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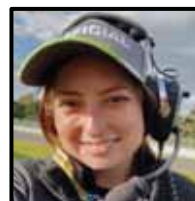
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Sue Jochheim	Neil Thompson (dec)
George Hetrel (Honorary Life Member)	
Pat Hetrel (Honorary Life Member)	

Cover Picture:

*Thomas Randle's Mustang at Sandown 500.
He recently took part in the VFT online training*

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Welcome to New Members

Sienna Amos	Alan Milligan
Phill Hoogendoorn	Chris Muyoma
Harry Millichip	Gautham Ravikumar

Reminder – General Meeting – 5 October 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



Our Winter break has been and gone. Thank you to everyone who has found time to share their time at a race track since last we spoke. It is heartening to see so many VFT members spreading their wings and trying new facets of our sport. This did leave us with a skills shortage, however, our new team members are filling that gap admirably and already moving through the training and assessment pathways.

By the time you get the magazine we will have had some more online training, and we hope you were able to attend and got some new insights to how the drivers can see our signals. A huge thank you goes to Thomas Randle for sharing his time and experience with us.

The subcommittee working on the revision of the constitution is making steady progress, and with further changes to the legislation governing club bodies like ours coming on 1 January 2024 we will be working towards our revisions meeting the most current legislation. Huge thanks to the team, particularly Andy Kelk and John Booker for their expertise in this area.

It looks like the work at Calder Raceway is progressing and we will have the State round there in October. Registration will be through Better Impact.

At this stage the venue for our Awards Night has been booked for the 3 February 2024. We will have more details to you shortly. It will be held at The Manningham Centre in Bulleen, which has a great set up, so make sure you keep the date free. I will have a list of the awards and what they represent elsewhere in the magazine.

It is time to start thinking about 2024, and we are always looking for fresh ideas, and positive energy for the committee. If you are interested or curious feel free to come and chat with any committee member and definitely put your hat in the ring for the future.

Committee positions include: Elected Office bearers who are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Ordinary elected committee members who are: Grade 3 and Grade 4/5 Reps. The other positions are appointed by the committee: Chief Flagmarshal, Assistant Chief Flag Marshal, Training Officer and Motorsport Australia Rep.

There are also non committee appointments which include: Magazine Editor, Equipment Officer, Merchandise Officer, Web Master, Social Media and others as required.

As always if you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can continue to improve our club, let myself or anyone on Committee know.

Looking forward to catching up for a chat at the track.

Cheers

For now

Suzanne

Suzanne Arnott

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Vice President's Report



Greetings Members,

Welcome to the September edition of the club magazine.

I would like to do a huge shout out to our new members who are fast learning the track art we provide. The club have been proud as punch to have our new members recognised by other disciplines and organising parties over the last few months, and it's a testament to our trainers and training committee. In saying that, I'd like to extend the shout out to our senior members that have been coming trackside and helping train our new members. It's really encouraging to see the comradery expressed from those able to come along. So well done to everyone.

Which leads me to my next point. We still need more seniors coming trackside to help with our newer members. If you can do a single day at an event upcoming, please get your name on a list, as your help is valuable. You might not think you're much help, but you are.

Planning is well underway for the next VFT Awards Night. Keep up to date with information being provided in upcoming magazine editions. The planning committee are super keen to have a great night organised for you.

It's time to start thinking about 2024. If you are interested in a committee position, don't be afraid to ask a current committee member, (confidentially if you wish), for more information. It's a really rewarding experience.

A huge congratulation is extended from me to our new life members and all those being upgraded. It's a terrific achievement and recognition is deserved. Congratulations.

That's all from me for now.

Rocky

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Alan Steuart with his recently presented Life Membership Award

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More





Training Notes

The Training Committee

Just a quick note to let you know about some of the nuts and bolts of how we train and assess our team members. We have upgraded the filing system and use shared documents where all of the assessment forms and feedback are recorded for each of our new recruits. It has been wonderful to see so many of the assessments coming through. This gives us a really clear snapshot of how each new flag marshal is travelling, and where they may need extra support as well as when they are ready to be classified as a Grade 4.



