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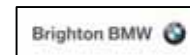
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A Word or Two

One area of our club that we tend to fall down on is the social side. Certainly the winter months are not conducive to group gatherings, and of course current restrictions. Granted we have the Christmas Party at our Patron's property in early December, followed by the Chief's BBQ mid January, and this year we have the added Presentation Night also in December, but apart from these, there is not much else.



Enter, one of our club members, who has raised the suggestion of a family picnic day at the Rob Roy Hillclimb on Sunday 31st October. This particular event is being run by the MG Car Club as part of a Triple Crown series. Because of our close ties with the MG people inasmuch as they allow the VFT use of their clubrooms for various gatherings - General meetings, Committee meetings and Training days etc, free of charge, I think it would be a nice gesture on our behalf to support this event. So, why not come along and bring the family - full details can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

As a result of the message I recently sent to all our club members, I received a number of phone calls from people just wanting a 'chat'. The impression I formed from various sources had a common theme and that was one of frustration, together with anxiety, which of course can lead to worry and fear. So, if anybody feels the need to contact someone in an effort to help allay their concerns regarding, not only the current nationwide health situation, but anything in general, please don't hesitate to call me.

Meanwhile, I look forward to talking with you all face to face at the forthcoming Sandown VSCRC meeting at the end of this month.

Because of the relatively lengthy absence from competitive race meetings, I thought it might be timely to remind all of our members of our duties and responsibilities. As trackside motorsport marshals we are constantly in an inherently dangerous area, so naturally we must always be mindful of our wellbeing and the safety of others. This doesn't mean that we cannot enjoy ourselves, but as I always say, 'Take Care'.

Kind regards to you all

Roger Chirnside
President



Flag One Reporting

Hi all

I was thinking, here we go again lockdown no 4. The question - how do we ever get on top of this bloody virus? The answer is to get vaccinated for your own safety and others around you. We must listen to the advice we are given to get back to where we were in 2019. I will get off my soap box now.



Let's get back to what's important - motor racing. Not a lot happening at this time due to winter but the action will start up very soon. On Saturday 19th June about 12 members went to Sandown for the BMWDC "Come and Try Day". It was a very relaxing day, great weather and good company on the day. A big thanks to Jo Mawson for the wonderful hospitality - those wood fired pizzas were great thank you again.

VSCRC Rd 4 at Sandown - we have had a great interest with great numbers coming along but please, we need help the next 2 week ends after Sandown, at PI and Winton, so see what you can do for us. Thanks in advance.

This pandemic has raised more questions than answers. The big thing to raise its ugly head is mental health. If you're feeling unsure or not right please reach out to your friends or family. If you just need a chat, the club is here to support you through this time. There is help for everyone out there in our motorsport family. Please do not suffer in silence. If you want to talk give me a call or your committee members.

At the last General meeting we announced the Presentation Night at the Sandown Greyhound function room on 9th December. We want to make this a great night for all the members and partners to celebrate 2021. We are taking bookings from 1st July. The cost is \$70 per head, all food and drinks. Spirits at your own cost. Money can be paid to the club via the Treasurer. If you do bank transfer please put your name on the transfer paperwork - thanks.

The last thing, please support our training day at the MGCC on 17th July. Contact our Training Officer - it looks like a great event with a number of guest speakers to share their great wealth of knowledge and experience. I know there has been a heap of work go into this event so let's make it a great day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23-25 July - Sandown VSCRC Rd 4 register via VFT

31 Jul-1 August - Phillip Island VIC 6Hour - register via Better Impact/My Volunteer

6-8 August - Winton Festival of Speed - register via VFT

7-8 August - Phillip Island August Access - register via VFT and Nick Scarcella PIARC

17-19 September - Sandown Shannons - register via VFT website or Will

That's it from me - see you at Sandown. Stay safe.

Until next time

William Gaff

Chief Flag

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Assistant Chief/Merchandise Report



Hi all,

I haven't done a mag article for a while as most of the things are covered under Will's article, as Chief Flag. I will say that I'm happy with the way the club is heading, and in my role as Assistant Chief Flag, I don't mind stepping back and letting others better themselves for upgrades to their licence. I believe it is a vital part of our club to have a succession plan in place for the future of our club. Will and I are not looking 1 or 2 years ahead in our succession plan, but 5 to 10 years ahead. So, if you are looking at progressing further in the ranks, and you regularly attend race meetings, talk to Will and I and we will look at how we can help you.

