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## New Members

Welcome to our new members:  
Jamie Escudero  
Andrew Leitch  
Caela Sims

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*This month's cover picture ushers in a new era in flagmarshalling!!!*

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## Change of Date for General Meeting – Thursday 12 October 2017 (due to Bathurst)

Don't forget to come along to the next general meeting and support the club – details as follows:

- MG Car Club rooms  
Unit 53 & 54  
Eastern Business Centre  
41-49 Norcal Road  
Nunawading
- Time: 8:00pm

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## Updating Contact Details

Please remember to advise the Secretary [secretary@vicflag.org.au](mailto:secretary@vicflag.org.au) of any changes to contact details (ie address, phone numbers, email address, emergency contact) so that the membership and emergency contact lists can be kept up to date.



## A Word or Two

### Being a member

In the light of recent events I think it is timely that I revisit, in part, an article I wrote in the March magazine. This article was entitled 'Pride in belonging' and I wrote:

*'People join a club or association for a variety of reasons. It may be for company or an interest in what the group does. It could also be a feeling of belonging. Whatever the reason it would be understandable to assume that a person would feel they could in some small way contribute to the betterment of the group by their presence. This makes it all the more puzzling as to why so many members of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team (VFT) have joined and have absolutely no intention of taking part in the trackside activities of the club. We have a small group who carry the weight so admirably month in and month out and a large group who never lift a finger to help, or at best only make an appearance once or twice a year at the biggest meetings on the calendar.'*



The reason I am drawing your attention to this article once again is because of two events:

firstly – the August Access at Phillip Island – once again if it wasn't for the dedicated few, the meeting may not have gone ahead. At this point I would like to thank the people who did attend and supported our club;

secondly – the Training Night for Report Writing & Communications, held at the MC Car Club rooms – our Training Officer, Mark Thompson, went to a great deal of trouble organising this event, and was ably assisted by Tony van den Dungen and Kym Scoriah. This proved to be an excellent night and one which I am sure most of us learned quite a lot. It was encouraging to note that a number of our seniors, along with some MG Car Club and/or PIARC members attended, but again, and this is the crux of my concern, only a handful of VFT members were there. In particular, those who would have benefited greatly were conspicuous by their absence. I was disappointed, and speaking with Mark, Tony and Kym, they also expressed a little disappointment as to lack of numbers. I would like to thank Mark, Tony & Kym for their work and presentations.

This apathy is flowing onto attendances at our General Meetings and a senior member has mentioned to me that "if meetings are going to continue like the recent ones, I won't bother coming", which is understandable.

Our club enjoys a wonderful reputation in the world of motorsport so let us all pull together and show that we are worthy of this hard won accolade.

At the moment as I am filling in as your Grade 3/3A rep, I would like to hear from any of you regarding points of views, suggestions etc that I can pass on for discussion at our next Committee Meeting. If nobody contacts me then nobody can complain! My phone is always available to you, or you can talk to me at meetings.

Again, I would like to thank David Thornbury for chairing the recent General Meeting in my absence and Mark Thompson for fulfilling the role of Secretary in Eric's absence. This is what being a club member is all about.

Roger Chirnside  
President  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.



## Flag One Reporting

Since the last edition of the magazine, we have completed another six events. For those people that attended these meetings, and worked in some extremely cold, wet and windy conditions, I say a very big thank you. Hopefully we can now look forward to some of that famous Melbourne spring weather, and reduce some of the multiple layers of clothing that we've had to wear to beat the cold.



On the subject of clothing, it may seem a bit ironic that we are well advanced with a club polo shirt for hot weather, while still battling chilly days trackside. However, the planning in getting a summer uniform option up and running takes quite a bit of lead time, and a big thanks goes out to Jason Carroll for getting this option to the stage where it will be a reality in readiness for the hot weather in 2018.

I trust that everyone has got their Working With Children checks out of the way by now. If you haven't completed this by now, your licence will have been suspended by CAMS and you will not be permitted to officiate at any CAMS events until the check is completed. Unfortunately, a number of our members have had to be excluded from meetings, as the required checks have not been completed. As this is a legal requirement imposed on all officials, the VFT as an association is bound by these rules.

On a closing note, Kevin Watson and I attended the drivers briefing at the Phillip Island 6 hour meeting. During the briefing, the VFT flagmarshals were praised for their dedication and professionalism, with one of the more experienced drivers even stating that the flagmarshals are your best friends around the track. I'm guessing that he hasn't previously been reported for a passing under yellow or red flags and been hit with a fine by the stewards as a result! Still, it's good to hear some positive comments on our work and how the drivers appreciate what we do.

### Upcoming meetings:

- WMRC3 Winton 23-24 September, list closing 15 September
  - VSCRC5 Phillip Island 30 Sept – 1 Oct, list closing 20 September
  - AROCA 10 hr Winton 14-15 Oct, list closing 4 October
  - \* Sandown Historics 10-12 November, list closing 1 November
  - \* Winton 300 11-12 November, list closing 1 November
- (\*note that these are clash rounds)

To get your name onto the above lists, members can:

- Email me at [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au),
- Call or text me on 0406 036 714, or 0409 823 657
- Add your name on the lists that will be available at each meeting.

Catch you at the track,

Arthur Cooksley  
Chief Flagmarshal  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team





## CAMS Report

Hi all,

I attended the latest State Council Meeting on the 05/09/2017 and it was good to see a good turnout of people attending. I don't think we got as many as the last meeting, where it was standing room only, but some of the CAMS staff will be searching for their desk chairs in the morning after the meeting.