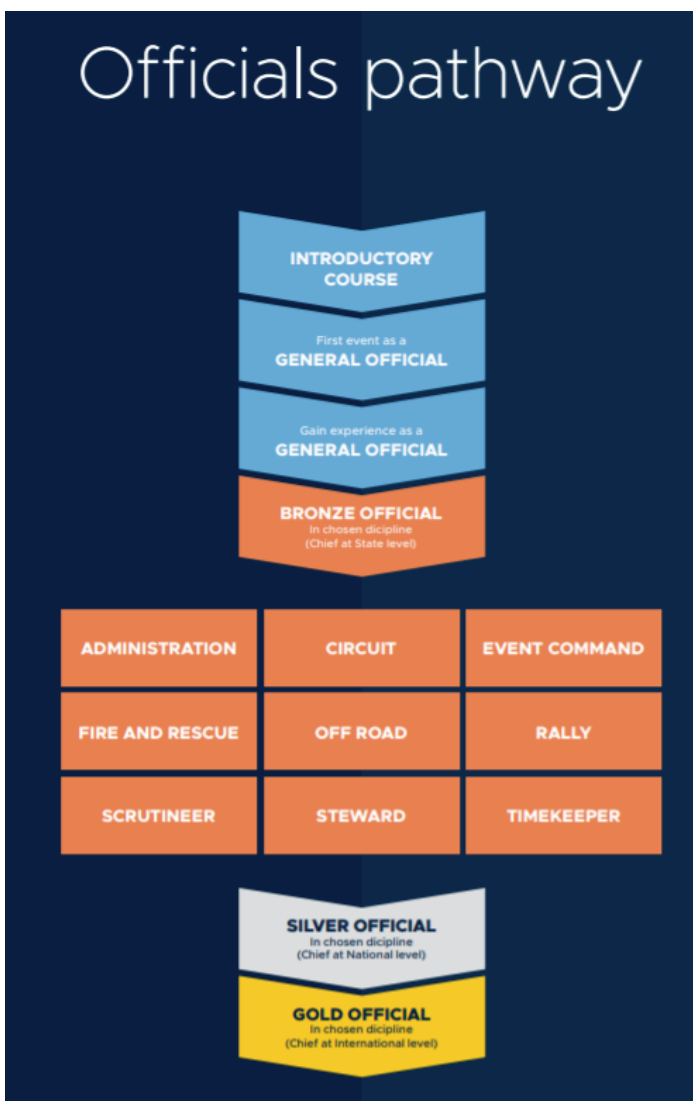
Some may be wondering why there are two forms of grading VFT and Motorsport Australia. In the 1990s Motorsport Australia (then known as CAMS) developed a program to provide a national accreditation of officials. CAMS grading had up until then been Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. This is the system that the VFT embraced, and set up our training programs to sit in this format. The VFT continued with the 5 tier system, and included an extra one (3 Advanced) where those officials who were competent and active trainers were highlighted by achieving a 3A grading.

CAMS changed to Gold, Silver, Bronze and General licences, the VFT, while acknowledging the CAMS licences felt they would keep the 1 – 5 grading format, as we had a stringent grading process, which our members were comfortable with.

The Motorsport Australia training program has become very detailed and to a very high level, requiring theory and practical components to be completed through Motorsport Australia. We know that this process is the same across Australia, so an official graded in NSW as a Bronze will have the same level of competence as an official graded in Tasmania or WA.

The Training Committee as well as the Committee are discussing how this has led to some double handling of the grading processes and are working through these to ensure we create a stress free progression through training, assessment and competence in working as a trackside official.

Just a note for those starting the progression through the assessment levels, it is expected that most regular officials should spend at least 18 months practicing and refining skills in each level before even contemplating moving up. Making sure you talk to the training committee before going for a Motorsport Australia upgrade will assist us to help you make sure you are in fact in possession of the required skills and competence needed to be successful in an upgrade practical assessment.