On the Merchandise side of things, at time of writing this report, Meg Boers had just been officially appointed to the role. I would like to thank Meg for putting her hand up and taking over this duty from me. With her professional experience, I'm sure she will do a fantastic job in bringing new ideas for our Merchandise, so feel free to reach out to Meg if you require any VFT Items.

I want to now touch on the mental health side of things and something very personal to me. Sadly, I recently suffered a mental breakdown.

Thanks to my lovely wife, Nicole, she dragged my sorry backside to the doctor's, and I sought help. I'm glad to say that the help I've received has been fantastic and I'm feeling like a new person. I'm not ashamed about what happened and being incredibly open about my experience.

I have had some issues at my workplace and at home that have been a part of my melt down.

Having said that, I feel there have also been some troubling personal issues that I must deal with within our own club. This has weighed heavily on me and most certainly contributed to the way I have been feeling. I start by saying we are not all perfect, I have shortcomings like us all and we all have our own idiosyncrasies and different ways of doing things, but all in all it's with a common cause toward the club and our friendships within it, that I try to do the best for our club and do what I believe is in the best interest for our club.

I guess what I would just like to say is that if someone has any issues with another club member, then do yourself a favour and go and talk to this person face to face. In talking directly to that person, you might get a better appreciation as to what is going on. As you can appreciate, the last thing I needed was another problem or monkey on my back that was going to cause me even more grief, especially from within the club that I love so much and something I knew nothing about. I am proud of my position in the club and sincerely want to help others get ahead as well and for the club to be recognised as a professional outfit. So, I urge you all, if you have an issue that may not be sitting right with you, then please don't let it fester and manifest itself into something big and horrible that you could have laid to rest much earlier. If I don't know I can't help.

As Assistant Chief Flag Marshal, there are times when I may look a little grumpy and from time to time the environment warrants a bit of grumpy, but I also suffer from what is termed "thinkers scowl" an issue I have had all my life, not something I am happy about, especially when my wife is continually is telling me off for having that angry look. It's something I have had to deal with and not something that will go away, but you will find that 9 times out of 10 if you see me with this scowl on my face, I'm not necessarily unhappy, it's just me, so if you see me like this just give me a friendly dig to snap me out of it.



As part of my recovery, I ask you all for your support and if you feel that perhaps you may have been treated unfairly or have a personal issue with me, then please be a sport and come and talk to me, I will cherish the chat.

In all that I've said, I implore any of our members that if you are feeling down and not yourself, reach out to your loved ones and talk about what is going on. If you don't have that support, please reach out to your committee members, Beyond Blue or our Motorsport Chaplins.

In conclusion, I will say that I love this club and I'm determined to work hard in continuing and bettering our club's reputation and to continue to help develop our members to make our club even better.

All the best

Jason Carroll

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Grade 3/3A Report

Hi all

Hope everyone is happy and healthy and been spending lots of quality time with friends and family over the last month.

We had a great turnout for the June General Meeting, was lovely to see so many of your faces!

The online format seems to be convenient for many of you, with some living further afield and many of us with very busy schedules, so the great initiative of Hybrid General Meetings moving forward was agreed upon, giving everyone the choice to either attend in person or dial in via Zoom.

This month, we have a couple of great weekends to look forward to, the first being our VFT Training Day on Saturday 17th July at the MG Car Club rooms. With a stellar line-up of presenters, I'm sure I will see lots of you there.

The following weekend we have VSCRC Rd 4 at Sandown, 23rd – 25th July, and I can't wait to get trackside again! If anyone is still yet to register for this event, make sure you register via the new website to get the event reminders and any updated information for this weekend.

Hopefully you are all enjoying the new website, and finding it easy to navigate, but please keep me updated if you experience any issues or have any suggestions on anything additional you'd like to see.

Well that's about it from me, looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Meg Boers

Grade 3/3A Rep





Vice President Report

Hi everyone, well what a past 6 months we have all had. Time flies when you are having fun they say and whilst there hasn't been much trackside activity there have been plenty of Grands Prix & Supercars to keep us enthused about the sport.



