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A Word from the President



William Gaff

Hi, and welcome to the May magazine. I have to start on a sad note with the passing of Barry Petersen on April the 9th. Barry was one of the founding members of the VFT, past Chief Flag Marshall, President and a Life member of the club which he helped to form some 27 years ago.

The service for Barry was on Thursday the 18th April, it was standing room only. With a heartfelt service from Mark Bateman and a very personal tribute from Roger Chirnside it was a fitting send off for Barry. To Barry's family from the Committee and Members of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team our hearts and love go out to you at this time may God rest his soul R.I.P Barry.

On Thursday the 11th of April we had our guest speaker night with Jim Richards what a great night 50 plus members turned up. I hope you all enjoyed the night with Jim. We are in the early stages of planning another guest speaker night just before the Sandown 500 can't say too much just watch this space. I must thank a few people for their work behind the scenes; Eric for getting the hotel (great venue), Murray for asking Jim to speak to us and *Pitstop Model Cars* for the door prize thanks Larry.

The thing what amazes me is the work that goes on behind the scenes to make this great club run. I thank each and every one of you guys and girls you know who you are. One of the things I want to do is give something back to the members the membership cards will be ready next week plus VFT lanyards and a thermos coffee cup to every financial member of the club.

The month of May sees us start to get busy again Sandown VSCRC 2 on May 18-19, Winton Historic 25-26 plus Phillip Island Shannons Nationals 25-

Welcome to our new members:

Naomi Harders, Jessica Hampton, Heath Rawlinson, Graeme D'Arcy, Matthew Ryan, Scott Heinicke, Darion Kendall, Graham Farr and John Clarke.

And returning members:

Brad Ross and Jeff Birrell

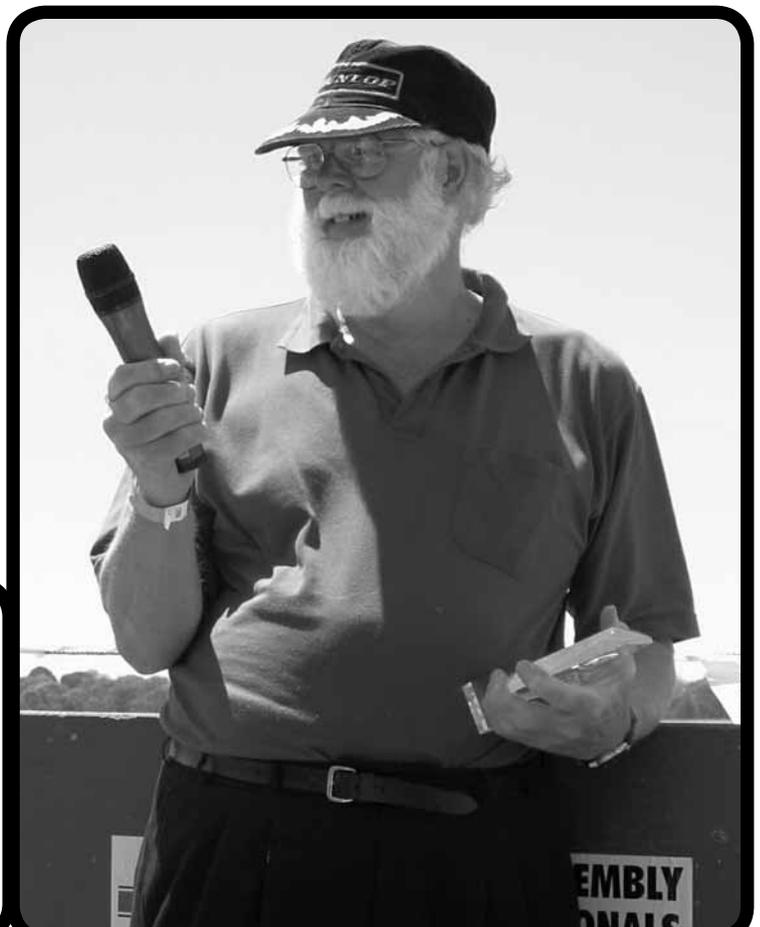
26 as this is another clash we will need all hands on deck, please let the chief know which events you can do. The lists are open now I will thank you for your help now thanks again.

I know the training committee have a lot of upgrades to work on at the moment so go a little easy on them it is a big job if you want an upgrade you must hand your form to the club secretary so he can log it in his report and we can put you in the system and get it going for you.

Finally, the committee has developed a social media policy which we will roll out very soon for you guys to read, and become familiar with. It puts the guidelines distributed last year into a more concrete form.

Till next time

**William Gaff
VFT President**



Flag One Reporting



by Terry O Callaghan

Since our last magazine, we have had 2 race meetings to attend, one of them being the AGP at Albert Park. Whilst the VFT have no direct or official involvement at the AGP, I hope our members, both new and old, enjoyed this iconic event. The other event we officiated at was the VSCRC held at Phillip Island. Trish Storey accepted the role of Chief Flagmarshal for this event. Thank you to everyone for their support of both the event and Trish.....a great effort with over 40 VFT members over 2 days, with a number of officials taking on the extra responsibility of communicators and sector marshals.