There is also no need to rush through grades, it can often lead to gaps in track craft skills. Take your time, practice, learn, embed your knowledge and understanding, and importantly ask questions. Think about WHY we do what we do and it will start to make sense. This is one of the reasons we have started taking you up for a visit to Race Control, so you can see how what you say on the radio is responded to by the Clerks of Course. This could be a “wait and see what happens”, a “safety car” or a “red flag” depending on what has been called in, and sometimes the speed of the urgency of the call is vital.

Trainee – General Licence (Grades 5 – 4) are the entry level, you will usually work under supervision, and guided in the use of flags and comms. The majority of flag marshals should be aiming for a Bronze (Grade 3) this means you are able to work independently, train people and be relied upon to know flag rules and race craft.

Silver and Gold (Grades 2 and 1) are more leadership positions, managing teams and acting as Chief Flagmarshal if required. Expectations of the officials at this grade are an understanding of race control procedures, judiciary, Safety First, high level of track craft and knowledge of racing processes. Understanding of the requirements needed for dealing with critical incidents is part of the Silver module.

Hope this helps to clarify why we do what we do. Feel free to chat with us about any of your training and assessment needs.

The Training Committee

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	Lanyard Free!
			
L/Sleeve Polo Shirt \$20 (Backview both shirts)	S/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



Grade 3/Induction Co-ordinator Report

Hi everyone,

We had a busy period through August with lots of different events that were quite enjoyable. It was good to see good numbers of Grade 3's attending race meetings and having a go at different roles as well. Since our last magazine we have had 2 new trainees start with us and a few more sign ups on the website that are looking to start with us soon. I'm hoping a good trend continues with some high profile events coming up in September.



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

Grade 4/5 Report

Hi everyone,

I hope you're all doing well as we leave the colder months behind and head into warmer days for the remainder of the year. The past couple of months have had tremendous trackside activity but also exciting off-track updates.



It has been quite pleasing to see our Grade 4/5 members being continually recognised for their skills and receiving awards. Congratulations to:

- **Chris Muyoma** for Official of the Day at BMWDCM Come & Try at Broadford
- **Sienna Amos** for her recognition at the 6 Hour Relay

In addition to these awards, we have also had several trainees complete their training period and receive their Grade 4 upgrade. Congratulations to **Rose Spizzica, Gemma Ladgrove, David Hodgkiss, Sienna Amos and Lachlan Cuxson.**

The upcoming months have a pretty busy calendar with 3 large back-to-back weekends in September and I hope we can see many of our members in attendance.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions of issues please feel free to reach out for a chat.