Our membership numbers are remaining stable and its pleasing to see our attendances slowly creeping up at upcoming events, so thank you to you all for your ongoing commitment to the VFT and the sport we all love.

I was thinking a few weeks ago whilst watching the Supercars "who are some of these sponsors and what do they do". That got me thinking about our sponsors and supporters and the importance of sponsorship.

If we didn't have sponsors and supporters, we couldn't do what we do, just like the Supercar Teams.

As you all know we are always looking out for new sponsors and supporters for our club, their valuable contributions make it possible to have and maintain our equipment, pay for our affiliations, support our membership base by keeping membership fees low and our social and online activity at the forefront. It's a role for all of our members to identify and promote new and potential members but also potential sponsors and/or supporters.

So, who are our Supporters and Sponsors?

Shannons – Shannons have been with the VFT for many years now. The sponsorship of our Trophies and Race Experience Vouchers year in, year out have been very welcomed by all that have been fortunate enough to have been awarded these accolades. Shannons Insurance is well placed in the motor racing world with many high-profile motorsport categories being sponsored and by association we too have a boost to our profile throughout the industry.

Penrite – Penrite's sponsorship has been an invaluable source of our revenue for many years, it allows the club to keep our equipment up to standard and to purchase new equipment where required. The management and owners of Penrite have been great sponsors and supporters with many additional donations of giveaways etc over the years with our expos and functions. Our association with Penrite places the VFT into a group of organisations that are well recognised throughout the racing industry. We urge all our members to support Penrite and their Australian made products where possible.

VHRR – Victorian Historic Racing Register – VHRR have been supporters of the VFT again for many years, their contribution to our club is well received and used to fund the VFT expenses for equipment. We as a club are also invited to many of the VHRR functions and race days. Our association is one of mutual respect and admiration for Historic Motorsport and an organisation that the VFT is proud to be associated with.

MGCC – MG Car Club – The MG Car Club have been fabulous supporters of the VFT, they have regularly make their impressive club rooms and facilities available to the VFT for our Committee Meetings, General Meetings and Training Days. The MGCC are also very supportive of the motorsport fraternity and are keen contributors to ongoing training and



development. The VFT has been an integral part of many of the MG Car Race days over the years and enjoy the on going relationship between the two clubs.

BMW - The Stillwell Group – Brighton BMW have been wonderful supporters of the VFT again for many years. The sponsorship of the sought after Stillwell Trophy and the exquisite BMW Watch that is awarded as part of this prestigious trophy has always been welcomed.

Sandown Raceway - The Management team at Sandown Raceway have been very generous with their facility over the years. The Motorsport Officials Expos 2014 & 2016 put together by the VFT were graciously supported by the team at Sandown. We also have a garage at the track to store our club trailer at no charge.

Motorsport Australia – Our affiliation with Motorsport Australia makes it possible to work trackside in a controlled and orderly manner. As trackside officials it is important that we have the support and governance of Australia’s leading Motorsport body and that they also provide ongoing training, recognition and insurances that enable us all to enjoy the sport we love.

It is important that we as a club, support our sponsors and supporters where we can, by considering their respected brands and products, wearing their logos with pride, to look fantastic and always do our very best trackside.

So, I would like to, on your behalf and as a club, take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support both in the past and for the future.



I look forward to seeing you all trackside again soon.

Cheers

Mark

Mark Thompson

Vice President

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Member Profiles

MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Shane Rogers
NICKNAME: Shaneo
AGE: 47
MEMBER SINCE: 2011
CURRENT GRADE: 3A
OCCUPATION: Plasterer
MARITAL STATUS: Single
KIDS: 4
FIRST CAR: 1981 XD Falcon
CURRENT CAR: BF Falcon MK3
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: 2020 Mustang Rough cut Edition



RACING HERO: Ayrton Senna
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: Too many to name. Mostly Ford teams of course!
HOBBIES or FAVOURITE PASTIME WHEN NOT AT THE TRACK: Outside of Motorsport, spending time with Family & Friends and travel.
WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? Lanyards
WHY JOIN THE VFT: Not smart enough to be an engineer with Nascar.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? BBQ
FAVOURITE DRINK/S: Just about anything caffeinated.
FAVOURITE FILM: Fast and Furious series
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Fast and Furious series
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Family and friends
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING YOU ATTEND: Bathurst 6hr
FAVOURITE QUOTE: Customers think they are never wrong, but they aren't always right.
BUCKET LIST OF EVENTS TO ATTEND: Le Mans, Daytona 24, Daytona 500, Indy 500, just to name a few.



