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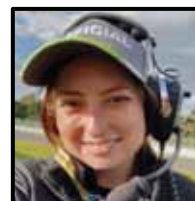
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Cover Picture:
Crash scene at Brands Hatch, UK in 2022

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Welcome to New Members

Darren Blake
Paul Nowland (returning member)

Reminder – General Meeting – 1 June 2023

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

- MG Car Club Rooms AND on-line
- Unit 53 & 54
Eastern Business Centre
41-49 Norcal Road
Nunawading
- Meeting time: 7:30pm

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A Word from the Prez



We have had a really busy start to the year, and it has been fabulous to see so many new faces join the team. We had a great turn out of VFT members at the Australian Grand Prix, even though not a formal VFT event we had members at every trackside post, including Flags, Comms, Track, Spectator, Sectors and Course cars and more. It was a challenging 4 plus days for everyone and the crazy end will be one we tell stories about for years to come. You all did an amazing job.

It was also fabulous to get together pre-event with our motorsport family from QMROA. Thanks to John Miller and the team for the invite.

We also had a great turnout at Winton for the VSCRC round 2. I spent a lot of time at Winton when I first joined the club, with a lot of fabulous memories, so it was great to be back in a place where we can head away for the weekend, and only have to worry about getting a baby sitter for the dog now.

Thanks for the feedback on the merchandise needs and wants, interesting results, we will further investigate Jackets and warm mid layers, sadly/happily, given track conditions - only one request for a mankini.

We will be rebranding the blue colour of uniform in line with the traditional navy, rather than the royal blue. This will reduce blue flag confusion at a post and also fit in nicely with the Motorsport Australia navy clothing. Both uniforms will be acceptable, but the royal blue will be gradually phased out.

Meg has put in a lot of time and effort researching styles and revamping the shirt design, creating a more simplified and less visually busy look. We showed ideas to the members at the April General Meeting and it was met with support.

We are reflecting on the Awards night and how we can continue to improve this celebration of our amazing team.

We have also set up a group to review the constitution, in order to put it more in line with changes to legislation and technology over the years.

Remember everyone in the club is a volunteer, we don't expect everyone to attend everything, life is busy, family and work /paying the bills come first. We appreciate any time you can put in trackside.

See you trackside soon.

Suzanne

Suzanne Arnott

President

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Vice President's Report



Greetings and salutations members,

Welcome to another edition of the club magazine. I hope you and your families are all well. Moving into the colder months we need to remember to keep warm and healthy to avoid the dreaded lurgies that so often impact our lives at this time of year.

The year is moving quickly. It's hard to believe we are in May already. Where has it gone? I know there has been a fair bit of racing to help distract us from the flying time.

There has been racing at pretty much all levels since the last edition of the magazine, and at many different circuits. From international to club. And there's more coming too! It's fantastic. I hope you (for those of you that attended) have recovered from the Australian Rolex Formula 1 Grand Prix. And to those that sat at home and watched it, I hope you have also recovered. What a race that was! Albert Park never fails to provide the entertainment, that's for sure.

With Phillip Island undergoing works, its looking like it's set to be ready for racing soon. The new look 12.5 looks terrific, and I can't wait to be posted there. I hope to see you all there for the Speed Series, and the upcoming state series.

Before I go, I'd like to send out a huge thanks to the Winton team and all the officials who came along to the state series a couple of weeks ago. And thanks to Patrick Harding for liaising with the newcomers to get them all trackside. It was a terrific weekend with weather to boot. I could only attend the Sunday, but it I still had a great day. Big fields and good door to door racing. I recommend getting up there when you can for a race meet, they really put it on. And remember, there is a bunk house to use for accommodation if needed.

That's all from me, for now.

See you trackside soon.

Rocky

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More



From the Editor

Many thanks once again to those members who have submitted articles, although it's a bit light on this month, so please keep them coming for the next edition. Please note articles for the July edition are due 24th June - magazine@vicflag.org.au – Joy Chirnside

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Chief Flagmarshal Report



Since the March edition of the magazine, the club has attended four events, along with many of our members supporting the F1 Grand Prix.

