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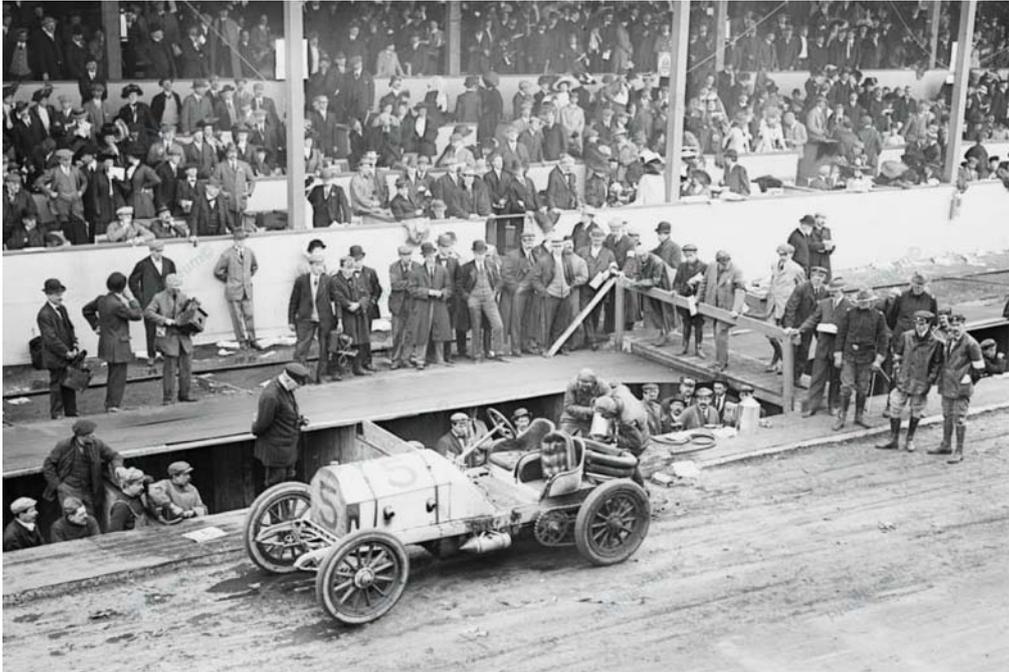
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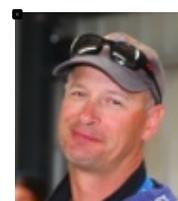
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New Member

Welcome to our new member:
Harley Goss

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This month's cover picture shows a lot of people looking at an old racing car – nothing has changed!

Reminder – General Meeting – Thursday 7 Dec 2017

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

- MG Car Club rooms
Unit 53 & 54
Eastern Business Centre
41-49 Norcal Road
Nunawading
- Time: 8:00pm

There will be a sausage sizzle prior to the December meeting so come along at 6:30pm and enjoy a feed and a chat before the meeting!



A Word or Two

As the year is rapidly drawing to a close, very shortly Christmas will be upon us and before we know it a new year will be starting. I suggest that all members give some thought to the election of our Club's office bearers for the year 2018. Included in this magazine is a nomination form for the election of the Committee. If you feel you have something to offer and would like to serve in a position, show some interest, read the form carefully and complete it by 31 December. New ideas and points of view are always welcome.



For the benefit of our new members and those who may not be aware, at the AGM there are several presentations made, in the form of memorial awards – let me explain:

- Barry Petersen Memorial Award for Flagmarshal of the Year
 - Barry was one of the co-founders of our club. He was a big man – approximately 6'4" in real measurements. As a flagmarshal he was peerless and could be seen trackside wearing gumboots, a size of which would look like waders on a person of normal height. He had the ability to make a waved blue flag look like a propeller. Barry rose to the position of Chief Flagmarshal and was instrumental in the formation of the Training team.
 - I can think of no better way of perpetuating Barry's memory than this award.
- Noel Barr Memorial Award for Club Person of the Year
 - I would suggest that there would only be a handful of people who would have known Noel. He was the epitome of the true club person. In my time as Chief Flagmarshal Noel was a pleasure to have at a meeting. He would help by placing the flags, go anywhere he was put without any complaints, fill in a hole, work on his own and generally do anything to help.
 - Again, the perfect name for Club Person of the Year.
- Neil Thompson Memorial Award for Attendance
 - Where does one start to describe Neil's contribution to the sport in general and our club in particular? Neil was a member of more clubs and Committees than even he could remember. It would have been very easy and fitting to present the previous two awards in Neil's memory but it is perhaps for attendance that Neil shone. He was in everything and at everything. You just couldn't keep him away.
 - In short, just the best name for this award.

On a totally different matter, in view of falling attendances at our General Meetings, the Committee has agreed that for the December meeting we will hold a sausage sizzle starting at 6:30pm, so come along and have a free feed and the chance to have a chat.

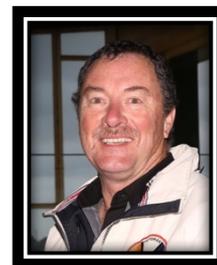
I look forward to seeing you all there.

Roger Chirnside
President
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.