MEMBER PROFILE



NAME: Kevin Watson
NICKNAME: Watto
AGE: 66
MEMBER SINCE: 2002
CURRENT GRADE: Gold
OCCUPATION: Operations Team Leader
MARITAL STATUS: Yes
KIDS: 2 (one deceased)
FIRST CAR: Holden EK Ute
CURRENT CAR: Mitsubishi Outlander & 68 Pontiac Tempest Coupe
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Ferrari 488
RACING HERO: Norm Beechey / Greg Murphy
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: Brad Jones (due to enormous amount of sponsorship my work pays)
HOBBIES or FAVOURITE PASTIME WHEN NOT AT THE TRACK: Outside of Motorsport - Grandkids
WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? John Deere toys & merchandise
WHY JOIN THE VFT: In memory of my son who passed away 2 days before attending first event.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? Poached eggs on toast
FAVOURITE DRINK/S: Coke No Sugar/ Big M Iced coffee
FAVOURITE FILM: Stripes
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: More into car documentaries
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Current group of mates
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING YOU ATTEND: Austin 7 Historic Winton
FAVOURITE QUOTE: Live your dreams.
BUCKET LIST OF EVENTS TO ATTEND: An Historic event at Baskerville, Tassie.



Grade 4/5 Report

Hi everyone,

It's been a very quiet couple of months for us with little motor racing on. It seems like having our mini lockdown in Victoria was timed quite well.



At our last event at Phillip Island, we had one brand new trainee come along, they enjoyed their day trackside, despite having all the elements hit us in one day.

I'm very glad to see we're still getting strong numbers of expressions of interest for our upcoming events. I'm hoping we get a few new trainees come along to the next couple of events.

As always, to all Grade 4/5's, please get in touch with me if you have any queries you want raised.

Cheers

Patrick Harding
Grade 4/5 Rep

Training Matters

Hi Everyone

I hope you all have enjoyed the long break away from the racing and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

It's not long now until the Training Day on July 17th! It'll be a great day with flags up-skilling, comms up-skilling, a quick Team Medical presentation and last but not least an Introductory critical incident course from Anthony Jenkins. Breakfast and a BBQ lunch will be provided by the VFT, so if you can spare the day, come down and join us for what should be an informative day. But hurry, as spots are limited and they're going fast! To register for the training day, hop onto the VFT website and register for it under the events page.



Hope to see many of you there!

Cheers
Tim Oh
Training Officer



Merchandise

Merchandise Officer 2021 – Meg Boers

The Merchandise Officer role is in the process of being handed over from Jason Carroll to Meg and there will shortly be an update of items for purchase with pictures and prices etc, so watch this space!!



Meanwhile for any merchandising orders or questions you can see Meg at the track, or

Email: merchandise@vicflag.org.au or

Mob: **0434 533 097**

From the Editor - VFT Magazine's Electronic Future

I hope all of you who received a hard copy of the May magazine in the mail, enjoyed the colour version. It was certainly a good way to finish the bulk mail out of magazines to most members. From now on, only sponsors, motoring groups and members who have specifically requested, will receive a hard copy in the mail, in black and white as has been the norm. For everyone, the magazine will be available online on the VFT website vicflag.org.au in colour as usual.

Many thanks to all contributors - please keep the articles coming!

Please note articles for the September edition are due 24th August - magazine@vicflag.org.au - Joy Chirnside.

Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of Meg Boers, Tim Oh, Revved Photography and Mark Thompson.

Remember to Keep These Dates Free:

Sunday 31st October 2021 - Rob Roy Hillclimb Social Family Day -
375 Clintons Road, Smiths Gully VIC 3760 (Melway Map Ref 265 A9) [\[Map Link\]](#)

Thursday 9th December 2021 - VFT Presentation Night - Sandown Greyhound Racing Club

Sunday 12th December 2021 - VFT Christmas Gathering - Como Gardens, The Basin

Saturday 15th January 2022 - Chief's BBQ - Brooklands, Boronia (Roger & Joy's place)



Thank you to VFT officials from the BMW Drivers Club Melbourne

A huge thank you to all the wonderful VFT officials who came out on track at Sandown, on Saturday 19th June for our Come & Try Day.