Unfortunately, we only learned of the March Access event quite late, but it was a really great event. For those of you who haven't attended a PIARC Access event for a while, I'd really encourage you to get involved again.

PIARC have been working hard to make the Access events more appealing by securing some top-notch categories. March Access featured the Porsche Sprint Challenge national category, along with Excels, NSW Supersports and Sports Cars. The August Access will also see a national category in the Radical Cup, along with Sports Cars and the ever popular Formula 5000s.

VHRR Island Classic was amazing. Entry numbers seem to be back to pre-COVID levels, with over 400 cars from around Australia and the world. The personal highlight for me was James Hunt's Hesketh F1 car. With it being a four-day event so close to the Grand Prix, we were pretty light for numbers on Thursday and Friday. So, a special thanks to all of those supported the event on those days. For future reference, whilst Thursday is practice, Friday of the Classic does feature racing, so it is worth doing the extra days if you can make it. Particularly given some of the cars unfortunately don't make it to the weekend!

The Sandown 360 provided us with the opportunity to use a couple of members in different roles. Entries were a little down on the usual numbers due to some cars opting to run at the Rob Roy Revival that was held on the same weekend, but it was still a great event. The Porsche Club of Victoria really appreciate the support we provide, and it gave us a good opportunity to do some focused training with our newer members.

Round 2 of the State Series was held at Winton, and it was great to see the event so well supported by the club. For a number of years, it's been a real challenge for us to get numbers to the circuit, but to have over 20 people on the flag list is amazing. I hope everyone who was attending Winton for the first time enjoyed the experience and will continue to support the clubs' activities there in the future.

We have four events coming up in May and June, before there is a month long break through to the end of July. Details of the events and where to register are below:

Speed Series Round 3 - 12-14 May at Phillip Island (Register via Better Impact)

State Series Round 3 - 26-28 May at Phillip Island (Register via vicflag.org.au)

Speed Series Round 4 - 9-11 June at Winton (Register via Better Impact)

BMW Drivers Club - 24 June at Broadford (Register via vicflag.org.au)

For anyone who is yet to do an event at Broadford with the club, it is well worth the trip for a look. And the BMWDCM really look after officials, bringing everyone in for a hot lunch.

See you at the track soon!

Regards

David.

David Thornbury

Chief Flagmarshal

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Grade 3/Induction Co-ordinator Report

Hi everyone,

It's been a busy few months with quite a few events that have been on.

We continued to see an increase in Grade 3's coming trackside and helping out training our new guys. I was especially pleased to see so many members attend the last state round at Winton.



We have had a huge increase in new trainees starting up with us. We had 8 new trainees come through since our last magazine has come out. This included 5 of them starting with us at Winton. A few of these people have come through the Grand Prix which is good to see them wanting to volunteer at the grass root events. I'm expecting another 8 new people to come through for our next two events at Phillip Island. If anyone has any new people from the Grand Prix, please get them to sign up on our website and someone from the induction team will make contact with them.

Should any grade 3's have any issues, please let me know by phone, email or even trackside and we can have a chat.

Cheers

Patrick Harding
Grade 3 Rep/Induction Coordinator

Club Participation at the Australian F1 Grand Prix

Now that the dust and excitement has settled from this year's Australian F1 Grand Prix, it's time to recall some of the highlights of the event.

Once again Melbourne's weather was memorable, with a whole range of conditions evident, from fine and cool to start with, then Friday afternoon 'the rains came'! The weekend culminated with a fine and sunny day for the race, although from a personal point of view the sight of a red car stranded in a gravel trap was not captivating viewing.

On the other hand, the aerial display was memorable with the incomparable Spitfire looking and sounding so evocative.