Flag One Reporting

Since the last edition of the magazine, we have completed another events, which only leaves us with two events to round out the year. only event that we could not attend as a club was the AROCA 12 hour relay at Winton. Unfortunately, our numbers were too low to meet the minimum manning numbers required at Winton. However, hand-full of our members attended the event to assist the organisers, and to those few I offer my sincere thanks.



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It goes without saying that we will have all earned a well-earned rest after the last event, until it all starts again in February 2018. On the subject of 2018 events, many of you would have received an email from Noel Tippett to register for the Island Classic event scheduled for 9-11 March 2018. It is important to note that members will need to register via the emailed link, AND notify the Chief Flag of your attendance including which days you will be attending (noting that this is a three day meeting). The latter is essential to enable the placements to be managed and to ensure optimum flagpoint coverage. You should also note that this meeting is a fortnight before the 2018 AGP.

Having completed another Bathurst event (and still hurting for the DNF of #17 Ford), I continue to be proud of the professionalism and high standards shown by VFT members throughout the year. It is clearly no coincidence that every VFT member that attends Bathurst is deemed the Senior at their respective post. Our reputation is well recognised nationally and it's all thanks to you as the face of the club.

We have now placed our order for the summer polo shirts, and these will be made available for purchase (hopefully) before the end of the year. A big thanks to Jason Carroll for his tireless effort in getting this program to finalisation. I look forward to seeing the new look at flagpoints during the 2018 summer.

This edition of the magazine contains nomination forms for 2018 positions. I strongly encourage everyone to seriously consider helping in the running of the club by putting in a nomination form for a Committee or non-Committee position.

Upcoming meetings:

- Island Magic, Phillip Island, 25-26 November, list closing 13 November
- HQ 4 hr relay Winton 2-3 December, list closing 24 November

To get your name onto the above lists, members can:

- Email me at chief@vicflag.org.au,
- Call or text me on 0406036714, or
- Add your name on the lists that will be available at each meeting.

Catch you at the track,

Arthur Cooksley
Chief Flagmarshal
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team



CAMS Report

Hi all,

I recently attended a State Council meeting.

Before the meeting started we had a presentation from the representatives from Targa Florio. Targa Florio has been running in Italy since 1906 and was classed as a race from 1906 until the 70's then from the 70's onwards classed as a regularity. Run in one of the most enchanting Italian regions, Sicily, the race has always started and finished in Palermo, after an overall route of 600-700 kilometres. This year they are bringing the same concept to Victoria and the event will be held from the 29th November until the 3rd December. Entries are open for Classic cars from 1906 until 1976 and Ferrari's from 1977 onwards. Entry price is \$8,500 and includes all accommodation and meals. More info can be found at www.targaflorioaustralia.com.



The meeting started and we went straight into elections for the 2018 Victorian State Council Executive. Positions were open for 1/2 of the Victorian State Council Executive and the results of the elections are as follows:

- Alternate Elected Director (1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018) – Michael Holloway
- Victorian State Council Chairman (1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018) – Jess Harper
- Victorian State Council Deputy Chairman (1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018) – Noel Tippett
- Victorian State Council Executive Members (1st January 2018 to 31st December 2019) – Graeme Williams, Peter Bready, Noel Tippett, Peter Valentine

Once the elections were finished we got into the meeting and the first issue raised was a response from a motion that was raised at the previous meeting about Junior licences. The following is what was produced in the minutes from the meeting:

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES VSC1193

J. Harper advised the council in regards to action item VSC1190 from September meeting – That the board has considered the motion, and while they won't be changing the junior licence fee to \$15.00, the price will be kept on hold with no increase at \$35.00 for 2018. Following years the price will be raised following CPI as per other licences.

N. Gowers provided some of the statistics which were presented to the board for consideration regarding junior participation and licencing, which influenced the decision. Discussion in regards to junior licence prices ensued.

M. Balcombe put forward the following motion – That the board implement a \$10.00 Junior Come & Try licence for the period of 2018, to gather the market research and information that they require to support a reduction in junior licence fees. Moved by M. Balcombe, seconded by D. Bellenger

CAMS produced some statistics that showed that the cost of a Junior licence was cheaper than most other sports and that there was no evidence that reducing the licence fee would increase numbers. So the motion was to make the come and try day licence \$10 for the day for a year to gather the market research that CAMS wanted.

It was raised by Lee Filiponi from the Victorian Superkart Club that club level karting is currently struggling and noted several factors contributing to this. Concern about CAMS not taking the issue seriously and that karting, as a feeder to circuit racing will have a flow on effect. Lee told the council that there used to be about 5 companies that were dedicated to supplying the karting groups but



that is now down to 1 company and it was suggested that although CAMS don't run Go karts they should be taking direct approach in trying to help in this situation as the flow on effects to circuit racing could be huge in the future.

Ken Innes Irons from the Victorian Historic Racing Register enquired as to reasons for discrepancies between FIA and CAMS historic race meetings, specifically the 130% rule. He claims that it has changed into a rule instead of an advisory. It has been claimed that there are Historic cars and drivers out there that won't enter events now because of this rule. It was stated that this is still an advisory and is up to the Clerk of Course as to how the rule is applied.