I lodged the following questions to the council, which were answered prior to the meeting happening. The first 2 questions were answered by Curtis Deboy (Cams Officials Manager) and the last was from Chantel Collins (Vic Administration Officer):

- Q1. How many Officials have we lost due to the Working with Children Checks? The VFT are more concerned about Circuit officials but is there a run down across all disciplines.
- A. *It would be entirely misleading to provide a blanket figure of Officials who have not submitted their WWCC. What is more truly indicative is the amount of 'active' officials who are continuing post August 1. As an example, out of Sandown Officials who registered for the event **before** August 1, we currently have about 95% who have submitted their checks and we are finalising the remaining few. We have lost very few active officials, but what this exercise has done is show us the significant amount of officials who held a licence but had no interest in using it. Despite a few early objectors stating they'd give up on CAMS Officiating due to the WWCC, we've found this is very rarely the case. No events have indicated to CAMS that they've struggled to run post August 1 any more than prior to August 1.*
- Q2. The VFT are getting asked more and more to provide officials to do tasks other than what we were set up to do. Is CAMS doing anything about helping us recruit more Flag Marshals, Communicators and Track Marshals? We understand that CAMS recently had an officials recruitment drive, but understand it was more directed towards other disciplines than Circuit racing.
- A. *CAMS has carried out a number of initiatives to recruit officials - I'm not sure why the recruitment drive was perceived as directed towards other disciplines; Circuit racing was certainly high on the priority list and will continue to be. On top of the recruitment drive, CAMS has simplified the recruitment process overall by making the system easier to complete with less paperwork and less steps required for new officials (eg. Removal of trainee licence, more comprehensive sign-up form online etc). Recruitment is an ongoing focus and will continue to receive more attention over the short and long term. Any suggestions recruitment ideas from VFT would be welcomed.*
- Q3. Is there a reason why Minutes from State council meetings take so long to produce? These minutes should be available 1 week after a State Council meeting so Delegates can use them to report back to their relevant Committees. At time of writing it has been nearly 3 months since last State council meeting and still no minutes have been provided.
- A. *In regards to your third question in relation to minutes, I agree that they should be made available shortly after the meeting and made every effort to do so. Unfortunately I have not been able to complete the minutes as the information I require to do this has not been provided to me despite my efforts to chase this up.*

The meeting started, but was immediately suspended so that James Delzopo (Cams Integrity Officer) could talk about the Working with Children issue. A lot of the discussion involved Rally and speed event clubs. A lot of the talk was about people who are not working as an official but working at an event I.E Road controller, Hamburger seller and so on. It was pointed out that it doesn't matter if it's a CAMS sanctioned event or not, if you are working with children you need to get the checks done.



Only motion of the night was reduce junior licence fees down

E. Stuchbery enquired as to the progress on her enquiry regarding junior licence fees at the last VSC meeting. N. Gowers reported that over a 13 year period, junior licence fees have only increased by \$24 - on average \$1.80 per year. Discussion ensued.

A. Bonwick put forward the following motion – **That the board consider a strategic initiative to lower the cost of junior licences to \$15.00, to be increased slowly and in line with the CPI from then on, in an effort to encourage junior participation in motor sport.**

#### **Motion carried**

This was raised because in the last 3 years they have gone up \$5 per year and that is way outside the inflation rate. The licence fee is currently \$35 and the belief is that if we bring it back down to \$15 per year and then increase it in line with inflation it will encourage juniors to compete (as the motion states)

The only other significant thing stated was the following:

P. Bready advised that Don Kinsey recently passed away, presenting the following statement to be recorded on behalf of the council – **The Victorian State Council noted with regret the recent passing of Mr Don Kinsey AM. He had been a prominent advocate of all disciplines of Motor Sport, and a strong contributor to many sectors of the community. The VSC offers its condolences to his family.**

I'm sure that we all within the VFT will be saddened with his passing.

All the best,

Jason Carroll  
CAMS Rep

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## ***Polo Shirts***

As most of you are aware we have decided to design and supply a polo shirt for our uniform. The shirt is designed and supplied by the same manufacturer that we get our Supercars polo shirts from. The intent for these shirts are that they are to worn in conjunction with our existing uniform. If you are wearing the shirt without overalls we request that you wear a black or dark blue pant with it.

We are offering a short sleeve and a long sleeve option and we are going to charge \$20 per shirt.

At time of printing we are waiting for a sample shirt to be sent and once the committee approve that shirt we will then give the go ahead to produce our order. We are hoping that they will be available to purchase by November and ready to be worn at our first events in 2018.





## Vice President & Promotions Update

### Working with Children Checks

I am sure you are all sick of hearing about Working with Children Checks from the last few magazines, so hopefully this will be my last report on the matter with the law change having come in to effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

Firstly I would like to thank all those who promptly applied and/or provided details of their check to the club. It will make planning easier for the chief by knowing everyone's status and being able to supply lists to organisers knowing we will not have any issues with our members WwC check.

Secondly, for those of you who either decided against applying, or were unsuccessful in your application, unfortunately, as you know, this now means you are no longer able to volunteer as an official. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank you for all for your support of the VFT over the years. And should your situation change, and you obtain a WwC Check Card, we would no doubt love to have you back with us trackside.

And finally, those of you who still intend to apply, please do get in touch if you need any assistance with the process.

### May and June Member of the Month

Congratulations to Michelle Clewett, and Don Johnson who are our Members of the Month for May and June respectively.



The committee recognises Michelle for her outstanding flexibility and team work during a recent event where the conditions were very trying.

And Don has been recognised for his flexibility and willingness to jump in and help with events that are low on numbers.

They both receive a \$50 fuel voucher and a certificate of recognition of their achievement. Thank you both.

Throughout the year the committee will continue to present Member of the Month awards to those who go that extra mile in support of the club.