As we all know, the Grand Prix is not a VFT event, but one could be forgiven for thinking it was, with at least seventy of our members officiating in various roles. At least one member attending at each post, and in many cases three or four and even six at one post.

I am encouraged by the broad range of expertise within our club which was amply displayed at this world championship round of the absolute pinnacle of motorsport.

I would like to think that the experience, self-esteem, pride and the thrill gained by our members at this prestigious event could be carried with them to enhance their performance at future race meetings.

Roger



Grade 4/5 Report

Hi everyone,

What an exciting two months of motorsport it has been since the last time I wrote to you all. As always, it was great to see our Grade 4's and a strong contingent of Grade 5's come out to the various tracks & support the club.



The highlight for me since the last update has been observing and facilitating the strong surge in new members wanting to join the club. Since the March Access event to the most recent VSCRC round at Winton, we have had a total of 10 new people, which is fantastic.

It is no doubt that the Grand Prix weekend has helped significantly in boosting our search for new members, and we already have a few more new trainees registering their attendance for the upcoming Speed Series round at Phillip Island. It is quite exciting to see the club grow with a promising new cohort of newbies & trainees.

I would like to welcome all our newbies who have commenced their Induction period with the club.

<i>Peter Chandler</i>	<i>David Hodgkiss</i>	<i>Craig McClanahan</i>	<i>Harry Millichip</i>
<i>Alan Milligan</i>	<i>Abdul Mohammed</i>	<i>Chris Muyoma</i>	<i>Mary Nguyen</i>
<i>Jacob Taylor</i>	<i>Scott Taylor</i>		

When you get a chance to interact with them during forthcoming events, I encourage our existing members to introduce themselves and make our new members feel welcome to the club.

The committee has also recently created new initiatives that I would like to draw attention to, which aim to encourage transparency and collaboration within the club, such as:

- Observing committee meetings for interested members.
- Constitution update working group to review and modify our current constitution.
- Being available for 30 minutes prior to each general meeting to have an informal chat.

As the largest cohort within the club, I strongly encourage members to make the best use of these initiatives and help shape the future of our club. More information can be found in the President's update emails sent previously or in other reports within this magazine, please reach out if you want to participate in any of these initiatives.

As always, if you have any questions, queries, or concerns please feel free to reach out. I hope to see many of you trackside at our upcoming events in May at Phillip Island and some of our events at Winton soon after which can be found in the calendar.

Cheers,

Ninad Kavi

Grade 4/5 Rep

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Merchandise Report

For any merchandising orders or questions, you can email me: merchandise@vicflag.org.au or ring me on mob: **0434 533 097**



GRADE LANYARDS

As some of you will have seen at the last few race meetings, we have launched our new VFT Grade Lanyards (pictured). If you haven't yet received your grade lanyard, please come and see me at the next event.

The grade lanyards are a FREE item for members.

Club Bag \$30

Hoodie \$50

Club Cap \$15

Grade Lanyard Free!

25 Yr Medallion \$20

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt \$20 (Backview both shirts) Short Sleeve Polo Shirt \$20

Hat Pin \$5

Looking forward to seeing you all at the track! (even if I am spectating for a while)

Meg Boers
Merchandise Officer



Things That Challenge Meaningful Relationships. ...you're gonna love this!

Quote: 'Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.' - Albert Einstein



The human soul longs for intimacy and connection, yet lately, genuine community seems to be more difficult to attain. There are several factors we could address but let me share what is the most common heard statement I hear nearly every day. 'I don't have enough time!' But the truth is, we all have the same amount of time as others. It is about how to use that time, even when you're under pressure. It must be said, 'If you're too busy to build true lasting friendships, you are just too busy!'

Let's start with some foundation needs. We all have a deep soul level need; **We need to be seen and valued, able to connect and belong in community** and lastly **to be known and genuinely loved**.