We had a big lineup of cars and it was so good to see some new drivers hit the circuit, as well as some names we all recognise like Steve and Clay Richards, Ben Grice and Hugo Simpson from the Excels.

We greatly appreciate the support that VFT always show us by providing officials, and look forward to welcoming many more of you to our next track day.

Kind Regards

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Social Family Day at the Rob Roy Hillclimb

Register your interest with Terry Register, MGCC, 0416 195 437

It has been suggested by one of our club members that our club has a social family day for VFT members and families at the venue of the Rob Roy Hillclimb on 31st October, when the 30th Historic and Classic Hillclimb is being run by the MG Car Club. It is a great day for spectators and would be a good chance to have an extra social event on the calendar.

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Admission - Single Entry \$10 or \$20 Full Car

General Enquiries
Event Director - Wayne Rushton 0412 339 934
Competition - John Kelso 0417 398 606

Location

- 375 Clintons Road, Smiths Gully VIC 3760 (Melway Map Ref 265 A9) [\[Map Link\]](#) (Clintons Rd is almost opposite the road into Sugarloaf Reservoir.)
- Most come via the south end of Clintons Rd. **Note** there is a single lane bridge 100 metres from the start of the road, take care!
- Entry to the property is on the right, about one km from the south end of Clintons Rd.

Parking

- Parking is free.
- Turn left from the gatehouse (up a dirt road) for the west carpark, or straight on for the main car park.

Amenities

- BBQs are not allowed but tables, chairs and picnic lunches are available
- Be aware that the local CFA provide a BBQ breakfast and lunch at a reasonable cost



Real Happiness, ...you'll love this!

Quote: *'The happiest people don't have the best of everything, ...they make the best of everything.'* quote by Brian Weiner, from his book 'The Pursuit of Happiness.'



Our culture continually reinforces that true happiness stems from appearance, wealth, and possessions. As a youngster I remember thinking that I would find happiness as a teenager, only to find I wasn't 'feeling happy'. Then it jumped to when I finished school and got a job. This only bought its own set of challenges. So maybe happiness is found in a relationship and having a family. This 'When I get there, I'll be happy' model, will never find happiness.

Myth 1. Happiness is a natural state for human beings. Many people expect to be happy, and this should be their natural baseline. Anything less is not OK.

Myth 2. Happiness means we will always feel good. This is definitely not true, life happens! Emotional dependence will not bring a sense of meaning or contentment.

Myth 3. If you are not happy, you are deficient. 'There must be something wrong with me if I am not happy'. When one feels unhappy, this does mean that you are defective!

Develop memory skills and behavioural strategies – here's my 7 steps towards happiness.

1. Do not Delay Happiness

The best way to be happy is to **seize happiness** in every moment. When we associate our happiness with a goal, we miss out on so many other moments of happiness along the way.

2. Chat things out Civilly

Many do not express themselves and end up feeling hard done by or betrayed while also leaching our happiness. If someone says or does something, you do not like – say it and talk it out with them nicely. Get it off your chest and do not camp by a whole load of problems.

3. Experience each Moment

Modern psychological research says that 'living in the moment' creates happiness. Moments are steppingstones on our journey. Even negative moments can teach us valuable lessons.

4. Calm Your Inner Critic

We can be our own worst enemy – we criticise ourselves the most and are never happy with ourselves. While self-evaluation pushes you towards productivity, self-criticism keeps you from moving forward. Self-doubt creates fear and hinders growth, success and kicking goals.

5. Plan, but Learn to Let Go

People actively working towards attaining happiness understand that sometimes plans fail. Learning to let go means that you are accepting the reality and choosing to move ahead on your quest for happiness.

6. Do the Things You Love

The fastest way to attain happiness is by doing the things you enjoy. Making time for yourself is also a form of self-care and gives you the opportunity to recharge and unplug from all external stresses. People who embrace this habit are generally better equipped to handle busy schedules and real-life hurdles.