A large number of upgrade assessments will be conducted over the coming events ensuring and continuing the high standard of our officials which in the long term can only benefit the VFT and motorsports. Members' feedback will be canvassed to complete the upgrade process. With the influx of new members, we must all remember that it is up to each and every one of us to set a good example whether it be in our attitude, dress or application. We are perceived by many (competitors included) in motorsports to be the leaders and innovators in our field (trackside officials) and we need to strive to maintain our reputation.

On a sad and personal note, the VFT lost one of our founding members, ex VFT President and ex VFT Chief Flagmarshal, Barry Petersen, who for me, was a mentor and guiding hand. Many debriefs were held with Barry in the Sandown radio room and his words of wisdom and encouragement will stay with me.

The first Victorian round of the V8 Supercars will be held at Winton in mid August. Once again, as per the long standing VFT policy, we will close off the list 6 weeks prior to the event, making the closing date Monday, July 1 for this event. As in previous years, numbers will be again restricted. The VFT, in conjunction with Benalla Auto Club, will work together to achieve the desired numbers. If you need to register or withdraw from an event, please use **ONE** of the following 4 methods:

1. Ring the Club mobile on 0409823657
2. Leave message on VFT answering service 87965321 (NB – New number)
3. Email – chief@vicflag.org.au
4. Add your name to the list at a prior event.

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Terry O'Callaghan
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The VFT was well represented at the April WAMS leadership workshop at CAMS in Caulfield. Great discussions and food for thought in relation to leadership, management, recruitment and supporting our team members. Thanks to Belinda from WAMS for running the workshop.



It was great to see the CAMS office team down at the Island for the VSCRC 1, and get out to the flap point to join in the fun.

Training Matters

by Tony van den Dungen

Well the AGP, Clipsal, Historics, Porche 6hour, VSCRC, Winton have been and gone and we survived!

What a hectic time! And of course we had our meetings and a training session for Cams. Throw in a trip over to NZ and a recent wedding of my nephew and unfortunately the funeral of our great mate Barry (or Bear to me)!

It was wonderful to see the representation of the VFT and the guard of honour to farewell our friend was moving! Roger 's dedication was indicative of what a great friend he was to him and his contribution to the sport and our club. Undoubtedly there will be other tributes to him in this publication so I will leave that to those better versed to explain the significant loss he was to us all!

I did get the opportunity at the AGP and Clipsal to accompany the Chief Flag, Secretary and National CofC on the Stewards inspections and it was great to see so many smiling faces out there that I recognised. The stewards are now aware of what we look for during the inspections and that being flags being waved correctly and with enthusiasm! Several times we stopped to point out to flaggies that if the flag blocked the safety car board there was a need to lift the flag higher where possible. Only once did the stewards insist on another lap

Mazda 6 Celebrity Challenge 12/03/2013

Trish and myself volunteered to represent the VFT at the practice day at Sandown before they were let loose at Albert Park. The request for 4 volunteers was made at Phillip Island the week end before. No pressure to attend as apparently issues re how we may be treated was in question. Apparently in the between years since we have attended one of these events how officials have been treated was an issue.

We turned up at 12:00 and were warmly welcomed by Michael Massey who thanked us for turning up for this day. Joined fellow Firies with the usual welcome we have come accustomed "Flaggie this Firies that" you all know how it goes. Michael looking on with a look as to say "what the". Celebs still on track learning how to master turns 4 and 9.

Eventually the celebs came in for lunch and we got

to ensure that their requests were carried out.

On the training front, Trish Storey, Mike Murphy, Simon Baston and Suzanne Arnott attended the recent Silver module at Cams in which Kevin Redman and myself were co presenters. Racing driver and OLT observer, Chas Talbot, has asked to be invited to talk to our marshals about driving standards and venues and appropriate dates are being sourced at this time. Confirmation will be published asap.

The training committee is working on the flow of documentation and updating our data base so that our Chiefs at events have the latest gradings.

The latest upgrades were submitted to the committee and our congratulations go to Grade 3 recipients Danielle Bell ,Doug Salan, Robert Salan, Anthony Filipousis, John Grist.

10 Days Michael Clewitt and Ian Saxby.

Many members are currently upgrading their levels and we look forward to seeing them in the up and coming events.

The Training Committee has seen the need to have an upgrade assessment coordinator and Kevin Watson has volunteered to take on the role.

Tony van den Dungen VFT Training Officer

to speak to a couple of them.

Leaving the celebs to go in for lunch we sat outside and found out that some of the celebs were having phobia issues and they were not even in race gear or helmets at this time.

After they had nearly finished we went for lunch ourselves. Full bar-b-que of prawns, salads steak etc. and were invited to join the celebs.

After Lunch that we were sent out to turn 4 (Trish - sun umbrella, esky of ice and drinks and chairs) and Dandy Road (same as 4). We finished around 4:30pm.

We had a great day. Every one made us feel welcome, Sorry not to have attended the Wednesday session as well. Next year.

