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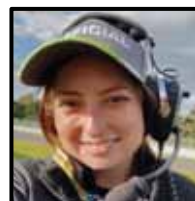
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Cover Picture:
 Warren (Wazza) Gordon doing what he loved
 Photo courtesy Revved Photography

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Welcome to New Members

Peter Dunn
 Kaylene McBain
 Craig McClanahan
 Christopher Moore

Reminder – General Meeting – 7 December 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



This has been one of the hardest reports to write to you all this year, with the passing of our team member and friend Warren Gordon. I know many have fond memories working with him and some will be shared later in the magazine. Keep sharing your stories and memories, and his memory will stay with us for a long time. One of my best memories was this year at Winton, working with him at my side in Race Control, I couldn't have had a better wingman. My first time in RC at Winton, and he did what he does so well, made me feel welcomed and part of the team. Warren joined the team in 2000, and quickly showed his natural ability to communicate with flags at the circuit. He became the patient trainer and was in his element at the track either training or running the post. He developed his own capacity in different areas and becoming a senior flag marshal, chief flag marshal and a sector marshal as well, but I think flags were his true passion, his happy place. He was a valued team member and a wonderful friend. He will be remembered.

On the theme of remembering, we had other team mates on our minds over the weekend, as we returned to Calder. Talking to Roger we reflected on how Barry Petersen would have loved to see this return. In the 1990s and early 2000s we spent many meetings there. A compact little circuit which we are looking forward to seeing more of in the future.

On the club front we have a lot to discuss at our next General meeting in December. We are starting work on a strategic plan, and will be asking for your feedback so we can set a course for the club with goals and success criteria. We will invite all members to have a part in the process, and ownership of what our goals for the next 4 – 5 years will be, and how to achieve them. By the time you read this you will have received the opportunity to read through the new constitution and put together any thoughts. On training matters, we put forward a discussion point on training and assessment, to simplify and streamline it at the October meeting. This will be outlined in the Training Committee's report, and the proposal we will discuss and vote on at December will be put forward. Please feel free to discuss this with any of the Training or general Committee.

As always feel free to discuss any needs or issues that we may be able to assist with.

See you at the track,

Suzanne

Suzanne Arnott

President

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Vice President's Report



G'day members,

As I'm sure you're all aware, recently, we lost a long-time member of the club, Warren 'Wazza' Gordon. Wazza was a passionate club member who was also an outstanding person. His dedication to the sport we love so much was unsurpassed, and his interest in training new members was also one of his loves.

Wazza has trained many marshals over the years, to the point his 'Motorsport DNA' will be in our club for years to come. I have heaps of great memories with Wazza, including my first round at Winton as a marshal for the trucks some 13 years ago, and Wazza being on point with me, showing me lights and flags. If you've ever worked a point with Wazza, you can rest assured there were always lots of laughs and swearing. And at the Australian Grand Prix, Wazza was known for wearing his VFT shirt right up to the very last minute. He was proud to wear it and show it off to the international and interstate marshals. Love ya work Wazza.

I and the club will miss Wazza and his outgoing personality.

My thoughts and prayers are with Wazza's partner and family.
Farewell Wazza, and may you now be resting in peace. Chequered flag mate.

I don't know what to say now to return to my report. How does one segue from the above into a veep's report? Like this:

Great to see so many of your happy faces trackside since the last magazine. It got a little busy there in September. Four events back-to-back! Did anyone do them all? I was lucky enough to play Assistant Chief for the Speed Series and Supercar rounds, and I got to play Chief at the state round at Phillip Island. Three weekends, three days each. A huge thank you to my wife and kids for letting me out to play on her birthday. I had to make up for that with plenty of chores around the house!

I'd like to remind you all to remember to check your Motorsport Australia licences for their expiry dates. The deadline can sneak up on us quickly without knowing. Renewing your licence is done easily online. Change your clocks, change your smoke alarm batteries, check your MA licence.