### Promotions:

Our next promotions event will be the Sandown 500. We have a couple of volunteers helping us out with this, so thanks in advance to them for their efforts.

David Thornbury

VFT Promotions & Social Media Administrator





## Grade 4/5 Report

Welcome one and all.

Hope everyone is having a great year of Motorsport so far this year, not only working trackside, but also the great racing that's been on TV.



As most of you already know, Roger and I will be the grade 3/3a reps for the remainder of the year, as well as our respective roles.

Since the break, we have had 4 great events, VSCRC 4, Winton Festival of Speed, Victorian 6hr Regularity, and the August Access.

One thing that's being noticed are the low number of officials attending the events. Not only does it make it hard for those working trackside, but it makes it hard for the chiefs doing placements. It's understandable that we all are volunteers, and we all have lives outside of racing but if anyone can even make it along even for 1 day it would be a great help. Also if anyone has any family and friends that have a passion for Motorsport, please get them in touch with the club.

Now for the up and coming events

8-10 September	Shannons Nationals	Phillip Island
15-17 September	Sandown 500	Sandown (List has closed)
23-24 September	WMRC 3	Winton
30 Sept – 1 Oct	VSCRC 5	Phillip Island

Chief Flag is still looking for people so please contact him by the following means:

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Or contact chief flag (Arthur) on 0409 823657 or 0406 036714

See you all trackside

Shane Rogers

Grade 4/5 rep

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## Keep This Date Free

*Don't forget Sunday 10 December 2017 for the VFT Christmas party at Como Gardens, The Basin, home of our Patron and his wife, George and Pat Hetrel.*



## Training Matters

Hi everyone,

I'd like to kick off with thanks to all our Training Committee and our EA's for their assistance with track side training. Whilst we can always do with more; we are seeing more and more people being coached trackside even though our numbers have been a little skinny on some days. As you may appreciate the planning of this training doesn't always work out how we had planned on the day, however we do our best with what we have so please hang in there if we have not been able to get to your point or cover off the area that you would like some coaching.



### Mentoring

As previously mentioned we have a number of seniors in the club that are happy to assist with mentoring, please feel free to talk to myself or the Chiefs about your needs, we can then best match you with the right person to help and mentor you.

### Event Assessors

We are currently taking names for the next EA course at CAMS, if you are interested in getting involved in training and assessments then send me your EOI and we can add you to the list. Once adequate numbers have been reached we can then arrange a suitable date with CAMS.

### Report Writing Night

Our night kicked off with a well cooked BBQ by Chef Tony, with plenty of food and drinks it got everyone in the mood for a session in the class room. Yeah right!!

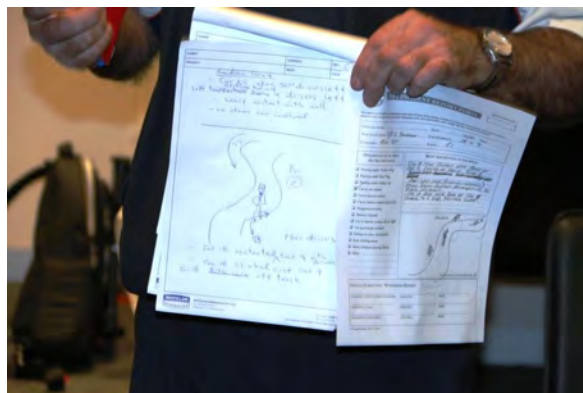
A big thanks to everyone that attended, it was a great night and one that shouldn't have been missed. With about 25 people who came along, we covered off all the areas that can influence the outcome of a good or badly written report. I give a huge thanks to Tony Van den Dungen and Kym Scorah for their time and their expertise in the subject, presentation skills and their well informed knowledge of the report writing and



communication process. Both Tony and Kym's engaging enthusiasm kept all who attended involved and hands on. During the session we had video footage of incidents, we then broke into groups and studied the footage, each group was then able to present their respective outcomes and subsequent reports, this gave us the opportunity to give some collective report outcomes and examples of what can be achieved by just running your report by your senior or others on point, it was a fascinating and fun night with some very colourful sample reports being discussed, I thank the people who participated in presenting their teams reports and displaying their outcomes on the white board. Thank you to the MGCC for the use of the rooms and

Darren Millett for some of the course notes and scenarios provided (get well soon Darren, sorry you missed the night) It was also great to see all our Chiefs on the night giving their expertise and experience, thanks guys...

Our outcome: With some very detailed sample reports presented and written on the night it was soon evident that we can do more to help our friends in Race Control. It only takes a missing or miss matched number or miss written part of the detail to render the report void, leaving both the CoC and Stewards in a position where the report cannot be enforced, often leading to frustration, embarrassment and a lack of trust for the system by competitors, so please, the next time you are filling in a report, run it by your Sector Marshal, Point senior or colleague on point, just to check for accuracy of the event reported, the numbers are correct and the report is complete prior to lodging with Race Control.



### Our Training Committee

Again a reminder to you all, we as the training committee are at your disposal should you have any training requirements, if you wish to schedule an assessment, please let the Chief know when putting your name down to attend a meeting. My team and I look forward to working with you so please be sure to let us know of your intention to attend race meeting so we can do some forward planning.

*Remember:* Volunteers – We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.



Mark Thompson  
VFT Training Officer





## VSCRC Round 4 – Sandown

**By Rebecca Armstrong**

There are benefits to getting to the track early. You can sign on and collect your goodies, you can find out what flag point you are on and you can socialise. Or in my case I can sit around and try and put my hot hands into my shoes. So here I am, do di do di do, off in my own world when I hear “I drive the black R32 GTR”.