Mike and Trish





No armco, no big trucks, no mozzie bytes ... and no stupid hat

Well, as far as the Promotional side of things we don't really get started until in Winton V8's, the only item I have to report on is the Jim Richards Event we had a few weeks ago.

It will go down as one of the high-lights of the year. A good number of members and two representatives from Penrite Oils were there, the night was well attended and Jim was a great guest.

To hear about how his career unfolded was incredible. From struggling to get money to race

to getting paid just to turn up, to winning Bathurst and rolling down mountains in Rally, cheating 'cliffs by inches'. Jim patiently signed a very impressive collection of cars bought along by The Shallgross', and numerous other photos and memorabilia. One can see how he is titled Gentleman Jim.



While on that subject. Gary Scott, who we older members know from his Nissan Turbo days and pole position at Bathurst in 1986, would kind of disagree. Gary works on the Mornington Peninsula on Saturdays mornings at a Bridgestone Tyre outlet. Recently while fitting my new battery into the VE recalled that Jim generally was good but sometimes would sneak



the occasional questionable bump or move to slip pass.

If Gary had only told me that BEFORE the night!!!!

I have a Vic State Council meeting soon so if there is anything relating to us, I'll get the info out ASAP. So, apart from that, some quick reminders.

1. Make sure you have some flyers ready in your bag.
2. Register for emails from CAMS for the latest info.
3. Follow the VFT and CAMS on Facebook and /or Twitter
3. And, remember, we all are on display while trackside so be on your best behaviour!!

Until next time..

Murray. CAMS Rep and Promotions bloke.....

promotions@vicflag.org.au





Grade 4 Rep and Induction Report

I headed off to the General meeting as usual, sitting there listening to the reports. Eric made mention that we have just over

200 members. Kevin Redman, Tony and Roger all gave the induction team praise for all the hard work. This praise needs to be spread out to Simon Baston and Amanda Booker for starting the Team years ago through to the present group who have done their bit. Well done everyone.

Roger also touched on members doing their bit by introducing people to the team. The more the merrier I say, but we have a procedure that we need to adhere to. Last year, worksafe spoke to Terry and the safety side was discussed regarding the Induction paperwork. We have finalised our paperwork to accommodate this. So if you do have a friend, neighbour, relative that would like to attend,

please either get them to call the club phone or email so this can be logged and then someone from the team can give them the relevant information they need as well as the paperwork prior to attending.

I would like to congratulate Graham White, Steve Berry, Ian Saxby and Siobhan Cray for going up to a Grade 4.

Six months after I joined the Team, the great man, Barry Peterson retired from motorsport. I had the pleasure of getting to know Barry when I first started officiating back in 1986. I didn't have much time with him but he was always a gentle, very approachable man and will be sadly missed. My condolences go out to the Peterson family. See you at the track.

Paul Meade

Grade 4 and Induction Team Co-ordinator

Some great feedback from one of the drivers at the Phillip Island VSCRC

"Hi guys

I attended rd1 VSCRC ,at Phillip Island for an 8hr signature day on Sunday 7th April as a driver.

I have to say your professionalism and knowledge is a credit to your outfit I was with 3 people who took pride in their work stopping at different times of the day explaining to me why when

And how it all comes together on race day and if it were not for you guys doing what you love as volunteers; I as a driver would not be able to do what I love doing in safe conditions in all types of motor/sport

I will personally thank my 3 teachers on the day once again [you know who you are] for a informative

And AT TIMES FUN DAY " [IS THAT NORMAL SMOKE COMING OUT OF THAT CAR LOL']

KIND REGARDS

MICHAEL RICE"



If anyone has thoughts about revising or revamping the constitution please contact the secretary with any thoughts or ideas. For more details please contact Eric Rigg: VFT Secretary

White polo shirts are now in stock: \$25

Membership has topped 200, a first for the team, well done to the recruitment/promotions and induction teams, particularly Murray Stevens and Paul Meade



2013 Australian Grand Prix, Albert Park





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Farewell

Barry Andrew Petersen

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I first met Barry in the mid sixties. We were both involved with Crowd Control at Sandown race meetings. I thought it best to stick with him as he was over 6 feet tall and would be very handy in the case of any arguments with unruly crowd members! Also, Barry was a good source of shade on hot days!

Barry was always interested in cars and all things motor sport. He and his mate Macca rode their bicycles to the early Australian Grands Prix at Albert Park to watch the likes of Brabham and Moss race on a road track lined with hay bales and spectators.

He managed to pursue his love of motor sport while an apprentice at Nylex and later managed to persuade his bosses to let him have time off for special races such as Bathurst and the AGPs –at Adelaide and later Albert Park.

I went overseas for several years and came back home in late '71. By this time Barry was flagging so it just seemed logical that I should join him.

Both Barry and I started getting involved with the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria (PCCV) and with flagmarshalling and formed a very strong friendship. We spent many entertaining and amusing years flagging together. There were definite advantages officiating with the big bloke as being tee-total he could get me an extra can of beer at the end of the day! I well remember the weekend when Juan Manuel Fangio came to Sandown. I desperately wanted to get his book signed and Barry undertook to get this done for me. Apparently the great man was being ushered away from the autograph hunters when all of a sudden this great arm came over the top of everyone else with book and pen and hey presto, I had my autograph!