That was the last State Council Meeting for the year and no dates for next year's first meeting have been set as yet.

Polo shirt Update

The order for the polo shirts has been placed and I'm expecting delivery mid December. It will be a close call if they will arrive before our Xmas party but we will inform everybody as to when they will be available to purchase. For those of you that haven't seen the sample shirt, it looks great and, I believe it will be a great addition to our uniform.

All the best,

Jason Carroll
CAMS Rep

Presentations



Kevin Watson receiving his
15 year Service Award



Sam McCoubrie receiving her
Member of the Month Award



UK marshal Geoff Gear receiving
a VFT badge at Sandown



Jamie Escudero and Lily Riley receiving their 10 day bags at Sandown





Vice President & Promotions Update

Vice President Report

July and August Members of the Month:



The July Member(s) of the Month is awarded to Luke and Kim Hingeley. Over the last few years, they have both been very helpful to the club getting involved in various promotional activities, always being the first to raise their hands to get involved. They both often give up the opportunity to flag Supercars events in order to walk through the crowd giving out flyers. Additionally, they have given up time to help at a number of team open days we have attended.

The August Member of the Month award goes to Bryan O'Reilly. In his short time with us, Bryan has really embraced all aspects of the club. For the majority of the year, he has attended every event. He has joined in a number of our General Meetings, and made several contributions to the club magazine. And most recently he helped out promoting the club at the Sandown 500.



Congratulations to Luke, Kim and Bryan. We will be presenting you with your certificates and fuel vouchers at the next opportunity.

Promotions: Our most recent promotional activity was at the Sandown 500. Kim Hingeley and Bryan O'Reilly helped out on the Sunday of the event distributing flyers amongst the spectators. Bryan even managed to get the club plugged over the trackside commentary during some down time for the wall repair at Turn 6! Thanks to Kim and Bryan for their fantastic efforts.

David Thornbury
VFT Promotions & Social Media Administrator

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Roger Chirnside has been named as the **FIA Outstanding Official of the Year** (and for once was rendered totally speechless when informed!) Not only has he been selected for this prestigious honour but is being flown to Paris for the FIA Prize Giving ceremony, which this year takes place at the Palace of Versailles on 8 December, to receive his award. **Congratulations Roger!!!** (Roger's family is extremely proud and in awe of the fact that his passion and dedication to this sport that he loves so much has led to international recognition in the form of this prestigious award.)



Grade 4/5 Report

Hi Everyone,

Well another year is coming to an end, not many events to go. Hope those who have made it to the track have had a great year.

I'd like to thank everyone for making my job as a grade rep so easy this year, but if anyone has any issues or any ideas for the club, feel free to call, email, message me.



But as in my last article, the amount of events this year where we have been short is quite alarming. If you have a weekend or a day free to help out it would be very appreciated by all from the chiefs to your mates on the points.

And for my final note for the year, I would like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope Santa spoils you all rotten.

Shane Rogers
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Reminder – VFT Christmas Party 10-Dec-2017

This year's **VFT Christmas Party**, the location of which once again is generously offered by our Patron George Hetrel and his wife Pat, will be held on **Sunday 10 December 2017**.

For those that haven't been there before, the Hetrels' beautiful Como Gardens property includes: a vintage car museum housing some magnificent cars and loads of memorabilia; a miniature railway capable of carrying 30 passengers, always a delight for the adults as well as children; 6 acres of formal garden; as well as a rainforest track, complete with teddy bears picnic and hobbit hole; and an enclosure with chooks, turkeys, peacocks, and other exotic birds.

There is something for everyone to enjoy so please come along and make the most of the venue with family and friends. Como Gardens is located on the Basin Olinda Road in The Basin, Melways Ref 65, K7.

You are invited to arrive from 11:00am onwards. Please bring your own food (BBQ or picnic), chair or picnic rug and lots of Christmas cheer. The VFT will supply drinks (beer, wine and soft drink).

Santa will be making a visit to Como Gardens to give presents to our younger guests. If you wish for your child to receive a present, please bring a gift for your own child (no more than \$20 value) to fill Santa's stocking. Please make sure your gift is clearly marked with your child's name and give it to one of Santa's helpers when you arrive.



Congratulations to Rebecca Armstrong!

WAMS News - September 24, 2017

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The Women of Australian Motor Sport (WAMS) Committee congratulates Rebecca Armstrong from Victoria as the 2017 recipient of the Virgin Australia Supercars Trans-Tasman Female Officials Exchange program.

VASC, WAMS and the Women in Motor Sport New Zealand (WiMNZ) organisations have again joined forces to continue the officials exchange program that is aimed at strengthening ties across the Tasman when it comes to female participation in motor sport.

The program provides Armstrong with the opportunity to work at the 2017 ITM Auckland SuperSprint in November, along with New Zealand official Shelly Mc Saveny to work at the 2017 Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 in October.