Thanks,

Ninad

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VFT Honour Board

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc Honour Board						
Founding Members 1986 – Keith Alexander, Roger Chirnside, Barry Petersen, Mike Stansbury						
Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Chief Flag Marshal	Training Officer
1986	Roger Chirnside	Keith Alexander	Mike Stansbury	Barry Petersen	Alan Krahe	Rod Gorphine
1987	Roger Chirnside	Ray Begg	Neil Thompson	Barry Petersen	Alan Krahe	Barry Petersen
1988	Neil Thompson	Lance Jenner	Mike Stansbury	Ray Begg	Barry Petersen	Barry Petersen
1989	Neil Thompson	Roger Chirnside	Julie Johnson	Ray Begg	Barry Petersen	Barry Petersen
1990	Julie Johnson	Roger Chirnside	Peter Husband	Scott Morton	Barry Petersen	Barry Petersen
1991	Roger Chirnside	Robert Storey	Patricia Storey	Michael Murphy	Barry Petersen	Barry Petersen
1992	Barry Petersen	Neil Thompson	Patricia Storey	Michael Murphy	Roger Chirnside	Barry Petersen
1993	Barry Petersen	Neil Thompson	Daryl Lindsay	Kevin Redman	Roger Chirnside	Barry Petersen
1994	Barry Petersen	Neil Thompson	Daryl Lindsay	Kevin Redman	Roger Chirnside	Roger Chirnside
1995	Kevin Redman	Barry Petersen	Daryl Lindsay	Laurie Barber	Roger Chirnside	Roger Chirnside
1996	Kevin Redman	Barry Petersen	Sue Jochheim	Laurie Barber	Roger Chirnside	Roger Chirnside
1997	Kevin Redman	Barry Petersen	Paul Cansdale	Michael Arnott	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
1998	Sue Jochheim	Barry Petersen	Kevin Redman	Michael Arnott	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
1999	Ray Mahoney	Mario Pacifici	Paul Cansdale	Michael Arnott	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2000	Kevin Redman	Mario Pacifici	Paul Cansdale	Walid Hayek	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2001	Kevin Redman	Paul Warren	Paul Cansdale	Walid Hayek	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2002	Mario Pacifici	Ray Mahoney	Paul Cansdale	John Booker	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2003	Ray Mahoney	Michael Arnott	Paul Cansdale	John Booker	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2004	Darren Millett	Sue Vukovic	Paul Cansdale	Paul Nowland	Roger Chirnside	Terry O'Callaghan
2005	Darren Millett	Andrew Mercieca	Paul Cansdale	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Sue Jochheim
2006	Terry O'Callaghan	Angelo Magro	Paul Cansdale	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Sue Jochheim
2007	Terry O'Callaghan	Angelo Magro	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Sue Jochheim
2008	Terry O'Callaghan	Kevin Watson	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Sue Jochheim
2009	Kevin Watson	Terry O'Callaghan	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Sue Jochheim
2010	Kevin Watson	Angelo Magro	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Roger Chirnside	Tony van den Dungen
2011	Kevin Watson	William Gaff	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Terry O'Callaghan	Tony van den Dungen
2012	Kevin Watson	William Gaff	Eric Rigg	Stavros Polyhronidis	Terry O'Callaghan	Tony van den Dungen
2013	William Gaff	Kevin Redman	Eric Rigg	John Pollard	Terry O'Callaghan	Tony van den Dungen
2014	William Gaff	Kevin Redman	Eric Rigg	John Pollard	Terry O'Callaghan	Mark Thompson
2015	Kevin Watson	Roger Chirnside	Eric Rigg	John Pollard	Terry O'Callaghan	Mark Thompson
2016	Kevin Watson	Roger Chirnside	Eric Rigg	John Pollard	Arthur Cooksley	Mark Thompson
2017	Roger Chirnside	David Thornbury	Eric Rigg	Matt Cornford	Arthur Cooksley	Mark Thompson
2018	Roger Chirnside	Mark Thompson	Eric Rigg	David Thornbury	Arthur Cooksley	Mark Thompson
2019	Roger Chirnside	Mark Thompson	Eric Rigg	John Pollard	William Gaff	Glenn Rochester
2020	Roger Chirnside	Mark Thompson	David Thornbury	John Pollard	William Gaff	Glenn Rochester
2021	Roger Chirnside	Mark Thompson	David Thornbury	John Pollard	William Gaff	Tim Oh
2022	Roger Chirnside	Suzanne Arnott	Andy Kelk	John Pollard	David Thornbury	Glenn Rochester
2023	Suzanne Arnott	Glenn Rochester	Andy Kelk	John Booker	David Thornbury	Kevin Watson



Definition of the VFT Awards

The Barry Petersen Flagmarshal of the Year Award

Barry was a co-founder of the VFT in 1986, a trainer, mentor and friend, and worked in many roles at the track. A very appropriate name for the Flagmarshal of the Year award. Committee nominate and select this award recipient.

The Noel Barr Club Person of the Year Award

Noel was the type of person every club would like to have: quietly spoken; friendly and approachable; and he never complained about the post to which he had been allocated. Noel passed away, but this award is a lovely way to keep his spirit and memory alive. Committee nominate and select this award recipient.