Whilst a member of the PCCV the Victorian Flag Marshalling Team was formed. Along with myself, Barry, Mike Stansbury, Keith Alexander and other PCCV members were the fledgling VFT's early members.

As time went on, flagging became Barry's passion, with most weekends involved in some sort of officiating at motor racing including club events and hill climbs etc. He worked at Winton, Calder, Phillip Island, Sandown, Adelaide and Bathurst – almost anywhere there was a car going round and round.

As Barry gained experience he became more involved in the management of the Flagging team – eventually becoming Chief Flag Marshal.

He loved working at the AGP and eventually became a Sector Marshal. One year his team won the award for best run sector – Barry was very proud to share the award with the team.

One occasion I remember particularly was when Barry had been staying with us in Adelaide for the Grand Prix. He and Damien Petrie left Adelaide on an early morning flight and upon arrival in Melbourne Barry began to hunt frantically for his car keys. It slowly dawned on him that he had left the keys in Adelaide. Barry was of course ecstatic and he thought he would share this memorable moment with his wife Paula, and ask her to bring his spare set to Tullamarine Airport. Naturally Paula was delighted to drive all the way from Seaford (before going to work), whereupon I believe the keys were delivered at lightning speed!

On another occasion we were marshalling at the Arthurs Seat Hillclimb. I duly picked up Barry at his Seaford home and as we neared the hillclimb Barry let out an almighty oath – he still had his slippers on! As the weather was appalling he spent a very enjoyable day sitting in the medical tent, in the warm and dry chatting to the medical staff, whilst we were all out on the hill getting soaked!

During his time in motor sport he won many awards but the award of which he was most proud, and had pride of place at the celebration of his life, was the prestigious Australian Sports Medal in 2000, signed by the Prime Minister and the Governor General.

Barry's declining health gradually made it impossible to continue flagging. He maintained his connection with motor sport by becoming a CAMS Steward and later by helping organise the radios for race meetings.

Barry was known by many names: Big Barry, Baz, Bazza, Bazil, Beep and Papa Smurf - my favourite was simply – 'mate'.

To his loving wife Paula and sister Dee we share your grief and sadness, and along with you, we will all share wonderful memories of Big Barry.

Roger Chirnside



Fellow Flag Marshall's,

Recently, I attended the funeral of one of our life and foundation members Barry Peterson.

Barry is someone, few of you would know, as he stopped working trackside many years ago, due to ill health. I was asked by one of the committee when having a quite beer or 2 after the service, which was attended by a who's who of motor racing officials at a state, national and international level to write something of my memories of Barry. This is something, I feel inadequate to do, simply because I could never do justice to this fine Flag Marshall and Australian.

The first thing about Barry that comes to mind was the fact that Barry didn't drink beer, wine etc. This was something that one of his closest friends, on and off the track Roger Chirnside would take full advantage of by having Barry's beer post race. Barry would then get into his beloved Austin 1800 (it was about the only car that he could fit into) and slowly drive home (his choice of car was something we teased him about continually). There was many a time when we thought we should have to white flag him out of the carpark, or get a person with a white flag to walk in front of him.

If you ask anyone who knew Barry, even briefly, what he was like you would get the same answer. He was a gentle giant. Barry was a big man who had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone, from trainee of a Grade 1. He had many nicknames, but the one that will always stick in my mind was Poppa Smurf. I am sure there is a picture of Barry somewhere in this mag and I am sure you would agree the name fits. However, it wasn't just Barry physical appearance that suited this nickname. It was that he was the wise oracle, one you could always go to and get the right answer to solve any problem trackside. Barry would never say it but there are 2 simple rules, Barry is always right and the second rule was refer to rule one. Simply, because he always was, but he never made you feel like you were an idiot, he would word it in such a way that never put you down. I remember many times being told "I think you won't miss that one in the future or you probably shouldn't do that again" and you never did. My introduction to Flag Marshalling began 25 years ago and I will never forget my first training session which was conducted in a pub (name of which I cannot remember). Barry was the Chief/ Training/ and everything else person and he got up to start our training. Today, what he did would never be acceptable, but it still brings very fond memories to me and I would like to share it with you. If I don't have it word perfect I am sure Barry won't mind. Barry got up and introduced himself and talked about how we needed to keep ourselves safe and that most tracks now had at least one row of Armco at our points. This was a big thing as when Barry first started flagging would stand trackside without anything and if he was really lucky a hay bale.

He then would bring out the flags (cloth, which he informed us, correctly, got very heavy when wet) and started with this scenario, using every flag.

"Imagine you are standing at Turn 1 at Sandown at the start of the first race. This is the order of flags that you will see. Looking up the track you will see the Australian Flag which is dropped and signifies the start of the race. You can see all the cars take off and you note the Cortina in the

third row who gets a great start and is overtaking those in front of him.