Her first official event as a flag marshal in 2014, Armstrong started her foray into motor sport in the customer service tent at the Formula 1 Grand prix. Given a pamphlet from an official, she began flag marshalling, and was awarded the Victorian Flagmarshalling Teams' President's Award in 2014 and the 2015 Club Person of the Year. Now one of the Inductions Officers helping new officials find their feet when first attending events, she is passionate about introducing and mentoring women into the sport whilst continuing to hone her skills.



"I am very excited to be working with WiMNZ and Virgin Supercars at such a fantastic event" said Armstrong. "I always want to be able to build on my skills by working with as many people as I can from other states as well as other countries and learning from their methods and processes so in turn I can help others. I'm very proud to be awarded this opportunity from WAMS to help promote women in motor sport."

The VASC Trans-Tasman Female Officials Exchange is an extension of the highly successful WAMS Officials Exchange program which is now in its fourth successful year of sending female officials to gain work experience



between signature Australian motor sport events and the Singapore Grand Prix. WiMNZ recently announced Shelly Mc Saveny as the New Zealand recipient of the opportunity to work as an official at the 2017 Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 in October. Mc Saveny fulfils various roles at the club-run events at Mike Pero Motorsport Park (Ruapuna) including clerk of the course, competitor relations and documentation. She has just received her gold clerk of the course licence, making her one of around 35 people in New Zealand with this level of certification to run motorsport events.

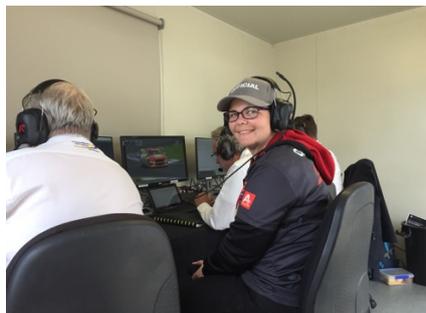
WAMS Committee member and Officials Working Group representative Dr Karyn Lun said that Armstrong was an outstanding applicant for 2017 Virgin Australia Supercars Trans-Tasman Female Officials Exchange program, and thanked those who also applied for the opportunity.

"Although Rebecca is relatively new to motor sport, she has received significant recognition from her peers, and we are confident that she will gain much from her experience in Pukekohe," said Dr Lun. "We look forward to hosting Shelly from New Zealand at Bathurst later this month, and we would also like to thank our WiMNZ counterparts and Virgin Australian Supercars for continuing to support this important program which recognises and promotes the involvement of women in motor sport."

For more information head to the WAMS website www.wams.org.au.



And Rebecca during her WAMS exchange enjoying herself at the ITM Auckland Supersprint, Pukekohe, NZ



The Vice Chair of WAMS, Karyn Hamer, was quoted as saying "Rebecca was a fabulous recipient and the NZ team loved her"

How to Get Involved with WAMS – they would like to receive your Profile:

Share your story – Women in Australian Motor Sport Profiles

One of the key aims of the Women of Australian Motor Sport (WAMS) committee is to raise awareness of the successes of women across all facets of motor sport. In Australia, women participate in many roles and across many disciplines within motor sport. But successes need to be celebrated. WAMS invites all women in the industry to share their story and involvement. Information from the WAMS Profiles will be used primarily on the WAMS website, and shared via social media channels, to showcase the current successes and participation of women. It is also hoped that by sharing various success stories, it will encourage more women to get involved and achieve to their highest level, to further grow motor sport for the future.

To be involved, download and complete the Women of Australian Motor Sport Profile document from the WAMS website or Facebook Page and return with a good quality photo to info@wams.org.au. The WAMS Committee thanks you for your participation and support of this project.

From the Editor

*Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine.
Please remember articles for the January edition are due 28th December
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First F1 Overseas Event – Singapore

By Paul Kelly

Since I joined VFT I have enjoyed some fantastic Race meets from our small state rounds to Supercars, Bathurst 1000, Bathurst 12hr and AGP. We are so lucky to be able to enjoy so many events both locally and interstate where I know many of us have been able to go up north or over to Tasmania and enjoy participating at Supercar Events.

I have heard many a good story from those who have been going to Singapore F1 over a number of years and how much they have enjoyed this event, so this year I thought I would give it ago that is if I could get in, being it was their tenth year anniversary - maybe they would have enough Marshals.

So, when applications open I filled out the details and waited and waited and then I received an email saying I have been accepted pending some paperwork I needed from CAMS and copy of my recent events to be sent over to Singapore. Well, I wasted no time in getting that done and within a couple of weeks got the official acceptance letter with details to download an App to keep up to date with their newsletters and info when it comes to hand, a bit like what we use for Supercars now. Uploaded a photo of myself for our pass and then it was just a matter of waiting out about 4 months but in this time I booked my accommodation and airfares and was fortunate enough to get a hotel only 15mins walk from Muster.

With some helpful information from Officials who have been over before and some contacts I made in Singapore from visiting Marshals to our AGP I felt set to go with a few days each side of the event for sightseeing.

Tuesday 12th Sept my flight left Melbourne with the arrival time in Singapore 6pm their time which would allow me to pick up my credentials before they close at 8pm, but I had a backup plan, for everyone knows you can't trust airlines to be on time and good thing I did because we were an hour late and by the time the bus dropped me off at the hotel it was 7.45pm - no time to get to Muster. But I had arranged for my sector to pick it up in case I was late, we had kept in contact on Whats app. You need your pass to access the track - the rest of my gear I would pick up on Thursday night when we were required to be at the track for testing and setup. Muster was not open on Wednesday so no other opportunities to pick gear up.