Also, I want to remind you about the upcoming chief's BBQ on the 20th January at Roger's place. A terrific night with plenty of laughs and more food than you could eat in a week. Also, our 2023 awards night being held on the 3rd Feb 2024. This is shaping up to be another wonderful evening of recognising our outstanding club members' achievements. Can I tell you, as a committee member, I wish we could present awards to more members, but the members we have chosen are very deserving.

Remember to get your name on the list for upcoming events, as we are drawing closer to the end of the year with only a few events remaining. Get your motor sport fix before the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing you at the next race meeting. Come say Hi, I don't bite.

Rocky

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Chief Flagmarshal Report



As the season winds down, I wanted to thank each and every one of you who have supported the club trackside in 2023. We sometimes do it in pretty unpleasant conditions, and the transport, accommodation and food costs can really add up, but you are really doing a great service to the club and the sport each time you attend an event. Particularly the club and state level events that don't have the same glamour as Supercars and The Nationals. Thank you, it really is appreciated.

In saying that, we still have two events before the season ends. VHRR Historic Sandown will be taking place on 10-12 November. This, along with the Phillip Island Classic, is one of my favourite events of the year. And with us being on the other side of COVID travel restrictions, it should see good entry numbers with the inclusion of interstate and international competitors.

Our final event of the year will be the PIARC Island Magic on 24-26 November. Unfortunately, due to a date clash, we will see many of our regular supporters in Adelaide for the Supercars. It would be really appreciated if anyone who is not yet registered gives some thought to attending the Magic. Even if it's just for a day, it would really help out the club and your fellow officials. Registration for this event is via the VFT website.

With the weather starting to warm up, it's probably timely to remind everyone just how changeable the weather in Victoria can be. Whilst we should be making sure we have a hat and sunscreen in our kit for race weekends, it's still important to still pack plenty of layers and your wet weather gear to ensure you can stay warm and dry should the conditions turn.

A weekend weather forecast that looks reasonable for running errands or attending social events can be a different story when you are out in it on a flag point not moving much for 8 hours plus. Packing a few extra items that you don't end up using is always a better option than leaving something at home that you end up needing.

For those of you newer to being a flag marshal, I would suggest investing in a good sized duffle bag or backpack that you can keep everything in that you might need at the track, so you don't end up getting caught out by the elements.

Thanks once again for your support this year, and I'm really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our remaining events.

See you at the track soon!

Regards

David

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Grade 3/Induction Co-ordinator Report

Hi everyone,

It was busy month in September with 3 events in 3 weeks really pushing our marshals to keep showing commitment week in, week out. It was good to see plenty of regulars turn up for these awesome race meetings at Phillip Island and Sandown. Since our last magazine we had 3 new trainees start with us and a few more sign ups on the website that are looking to start with us soon. It was also awesome to be back racing at Calder Park for the Victorian State Race Series. I thoroughly enjoyed being there trackside and experiencing a new track to officiate at. It was a relief for me personally only having to drive 15 minutes to a racetrack. This brings the venue count in Victoria to 6 (if you include the Grand Prix), so there's plenty of opportunities for our members to get trackside near them.



On a sadder note, it was unfortunate to hear of the passing of our great friend Warren Gordon. I had only known Warren for a few years but he was always a good person to talk to about anything. Many nights were spent at the Winton Bunkhouse where we would just talk all night about anything. He was a great asset to our club for many years and one you could also count on when you needed help.

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 and are soaking up some of the warmer days we've been having recently. Everyone on the committee and beyond has been pleased with the turn out from our Grade 4/5's at recent events, and the dedicated and enthusiastic trainees who have joined this year.



At the time of writing, the Calder Park State Round would have been on, and I hope those who were able to attend would have enjoyed the experience of officiating at a new circuit. As I couldn't attend due to being in the Gold Coast for Supercars, I am living vicariously through all your posts and pictures on the socials. I'm sure we're all excited for some more racing action next year at another iconic Victorian venue.