The tension between the speed of life and the speed of love. The speed of life demands that we keep up and push through. The good book says the greatest and most satisfying way is the way of LOVE. These two realities need to be kept in balance to avoid any imbalance that leads to feeling dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The challenge is, how to blend both the speed of life with the speed of love and practice them in our daily, weekly, and monthly rhythms.

Work related duties and mission requires the speed of life. Playing with your children and grandchildren requires the speed of love. It is a choice, and the good news is that every day we are presented with a fresh opportunity to make good choices and live them out. God help us to balance the speed of life and the speed of love.

The declining ability to exchange differing ideas, thoughts, and opinions in 'cancel culture' times.

The art of conversation is often lost in the heat of debate. The debate that demands one must win and one must lose — one is right, therefore the other is wrong.

Our growth as leaders, husbands, wives, friends, and colleagues, is found in the ability to exchange differing ideas and opinions with respect and a mindful intent to understand and grow. The danger of defending our own understanding based on emotion over thought and data is real. We don't need to abandon our core beliefs and values to have a conversation. Find a better way to connect and communicate with others who have ideas and opinions that differ from our own. When we can exchange differing ideas and opinions with respect and intent to understand; strained relationships can be restored, new relationships can be formed, and the strengthened connection has greater potential to gain and achieve more success and common ground.

The challenge to value social messaging in its proper perspective

I'm enthusiastic about the potential good in social media, but I'm also aware of its pitfalls. Social media allows us to stay connected on the run, celebrate successes and milestones, share ideas and helpful content, support and pray for each other, share common values, and inspire one another.

Social media can also be shallow, divisive, suck us into purposeless scrolling, propagate lies, incite anger, and create a false sense of importance and acceptance. It takes wisdom, discipline, and good common sense to navigate social media for healthy and productive outcomes.

Managing the tension between grace and truth

Most of us lean toward either grace or truth in our basic personality and wiring, and under pressure that bias becomes magnified. Knowing which way we lean helps us avoid the extremes and stay closer to a place of balance. For example, my bias is clearly toward grace, so I intentionally keep myself aware of the need to live and speak truth.

Grace without truth can ring hollow and shallow. Truth without grace can be harsh and difficult to receive. Truth brings boundaries and strength to grace. Grace brings hope and life to truth.

Friendships are very precious and valuable, it takes time to build, yet can be destroyed very easily. My prayer is that God put a guard on our mouths and cause our conscience to be troubled so that we protect the relationships that are needed to meet the soul needs deep inside of us. Amen.

Doin' life together, Cheers.

Chaplain Mark Bateman

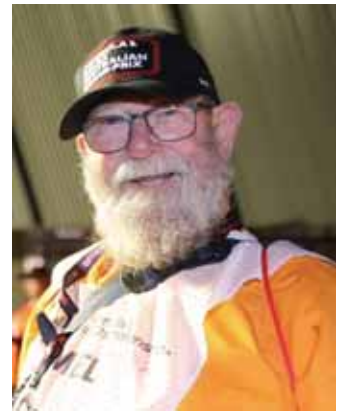
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In Action (or Inaction)

Australian F1 Grand Prix







And the winning Sector was..... Sector 2!!!!





VSCRC Rd 2 Winton



A Timely Reminder Once Again – Hypothermia

(A reprint of an article previously produced but with so many new members, it's worth repeating again)

Hypothermia

By Paul Freeman

Hypothermia – and how not to get it!

A person is said to have hypothermia if their core body temperature falls below 35°C.

A core temperature below 32°C results in mental confusion and poor co-ordination, and is a medically critical situation. Get below 27°C and the results are usually fatal.

The factors that increase our risk of developing hypothermia are:

- Cold weather condition, wind and rain
- Dehydration
- Poor nutrition
- Fatigue
- Some medications
- Alcohol
- Inadequate clothing
- Physical inability



The steps we can take to stay warm are:

- Be aware of the weather, and dress to keep out the wind and rain, you all know this already and are very good at it!!
- Maintain an adequate fluid intake. We know how important it is to keep drinking fluids in hot weather, but we often have little thirst when it feels cold.
- Maintain good nutrition. The importance of a healthy breakfast and snacks is often underestimated.
- Be self aware, and take even more care if you feel fatigued or are getting over an illness.
- There are a few medications that may increase your risk, ask your doctor.