Even though I was late Local Marshals still met me and took me out for dinner and drinks and this is how it was all week - taken places, great food, great company - just a fantastic placeI have fallen in love with Singapore.... Just like to thank Amanda Chew, Jia Ying, Teo Chih, Yuan Jimmy and my Sector Gengwhyte for looking after me and taking me out for some of the best food Singapore could offer. They just looked after me so well plus the many others that I met each morning for coffee before we went over to Muster and the Team at Turn 19. What a w/end with Ericsson hitting the wall in practice and the Porsche on fire, stopping between 19 and 20 and the road flooding on Sunday.

I worked Flags and Light Panel staying on the Light Panel for the main race Sunday - what a great spot with views of the Singapore Flyer and fireworks after the race.



Each day we started at around midday for sign on and lunch before going track-side. Most days it was 3pm before we had anything on track with Porsche and Ferrari being the only support races but the Ferraris did look great. We finished up around 10:30pm most nights and I was in bed around 1:30am most mornings because you just don't go straight home, you go out for food and drinks - that's the good thing about not having to get up early the next day.

How good it was on Saturday to hear that they got another 4 years in Singapore. I am glad. This now gives me the opportunity of getting back to do it all over again. I could write pages of my adventures but it just would be the same. All I can suggest is if you have a wish list, whether it be Singapore or another track in Australia or the world, don't put it off, do it. Even though some of the way we do things may be different we have this wonderful family of marshals all over the world with the same love of motorsport and it is a great learning opportunity to see how things are done elsewhere.

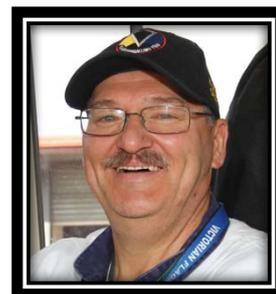




Training Matters

Hi everyone,

With eight meetings in the last three months it's been a pretty full on quarter being spread across over three tracks – Winton, Sandown and Phillip Island. Big thanks to those members who have attended these events and in some cases all three tracks, well done to you all. We know it's been a little skinny on numbers and it's been a case of all hands on deck to make up the numbers required to man a track thus enabling the meetings can go ahead. This brings me to wondering why our numbers are down so much and that in the past years we were telling people the list was full and yet now we struggle to get the numbers.



If you have not been trackside for a while, maybe it's time to come along again and meet all the new people we have on board and to get back into the spirit of the sport you love. We all understand that we have various commitments outside of motorsport and that it's easy to drift away. Well we want you back! I know work and family take priority but when there is an opportunity to come and spend some time with your mates trackside, you will love every minute of it as you did in the past, remember the close calls, the rush of the big bangers, the thrill of controlling your sector with flags, waiting for that car in the wall or teaching the less informed how it's done or just having a few beers and a bullshit in the garage at end of the day, to tell others how cosmic you were on point during your watch. All we ask is give it some thought, the weather is getting warmer and the days longer, so why not slip the uniform on if it fits and perhaps when the next meeting comes up, come along and have a top weekend just like old times. It will be great to see you back trackside. Remember to give the chief a call so he knows you're coming along. Hope to see you soon.

Assessments

Congratulations to our members who have gained their upgrades over the past few months, well done. I know it's been a lot of hard work and hopefully some fun along the way but well done again. We have over 25 people go through or are currently going through their assessments for this year alone. If you are considering an upgrade or assessment, please talk to your grade rep to get the ball rolling. As previously mentioned we have a number of seniors in the club who are happy to assist with training or mentoring, please feel free to talk to myself or the Chiefs about your needs. We can then best match you with the right person to assist with any training need or as a mentor for you.

Event Assessors & CAMS Courses

We are still taking names for the next EA course at CAMS. If you are interested in getting involved in training and assessments then send me your EOI and we can add you to the list. Once adequate numbers have been reached we can then arrange a suitable date with CAMS. Equally if there is a CAMS course you would like to do but is not listed, let us know and we can take it up with CAMS, - often there are others also waiting until the numbers are reached. Alternatively contact CAMS Member Services on 03 9593 7777 or 1300 883 959

Flag Rules.

Over the past few months there have been some discussions about some Flag Rules. Unfortunately the rules are often open to interpretation and can often have variations or be changed by the Clerk of Course, weather conditions or the type of race meeting you are attending e.g. Historics. It's only through your trackside experience and training that you can confidently execute the use of the flag signals with accuracy and timing. There are a number of books available that explain the Flag Rules: the CAMS Rule Book; VFT Rule Book and the FIA Rule book all with same intent but can have some slight variations of the Flag rules. It's important to listen at morning briefings in case there is a



change to any of the flag rules for the current meeting. Not forgetting it's only you that can make the decision and control the situation when standing trackside at the flag point, after all, you have the best view of the incident in question. If in doubt put it out or seek advice from your fellow flaggies or seniors on point, alternatively discuss it with the Chiefs during their visit to your point.