In general updates, congratulations to our newly upgraded Trainees during the Supercars round at Sandown:

- Phil Hoogendoorn
- Chris Muyoma
- Chris Moore

As summer rolls around and motorsport quietens down, it brings a social atmosphere with the Chief's BBQ and VFT Awards Night happening early in 2024. Tickets have been released for the awards night so please grab one and come along to celebrate another successful year gone by.

As always, please reach out at anytime if you would like to discuss anything or need any assistance.

Thanks,

Ninad Kavi

Grade 4/5 Rep

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A Tribute to Warren Gordon (8-April 1955 – 19-October 2023)



Wassa what a Guy! A wonderful Mate & Friend go'n to Miss U Mate
Kiwi Les



Warren Gordon aka Wazza, you were one of the most caring, helpful people I knew. It didn't matter the situation, you were always there to help to make things right on and off the track. RIP mate you will be truly missed by everyone.
Tony Elkin



Every so often you meet a person whose demeanour, ability and all over friendliness makes our sport, and marshalling in particular, all the more enjoyable.

Such a person was Warren Gordon. I first met Warren in the early 2000s, when I was Chief Flagmarshal, and my initial thoughts were some concerns about this tall kiwi with the interesting hairstyles! These fears were soon allayed when I realised he had an innate ability to train new flagmarshals how to wave flags and when to display them. Warren's easy going nature helped enormously in this area. Another example of his personality was his readiness to man any post, no matter where it was, or whether it was looked upon to be the worst spot at the track.

On a personal note I feel very fortunate to have known Warren Gordon and I shall miss his cheeky smile and ever present 'g'day Chirns', in the morning of a race meeting and whenever, or wherever we met.

I shall miss:

- Warren with the mohawk
- Warren the larrikan, and above all
- Warren the bloody good bloke

You fought a good fight, now rest well mate.
Roger Chirnside





On 8th April 1955, on the island across the ditch called New Zealand, a quirky kid by the name of Warren (Wazza) Gordon was bought into this world.

As a kid, he was a bugger of a kid that grew up to be one of the nicest, friendliest kind hearted guys that I have ever met. And in some time in his travels, he packed up and came to call Australia home.

As a kid growing up, and into his adult years he had a massive love for motorsport. In 2000 at Calder Park Raceway, he began his journey as a flag marshal. Growing through the ranks to be a Sector Marshal, Chief Flag Marshal, and everything else he could do.

Wazza was one of the best people to learn from, not just as a flag marshal, but also in life in general. He was always there for a great laugh with his wicked sense of humour, a general chat, and always open to share his knowledge. One of the things that always made him proud was to see those he trained gain knowledge and become great flaggies. Wazza loved all sorts of motorsport from grass roots, all the way up to F1. He loved his time at all the tracks he worked at, but Winton was like his second home.

In October 2022, he was diagnosed with that terrible disease oesophagus cancer. And Wazza being who he is, he wasn't going to let it take him without a fight. Which is what he did right to the end. But unfortunately, on 19th of October we all lost a mate, best friend, brother.

On a personal note, as everyone knows, Wazza was one of my best mates. When I first met Wazza, I'll admit, I was intimidated by him, but quickly found out he has the biggest heart anyone can have. We spent a lot of time together travelling to and from the tracks, and if we weren't together, we called each other regularly to check up on each other. He was there with me during my best times, and even more, he was there during my worst. The trips to the tracks will be long and lonely without him in the co-pilot seat.

He was instrumental to my Motorsport officiating career - he was always there for advice, and always encouraged me to do other things to better myself.

And in life in general, he knew when I was up or when I was down. He would always be there with an ear and a shoulder. I'll always remember the last conversation we had, in that he told me to pass on my knowledge to whoever wants to learn or know something, which is what he was like. Crap, I have big shoes to fill now.

I have so many memories with him that if I was to put them on paper, we would be here all night.

See you when we meet again my brother.

God speed.