7. Count Your Blessings

Remind yourself that you already have all you need to succeed and flourish, happiness comes to you naturally. Jot down some gratitude thoughts, count your blessings and lower the frequency of negative emotions, this brings contentment, live each moment, happier.

Happy people acknowledge that life consists of ups and downs, learn to enjoy the ride. Once you start viewing happiness as a choice and not an outcome, you control your happiness. Find contentment, celebrate each moment, and make responses from a grateful position.

Doin' life together, Cheers.

Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



Presentations



Arvind Gawade receiving starter pack



Andy Kelk and David Martin getting their grade 4 upgrades



In Action (or Inaction) Photos

Phillip Island VSCRC Rd 3





BMW Come and Try Day







Minutes of the VFT June General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes 10 June 2021, 7:30pm Online (Zoom)

Members present: 31 Members and 1 guest (Tim Goodall) Online

Apologies: Roger Chirnside, Paul Freeman, Frank Arduca, Chris Plumridge, Alan Brown, Neil Harris, Lily Riley, Matthew Hardy, Judith Hill, Ian Hogan, David Martin, David Humphries, Philip Muraca, Arthur Cooksley, Russell Paech, Stephen Harris, Harold Dreher, David Florio, Sam McCoubrie, David Ebling, Graeme D'Arcy, Jeff Birrell, Gary McLean and Country and Interstate Members.

Minutes from the previous General meeting (8 April 2021):

Moved: Jason Carroll, seconded: Glenn Rochester, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

1.0 Nil

Reports:

2 President (via Mark Thompson):

2.1 The club acknowledges the passing of Roger Sloley. The president has had a tribute message posted on Facebook.

3 Vice President:

3.1 Membership. Slight rise since our last meeting.

3.2 Sponsors. Staying in touch with them to help ensure their continued support.

3.3 Government grants. Missed out on first round. Three more rounds that we will apply for. Mario Pacifici queries where we fell short on the first round, and if it is the same criteria for future rounds. Mark advises that there was an issue with documents loading. The process for each round is the same, but they cover different scenarios.

4 Secretary:

3.1 Service Awards. Due to the lack of events in 2020, we have a back log of service award presentations. We hope to catch up on these in the next couple of events. If you believe you have missed out on receiving a service award, please reach out.

3.2 Member profiles. Thanks to everyone who has logged into their website member portfolio and checked they are up to date.

5 Treasurer:

5.1 As per report.

5.2 Payments to be passed:

- Corporate Printers \$180.00 Magazine

Moved: Andy Kelk, seconded: Michael Clewett that payments are passed. Carried.

5.3 Member of the Month. Has been reintroduced for 2021.



5.4 Magazine. Is now online only for all members unless requested. To continue to receive a print copy, email the secretary. This initiative will reduce costs for the club, as well as being more environmentally friendly.

6 Chief Flag Marshal:

6.1 Completed Events:

- Porsche Regularity Relay. This event is growing in stature. Conditions were horrendous. Three drivers completing their 8 hours. Thanks to the Porsche Club of Victoria, who really looked after us with a gift of wine glasses.
- VSCRC 3. 9 withdrawals in the couple of days leading into the event that made the placements challenging for David. Conditions were cold. A number of incidents.

6.2 Upcoming Events:

- BMW Come and Try day.
- VSCRC 4. Numbers looking good.
- Victorian 6 Hour Relay
- VHRR Festival of Speed
- PIARC August Access

6.3 All members are reminded they must stay behind the first line of protection (Armco and catch fence). The incident at Turn 6 of Sandown in 2019 show how effective catch fences are.

6.4 Thanks to all of those who have been involved in getting the website and event registrations up and running.

7 Asst. Chief Flag Marshal:

7.1 Porsche Regularity Relay. Was in race Control on the Comms Channel. Thanks to everyone for making job easy. Everyone did a great job in difficult conditions.

7.2 VSCRC Debrief meeting.

- All categories gave thanks for our efforts in poor conditions.
- Excels have asked for drivers who do not meet standards to be sent home
- HQs upset they did not get own races. Combined with Historic Touring which meant they lost laps.
- Excel crash at 12.5 under Safety Car. Driver was very upset after exiting the car. Wasn't reported. Reminder that we should report this behaviour in the future
- Blendline TV. All categories disappointed with coverage. Had some technical issues. Mark notes we had hoped the club would get a push with graphics on screen, but this did not happen. David advises we did get a mention in the coverage. Jo Mawson notes plenty of flaggies shown during E30s.