Let's start off with Lack of Adhesion Flag – Yellow with Red Stipes

This Flag is held stationary to inform drivers that there is a deterioration of track adhesion ahead due to Oil, Water, Dirt, or Stones etc on the track in the area beyond your point and possibly up to the next point. This Flag is normally displayed for at least 4 laps unless the track returns to normal earlier or race control asks you to continue to display the flag until instructed to withdraw by your Sector Marshal or Race Control – this can also be dependent on the severity of the surface degradation as to how long you may wish to display the flag. It's up to you to keep a check on the situation.

Remember this flag is not used to cover debris on the track that is likely to cause damage to a vehicle if they were to run over it, in which case a Yellow Flag would be displayed. Remember if you can drive through it you use the Lack of Adhesion Flag, if you need to drive around it, it's a Yellow Flag. Also, it is **not necessary** for the following point to display a Green Flag.



Again, a reminder to you all, we as the training committee are at your disposal should you have any training requirements. If you wish to schedule an assessment, please let the Chief know when putting your name down to attend a meeting. My team and I look forward to working with you so please be sure to let us know of your intention to attend race meetings so we can do some forward planning.

Remember: Volunteers – The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.
— William Shakespeare



Mark Thompson
VFT Training Officer



Do it for those that matter you'll love this

QUOTE; *'Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.'* Bernard M. Baruch
(Advisor to US Presidents Wilson & Roosevelt)



Well, it's almost Christmas time again. We are a generation who have never worked harder to have it all, yet go to bed most nights worrying that we aren't enough. We are constantly asking 'Why?' We are constantly measuring. It doesn't matter if you're single, if you're married, if you're rich, poor, old, young, every human heart struggles with this. We are always looking around to see how we measure up to everyone around us and usually focusing on all the ways we fall short. The outcome is not gonna be good, there's enough in you to make the difference.

The internal voice that whispers we will never be enough: so we work and worry and feel like we must do something big, something huge to prove our worth and to make sure our life matters. We are constantly seeing the 'Everything's great!' version of other people's lives while living the reality of our own lives, which may often feel a little mundane and purposeless.

I wonder what might happen if we could quit building walls around ourselves and let others see who we really are. To see where we are broken, where we hurt and where we feel like we aren't enough. Me oriented gazing will never satisfy and we'll never measure up! Worth is the reward of investing into others and GIVING out, that satisfaction feeling build valuable self-worth.

For some this might not mean much, but I hold onto a promise that God made me and I have purpose. Living out your purpose, knowing what you are wired up to do and doing it brings satisfaction. I like that 'what you see is what you get' approach to life! It's the real you, Paul said it this way in the good book; 'I've learn the secret to be content in any and every situation.'

Measuring up is no more than a pi^*ing contest, the truth is that most times when we speak those things out loud, we deflate those fears and they lose their power, but when we keep all that hidden from our friends, our fears grow stronger because we are almost always our own worst critics. An honest, transparent approach with trusted mates pulls down the walls of fear's guardedness and whilst feeling vulnerable, empowers you to give life your best shot, every day!

That's what draws us toward sporting champions, the courage to fly in the face of fears and make the decision to put it all out there and do your best. Every champion will always have their critics. But, they still go out there and GIVE it their best shot! When you GIVE of yourself (not give to get) unconditionally, GIVING is the best gift you could possibly give and *those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind*. Ponder through what would make those that matter really happy, you'll see; your effort of giving touches their heart.

Your children do not need a bigger present or the latest and greatest thing. You don't need to go into further debt to make Christmas spectacular. Being comfortable with who you are and your giving from the heart, stirs the kindness that makes Christmas exceptionally special.

The more you give, the better you'll capture the rich and true meaning of Christmas. God said it this way ...he loved us so much, he gave. Have a great Christmas and here's a thought, why stop there; plan to be a giver in 2018, com'on – you're unstoppable!

From my family, to your families, have yourselves the very best Christmas ever – enjoy, have fun, laugh and you'll find that you never lost the Christmas spirit – have a great Christmas.

Doing life with you, Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



Merchandise



The 2017 Merchandise Officer is Greg Hardy.

To order merchandising you can see Greg at the track or

Email: merchandise@vicflag.org.au or Mob: 0425 726 310

For overalls and jackets allow 4-6 weeks as these are not stock items.

VFT Merchandise

Item	Price
Overalls	\$220
Winter Jacket	\$90
Overall Jacket	\$175
Bag	\$30
Plastic pouches	\$2
Polo shirt (White)	\$25
Bucket Cap	\$12
Cap	\$10
Beanie	\$10
Internal/External stickers	\$2
25th Anniversary medallion	\$20

Why not write an article for the VFT Magazine??

In order to make the magazine a more interesting read, we need to rely on members for articles and/or pictures, and we've had some really good ones lately, so please keep them coming! Just forward them to the editor, Joy Chirnside, at magazine@vicflag.org.au or call on 0417 018 044 if you wish to discuss first.