Shane Rogers





Training Committee Notes



The Training Committee and the club Committee have been discussing ways to streamline the assessment processes of our club. Assessment should be the final successful stage in a training module. You are trained over several months to know and understand the role you are training for: for example, a Motorsport Australia Bronze Licence (equivalent to a VFT Grade 3). At the end of that training you are assessed over a couple of days at an event in line with the Motorsport Australia criteria. At the moment there are two assessments carried out, which we feel can be confusing, particularly for new members:

- One assessment internally through the VFT to get a “Grade 3” grading (you get a patch, lanyard and a certificate – the grading is only relevant within the VFT)
- and
- an externally organised, Motorsport Australia assessment to achieve (for example) a Bronze level licence. Nationally accredited, Bronze licence (for example) means the same across all states and territories in Australia, assessment is thorough and criterion based. An Event Assessor (specifically trained to deliver fair and equitable assessment) needs to complete the assessment. This assessor is usually a fellow VFT member.

A bit of the history of our process. Last century CAMS (as it was then) had a five-tier licencing system. Trainee 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. The VFT used these to develop our assessments of our officials. We developed the colour badges and expectations for each level. It worked well, and we assessed our people as they were ready, then when they were competent.

CAMS changed to Gold, Silver, Bronze and General towards the end of the 1990s. At that time the VFT Training Committee felt we were doing a great job at training and assessing and would continue with what we were doing.

As time has passed Motorsport Australia has developed and evolved its assessment of each level of licence at a national level. The assessment is structured and rigorous and if you have a Bronze licence in Perth it will mean the same level of competence if you are in Tasmania or Victoria.

Our proposal is to streamline our training and assessment process as follows.

- Candidate informs the Training Committee that they feel they are ready to train towards an upgrade.
- A training plan will be developed with the candidate, to ensure all required aspects are covered
- VFT senior officials will continually monitor progress completing formal and informal assessment of the candidate, suggesting areas which may need further support.
- When the candidate and the Training committee feel the candidate is prepared, the candidate will work through the Motorsport Australia process for upgrading their licence.
- The Event Assessment race meeting and Assessor are selected. The theory Module is completed.
- If for any reason the candidate does not pass, we go back to the targeted training modules.

The ongoing assessment of VFT trainers and the Training Committee feedback should ensure all candidates are ready for assessment.

This should streamline the process for all members who feel they are ready to move to the next level. The process will be monitored by the Training Committee to ensure effective training is given to candidates, and they are provided opportunities to succeed.

The Proposal which will be put to the General Meeting in December is as follows:

That we streamline our assessment processes in line with Motorsport Australia, providing members with relevant training to allow them to succeed in desired upgrades provided by Motorsport Australia.



Keep These Dates Free:

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

Thursday 1st February 2024 – VFT AGM:
MG Car Club Rooms, Unit 53 & 54 Eastern Business Centre, 41-49 Norcal Road, Nunawading

Saturday 3rd February 2024 – VFT Awards Night
The Manningham Hotel & Club, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen

Merchandise

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.

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

Meg Boers
Merchandise Officer



From the Editor

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

Please note articles for the January edition are due 28th December (a few extra days to get over Christmas!)-
maqazine@vicflag.org.au –Joy Chirside

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Presentations



Grade 4 upgrades being presented to Christopher Moore, Chris Muyoma, Phil Hoogendoorn and Gemma Ladgrove



Grade 4 upgrades being presented to Timothy Lack and Tracey Warner

A thank you certificate being presented to Thomas Randle for doing the online training we facilitated prior to the Supercars



Presentation of service awards

5 yr to Vivek Prabhakar and John McBain

and

10 yr to Steve Berry

Congratulations to Paul Meade!



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(To see the full article, refer to Motorsport Australia's October 2023 Speed Read)



Committee Elections 2024

Hi Everyone,

Another year is racing by, and we are rapidly coming to the end, which can mean only one thing. Elections will happen soon. Now is a good time to think about who we would like to be our committee members for next year. You will receive a nomination form with this magazine, either in paper form if you are a country member, or online. You can print off as many as you need. The election will take place at our annual general meeting during February next year.