Neil Thompson Memorial Award for Attendance

If there was a race meeting somewhere, Neil would always be there - such was his enthusiasm and dedication. This award is presented to the VFT member who attends the most meetings.

The Stillwell Motor Group Encouragement Award

The name Stillwell needs no introduction to motor racing in this country. Michael takes a keen interest in our club and in 2013 generously donated a magnificent perpetual trophy named the Stillwell Motor Group Encouragement Award. This trophy was made from one of his father's trophies. Committee nominate and select this award recipient.

The Roger Chirnside Rookie of the Year Award

Roger was a co-founder of the VFT in 1986 and has been passionate about motorsport both before, and since his first official involvement back in 1966. With Roger's passion for sharing his love of motorsport it was only natural the Rookie of the Year Award be named in Roger's honour. The Training Committee and Committee work through the list of trainees over the year to make their selection.

Patron's Award

George Hetrel, who is well known for having raced a lovely 1927 Type 35C Bugatti for many years, has been our VFT Patron since 2006. This award is given in honour of George, selected by the Chief and Assistant Chief Flagmarshal.

President's Award

The recipient for this award is selected by the president.



Presentations



Grade 4 upgrades being presented to Rose Spizzica, David Hodgkiss, Sienna Amos and Lachlan Cuxson



*Brian Williams receiving
20 yr service award*



*Travis McPherson receiving
5 yr service award*



*Colleen Walker receiving
10 yr service award*



*Alan Steuart receiving
Life Membership Award*



*Peter Laurie receiving Grade 3 upgrade
And 5 yr service award*



*Chris Sullivan receiving his February 2023 Member of the Month Award
(must have been a good joke!)*





In Action (or Inaction)

Victorian 6 Hour Relay – Phillip Island





VSCRC Rd 4 - Sandown





August Access - Phillip Island



Speed Series – Sandown



*One very passionate flagmarshaller
Impressive, Rose!*



German Auto Show at Calder

GERMAN AUTO SHOW TAKES TO CALDER PARK FOR BEYOND BLUE

And the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team was one of its supporters



After a highly successful edition in 2022, the BMW Drivers Club Melbourne once again ran the 2023 German Auto Show, with more than 1000 car enthusiasts attending the Calder Park Thunderdome to fundraise for Beyond Blue.

With up to 10 clubs participating and 40 major sponsors getting behind the event – including venue donation from the Jane Corporation – this year’s German Auto Show proved to be even bigger than last year.

At the heart of it all were the hundreds of display cars, with an enormous spread of German cars that ranged from Porsches to micro cars and scooters.



BEYOND THANKFUL

for your support.

Thank you

German Auto Show Committee

BMW Drivers Club Melbourne, BMW Motorcycle Club Victoria, VW Club Victoria

\$25,000.00

The funds you've raised will have a far-reaching impact on the individuals, families, and communities affected by anxiety, depression, and suicide.



Several Days in the French Countryside (continued – in a bit more detail!)

Roger Chirnside

To expand a little on my hurried article in the July magazine, I cannot emphasise what a colossal event the 100 years of the 24 hours of Le Mans really was. All around the countryside, from small shops to vast supermarket shopping malls, advertising, posters and merchandise of every conceivable type were visible.



As for the ‘Village’ at the actual circuit, it would seem at times as if the race was incidental, given the huge throngs of people at the many cafes, bars and merchandise outlets, including the many model car shops with a bewildering array, more often than not with prices to match! Needless to say, there are some that have been added to my collection, but these along with many other items given or obtained along the way, didn’t quite equate to the limit of our baggage allowance on our return to Oz!



To be a part of this colossal event and to soak up the atmosphere was a big thrill, and at Post 5, where Paul Warren and I were, is a fast, slightly downhill lefthand sweeper which then leads to a quick righthand kink heading for the famous Tertre Rouge corner. As the cars rocket down the slope towards you, from the Dunlop Bridge, it redefines the word ‘concentration’ – they are so fast. The blue flag is very important at this post, in the daytime, but night time is a whole different scenario, with

headlights the only indication to go by, and the speed differential is enormous. Having said that, Post 5 is just the place to be at 3:00am!!