- Avoid alcohol, obvious! One of the VFT rules.
- Keep active. Stamp your legs and fidget while races are on. Deliberately walk around and exercise your arms between races. Even when adequate clothing is worn, it is very difficult to maintain our body temperature if we stand still.

The symptoms of mild hypothermia include cold feeling hands and feet, shivering, and mild loss of ability to perform complex motor functions. (Walking and talking are not affected.)

The symptoms of moderate hypothermia include violent shivering, significant loss of fine motor co-ordination, slurred speech, impaired judgement and even irrational behaviour. It is clear then, that the symptoms of hypothermia can mimic those of alcohol inebriation, and are just as dangerous. Not only is our health at risk, but we are no longer in a fit state to carry out our marshalling duties. We become dangerous to others as well as ourselves. Even worse than this, our own awareness that we are impaired is blunted, so we do not see the danger of the situation. The lesson we take from this is that it is important to keep an eye on each other. Obviously, if hypothermia is suspected in yourself or your team buddy, it is mandatory to let race control know, and come in for a warm-up and medical assessment. It is better to have a point thinly but competently manned, than to have a person with impaired judgement and co-ordination out there. Woody Allen once said *"I am not afraid of dying; I just don't want to be there when it happens."* Stay warm out there, and with a bit of luck it won't happen!



Minutes of the VFT April General Meeting 2023

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – April 2023 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

6 April 2023, 7:30pm

MG Car Club and Online (Google Meet)

Members present: 12 members present and 7 online

Apologies: Glenn Rochester, Michelle Clewett, Mark Thompson, Greg Hardy, Matt Hardy, Joy Chirnside

Welcome:

Suzanne Arnott welcomes members to the meeting and acknowledges the traditional owners on which the club meets.

1 Presentations:

- 1.1 John Beck, Grade 4 Upgrade (see right)

Minutes from the previous General meeting (2nd February 2023):

Moved: Patrick Harding, seconded: Ninad Kavi, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2 Matters Arising:

- 2.1 None

Reports:

3 President:

- 3.1 The President congratulates Mark Thompson and Mario Pacifici for receiving awards at the recent Motorsport Australia event. Congratulations to Mark for receiving Victorian State Official of the Year.
- 3.2 The President notes a good turnout of club members at the recent Australian Grand Prix with people at flag points, in course cars, performing recovery, and as sector marshals. The President reminds all members of the Motorsport Australia media protocols and not to comment on any media articles. A number of old brochures were distributed with a QR code pointing to the club website. So far, 8 people have joined up since the Grand Prix. Murray Stevens asks how brochures were distributed. The President reports that they were given to sector marshals and to a number of members who approached her.
- 3.3 The President thanks members for feedback on merchandise: there have been 34 responses to the survey. There has been interest in jackets and warm mid layers. The club is considering moving back to a traditional navy blue to allay concerns that the brighter blue could be confused for a flag.
- 3.4 The President will send out a survey soliciting feedback on the awards night. There has been positive feedback from those who attended and it would be good to hear from those who did not attend.
- 3.5 The President reminds the members that everyone is a volunteer. The club will focus on active members and looking after them. Marg Hardy asks if there is a plan to contact those who are not active such as a quarterly email from the grade reps. The President notes that she has been sending out updates to members and that there is informal chatter on Slack. Mario Pacifici notes that Slack is not a formal communication tool. The Secretary advises that formal communication continues to be via Email.
- 3.6 The President notes that, in some of the quieter months, there is a plan to organise a social evening at a pub.