... D-Did someone say GTR!? Suddenly my full attention is drawn to the left of me where there is a driver who is eagerly awaiting his 8 hours of fun and excitement trackside because well, he drives a GTR. So, I did what any good flag marshal would do and that is talk to them. Also, try not to sound creepy. Probably didn't succeed on the second part. I found out that Mr Black R32 GTR Driver is in the Sports Sedans. His GTR was originally his road car but it was too much of a beast so he turned it into his track car. He also blew the clutch out at the last round at Winton which was okay because he originally thought it was his motor. After him showing me the video of his in-car footage of the blown clutch, I was stunned because I disclosed that he blew it right at my Flag Point at Winton... but I missed it because I was over at the bathroom cause pee time because every time the Sports Sedans were on, I had to pee. Yes, I did say that I failed at the not being creepy part. But I was reminded that we were there for VSCRC Round 4 which means it was ran by Sports Sedans which means HOT DOG ROOOOOOOOOUND!

Hot soups, hot hot dogs (no that wasn't a typo, they were hot) and cute little packs of chocolate snackies were the gifts of love that we received for the weekend. Not to mention we are graced with the presence of Improved Production. Not that everyone is as excited for them as I probably am, the self-proclaimed #1 IPRA fangirl, so hot dogs were certainly what everyone was looking forward to. Also, good racing but mainly the hot dogs.

Flag point 1. All set up, ready for an awesome weekend because this is where you hear so many of those comms calls from because cars like to wheeee and squeeeeeeeal and driiiiiiiift and all of that. Not only that, we were lucky to have so many recovery vehicles behind us and OMFG IS THAT A R35 GTR!?

I wish I could say that I did not scream that out for real and I was only using this as a way to embellish my love for the car but you could ask anyone who was there on that flag point. I really did scream that out and I ran to the Armco and almost threw myself over it in its direction. Is this the first time I had seen it? No, no it was not. I flashback to last year where I'm sure my brother-from-another-mother and all-round flag point dance party partner, was ready to tear his ears off from hearing my squeals of excitement every time it went around last year. Every. Single. Time. Yep, not even kidding. Now I had many more people on the flag point to freak out as they listened to my happy noises every time it came around.

The categories for the weekend were Historic Touri-... GTR! Formula For-... GTR! Exc-... G.T.R!! Improved Production? GT-... but you are the Number #1 IPRA fangirl! I'm sorry guys, I love you but this GTR only comes out for me to see once a year and I want to bathe in all of the love I can give it before I say goodbye for another year.

At the end of Saturday, I plucked up the courage to take my superbly awkward self over to bathe in its beauty when I was busted by the driver filling it up with fuel. He asked if I was there to steal the fuel and I said that I would rather steal the car. +1 for creeper status but I did get to find out some fun factoids about the car and then we parted ways.

Come Sunday morning, I arrive again at Flag Point 1 ready to give my team members some loving when up beside me pulled up one sexy red GTR. I looked at him, he looked at me, my lips parted and I may have drooled slightly. He then said “Drop your bag and get in now, I will take you around the



track." I was like "kjsdhwmenbtmwnebutrw!!!!11111!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" A short while later, I arrived back at Flag Point 1 all starry eyed and giddy, just like any girl in love would look. I never thought I could feel this way about anyone. From that point, I knew that the GTR and I had a connection. At the end of the day I went over to say one last goodbye to it. The driver also gave me a smile which probably represented "if you throw your body down onto my car, I will kill you but have a nice night". Then I took the long, heartbreaking walk away from my love and back to my own baby boy, hoping that he would never know how I cheated on him with another car.

Oh yeah, there were hot dogs and soup. Milano tried to win back his love for Improved Production by clipping the fence on the way. I got pulled away from my Yellow Flag standing spot two times to avoid huge accidents that happened for us and we had two Porsche 944's that impacted heavy into the wall over the weekend. Excels spun everywhere, HQs spun everywhere, Formul-...

I miss you GTR. Come back to me soon, okay? ☺

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## Vale Don Kinsey

*No doubt those who have attended the VFT Christmas parties at George Hetrel's in the past would remember Don Kinsey. Don entertained us all with his extremely knowledgeable descriptions of some of George's wonderful collection of cars and also his warmth. Sadly Don passed away on Wednesday 30 August after a short illness. Don's friendly personality and wonderful commentary and interviewing voice will be sadly missed at historic race meetings.*

*The Victorian Flagmarshalling Team offers its condolences to the family.*

*Roger Chirnside*

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## Tiqbiz is now Flexibuzz

*"FlexiBuzz is a sophisticated system that's also used by Government, business and sporting associations for delivering relevant information to the community in a safe and private way"*

Link to: <http://www.flexibuzz.com.au/au/school-app/> for what the app has available

For those that wish to use it, you will find the set up guide in the Members area of the VFT website under Latest News.

Members can install the app, search for us (VFT) and click.

Functions that the VFT currently has are:

- Newsfeed, when magazines are available, sending event information etc
- Calendar, with RSVP and 24 hour notification prior to event
- One to one messaging