Our campsite was very close to the post and people often ask “How do you sleep with all that noise?” I assure everyone, after concentrating so hard, especially at night, it is quite easy!! One slight drawback was that after a long night time stint on post, and looking forward to some sleep, a leaking airbed left a somewhat deflated mattress on my side (being heavier), much to the amusement of my wife!!



Roger and Paul ready for action!



One thing not to be missed this year was the incredible exhibition in the circuit automobile museum. This grand exhibition, not only featured a mindblowing display of 86 cars from the last one hundred years – 65 winners and 21 landmark cars – but also a display of model cars which, for anyone interested in model cars, was a sight to behold!



There were 4,478 miniature 1:43 scale models from every year from 1923 through to 2022, running right the way round the huge circular foyer area!



To me, Le Mans is a very special place to be, in the middle of France in the middle of June. This year, 360,000 people can't all be wrong!

Would I endure the bitterly cold 4:00-8:00am stint trackside again? Absolutely – in a heartbeat!

The heartbeat occurred 18 days later, with the running of the Le Mans Classic, again a 24 hour event. The Classic differs greatly from the famous 24 hour race inasmuch as this comprises several classes based on years, from 1923 to the 1980s. It would take too long to fully describe the attractions, parades, and demonstrations, not to mention a pre 1931 Bentley Challenge! With engines ranging from 3 litres to the massive 6.5 litres, all of these priceless cars were being driven with a large degree of "spirit"! The lineup of cars is too varied to mention, but briefly included Jaguar, Ferrari, Porsche, Matra, Talbot, Corvette, Cadillac, Ford, Cobra, Renault and of course the Matra MS670 shrieking its head off!

Whilst on this subject, no visit to France for the motorsport enthusiast would be complete without a visit to the Matra Automobile Museum at Romarantin-Lanthenay, where engines were on display in beautiful glass cases, as well as many cars.





Shrieking engines from these cars always sound better at night, even if it is freezing cold at dawn!!

Roll on next time!

Roger

Keep these Dates Free for Social Events:

Saturday 20 January 2024 – Chief's BBQ – Brooklands, Boronia (Roger & Joy's place)

Saturday 3 February 2024 – VFT Awards Night at the Manningham Centre, Bulleen

From the Editor

Many thanks once again to those members who have submitted articles but please keep them coming!

Please note articles for the November edition are due 24th October - magazine@vicflag.org.au –Joy Chirside

Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of: Michael Arnott, Suzanne Arnott, Joy Chirside, Roger Chirside, Luke Hingeley, Revved Photography, Glenn Rochester, Rose Spizzica, Mark Thompson, Peter Williams

Seen at Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre

Luke Hingeley





Minutes of the VFT August General Meeting 2023

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – August 2023 General Meeting

**General Meeting Minutes
3 August 2023, 7:30pm
MG Car Club & Online (Google Meets)**

Members present: 9 members present in person and 12 online

Apologies: Scott Long, Mark Thompson, Kevin Watson

Welcome:

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

Minutes from the previous General meeting (1 June 2023):

Moved: David Thornbury, seconded: Glenn Rochester, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

1 Matters Arising:

1.1 Nil

Reports:

2 President:

- 2.1 The President thanks the committee for the last few months. There have only been three race meetings since the last general meeting. It was good to get back to Winton.
- 2.2 The President notes that the recent BMW DCM come and try day was well supported.
- 2.3 The President reports that Calder is on the right track and is ready for its first Motorsport Australia track inspection.
- 2.4 The President asks for support for upcoming events, especially the August Access meeting.
- 2.5 The President notes the progress of new trainees and grade 4s who have been working hard. The President congratulates Tim Lack for winning best official at the Winton SpeedSeries round.
- 2.6 The President reports she sent a clarification email to members about the referendum on an indigenous voice to Parliament. The email made it clear that the vote is an individual matter for members and the club is not saying anyone has to vote one way or another.