4 Vice President:

- 4.1 The Secretary reads a report from the Vice President. The Vice President remarks on a successful Australian Grand Prix and reports that 45 inquiries have come through social media. The Vice President encourages all members to come trackside to help train new volunteers.
- 4.2 The Vice President updates members on the framed photos from the awards night. The selected framing shop is currently closed for renovations but will be opening again soon.





Secretary:

- 5.1 The Secretary reports that a number of membership cards have been distributed at recent events. The Secretary asks all members who are expecting a membership card or presentation to advise ahead of time which events they will be attending so that it can be co-ordinated.
- 5.2 Mario Pacifici asks for information on when John Booker was accepted as a member of the club by the committee. The Secretary will check previous minutes and report back to the membership.

6 Treasurer:

- 6.1 The Treasurer's report has been sent to members. sent out report. The current account balance is \$6,951.97.
- 6.2 Payments to be passed:
- | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| • Roger & Joy Chirnside | \$318 | Postage and awards night supplies |
| • Suzanne Arnott | \$69.95 | Gift for speaker at awards night |
- Moved: Marg Hardy, seconded: David Thornbury that payments are passed. Carried.
- 6.3 Murray Stevens questions why no track fees have been recorded. The Treasurer advises that no track fees have been paid yet although they have been invoiced.
- 6.4 Marg Hardy asks what the net cost of the awards function was. The Treasurer does not yet have a complete reconciliation as he needs to go through the 2022 books, however the function cost \$5500 and brought in \$1400. Any fees from 2022 will need to be verified.
- 6.5 Anthony Filippousis asks if assets get depreciated. The Treasurer advises that there is no need for the club to do so as the club does not present tax books. The only reason to do so would be to have an idea of market value in the event of an asset sale.
- 6.6 Mario Pacifici asks why the treasurer's report has no January data in. The Treasurer advises that January financials were provided in the previous report. The Treasurer advises he will add a year-to-date figure to future reports.
- 6.7 Mario Pacifici questions why expenses from January which were approved on the 2nd February are included in the February profit and loss statement. The Treasurer will investigate and report back.

7 Chief Flag Marshal:

- 7.1 The Chief Flag Marshal reports on four events, each with different chiefs:
- VSCRC 1 at Sandown – the heat on the Friday was stifling and one official was stood down. There were no significant incidents. The only issue was the standard of some incident reports – e.g. numbers that are not in the field being put down.
 - March Access – light numbers with a clash at Winton. Because of the format of the event, it was manageable to be one-up as there were reasonable gaps between events. PIARC is looking to move to that format for all Access events.
 - Island Classic – Mark Thompson was chief; Patrick Harding assisted on Friday and Ian Hogan on Saturday/Sunday. There were a few requests from race control to clarify flag rules. Suzanne Arnott asks Patrick Harding how his experience was as assistant chief. Mr Harding responds that it was tough to know people's skill level but he got all posts covered.
 - Porsche Club Sandown 360 – Glenn Rochester was chief. A few points were dropped but there were sufficient numbers to have two on every point. Feedback from the Porsche Club was that they couldn't run it without the VFT bringing the professionalism.
- 7.2 Upcoming events:
- VSCRC 2 at Winton - closing soon so don't leave it too long. If anyone needs accommodation email chief@vicflag.org.au.
 - SpeedSeries at Phillip Island from 12th to 14th May – formerly the Shannons Nationals.
 - VSCRC 3 at Phillip Island from 26th to 28th May
 - SpeedSeries at Winton from 9th to 11th June
 - BMW Driver's Club Come and Try Day at Broadford on 24th June – a good opportunity for newer members to run a point by themselves.



8 Assistant Chief Flag Marshal:

8.1 No report

9 Training Officer:

9.1 No report

10 Motorsport Australia Rep:

10.1 The Motorsport Australia rep has not attended a meeting yet – the first will be in early May.

10.2 The Motorsport Australia rep congratulates the two VFT members that recently won awards – Mario Pacifici and Mark Thompson.