## A Trip in the Country – Lap One!

**Roger Chirnside**

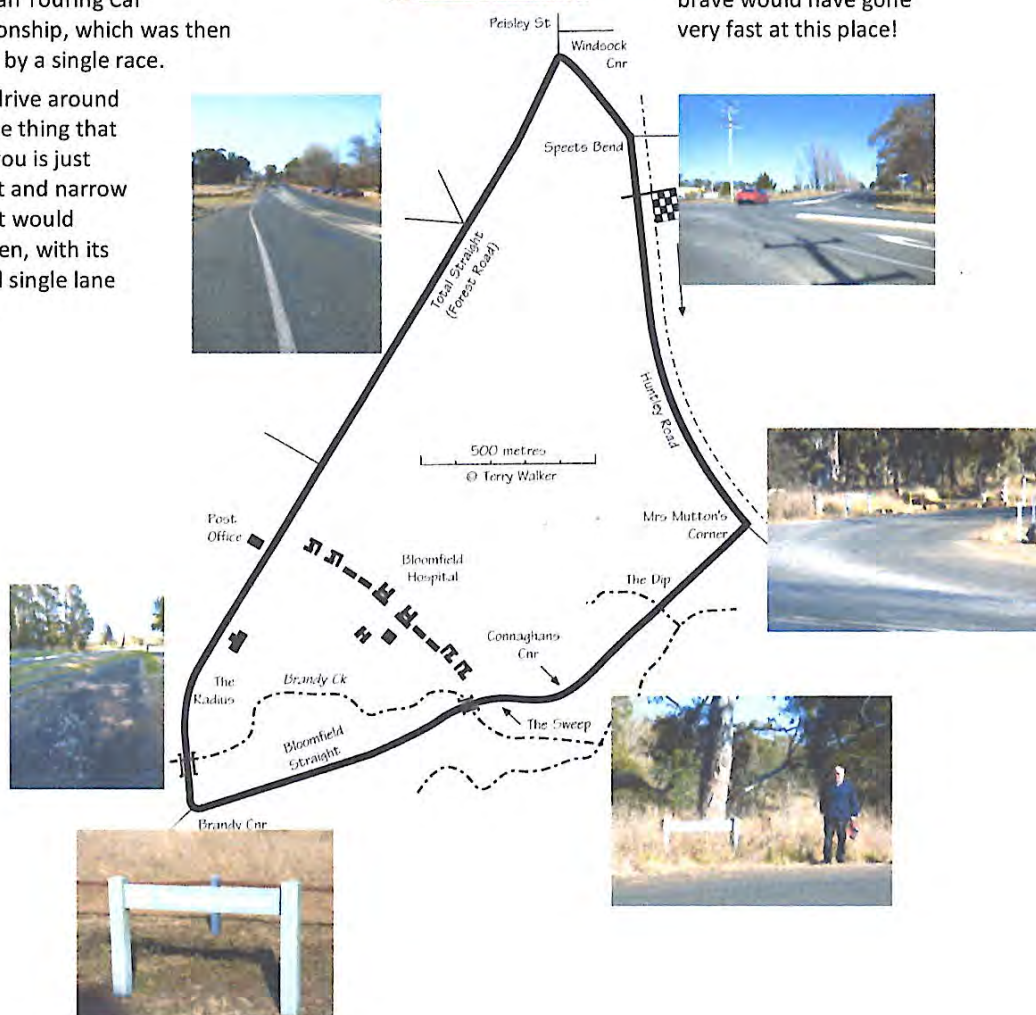
It started out as a road trip to Airlie Beach, 150 kms north of Mackay. It wasn't until planning was well under way that someone (who shall remain nameless) hit upon the bright idea of seeing if we could find some old race tracks or what was left of them along the way. Australia is rich in motor racing history and numerous circuits still exist, to a more or less degree. I was somewhat dubious about this suggestion, but the person who normally sits on my left and is a remarkable navigator was all for it! Therefore, our first 'port of call' was the Gnool Blaz circuit, situated on the outskirts of Orange, 70 kms west of Bathurst.

This 3.75mile (6.04km) circuit, which followed a roughly triangular course of public roads south of the town hosted some of the biggest meetings of the day, including a round of the South Pacific Road Racing Championship, forerunner of the Tasman series, won by Jack Brabham, and the first ever Australian Touring Car Championship, which was then decided by a single race.

As you drive around now, one thing that strikes you is just how fast and narrow a track it would have been, with its dips and single lane bridge.



The circuit, which opened in 1953 and closed in 1962 is still largely intact and easy to follow, owing to the council erecting signs indicating all the straights and corners. With lap times in excess of 100mph, only the brave would have gone very fast at this place!





## Wholehearted Living...YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS!

Quote; 'You are imperfect, you are wired for struggles, but you are worthy of love and belonging - Imperfections are not inadequacies; they are reminders that we're all in this together - Courage starts with showing up and letting our real selves be seen.' Brené Brown



Brené is a leading expert on shame, authenticity, and belonging, she shares about some guideposts on the power of wholehearted living - a way of engaging with everyday life from a place of worthiness – being fully comfortable with the skin you are in!

Each day we face a barrage of images and messages from people, society and the media telling us who, what, and how we should be. We are led to believe that if we could only look perfect and lead perfect lives, we'd no longer feel inadequate. So **most** of us perform, please, and perfect, all the while thinking, 'What if I can't keep all of these balls in the air? What will *people think* if I fail or give up? When do I finally *make it*?'

This is a lifelong journey from 'What will people think?' to 'I am enough.' Using ten guideposts, Brené engages our minds, hearts, and spirits and explores how we can cultivate the courage, compassion, and connection to wake up in the morning and think, 'No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough,' and to go to bed at night thinking, 'Yes, I am sometimes afraid, but I am also brave. And, yes, I am imperfect and vulnerable, but that doesn't change the truth that I am worthy of love and belonging.'

Ponder these ten guideposts for WHOLEHEARTED LIVING and enjoy the skin you're in!