Chief's BBQ 13 Jan 2018

Once Christmas and New Year are over and before everyone heads back into the hurly burly of race meetings, attendance at the **Chief's BBQ** is a must event – and will be held on **Saturday 13 January 2018**.

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

For the benefit of the hordes of first timers that we hope will be coming, the format is very simple. The Club will be supplying beer, wine, soft drink and water, as well as salads and memorable desserts (including profiteroles for Tony van den Dungen!!).

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

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

Location is - **'Brooklands', 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia** (Melways Ref 65 D5 for those who still use a map!!) – the home of Roger and Joy Chirnside

Everyone, including well behaved children, are cordially invited – the more the merrier!

Roger & Joy Chirnside

In action (or inaction) at:

Sandown 500



Winton VMRC 3





Phillip Island VSCRC 5



Supercars Bathurst



Winton 300



Sandown Historics





VFT Minutes of August General Meeting

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – August 2017 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes
12 October 2017, 8:05pm
MG Car Club
53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading

Members Present: 19 Members.

Guest: Bob Gill

Apologies: Geoff Kay, Jenny Creet, Bryan O'Reilly, Arthur Cooksley, Mark Thompson, Tim Oh, Natalie Daish and Country and Interstate Members

Roger Chirnside thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them to the meeting.

Minutes from the previous General meeting (3 August 2017): Moved: Robin Woods, seconded: Shane Rogers that the minutes be accepted. Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Reports:

1 President:

1.1 Roger Chirnside advises he is aware that George and Pat Hetrel will be holding their final open day for Como Gardens this weekend. Roger will be attending this event to check in with George.

2 Vice President

2.1 Luke and Kim Hingeley have been advised they are the recipient of the July Member of the Month award. Both have consistently been the first to put their hand up to help with promotional activities at Supercars events and open days that we have attended over the last few years.

2.2 Kim Hingeley and Bryan O'Reilly handed out flyers on the Sunday of the Sandown 500. Both provided positive feedback, so hopefully we see a few quality candidates come out of it. It was fantastic to hear the club discussed by name (including website) over the trackside commentary PA system during the wall repair, thanks to Bryan giving a flyer to the announcer.

3 Secretary:

3.1 Membership is at 178, with 1 Outstanding

3.2 Mail logs have predominantly been new member enquiries and Working with Children Card updates.

3.3 Membership renewals and nomination forms for the 2018 committee will be in the November magazine.

3.4 The AGM has been scheduled for 11 February 2018 to avoid clashing with the Bathurst 12 Hour.

4 Treasurer:

4.1 As per report.

4.2 The \$183 refund on Insurance is based on the change of registered address.

4.3 Mario Pacifici queries if Flexibuzz is still worth keeping given the use of Facebook/Twitter. Kevin Watson notes there are similar products available that are free. Matt advises the committee can review next year.

4.4 Payments to be passed:

- Matt Cornford \$75.00 Equipment WMRC 3
- Corporate Printers \$153.00 Magazine
- Kevin Watson \$75.00 Equipment VSCRC 5
- Telstra \$30.00 Secretary Phone Recharge

Moved: Simon Baston, seconded: Paul Meade that payments are passed. Carried.



- 5 **Chief Flagmarshal (Will Gaff):**
- 5.1 Completed Meetings:
 - Shannons Nationals Phillip Island 8-10 September 2017. 20 and 21 Graded officials on Saturday and Sunday respectively. No complaints from Race Control regarding reports which was pleasing. One member was stood down for a period of time, but was able to return to their flag point after food, and water.
- 5.2 Upcoming Meetings:
 - Sandown Historics 10-12 November 2017. Numbers tracking well with around 25 for Saturday/Sunday, but only 6 for Friday. List closing 30 October. Arthur C chief flag. Will G and Kevin W assistant chiefs.
 - Winton 300 11-12 November 2017. Kevin W chief flag. Clash round, with the Sandown Historics. Only two names listed. List closing 3 November.
 - Island Magic Phillip Island 25-26 November 2017. Will G chief flag. 5 names listed to date. List closing 13 November.
 - HQ 4 hr relay Winton 2-3 December 2017
- 5.3 The club had to withdraw from attending the AROCA 10 hr relay as a club, due to insufficient numbers – one name being all that was listed.
- 5.4 There were some concerns out of the VSCRC 5 which are to be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- 6 **Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**
- 6.1 Kevin Watson reported on the following Completed Meetings:
 - WMRC 3 Winton – 23-24 September 2017. 8 Flagmarshals, which was okay to run the short track, plus two green shirts were used for long track events. Only issue is that it would have been nice to have more trucks given the great show they put on. 2 new trainees who both seem keen.
 - VSCRC 5 Phillip Island 30 September-1 October 2017. 14 Flagmarshals including the chiefs who were required to man Flag Points. Kevin noted there were some issues with this event. Mario Pacifici queries if the club can obtain a copy of the Stewards report.

At this point the meeting was suspended.