11 Grade 3 Rep:

11.1 The Grade 3 rep reports no issues or matters arising and encourages members to make contact by phone or email if they need to.

12 Grade 4/5 Rep:

12.1 The Grade 4/5 rep reports that there are 59 Grade 4 and 16 Grade 5 members.

12.2 The Grade 4/5 rep congratulates John Beck & Mario Mohorko for being upgraded to Grade 4.

13 Induction:

13.1 The Induction Coordinator reports on good numbers coming through – 8 who have signed up from Seek and direct on the website. The Induction Coordinator asks all members who have interested people to get them to sign up on the website and the Induction Coordinator will contact them.

14 Merchandise:

14.1 The President thanks the Merchandise Coordinator for sourcing a number of new styles of jacket and hoodies for consideration. The President asks members who have specific styles that would work well to email them to merchandise@vicflag.org.au.

15 Magazine:

15.1 The Secretary reads a report from the Editor who thanks to those who submitted articles/photos for the March magazine. The cut off date for the May magazine is the 24th April.

Reports: Moved Geoff Kay, Seconded Glenn Rochester that reports are accepted. Carried

16 General Business:

16.1 Roger Chirnside apologises to Murray Stevens regarding insinuations made at General Meeting in February. Mr Chirnside notes that Mr Stevens was active in the club from 2008 to 2014; he was CAMS rep in 2012/2013 and Promotions Officer from 2008 to 2014. Mr Stevens accepts the apology.

16.2 Murray Stevens asks for an update on the status of grants and money for wet weather gear. The President reports that the grants were being audited and that Mark Thompson was handling the process. Mr Stevens asks for an update to be added to the Treasurer's report in future.

16.3 Murray Stevens asks if there is any response to comments made by John Pollard at the February general meeting. Suzanne Arnott replies that it is not worth responding to.

16.4 Murray Stevens comments on the perceived low hit rate of handing out brochures at events. Mr Stevens notes that previous practice was to offer a guest pass to relatives or friends who could give out brochures rather than taking members away from flag points.

16.5 Scott Long discusses the availability of water at events at Phillip Island. Mr Long asks whether the club can approach PIARC to get an explanation of why water is in limited supply. Geoff Kay suggest having water in the equipment trailer and leaving some at each point when flags are distributed.

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

Next Meeting: 1st June 2023



Date	2023 Calendar		Registration
2 February	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT AGM	
11 February	Jason's Restaurant, Beaconsfield	VFT Awards Night	
17-19 February	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 1 [MGCC]	Better Impact
4-5 March	Phillip Island	March Access	VFT Website
(9) 10-12 March	Phillip Island	Phillip Island Classic	Better Impact
19 March	Sandown	Porsche 6 Hour Regularity	VFT Website
30 March – 2 April	Albert Park	Aust F1 GP (Non VFT Event)	
6 April	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
22-23 April	Winton	VSCRC Rd 2	VFT Website
12-14 May	Phillip Island	Speed Series	
26-28 May	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 3 [PIARC]	VFT Website & PIARC
1 June	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
9-11 June	Winton	Speed Series	
24 June	Broadford	BMWDCM Come & Try Day	VFT Website
29-30 July	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay	Better Impact
3 August	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
4-6 August	Winton	Festival of Speed	VFT Website
5 August	Broadford	BMWDCM Come & Try Day	VFT Website
11-13 August	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 4 [ASSA]	VFT Website
19-20 August	Phillip Island	August Access	VFT Website
8-10 September	Sandown	Speed Series	
15-17 September	Sandown	Penrite Oil Sandown 500	Better Impact
22-24 September	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 5 [VMCI]	VFT Website
1-October	Broadford	BMWDCM Come & Try Day	VFT Website
5 October	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
27-29 October	Calder Park (TBC)	VSCRC Rd 6	
10-12 November	Sandown	Sandown Historics	Better Impact
(24) 25-26 November	Phillip Island	Island Magic	VFT Website
7 December	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	

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