8 Training Officer:

8.1 Six assessments currently ongoing. Hoping to progress a couple at VSCRC Round 4

8.2 Training Day 17 July at MG car Club. Event presenters are:

- Flags – Tim and Jason
- Comms – Suzanne Arnott
- TMA – Noel Tippet
- Critical Incident – Anthony Jenkins



8.3 Thanks to Jason for his support at VSCRC Round 3. Footage was being taken for use in training videos.

9 Motorsport Australia Rep:

9.1 No report

10 Grade 3 Rep:

10.1 Roger Sloley tribute. The club has donated VFT stickers to Paul Meade, for a tribute to Roger at the Victorian 6 Hour Relay.

11 Grade 4/5 Rep:

11.1 Nothing to report

12 Induction:

12.1 Have a few trainees going through the process. One at Phillip Island. A couple of new enquiries.

13 Merchandise:

13.1 Meg Boers was confirmed as the Merchandise Officer at the last committee meeting.

14 Magazine:

14.1 Articles for the July magazine are due on 24 June.

Reports: Moved Jason Carroll, Seconded Michelle Clewett that reports are accepted. Carried

15 General Business:

15.1 Member Portal. Mario Pacifici queries if it is possible to have two email addresses linked to your member profile. Jo Mawson (platform SME) advises that it is not possible to have two emails, however the second email can be created as an additional contact record. Members wishing to have a second contact email/record are to contact the secretary with details.

15.2 Online streaming of Face to Face General Meetings. Mario Pacifici queries if there have been any developments on this suggestion. Mark advises the committee has agreed to do this. The facilities exist at MGCC and we are hoping to launch for the August General Meeting

15.3 Training Day. Meg Boers queries if registration is via the website or email. Tim Oh advises he would prefer an email. Meg further queries what the capacity is. Tim advises 40, with 23 currently registered.

15.4 Mark Thompson welcomes Tim Goodall (potential new members) to the meeting.

15.5 Awards night. Will Gaff gives details of a new awards night for the club to be held at Sandown Greyhound Track on 9 December at an anticipated cost of \$70 per person. Will Gaff answers queries from the members.

15.6 Constitution. Mario Pacifici asks if the committee is looking to update the constitution so as to cater for virtual meetings. Mark confirms it is to be looked at.

Meeting Closed: 9:01pm

Next Meeting: 5 August 2021 at MG Car Club



2021 Calendar			
4 February	via Zoom	VFT AGM	
19-21 February	Phillip Island	Aust All Wheels Race Fest Shannons/M'sport Aust	Cancelled
19-21 February	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 1 [MGCC]	
5-7 March	Phillip Island	Phillip Island Classic	
20-21 March	Sandown	Repcos Supercars	Also register via My Volunteer
27-28 March	Winton	VSCRC Rd 2 [VSRS]	
8 April	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
10-11 April	Phillip Island	April Access	Also register via Lyn Johnston, PIARC
11 April	Sandown	Porsche 6 Hour Regularity	
15-16 May	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 3 [PIARC]	Also register via Lyn Johnston, PIARC
3 June	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
23-25 July	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 4 [ASSA]	
31 July - 1 August	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay	Also register via My Volunteer
5 August	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
6-8 August	Winton	Festival of Speed	
7-8 August	Phillip Island	August Access	Also register via Nick Scarcella, PIARC
17-19 September	Sandown	Shannons M'Sport Aust Championship Rd 5	
25-26 September	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 5 [VMCI]	
7 October	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
16-17 October	Winton	Alfa Club 12 Hour Relay	
31-October	Rob Roy	Rob Roy Hillclimb Social Day	Register with Terry Regester, MGCC
5-7 November	Sandown	Sandown Historics	
18-21 November	Albert Park	F1 GP (not a VFT event)	
27-28 November	Phillip Island	Island Magic	
2 December	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
9 December	Sandown Greyhound Racing Club	Presentation Night	
12 December	Como Gardens	VFT Christmas Gathering	

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Due to uncertainty at this stage all meetings are subject to official confirmation

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