Then you see the blue flag being held steady (yes it was 25 years ago) which signifies to the drivers in front that they may be passed. The flag



marshall on blue, eyes will widen a little as he starts waving the flag furiously as the Cortina now in the second row dives to the inside to try and take the lead. About now this driver is about to find out what happens when you enter a corner on the inside first lap with cold tyres/brakes and too much speed.

This is when you see the next flag, the yellow one being waved furiously by the flaggie as the Cortina spins out taking the leader with him. This then becomes a double yellow as the Cortina is sitting in the centre of the track.

At the next point you will see a green flag which means the drivers can start racing again, assuming they stopped racing when they saw the waved yellows.

The next point also has out the "oil" flag (we called it its correct name then) as the leader has kept driving with a broken radiator and sump and is laying oil and water along the race line.

As the fire truck (a HQ 1 tonner) goes past you will see a waved white flag to let the drivers know that there is a slow moving vehicle ahead.

A few laps late, at the Start /finish line you will see a black flag with an orange circle on it with the number of the car that was part of the crash and thinks that dragging a bumper bar behind the car improves speed.

Two laps later you will see at start finish the same number with a totally black flag for the driver who was shown the black and orange flag. He doesn't know it but he is about to have a wallet lightening visit to the stewards when he finally puts his glasses on and looks at the flag.

After a number of laps you will see at start finish a flag like this (checkered) which means the race is over and we pick up a broom and see if we can get enough parts to help our mate to rebuild his Cortina 220.

Now we don't like to see cars crash but if they do we hope it is a good one."

The above was delivered in a totally deadpan voice but as you can tell sticks in the mind.

While most of the members of our club have never had the privilege to meet and work with Barry his legacy lives on. This is because he was one of those who started the VFT, setting the foundations that has resulted in the club that we are lucky to be a part of.

If there is one thing we can do to honour Barry is to remember why he started this team. To enable us to go trackside and wave flags at racing cars in the best seat in the house, in safety with good equipment.

If we can do that, nothing would be a greater way to honour one of our foundation members and a person who all those who worked with him respected.

John Haywood



Farewell Michael J. Ronke

Mick has been at the helm of Winton, and Wakefield Park, for many years and I've known him since I started working at race meetings at Winton in late 1985.

Mick was a Telecom Exchange Maintenance Tech in Benalla and I was an Exchange Installation Tech in Melbourne so we had a shared friendly rivalry that existed between Insto's and Mato's that we kept up even long after he left Telecom to take up the CEO post at Winton.



Mick was never shy to ring me if he had a Telecom/Telstra issue to needed dealt with and I remember well the 9am call the day after a Mobile phone issue the Barbagallo V8's that weekend a few years ago "telling me" we're not going to have that problem here in 2 weeks are we Paul. Mind you I'd already arranged with him months earlier to park one of Telstra's Cell on Wheels units next to the Admin building and Mick was only too happy to provide us with a 3 phase power connection for it.

I'll save the story on how Mick and Heather convinced Telstra to add a Mobile Phone base to the Winton Exchange for another day :)

No one can deny Mick's passion for Motorsport or his dedication to the Benalla Auto Club, Winton & Wakefield and god help anyone who ever tried to get one over on him or Winton, even V8Supercar teams and management respected Mick and his passion.

Daryl Mac has commented that some saw Mick as a "Hard Bastard" but those of us who really knew Mick often saw the lighter and softer side of him especially during the traditional post event "Debriefs" in his office at Winton where many a story from the day's action and days gone by were shared.

I'll miss Mick, in fact I already do, not just as a friend but as a man who taught so many of us so much over the near 30 years I've known and worked with and for him in our shared obsession called Motorsport.

My sincere condolences to Matt, Adam and the extended Ronke family at this time of loss and please feel comforted in the knowledge that the extended Winton & Wakefield "family" is sharing your grief at this time.

