starts from Inside, this is a hard one!

*The doctor of the future will give no medicines, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame and in the causes and prevention of diseases.*

**Thomas Edison**

Regardless of what you may think of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukamaran, their recent plight for clemency from execution in Bali caused many ordinary Aussies to stop and ponder through law enforcement, imprisonment and capital punishment. And the question arises, 'Where and how does mercy fit in when they were found guilty?

The facts are, someone does have to pay the price for wrong doing! If clemency is given to the offender, the price must be paid by someone else, for example! If a window is broken, it must be replaced. If it is not replaced, the owner of the window has to live and suffer the effects of a broken window. The window has to be paid for by the person who broke it, or the person who owns the window or some third party (insurance company or a parent). One way or another – someone pays!

To understand mercy, three factors have to be present:

- an **offence** must be committed;
- there is a just **penalty** for the offence committed;
- a **judgement** must be pronounced by a legal enforcer as to who pays; the offender or someone else must bear the cost of the offence.

It is also important to note the difference between mercy and forgiveness, as they can be confused with each other. The judiciary must find what is a *fair punishment* for the wrong done; the offender wants the Judge to lean towards mercy. Forgiveness is to do with how the offended person *relates or feels* about the wrongdoer. A person can truly forgive the wrongdoer and rightfully choose not to extend mercy. But, if forgiveness is not extended it triggers ongoing grief, hypertension, painful flashbacks and anguish identified as Post-trauma Stress Disorders contributing to other illnesses.

The good book's principle to forgive a wrongdoer breaks the *tie* between the offender and the offended. Forgiveness is giving it over and letting go; by this you break the *tie* and sever the continuance of the offence going into your future. That does not mean that you forget! Your brain is way too amazing to eradicate it from your memory – and you may need to 'give it over' a few times.

Let me explain – take a deep breath, this is a really tough story;

Anita Cobby was a nursing sister on her way home on February 2, 1986. 5 men in a stolen car abducted, bash, raped and cut her throat. All were caught and sentenced to life in prison. I was watching a news report where one of the men was going to be paroled and the TV crew were interviewing the parents to get their comments on how they felt about this.

The Father was very angry with the changes to the sentencing. Trembling with uncontrollable motions he reported the breakdown of his marriage and a long list of ailments he had suffered because of what this man had done to his beautiful daughter. He finished with 'I hope he burns in hell forever, I will never forgive him for what he has done'. The mother reported she had remarried; she'd found grace and mercy from above to forgive and move on. She did not want to meet this man but had left it to the courts to deal with.

The power to forgive comes from above; we've all been guilty of offending our fellowman. John records the Lord's Prayer citing 'forgive us for our wrongdoing as we forgive others who have done wrong to us'. If you are hoping for change in your future, it all starts with letting go so that changes can happen in you and keep you from living out of a wounded past. Think it through and start anew!

Doing life together, Cheers.

Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



Minutes of General Meeting  
June 4 2015 8.00PM  
The Beach House Hotel  
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park

**Members present:** 22

**Apologies:** Michael Murphy, Trish storey, Mark Thompson, Paul Kelly, Doug Salan, Wayne Butteriss, Shane Rogers, Geoff Kay, Rebecca Armstrong, country, Interstate and International members.

**Minutes from the previous meeting.** Moved: Robert Salan, seconded: that the minutes be accepted. Carried

**Matters arising:** Nil

**Reports:**

**1 President:**

- 1.1 Training expo, register through CAMS, helpers required for setting up.
- 1.2 Uniform replacement scheme
- 1.3 Mike Murphy recovery process,

**2 Vice President:**

- 2.1 Mike Murphy recovery process

**3 Secretary:** as per report

- 3.1 Mail consisting of EOI's for upcoming events, and EOI's from Seek Volunteer.
- 3.2 John Haywood home following recent surgery, trackside in September.