I have been the returning officer for several years now and I believe it's time for a change. I am handing over the reins to Bryce Crawford who has been appointed our new returning officer by the committee.

Nominations close at midnight on 31st December. You can get them to Bryce by hand trackside or at the December meeting, or you can scan and email them. The email address is returningofficer@vicflag.org.au. To be doubly sure, you could cc the email to Bryce's private email which is bryce141259@gmail.com.

Please make certain that the nomination form has three signatures. The nominating person, the seconder and the candidate. This is necessary for the nomination to be valid. It's not a bad idea if the proposer includes their mobile number so Bryce can let them know that the email has arrived.

Kind regards,
Paul Freeman.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

Expressions of interest are open for all appointed positions. EOIs close 1st Feb at 4:00PM and should be directed in writing to the Secretary, secretary@vicflag.org.au.

Positions appointed by the Committee

Chief Flagmarshal, Assistant Chief Flagmarshal, Training Officer, Motorsport Australia Rep

Other positions

Training Committee, Induction Co-ordinator, Induction Team, Merchandise Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor

Please note that expressions of interest are not binding and the committee reserves the right to appoint only those who have demonstrated appropriate experience for the relevant role.

Reminder - VFT Annual Chief's BBQ – Sat 20 January 2024

This purely social event is a great opportunity for members and families to come along and enjoy the evening. In past years, we have been mostly lucky with the weather and with the backyard floodlit and decorated with a motoring theme, it has always been a very convivial event.

For the benefit of those who haven't attended before, the format is very simple. The club will be providing beer, wine, soft drink and water, as well as salads and desserts.

All you have to bring along is something to cook on the BBQ, and perhaps a chair.

When: **Saturday 20 January 2024**

Sign on is at **6:00pm** and chequered flag is when the last one leaves!

Where: **'Brooklands', 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia** (Melways Ref 65 D5 for those that still use one)
- the home of Roger and Joy Chirside.

Everyone is invited - the more the merrier.

Roger & Joy Chirside



In Action (or Inaction)

Supercars Sandown





VSCRC Rd 5 Phillip Island





VSCRC Rd 6 Calder





Whilst many of the team were at Calder last weekend, some headed to Winton and others even further north to the Gold Coast. All of us apart, but together remembering our friend and team mate.

Be at peace Warren Gordon.



Pictures taken during my first visit to Bathurst

Luke Hingeley



(Ouch!!)



Minutes of the VFT October General Meeting 2023

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – October 2023 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes
5 October 2023, 7:30pm
MG Car Club & Online (Google Meets)

Members present: 12 members present in person and 6 online

Apologies: Paul Freeman, Scott Long, Michelle Clewett, Mikey Clewett, Joy Chirnside, Mark Thompson

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 (3 August 2023):

Moved: John Haywood, seconded: Michael Arnott, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

1 Matters Arising:

1.1 Nil

Reports:

2 President:

- 2.1 The President reports on a busy September and thanks those who have been trackside in any capacity.
- 2.2 The President reminds members that the state round at Calder Park is happening at the end of October.
- 2.3 The President thanks everyone who attended the training night and Glenn Rochester for organising it. Thomas Randle was a great speaker. The club presented him with a token of appreciation.
- 2.4 The President notes that the Secretary and Treasurer have been working to get the club's information online and are working towards getting the new constitution written up in line with the new model rules.
- 2.5 The President reports on early planning for a face to face training session. The current proposal is to run a multi disciplinary day with scrutineering, stewarding, sectoring, etc.
- 2.6 The President notes that the awards night has been confirmed for the 3rd February 2024.
- 2.7 The President notes that the Motorsport Australia state awards are open for nominations.
- 2.8 The President reports that a number of people have expressed an interest in being returning officer for the 2024 committee election.
- 2.9 The President asks members to consider applying for a committee position or a volunteer position.