Paul van den Akker

**Photos courtesy of
Matthew Ronke and
Daryl McHugh**



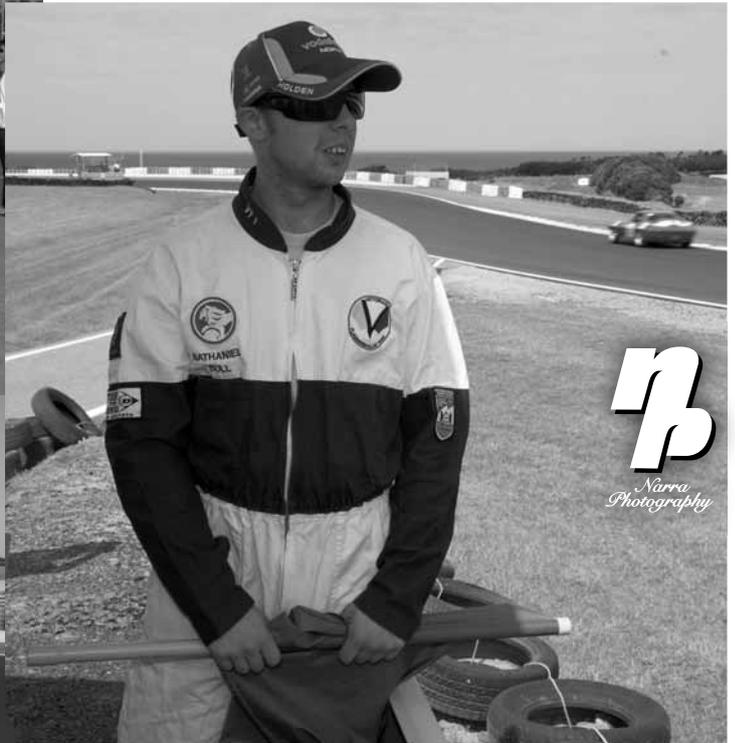
The Phillip Island Classic

Well a weekend filled with great racing, enormous fields and incredibly hot weather tested those working trackside, and in particular our international visitors and new arrivals.





Photos courtesy of Narra Photography





To Great Mates; Big Bazz, Mick Ronke & Norm Drew, Cheers!

I would like to dedicate my GR8 BITZ to some good mates who have come to the finish line and have received the chequered flag. My heart, like yours goes out to the families in love, prayers and support, with a really big thank you to all who were able to attend the funerals. It's time to understand grief

Your Grief is Uniquely Your Own

No one else had the same relationship you had and your experience will also be influenced by the circumstances surrounding the death, other losses you have experienced, your emotional support system and your cultural and religious background. Because of this, you will grieve in your own special way. Don't compare your experience with that of others or adopt assumptions about just how long your grief should last. Take a one-day-at-a-time approach that allows you to grieve at your own pace.

Talk About Your Thoughts and Feelings

Articulate your grief honestly. When you share your grief with others, healing occurs. Don't be afraid to talk about the circumstances of the death and your feelings. Share the special things you miss about your mate. Talk about the them, the types of activities you've enjoyed, and the memories that allow for both laughter and tears. It's important not to ignore your grief. It is okay to speak from your heart, not just your head, because we love (and miss) with both!

Anticipate a Multitude of Emotions

Experiencing death affects your head, heart and spirit, so you will likely experience a variety of emotions as part of your grieving process. It takes a great deal of energy and effort to work through a traumatic experience. You may feel confused, disoriented, fearful, guilty, relieved and angry all at the same time! As bizarre as some of these emotions may seem, they are normal and healthy. Permit yourself to learn from these feelings, and don't be surprised if surges of grief suddenly come out of nowhere, at the most unexpected times.

Find a Support System

The most compassionate self-action you can take is to find a support system of caring friends and relatives who will provide the understanding you need. Seek out those people who encourage you to be yourself and acknowledge your feelings— both happy and sad.

Be Tolerant of Your Physical and Emotional Limits

It's not unusual to feel worn out and fatigued when you have lost a mate. You may find your ability to think clearly and make decisions are impaired. You may even find that a low energy level slows you down a bit. Pay attention to what your body and mind are telling you. Get daily rest. Eat balanced meals, and don't feel guilty about lightening your schedule as much as possible.

Hold Your Memories Close to Your Heart

Memories are one of the best legacies when a mate is gone. Treasure the memories that comfort you, and explore those that may trouble you. Even difficult memories can help us to heal. Share memories with those who listen well and support you. Recognize that your memories may make you laugh or cry. In either case, they are a lasting part of the relationship you had. It's important to remember that healing doesn't mean forgetting.

Grieving and Healing Go Hand in Hand

To strengthen your capacity to love, you must grieve. There is no time clock to indicate the completion of your grieving process. We don't actually get over grief; we learn to live with it, just as we choose to go on living. Grieving is a process, not an event. Give yourself time and compassion, just as you would a friend. When you allow yourself to grieve, you are moving toward a renewed sense of meaning and purpose in your life.

God bless our friendships in the motorsports family.

Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



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CHIEF FOR THE WEEK END.

Following on from the Historics meeting pre Grand Prix, was asked if I was attending the State meeting at Phillip Island in April. Yes was the answer.

Great, Chief for the meeting? Err yes. Okay having done assistant before at Historics at Sandown with Roger and then with Will also a round at Sandown.

Err this is Phillip Island more points – more officials required. Knowing what Will had gone through at Sandown – what have I let myself in for?

Thanks to all who had confidence in me being able to do this and sorry to the Seniors who received my frustration or displeasure for the lack of information or correct information available.

Terry handed over the list of those who intended to attend Ph. Is at the GP. Not a lot of names. Hey GP - we have lot of members here who are not on list. After race talk to fellow members and build up Ph. Is list.

Great but what is their experience and who cannot work with whom.

Week spent sorting this out. Monday before, I had

planned (in draft) positions. Roger rang early in week and advised situation. My “great Secretary” TC, kept me up to date with those attending. Come Friday I thought I was finished. Then came those who could not attend. Phase 3. Come the weekend.

Check names off final list. Great all there, briefing done. Introduced to Stewards and please to confirm that only 9.6 not manned.

Then comes call -Turn 11- trainee not there. “What The” eventually learnt where the missing person was at lunch time. Visited 11 and advised they were happy to continue as was. Thanks Sector and Comms for the great assistance. Lesson 1 learnt. Also thanks Lyn and Sector 9.6.