### I NEED TO LET GO OF

WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT ME  
PERFECTIONISM  
NUMBING AND FEELING POWERLESS  
SCARCITY AND FEARS  
NEED FOR CERTAINTY  
COMPARISON  
ALWAYS HAVE TO BE REALLY BUSY  
ANXIETY AS A LIFESTYLE  
SELF DOUBT AND FEELING UNSATISFIED  
BEING COOL AND ALWAYS IN CONTROL

### AND START CULTIVATING

BE TRULY HONEST AND AUTHENTIC  
SELF COMPASSION  
A RESILIENT SPIRIT  
GRATITUDE AND JOY  
INTUITION AND TRUSTING FAITH  
CREATIVITY  
PLAY AND ENJOY REST  
CALMING AND RESTFUL STILLNESS  
MEANINGFUL REASSURING SELF TALK  
ENJOY SOME LAUGHTER SONG & DANCE

The good book teaches that the Ten Commandments can be summed up into one. Love God, your neighbour and yourself! The love here is an unconditional love, not a reciprocated love that has conditions attached. To love someone fiercely, to believe in something with your whole heart, to celebrate a fleeting moment in time, to fully engage in a life that doesn't come with guarantees – these are risks that involve vulnerability and often pain.

If you trade your authenticity for safety, you may experience the following: anxiety, depression, eating disorders, addiction, rage, blame, resentment, and inexplicable grief. That's not what you need. But, recognising and leaning into the discomfort of vulnerability teaches us how to live with joy, gratitude and grace. Start cultivating a gentler approach towards **others** and **yourself** when you find yourself failing or falling short of the goal.

To cultivate something takes time, maybe a life time. Let's do it together!

Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



## Presentations at Sandown



Mike Murphy with his 30 year Service Award & Life Membership



John Grist's Member of the Month from April



Wayne Butteriss – 10 year Service Award



L-R – 5 year Service Awards being presented to Trevor Franks and Richard Millott

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## VFT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youtube Clip

In case you haven't seen this before, here is a link to the Supercars acknowledging Victorian Flagmarshalling Team's achievement of 30 years in motorsport last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bm8s2O6RKEU>

[VFT 30th anniversary messages](#)





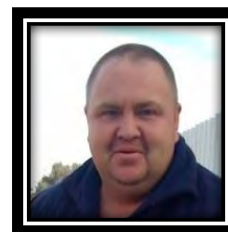
## Merchandise

The 2017 Merchandise Officer is Greg Hardy.

To order merchandising you can see Greg at the track or

Email: [merchandise@vicflag.org.au](mailto:merchandise@vicflag.org.au) or Mob: 0425 726 310

For overalls and jackets allow 4-6 weeks as these are not stock items.



## From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine.

Please remember articles for the November edition are due

24<sup>th</sup> October – [magazine@vicflag.org.au](mailto:magazine@vicflag.org.au) – Joy Chirnside



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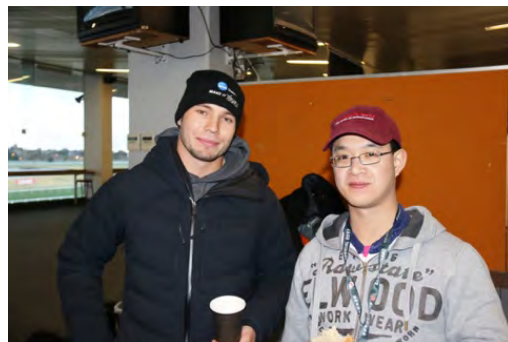


## ***In action (or inaction) at:***

***VSCRC Rd 4 Sandown***







**VIC 6 Hour Relay Phillip Island**







Oh dear!  
Did  
someone  
get a bit  
bogged  
Lloyd??!!



### ***Festival of Speed Winton***







### August Access Phillip Island









## ***VFT Minutes of August General Meeting***

**Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – August 2017 General Meeting**

**General Meeting Minutes  
3 August 2017, 8:00pm  
MG Car Club  
53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading**

**Members Present:** 22 Members.

**Apologies:** Roger Chirnside, Eric Rigg, Brian Mackey, Richard Millott, Terry O'Callaghan, Greg Hardy, Matthew Hardy, Michelle Clewett, Michael Clewett, Michael Poole, David Humphries, and Country and Interstate Members

David Thornbury welcomed all attendees to the meeting and thanked them for coming out on a cold wet evening.

**Minutes from the previous General meeting (1 June 2017):** Moved: Will Gaff, seconded: Tim Oh that the minutes be accepted. Carried

### **Matters Arising:**

- 0.1 Bryan O'Reilly notes the incorrect spelling of his surname in item 14.3 of June minutes.
- 0.2 Mario Pacifici disputes Eric Rigg's response to his query in item 15.4 of the June minutes. Further states that as shirts are embroidered, they become a personal asset to the individual. Why is the club paying for the chiefs shirts? Committee members note that it was passed by the committee some years ago and that it is desirable to have the chiefs identifiable by a uniform specific to their role.
- 0.3 John Grist refers to item 12.2 of the June minutes, regarding CAMS' Working with Children announcement being posted on Facebook. He notes that Facebook is not an official means of communication for the club, and many members do not use Social Media. David Thornbury advised that details of the WwC change was published in both the May and July magazine, and Facebook was simply used to supplement this.
- 0.4 John Grist refers to item 13.2 of the June minutes, regarding a suggestion that the club sells whistles at events. He queries why the club would sell whistles, when they are provided in the 10 day kit. It was noted this was in the event of a whistle being lost or damaged, or to other officials who may not have one.
- 0.5 John Grist refers to item 15.5 of the June minutes, regarding feedback received on magazine articles about ensuring members are prepared for all weather conditions. He notes that jeans (as advised in one article) are not a good option in bad weather. Mark Thompson responds that the article may have been taken out of context, and that it was aimed at newer officials, yet to buy all the necessary clothing, rather than experienced members. John Clarke suggests maybe the club could consider selling subsidised wet weather gear.

### **Reports:**

#### **1 President:**

- 1.1 David Thornbury advises that Roger will be filling the Grade 3 role in a caretaker capacity. Any grade 3/3As, please do contact Roger with any issues or concerns you may have. Shane Rogers will also include Grade 3/3As in his regular email communications.