3 Vice President:

- 3.1 The Vice President notes on good attendances at the SpeedSeries, Supercars, and state round. It was encouraging to see the positive vibe from every flag point.
- 3.2 The Vice President thanks those who attended the BMW day at Broadford; there were people trying different disciplines.
- 3.3 The Vice President notes a number of upcoming events including Calder Park in October, the Historics in November, and Island Magic at the end of November.
- 3.4 The Vice President notes that January 20th will be the annual BBQ at the Chirnsides and the awards night will be held in February.

4 Secretary:

- 4.1 The Secretary reports that there are 166 members of the club.
- 4.2 The Secretary reports that the calendar for 2024 is shaping up and an initial draft will be included in the November magazine.



4.3 The Secretary reports that membership renewals will be commencing in November and will be handled online and by bank transfer.

5 Treasurer:

5.1 The Treasurer discusses the report sent to attendees of the meeting. The largest expense was the re-order of the club polos. The Treasurer encourages members to place an order.

5.2 Payments to be passed:

- Corporate printers \$152 July/September magazine
- Joy Chirnside \$112.80 Postage for September magazine
- Bradford promotions \$572 2024 pins

Moved: David Thornbury, seconded: Glenn Rochester that payments are passed. Carried.

6 Chief Flag Marshal:

6.1 Completed events:

- VSCRC4 at Sandown: Chris Sullivan was the chief with David Thornbury and John Beck as assistants. The Chief Flag Marshal notes that John put his hand up as he wanted to try the role and encourages members to let the Chiefs know if they are interested in doing the same.
- August Access at Phillip Island: Paul Meade was chief with David Thornbury as assistant. Numbers were low, most points were covered with sectors. There was an issue with the perspex at post 7.
- SpeedSeries at Sandown: Paul Meade was chief. The numbers were good but the weather was bad. 2 people were stood down with medical issues. There was a bit of shuffling of positions because of health issues. Paul Meade thanks everyone - especially those who attended on the Friday.
- Supercars at Sandown: Paul Meade was chief. All points were manned. There were a couple of medical issues. There were two interstate sector marshals and 15 to 20 new people through Motorsport Australia.
- VSCRC5 at Phillip Island: Glenn Rochester was chief with Patrick Harding as assistant. Numbers were good. Two members were assessed for silver upgrades by Roger Chirnside. The ongoing construction for the MotoGP event caused some line of sight issues. David Vernal was happy with the VFT and there were a few shoutouts from category managers at the wash up meeting. There was also good praise for Hannah Hollway for her efforts organising the event. Two members were invited to race control - John Beck on CCTV and Shane Rogers on comms.
- BMW day at Broadford at the start of October: Geoff Kay was chief; he did a good job with placements and briefings

6.2 Upcoming events

- VSCRC6 at Calder Park
- Sandown Historics
- Island Magic

7 Assistant Chief Flag Marshal:

7.1 No report.

8 Training Officer:

8.1 Suzanne Arnott reports there have been no training meetings recently. Ms Arnott has been getting online documents organised. There have been no new upgrades since the last meeting.

9 Motorsport Australia Rep:

9.1 The Motorsport Australia rep reports on the October State Council meeting. Much of the content was commercially confidential. Motorsport Australia has been hit hard with insurance costs so are increasing fees and charges. Motorsport Australia is still searching for a new CEO to replace Eugene Arocca.



10 Grade 3 Rep:

10.1 The Grade 3 rep reports there are 59 grade 3/3A members. There are no issues or matters arising.

11 Grade 4/5 Rep:

11.1 The Grade 4/5 rep reports that there are 62 grade 4 members and 27 grade 5. This is a 20% increase since the start of the year.

12 Induction:

12.1 The Induction Coordinator reports an inundation of people from Motorsport Australia and from the website. The induction coordinator is trying to contact all of them.