3 Vice President:

- 3.1 The Vice President thanks the MG Car Club for the use of their rooms. It is a testament to appreciation from that club to the VFT.
- 3.2 The Vice President acknowledges Tim Lack's award and the presentation of a life membership to Warren Gordon.
- 3.3 The Vice President notes that Chris Muyoma was awarded official of the event at the recent BMW day.
- 3.4 The Vice President reports on an online training evening hosted before the Victorian 6 hour which focused on blue flagging.



3.5 The Vice President notes that discussions are ongoing for the next awards night. The decision on where to hold it will be given to the members.

4 Secretary:

4.1 The Secretary reports that there are 161 members of the club.

4.2 The Secretary reports on discussions with other motorsport officials organisations to determine if any have standard Terms and Conditions they use with event organisers. The committee is considering implementing them for 2024.

5 Treasurer:

5.1 The Treasurer discussed the report sent to attendees. There have been a number of purchases processed including club polo shirts, restocking of service badges, and weave bags to be handed out to new Grade 4 members.

5.2 Payments to be passed:

- ABT promotions \$6825 Resupply of VFT polos
- Deanne Goodreid \$110 Wet weather gear

Moved: John Haywood, seconded: Michael Arnott that payments are passed. Carried.

5.3 The Treasurer provides an update on the digitisation of the club account. He is currently deciding which platform to use to optimise cost.

5.4 The Treasurer reports that contacting sponsors to confirm payments is in progress.

5.5 Previous Question about awards night. \$1335 income, \$95 from raffle. \$6241 expenses. \$5600 venue and food.

5.6 Murray Stevens discusses the survey sent to members regarding the awards night and notes that 15% of the membership voted in favour of running another awards night.

5.7 Murray Stevens discusses the sports grant. The Treasurer notes that there is no time limit to use the grant and that it will be kept for wet weather gear reimbursement for as long as it takes to use up.

6 Chief Flag Marshal:

6.1 Completed events:

- SpeedSeries at Winton. Attila Bary helped out on Friday and Glenn Rochester managed Saturday and Sunday. There were good numbers with two per point. Glenn Rochester reports that Friday had 13 attendees; Attila did the sign on and briefing and there were no issues for the day. Saturday had 23 attendees including several trainees; Tim Lack was announced as official of the round. Sunday had 22 attendees. The BBQ put on by the organiser was appreciated.
- BMW day at Broadford. Simon Baston was the chief and was very diligent. 12 attendees with a good mix of experienced and newer officials. Geoff Kay was on start/finish. Radio calls that came through from new members were good. Simon Baston thanks Mark and Geoff and commends Chris Muyoma who was calm on the radio and was named as official of the round. Simon thanks the BMW club for a great lunch.
- Victorian 6 hour relay at Phillip Island. Ian Hogan was chief. There were no major incidents and only 1 report. Suzanne Arnott reports on poor behaviour from a driver on the parade lap; the driver was spoken to and given a fine.



6.2 Upcoming events

- The BMW event in August has been cancelled.
- VSCRC4 at Sandown. Good numbers.
- August Access at Phillip Island. Would love a few more people there, especially more experienced members. There are Formula 5000s on the schedule.
- SpeedSeries at Sandown. Registration is linked from the club website.
- Supercars at Sandown. Sign up is via Better Impact
- VSCRC5 at Phillip Island.
- BMW day at Broadford at the start of October.

6.3 Shane Rogers requests that the calendar is amended to remove the Winton Festival of Speed as it is not a club event.

6.4 The Chief Flag Marshal reports on a Formula Ford driver who had been abusing officials. The driver has received a licence suspension.

6.5 The Chief Flag Marshal reminds members to fill in their activity logs and have them signed off at each event. They are needed when going for a licence upgrade.

6.6 The Chief Flag Marshal reports that the State Round at Calder looks almost certain to be going ahead.

6.7 The Chief Flag Marshal notes that the membership number of 161 is by up about 20% from the start of 2022; this is testimony to those coming along trackside who are encouraging new members.