#### **2 Vice President**

- 2.1 Working with Children change has now come in to effect. We are looking pretty good, with only a few of our regular attendees yet to provide details. CAMS has contacted all those yet to provide WWC details to them to advise that their licence will be suspended.





3 **Secretary:**

- 3.1 Membership is at 179. 178 Paid and 1 Outstanding
- 3.2 No outstanding Invoices for events
- 3.3 Mail Items: Event Registrations for upcoming events. Working with Children letters for members from DOJ
- 3.4 VHRR has renewed their sponsorship for another year.
- 3.5 Those who have not supplied their WWC details to CAMS have had their licences suspended, however due to a glitch, all members are showing as suspended in the online portal. This should be rectified shortly.

4 **Treasurer:**

- 4.1 As per report.
- 4.2 Payments to be passed:
  - Promotion Centre \$263.51 3x Winter Jackets
  - Telstra \$30.00 Secretary Phone Recharge
  - Telstra \$119.00 Secretary Phone New Handset
  - Australia Post \$13.80 Returned Uniform for missing pockets

Moved: John Grist, seconded: Glenn Rochester that payments are passed. Carried.

5 **Chief Flagmarshal:**

- 5.1 Completed Meetings:
  - Shannons Nationals Winton 9-11 June 2017. Kevin Watson chief flag, Warren Gordon assistant chief, Karen Legg induction officer. 14 marshals and 1 trainee for both days. Meeting ran smoothly, with good teamwork between all disciplines. Good social atmosphere after each day's events.
  - VSCRC3 Winton 17-18 June 2017. Kevin Watson chief flag, Arthur Cooksley and Warren Gordon assistant chiefs, Karen Legg induction officer, Will Gaff training officer. 19 and 20 marshals for each respective day, together with 2 trainees and 2 drivers. Both trainees developing well, although Lily still requires strong supervision. All comms covered by VFT members. Only issue was a noticeable lack of pit lane and grid marshals. Generally good fields, with Hyundai Excels proving to be a very competitive and entertaining category.
  - Phillip Island 300 24-25 June 2017. Arthur C chief flag, Ross Earl chief marshal. 20 flag marshals on Saturday, plus 1 trainee and 1 driver. 20 Flag marshals on Sunday plus 1 trainee. The above numbers are inclusive of VFT members filling roles as sector marshals and comms. The majority of points had at least two persons, by the use of PIARC communicators and VFT sector marshals. Fields were very small, and no serious incidents occurred across the weekend. Both chief flag and chief marshal rotated as sector 11 on each of the two days.
  - VSCRC4 Sandown 22-23 July 2017. Arthur C chief flag. Ross Girvan chief marshal. Will Gaff, Kevin Watson and Lloyd Owen assistant chiefs. Training Officer Mark Thompson. Placements and briefing conducted by Lloyd Owen as part of his upgrade assessment. 28 flag marshals on days, plus 4 trainees and 4 drivers over the two days. VFT covered all points not allocated a communicator. All points had at least two persons. 6 assessments conducted across the weekend. Good fields across all categories meant for good racing. No serious incidents across the weekend. Weather was very cold and windy, so the hot soup and hotdogs for lunch were well received by all.
  - Phillip Island 6 hr 29-30 July 2017. Arthur C chief flag and chief marshal. Will Gaff and Kevin Watson assistant chiefs, but both deployed to trackside roles over the 2 days. 23 and 25 flag marshals respectively over Saturday and Sunday. VFT covered all posts not allocated a communicator. Three posts working solo across each day. Windy conditions on Saturday and wet conditions on Sunday proved very trying – especially for the posts working solo. Chief flag focussed on the solo posts to provide breaks during each day. Will and Kevin alternated roles as sector 2 and pit exit blue flag for each of the two days. Three senior flag



- marshals operated as sector marshals for the first time, giving each of them valuable experience in this role. No serious incidents across the weekend, but quite a large number of reports written – mainly for passing under yellow or red flags.
- 5.2 Upcoming Meetings:
- Festival of Speed Winton 5-6 August 2017. Kevin Watson chief flag. 11 flag marshals across both days
  - August Access Phillip Island 19-20 August 2017. Arthur Cooksley chief flag. Roger C chief marshal. No assistant chiefs. Currently 18 graded marshals and 2 trainees listed, together with 5 sector marshals.
  - Shannons Nationals Phillip Island 8-10 September 2017. Arthur C chief flag. Will Gaff and Kevin Watson assistant chiefs. Roger C chief marshal. Currently 28 graded marshals and 1 trainee, plus 2 marshals yet to complete a WWC check.
  - Sandown 500 15-17 September 2017. 42 graded marshals listed. Awaiting advice from V8SC on any officials without WWC check, who will be excluded from the meeting.
- 5.3 Arthur attended the drivers briefing at the 6 hour, at which flag marshals received praise. With one attendee noting that the flaggies are your best friend out on track.
- 6 Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**
- 6.1 Will Gaff notes that he and Lloyd Owen wrote a piece for the July magazine, titled “10 days out”. This outlines all the tasks the chief has to go through in the lead up to an event. It is hoped that this article will give members some insight into the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.
- 7 Training Officer:**
- 7.1 Mark Thompson gave an update on completed and upgrades in progress.
- 7.2 Mark reminded members of the upcoming Comms and Report Writing training night on 22 August. Everyone is encouraged to attend this valuable training. Please register with Mark.
- 7.3 There are plans to hold another EA course in the near future.
- 7.4 Mark has been disappointed with the attendance at the training provided both by CAMS and the club. It would be great to see more members take advantage of the training on offer to improve their skills.
- 8 CAMS Rep:**
- 8.1 Jason Carroll advised he had attended his first CAMS State Council meeting after previous ones did not reach a quorum. Items discussed of note were:
- Paul Zsidy has resigned as Chairman of the State Council. This allows him to avoid any conflict when competing at AASA events.
  - Jason also raised some queries around the WWC Check, as requested by club members:  
Q. Why has CAMS given a complete exemption to competition licence holders (Drivers), when a number of Affiliated CAMS Clubs are involved & conduct junior driver training, and are directly in contact with children (under 18)?  
A. When drivers become teachers/instructors they then become officials and need to have the WWC done.  
Q. Since 2015, every competitor holding a CAMS Licence above the equivalent of the former “2S” level is automatically issued with a CAMS General Official’s Licence. This was introduced, in part, to enable recruitment from competitor ranks to assist at events where Officials number might be down. So, the likelihood of some competitors performing ‘child related work’ is quite probable.  
A. CAMS are going to look into this.  
Q. Will CAMS accept a Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Card for teachers in lieu of a WWC check? (This was asked due to the scouts not accepting the VIT card for teachers and they have to get a WWC check done if they work in scouts)  
A. CAMS are looking into that but in the meantime teachers should produce their VIT card to CAMS. It is now confirmed VIT holders are exempt for needing a WWC check.