Saturday continued uneventful. Roger being Chief Marshal took outside, Training Officer – Tony looked after those who were looking at upgrades and that left me to do inside points.

Sunday another day and other issues. Who is not returning? A total of 10. Who am I getting - 3 known?

Time to redo list and panic sets in. Points with no people. Had set precedent that certain points were manned and could not now man these points.

People turn up not advised. Thanks but please





advise even if it is Saturday. 2 Drivers great. 1 relocation all points again covered. Sunday well what can 1 say, Drivers at their inevitable best. My turn for the outside, Roger inside and no Tony (other commitments). Oil, crashes at 6 FF. Was at 5.

And rollover 2.1. Thanks Sector and comms at 2 for your support to those working at 2 and 2.1. I was out 2.6 when all hell broke lose by the time I got there all was under control.

Then there was last event turn 4 incident. Well managed by all and again thaks to the Seniors who looked after the inexperienced.

I had a great weekend. Learnt a lot. You always learn. Thanks to all for the support. To those who have not done this even as an assistant. Put your hands up.

It is a great way to learn what is involved, who your fellow officials are and what you are capable of. We need more members stepping up. Grade 3s or 3As pair up and I am sure the Seniors, under guidance, will allow you also to chief or act as assistant chiefs. Great way to gain additional experience.

Thanks to all for your great support and also the great feedback.

Trish Storey





Minutes of General Meeting
April 4th 2013 8.00PM
The Beach Hall Hotel
97 Beaconsfield Pde Albert Park.

Members present: 24

Apologies: Steven Clasby, Katrina Ballard, John Mahoney, Melanie Ramsay, Lloyd Owen, Jennifer Cross, Murray Stevens, Darren Millett, Jason Carroll, Country, Interstate and International members.

Welcome all.

President's report

- 1 Jim Richards night
- 2 Recent clash covered successfully
- 3 Angelo Magro 15 Years
- 4 Membership cards, order going in shortly
- 5 Constitution changes, if required, looking at constructive suggestions
- 6 New Polo Shirts available.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Amendment: 8.1. Kevin Redman on Australian Officials Commission

Motion: to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved: Geoff Kay, seconded: Roger Chirnside. Carried.

Matters arising: Nil

Reports

- 1 **Vice President:** Nil
- 2 **Secretary:** as per report
- 2.1 issue with Aust Post, club paid mail redirection for 12 months as per usual \$78, Aust Post state they no longer acknowledge 'not for profit' organisations and their system should not have allowed and we are required to pay \$556 as a business rate. Case is in dispute,
- 2.2 Website: error with 'moved house' and 'contact us' pages, been on to America with issue as it is believed to be a result of a recent server upgrade, also have Carolyn Kruger [member of VFT] and Managing Director of Melbourne IT Solutions offering support for website
- 2.3 Membership has reached 203 subject to all outstanding invoices are paid, those outstanding have been contacted. Kevin Redman asked, if it's the first time we have reached 200? Yes. Kevin Redman thanked Promotions and Recruitment for their efforts. John pollard also noted, it was also the ability to maintain members.
- 3 **Treasurer:** as per report.
- 3.1 BOQ Accounts open, ING account moving over
- 3.2 BOQ badges available for member uniforms
- 3.3 Deanne Millett: at the AGM, Discussion on sponsorship and opening of BOQ accounts, Deanne asked for more information. John Pollard stated the \$3000 was handed over at the beginning of the AGM, Committee finalised paperwork at the next Committee meeting. Deanne asked, 'did that create a conflict of interest being a manager of BOQ'. John Pollard said, 'No, BOQ not lending money, all documents are supported on club business.'
- 3.4 Kevin Watson: Shouldn't the change of accounts be put before members at a General meeting. Terry O'Callaghan said this process was not in place on previous occasions. .
- 3.4.1 William Gaff: assured the members that there was nothing untoward and have noted Kevin Watson's comments.
- 3.4.2 Angelo Magro asked, 'what are the benefits'? John Pollard: BOQ sponsored VFT for 3 years, and listed account operation details and there was nothing hidden.
- 3.4.3 Tony van den Dungen. "Committee is elected to manage the club, as long as it is transparent let the Committee run the club".
- 3.5 Cheques to be passed for payment: Eric Rigg \$180.82, Phone and magazine postage, Geoff Kay \$75 trailer, McLean Promotions \$549.15 winter jackets, Corporate Printers \$130 magazine printing, Will Gaff \$30 recharge on club mobile phone. Moved: Kevin Redman, seconded: Paul Kelly that the cheques be passed for payment. Carried.
- 4 **Chief Flagmarshal**
- 4.1 Porsche 6 Hour: over 70 people in 2 days, training opportunity 108 radios used, Eric Rigg attended debrief, looking at moving to May and focusing on catering and possibly triple crown style points set up
- 4.2 Kevin Watson: 19 people at VMRC 1, 4 brand new trainees
- 4.3 Island Classic: 50 people, 8 trainees + interstate and international officials