**4 Treasurer:** as per report

- 4.1 Overall replacement program
- 4.2 Cheques to be passed for payment. Eric Rigg \$30 phone, Aust Post \$70 stamps, Geoff Kay \$225 equipment t 3 events. Moved: Warren Gordon, seconded: Tanya Salan that cheques be passed. Carried

**5 Chief Flagmarshal**

- 5.1 Completed events: [reports] VSCRC 1 - Arthur Cooksley, Porsche 4 Hour – Terry O'Callaghan, Winton V8's – Kevin Watson, VSCRC 2 – Terry O'Callaghan, Shannons Phillip Island – Kevin Watson, Winton Historics – Kevin Watson.
- 5.2 Upcoming Meetings: Winton CoW – Matt Cornford [Chief] Shannons Winton – Kevin Watson, VMRC – TBA, VSCRC 3 – CAMS have three young Officials attending. Sandown 500 list closes 14<sup>th</sup> June

**6 Asst Chief Flagmarshal** – no report.

**7 Training Officer:** report read by Glenn Rochester

- 7.1 Training expo
- 7.2 Assessments

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- 7.3 Recent meeting
- 7.4 Report writing, Teamwork protocols.
- 8 **CAMS rep**
- 8.1 GoPro cameras on helmets.
- 8.2 Unmanned drones.
- 8.3 Role of State Council
- 8.4 Licences, new cards being distributed when licences renewed or upgraded.
- 9 **Promotions**
- 9.1 Seek Volunteer program
- 9.2 Sandown 500 and Phillip Island for flyers.
- 10 **Grade 3 Rep**
- 10.1 3 upgraded to Grade 3: Sam McCoubrie, Ian Hogan and John Clarke. Matthew Ahlgren to 3ADV
- 10.2 Working on an email to send to Grade 3 and 3ADV
- 11 **Grade 4 Rep**
- 11.1 Email sent out, no response yet
- 11.2 Blake Neck and Hayden Carroll to Grade 4
- 12 **Induction Officer**
- 12.1 40+ inquiries, 13 responses, 4 attending a race meeting
- 12.2 Thank you to the team
- 13 **Merchandise**
- 13.1 A few uniforms and jackets on order
- 13.2 Club marquee
- 14 **Magazine:** deadline 24<sup>th</sup> June

Reports: Moved Glenn Rochester, seconded: Arthur Cooksley that the reports be accepted.

- 15 **General Business**
- 15.1 Roger Chirnside
- 15.1. 30 Year party, possibly at The Beach hotel.
- 15.2 Terry O'Callaghan
- 15.2.1 With Michael Murphy recovery, Trish Storey would like a lift to upcoming Sandown events

**Next Meeting:** The Beach hotel, 97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park: 6<sup>th</sup> August. 8.00 PM  
Meeting Closed: 9.05 PM

# 2015 Calendar

\* = Clash

January 17	Brooklands	Chief Marshall's BBQ
February 5	Beach Hotel	AGM
February 15	Winton	Champ of Winton 1
* 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	Shannons Nationals
April 2	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
April 18-19	Phillip Island	VSCRC Round 1
* May 15-17	Winton	V8's Winton 400
* May 16-17	Sandown	VSCRC Round 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 2
June 13-14	Winton	Shannons Nationals
July 4-5	Winton	VMRC Round 2
July 18-19	Sandown	VSCRC Round 3
August 1-2	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 6	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 8-9	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 15-16	Phillip Island	Multi Club Event
September 11-13	Sandown	V8's Sandown 500
September 18-20	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
September 26-27	Winton	Supertrack Nationals
October 1	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 17-18	Winton	AROCA 10 Hour Relay
October 24-25	Phillip Island	VSCRC Round 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 any events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshall via any of the following 4 ways:**

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- The VFT Club Mobile: **0409 823 657**
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- In person trackside or at club meetings



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Please remember articles for the  
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I hope you enjoyed the read.