Roger Chirnside welcomes Bob Gill and invites him to address the room:

- Bob spoke of an incident at the recent Sandown 500 event where the safety car was left on circuit following the start of a race for the Carrera Cup. The situation had the potential to have fatal consequences, to him as Safety Car Observer, as well as to the competitors. Bob gave thanks to the officials in that area for their quick responses in preventing an accident.
- Bob further spoke of his disappointment that nothing was put on for officials at the end of competition on Friday and Saturday, given the exceptionally long days required.
- Roger thanked Bob for taking time out to come and address the meeting.

The meeting was re-commenced.

- 7 **Training Officer:**
- 7.1 No report
- 8 **CAMS Rep:**
- 8.1 Jason Carroll notes he attended the September State Council meeting, as reported in the September magazine.
 - The meeting was dominated with discussion around the Working with Children Check changes. Jason asked if many officials had been lost. It seems not many active officials have been lost, and it has helped clean up those who are no longer active.
 - A motion was put forward to reduce the cost of junior licences to \$15, with increases kept in line with inflation.
 - Don Kinsey's passing was noted.



- 8.2 Mario Pacifici queries how many long term members of the club haven't got a card yet and can we support these. Roger Chirnside advises around half a dozen. David Thornbury advises that the club is formally only aware of one application being unsuccessful. He would assume any others have not applied.
- 8.2 Jason advised that the next CAMS State Council meeting is to be held on 31 October. This meeting will include the election for the 2018 State Executive. If anyone has anything they would like raising, please get in contact.
- 9 Grade 3 Rep:**
- 9.1 Roger has spoken to a number of Grade 3/3As at various race meetings. Everyone seems happy, with nothing to raise.
- 10 Grade 4/5 Rep:**
- 10.1 Shane has also spoken to Grade 4/5s. All of them seem to be happy.
- 11 Induction:**
- 11.1 Eric advises he has around 10 potential members he is working with.
- 12 Magazine:**
- 12.1 Roger advises that submissions for the November magazine are due 24 October. This will include nomination forms for the 2018 committee. Anyone wishing to nominate should follow the process outlined on the form.

Reports: Moved Michael Poole, Seconded Warren Gordon that reports are accepted. Carried

13 General Business:

- 13.1 Roger Chirnside reminded members of the upcoming Christmas party.
- 13.2 Roger thanked John Clarke for assisting with the walk around at the Sandown 500
- 13.3 Roger presented Kevin Watson with a certificate for 15 years' service to the club, to the applause of the meeting.
- 13.4 Jason Carroll displayed a sample of the polo shirt which will become the clubs summer uniform. Roger gave thanks to Jason for his work on this initiative.
- 13.5 Warren Gordon gave thanks to John Clarke and Karen Legg for taking him to hospital in the middle of the night when he had a medical issue while attending VSCRC 5. He also thanked Matt Cornford for taking him home.
- 13.6 John Clarke states that he feels the new meeting protocol is out of order. He suggests such a change needs to be made in the constitution. He also notes that if questions are required by email, they will need to be logged as Inward/Outward correspondence. Roger advises that although he signed the notice, it was comes from the committee. A key reason for its introduction is to make for the smoother running of meetings. He notes that the club already logs all Inward/Outward correspondence. Mario Pacifici reiterates John's sentiments. He notes that the committee can already take questions on notice.

Meeting Closed: 9:44pm

Next Meeting: General Meeting, 8pm 7 December 2017 at the MG Car Club

A Trip in the Country – Lap 2!

Editor's Note: In view of page restrictions, A Trip in the Country – Lap 2, about the Leyburn Grand Prix circuit in Queensland, will appear in the next magazine.



2017 Calendar		
March 4-5 *	Winton	VMRC 1
March 4-5 *	Sandown	VSCRC 1
March 17-19	Phillip Island	Island Classic
March 23-26	Albert Park	F1 GP, not a VFT event
April 7-9	Sandown	Shannon Nationals
April 21-23	Phillip Island	WD40 Phillip island 500
April 30	Sandown	Porsche 4 Hour
May 6-7	Phillip Island	VSCRC 2
May 13	Winton	VMRC 2
May 19-21	Winton	V8's Winton 400
May 26-28 *	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
May 27-28 *	Winton	Historic Winton
June 9-11	Winton	Shannons Nationals
June 17-18	Winton	VSCRC 3
June 24-25	Phillip Island	Multi Club
July 22-23	Sandown	VSCRC 4
July 29 -30	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
August 5-6	Winton	Festival of Speed
August 19-20	Phillip Island	August Access
September 8-10	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
September 15-17	Sandown	Sandown 500
September 23-24	Winton	VMRC 3
Sept 30 Oct 1	Phillip Island	VSCRC 5
October 14-15	Winton	AROCA 12 Hour Relay
November 10-12 *	Sandown	Sandown Historics
November 11-12 *	Winton	Winton 300
November 25-26	Phillip Island	Island Magic
December 2-3	Winton	HQ 4 Hour Relay
December 10	Como Gardens, The Basin	VFT Christmas Party
* = Clash		

Expressions of interest to attend any events must be conveyed to the Chief Flagmarshal via any of the following 4 ways:

- The VFT Club Phone : **03 8796 5321**
- The VFT Club Mobile: **0409 823 657**
- Email: chief@vicflag.org.au
- In person, **trackside or at club meetings**

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