13 Merchandise:

13.1 Suzanne Arnott reports that she is looking into different models for buying merchandise such as ordering items on demand rather than upfront bulk purchases. Paul Meade offers a contact for someone who does small batches of merchandise.

13.2 Ms Arnott notes there are a limited range of sizes in the older style of polo which are reduced to \$10 for a short sleeve or \$15 for a long sleeve.

13.3 Glenn Rochester reports that the 2024 membership pins have been ordered.

14 Magazine:

14.1 Suzanne Arnott notes that articles are due on the 24th Oct.

14.2 Roger Chirnside reads a note from the editor who thanks those who submitted photos and articles.

Reports: Moved Ninad Kavi, Seconded John Haywood that reports are accepted. Carried

15 General Business:

15.1 Suzanne Arnott discusses the grading process and proposes that the club adopts the Motorsport Australia system of Gold / Silver / Bronze. The reasoning is to remove duplication of upgrades. Mario Pacifici notes that the club discussed such a change previously but resolved to retain the VFT grades. Andy Kelk discusses the need to differentiate between a General licence holder who is a trainee and one who has finished their induction. Mr Pacifici raises a concern that a member could go interstate to be upgraded and assessed. Ninad Kavi suggests that, if a member did travel interstate, the interstate assessor should call the club. Shane Rogers suggests that people should be assessed without warning so that they do not pick up bad habits. David Thornbury notes that the club has been doing so informally. Glenn Rochester suggests that members consider the question and discuss further at the next meeting.

15.2 Mario Pacifici asks the Treasurer if a draft of the new constitution will be provided to members. The Treasurer notes that the process is taking a bit longer than expected and that the draft will be sent to the committee and then to members. The aim will be to have a final draft to be discussed at the December General Meeting so a vote can be held at a Special General Meeting in February. Mr Pacifici queries the nature of the changes. The Treasurer responds that it is a wholesale change to adopt the model rules with additions where the club has its own unique system. John Haywood asks if there is a way to highlight which parts are required under legislation and which are specific to the club. The Treasurer will present an executive summary of the document. Mr Pacifici asks if members will be voting on each clause. The Treasurer responds that the motion will be to adopt the new constitution in its entirety as it is a full document change. Mr Haywood recommends that changes be discussed at the December meeting so that members can get clarification. The Treasurer notes that he will table the feedback received and whether it has been incorporated or not.

15.3 Patrick Lonesborough asks a question regarding rejoining the club. Suzanne Arnott recommends that he attend some meetings so that the chiefs can assess a potential grading.

Meeting Closed: 8:50pm

Next Meeting: General Meeting 7th December 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	

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Date			Registration
1 February	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT AGM	
3 February	Manningham Centre Bulleen	VFT Awards Night	VFT Website
9-11 February	Sandown	Speed Series Rd 1	Better Impact
16-18 February	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 1 [MGCC]	Better Impact
2-3 March	Phillip Island	March Access?	VFT Website
(7) 8-10 March	Phillip Island	Phillip Island Classic	Better Impact
16-17 March	Winton	VSCRC Rd 2	VFT Website
21-24 March	Albert Park	Aust F1 GP (Non VFT Event)	
4 April	MG Clubrooms	VFT General Meeting	
7 April	Sandown	Porsche 6 Hour Regularity	VFT Website
12-14 April	Phillip Island	Speed Series Rd 3	Better Impact
17-19 May	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 3 [PIARC]	VFT Website & PIARC
6 June	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
Unknown	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay	Better Impact
1 August	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
16-18 August	Phillip Island	August Access	VFT Website
23-25 August	Sandown	VSCRC Rd 4 [ASSA]	VFT Website
? September (TBA)	Sandown	Sandown 500	Better Impact
20-22 September	Phillip Island	VSCRC Rd 5 [VMCI]	VFT Website
3 October	MG Clubrooms/Zoom	VFT General Meeting	
25-27 October	Calder Park (TBC)	VSCRC Rd 6	Better Impact
Unknown	Sandown	Sandown Historics	Better Impact
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