- 4.4 Upcoming: VSCRC 1, Trish Storey is Chief, numbers are good
4.5 In May, VSCRC 2 at Sandown, then Phillip island Shannon Nationals and Winton Historic clash, list open.
4.6 Marita Larkin came in to put name on list, but no list, Terry said, 'see me later'.
4.7 Michael Arnott, Porsche 6 hour is a good opportunity for experienced officials as a refresher.
- 5 **Assistant Chief Flagmarshal**
- 5.1 VSCRC 1 Communications
5.2 Membership: 1985 was 20, now around 200. Thanks to those people assisting in building numbers.
5.3 Wayne Giles heading to Mallala as Race Secretary for an upcoming event.
5.4 Grand Prix, Commitment for officials to do 4 days [acknowledge personal reasons may restrict].
5.5 Grand Prix: Charlie Whiting thanked all officials for weekend, especially Saturday afternoon through the rain. Jean Todt attended Sunday briefing.
- 5.6 Paul Kelly: Interstaters jealous of what Victoria has in motorsport.
- 6 **Training Officer**
- 6.1 One stop shop
6.2 Thanks to Paul Murray and Paul Meade for their recruiting and induction efforts on current membership levels.
6.3 Porsche 6 Hour, Suz Arnott assisted with walking around track
6.4 Join Stewards and Chief flag of Clipsal and Grand Prix for inspections.
6.5 Silver Module 13th April.
6.6 Training Committee meeting coming up.
6.7 Forms from members that were required, have been logged with CAMS
6.8 Training Committee announced
6.9 Garry McArdle: Ten day process, issues should be reported to training committee if there are concerns.
- 7 CAMS Rep: Nil
- 8 **Promotions**
- 8.1 Jim Richards night coming up.
8.2 Flyers are available for members to circulate at tracks.
- 9 **Grade 3 Rep:**
- 9.1 Grade 3's - 35, Grade 3A's - 13, Grade 4's progressing to Grade 3 is 9
9.2 Feedback has been positive.
9.3 Getting grading list up to date.
- 10 **Grade 4 Rep**
- 10.1 Some trainees near completion of ten days
- 11 **Induction**
- 11.1 Thank you to the team, Karen Legg, Michelle Dreher and Geoff Kay on board.
- 12 **Magazine**
- 12.1 Deadline 24th of April
12.2 Set up a training guideline document.
12.3 Kevin Redman, club as acquired the remaining GP Marshal's handbooks
- 13 **Kevin Watson:** need to monitor new people. Garry McArdle went back to reporting procedures regarding ten day process if any matters are showing. Angelo Magro: Workplaces require processes to be followed through induction and providing relevant personal information.

Reports: Moved: Marita Larkin, seconded Michael Arnott that the reports be accepted. Carried

14 **General Business**

- 14.1 Marita Larkin: Registering for events, I do not have email. William Gaff said, there are phone numbers available to ring.
14.2 William Gaff: Xmas Party at George Hetrel's on the 15th December 2013 and George has made a donation to the Patron's Award

Next Meeting: 8.00PM 7th June at the Beach Hotel

Meeting closed 9.25PM





Finally we have managed to turn the tables on Greg being caught on the other side of the camera at the Formula 1 Grand Prix

Mike Murphy





Contact the
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to attend these events

VFT Attending Events 2013

2013

	Where	What
May 18-19	Sandown	VSCRC 2
May 25-26*	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 25-26*	Winton	Historic Winton
June 6th	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
June 22-23	Winton	Shannons Nationals
July 6-7	Winton	VMRC Round 2
July 20-21	Sandown	VSCRC 3
August 1st	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
August 3-4	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 10-11	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 23-25	Winton	V8 Supercars
September 13-15	Sandown	V8'S Sandown 500
September 21-22	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
October 3rd	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
October 5-6	Winton	Supertruck Nationals

Important Note: These are the only events the VFT will attend as a club. Should you attend any other event it is your responsibility to ensure it is either a CAMS or AASA sanctioned event or you have adequate insurance. VFT uniforms and badges may not be worn at other meetings. Note: Please contact the Chief 10 days prior to each meeting to indicate your availability and obtain the sign on times for each day. Major Events (V8 Supercars etc.), require at least 6 weeks notification of availability.

Registering for an event

Please note that the VFT's Facebook page advertises upcoming events the club is involved in, and can not take responses to register for events. If you have nominated to attend and your circumstances change please notify the Chief ASAP via one of the following methods.

Expressions of interest to attend events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via:

The club phone: 03 8796 5321

The club mobile: 0409 823 657

Email: chief@vicflag.org.au

Or in person at the track or club meetings.

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VFT Attending Events 2013 cont.



October 19-20	Winton	AROCA 6 Hour Relay
October 26-27	Phillip Island	VSCRC 4
November 8-10*	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 9-10*	Winton	Winton 300
November 15-17	Sandown	Shannons Nationals
November 23-24	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip Island 400
TBA	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 5th	Beach Hotel	General Meeting
December 7-8	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay

* = Clash



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