7 Assistant Chief Flag Marshal:

7.1 No report.

8 Training Officer:

8.1 Suzanne Arnott reports on a meeting of the training committee which ratified Rose Spizzica and Gemma Ladgrove as Grade 4 members; Matt Hardy, Ninad Kavi, and Peter Laurie as Grade 3 members; and Shane Rogers as a Grade 2 member.

8.2 Suzanne Arnott reports that an online training session was held before the Victorian 6 hour which was recorded and will be put online. Another training event on the 12th September will bring in-car footage to discuss line of sight. Thomas Randle will be presenting as a guest.

8.3 Suzanne Arnott reports on the organisation of a face to face training event which will likely be held at the MG Car Club before the end of the year.

9 Motorsport Australia Rep:

9.1 The MSA rep reports that the State Council met during the week and that there was much discussion of MSA looking for a new CEO.

9.2 The rep reports that MSA is putting energy into recruiting, training, and retaining officials.

9.3 The MSA rep reports that there was discussion around clashes of dates and how to get a better calendar for 2024.

10 Grade 3 Rep:

10.1 The Grade 3 rep reports that there are 59 Grade 3/3A members. Congratulations to Matt Hardy and Ninad Kavi for their Grade 3 upgrades.



11 Grade 4/5 Rep:

- 11.1 The Grade 4/5 rep reports that there are 58 Grade 4 members and 25 trainees with a total of 83 Grade 4/5 members. The induction and training teams have done a great job. Congratulations to Tim Lack and Chris Muyoma for their awards and also to Sienna Amos who was recognised for her work at the Victorian 6 hour. Even with a strong group of trainees, all experienced officials are encouraged to come and help with training.

12 Induction:

- 12.1 The Induction Coordinator reports that, since last GM, there have been four new signups on the website. Three have started already and one brand new trainee will be attending the Sandown State Round.

13 Merchandise:

- 13.1 The Merchandise Officer reports on the new club polos which are the same design as previously but with a darker blue colour. The older styles are in stock and they'll be replaced as stock runs out. The committee has suggested an update to pricing as the cost has gone up.

14 Magazine:

- 14.1 Suzanne Arnott notes that anyone can write a magazine article and send it to magazine@vicflag.org.au. Joy (and Roger) are on their way back to Australia. It would be great for newer members to put in articles for the magazine.

Reports: Moved John Haywood, Seconded Anthony Filippousis that reports are accepted.
Carried

15 General Business:

- 15.1 Geoff Kay requests that, as there are events towards the start of next year, that they be published in the magazine this year.
- 15.2 Mario Pacifici asks Michael Arnott if he has received an email about the VSCRC round at Sandown. Mr Arnott confirms receipt and promises a reply.
- 15.3 Paul Meade passes on thanks to all flaggies from the Grumpy Racing team at the Victorian 6 hour.
- 15.4 Murray Stevens asks for an update on the discussions around changing the constitution. Suzanne Arnott notes that the committee is working on it.
- 15.5 Murray Stevens discusses visiting race control at the Victorian 6 hour and noting that five senior club members were in attendance. Mr Stevens relays his concerns that those members were not trackside. Michael Arnott notes that the role of Chief Marshal is not appointed by the club. Simon Baston notes that, when he was chief, he was also on a point and mentoring. Suzanne Arnott notes that there is a need to have experienced people in race control and some of those are also club members.
- 15.6 Tim Goodall asks about the process to be assessed for a bronze MSA licence upgrade. Suzanne Arnott notes that the MSA website has an officials pathway. Mr Goodall asks if there is a list of assessors. The training committee or Chiefs can provide a list of people with EA endorsement. If there's skills you want to brush up on, let the chiefs know and they can assign you to a relevant post/role.

Meeting Closed: 8:43pm

Next Meeting: General Meeting 5th October 2023, 7:30pm



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	Better Impact
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	
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	Better Impact
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	Better Impact
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	

PLEASE NOTE

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