- The representative from, I believe, the VHRR questioned how CAMS could run the Shannons Nationals and make a profit with low car numbers whereas they almost run the Phillip Island Classic at a loss but with 500+ cars. It was pointed out that CAMS has a number of key sponsors and that the entry fees are a lot higher than they charge per entry.
  - A question/statement came from the floor that the State Council used to be able to make decisions on the running of CAMS and that motions were able to be raised and moved for action. It was answered that the State Council still can raise motions for action.
- 8.2 Jason advised that the next CAMS State Council meeting is to be held on 5 September. If anyone has anything they would like raising, please get in contact.
- 9 Grade 3 Rep:**
- 9.1 As per Presidents report, Roger will fill the role in a caretaker capacity.
- 10 Grade 4/5 Rep:**
- 10.1 Shane Rogers has sent an email update to all Grade 3/3As and 4/5s. He has encouraged female members to apply for the Trans-Tasman Officials Exchange program.
- 11 Promotions:**
- 11.1 Next recruitment activity will be at the Sandown 500. We have 2 volunteers at present.
- 11.2 We will be doing another order of brochures after the event, but would like to use up our existing stock at the 500. If anyone has any of the current brochures, could they please return them to me. I will give out the new ones when they come in.
- 12 Social Media:**
- 12.1 The Facebook page is now up over 700 likes/follows.
- 12.2 The WAMS Officials Exchange to Singapore was posted to Social Media on 23 June and closed 9 July. Winner is from Queensland.
- 12.3 The WAMS Officials Exchange to Pukekohe was shared today. It closes on 20 August. With Natalie Daish having done the Singapore exchange, it would be great to have one of our members go to Pukekohe. Mark Thompson queries if it is only open to Silver or above. David Thornbury notes he checked the requirements before posting and confirms it is open to Bronze or above.
- 13 Merchandise:**
- 13.1 There are currently 3 uniforms on order.
- 13.2 As touched on in the Treasurers report, one uniform has been returned to Revolution due to it missing pockets.
- 14 Magazine:**
- 14.1 David Thornbury advises the cut off for the September magazine is 24 August
- 14.2 David Thornbury notes that the editor always welcomes content for the magazine, so please do send through any articles or photos.

**Reports:** Moved Geoff Kay, Seconded Shane Rogers that reports are accepted. Carried

**15 General Business:**

- 15.1 David Thornbury presents Tim Oh with his 5 year service badge and certificate. Apologies to Tim for the delay in his presentation.
- 15.2 David Thornbury advises that members may notice some changes to the website as Eric makes enhancements off the back of the training he is receiving.
- 15.3 Jason Carroll gave a presentation on the proposed new Summer Uniform and answered a number of queries from the floor.
- 15.4 Brad Ross advised he is waiting on some VFT stickers to put on his race car to promote the club.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:34pm

**Next Meeting:** General Meeting, 8pm 5 October 2017 at the MG Car Club, however to be reviewed by the committee due to clashing with the Bathurst 1000.



2017 Calendar		
March 4-5 *	Winton	VMRC 1
March 4-5 *	Sandown	VSCRC 1
March 17-19	Phillip Island	Island Classic
March 23-26	Albert Park	F1 GP, not a VFT event
April 7-9	Sandown	Shannon Nationals
April 21-23	Phillip Island	WD40 Phillip island 500
April 30	Sandown	Porsche 4 Hour
May 6-7	Phillip Island	VSCRC 2
May 13	Winton	VMRC 2
May 19-21	Winton	V8's Winton 400
May 26-28 *	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 27-28 *	Winton	Historic Winton
June 9-11	Winton	Shannons Nationals
June 17-18	Winton	VSCRC 3
June 24-25	Phillip Island	Multi Club
July 22-23	Sandown	VSCRC 4
July 29 -30	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 5-6	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 19-20	Phillip Island	August Access
September 8-10	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
September 15-17	Sandown	Sandown 500
September 23-24	Winton	VMRC 3
Sept 30 Oct 1	Phillip Island	VSCRC 5
October 14-15	Winton	AROCA 12 Hour Relay
November 10-12 *	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 11-12 *	Winton	Winton 300
November 25-26	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 2-3	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay
December 10	Como Gardens, The Basin	VFT Christmas Party
* = Clash		

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- The VFT Club Phone : **03 8796 5321**
- The VFT Club Mobile: **0409 823 657**
- Email: [chief@vicflag.org.au](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)
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