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New Members

We welcome the following new members
Janette Owen
Tony Owen

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This month's cover picture shows one of many of the marshal posts at the Belgian GP at Spa

STOP PRESS

Unfortunately the Awards Night to be held at the Mulgrave Country Club in February 2019 has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise to people who have already forwarded their names and were looking forward to a gala evening. Thanks must go to Jason Carroll, William Gaff and Mark Thompson for their sterling work in organising the event thus far. An event of this magnitude requires a substantial amount of pre-planning and to have to cancel is a great disappointment to them and us all.

Roger Chirnside, President

Reminder – General Meeting – Thu 11 October 2018

(Meeting date one week later than usual due to Bathurst)

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



A Word or Two

Loyalty: (adjective) – dependability, faithfulness, reliability, staunchness, etc.

The many facets of loyalty can be displayed in a multitude of different ways: take a dog's loyalty to its master – unswerving, unstinting; a man to his wife and vice versa; a sportsman to the one team, although this admirable trait is fast disappearing where money is concerned. As our country rushes headlong to adopt everything American, loyalty by businesses of all types is fast being discarded regardless of a person's value.



It has always been my belief that clubs and sporting groups survive and prosper through the loyalty and support of their members. However, many clubs and organisations have perished largely because of the actions by various people within. These problems can manifest themselves through maligning comments.

Our club is no different from countless others inasmuch as there seems to be a small group intent on criticising everything that the hard workers are trying to attain for the benefit of the group as a whole. No-one has been able to satisfactorily explain what these people are trying to achieve with their toxic views. I am not advocating for a moment that people are required to slavishly follow every decision made by others without question, but at times, a little understanding should be looked at as trying to be productive instead of pouring cold water onto everything.

On a personal note I can quite understand the meaning of the word loyalty. For a number of years I was foreman of a busy road transport workshop. I enjoyed every part of my job enormously to the extent of working "off the clock" in order to finish a particular job with never any thought of recompense or a pat on the head – such was my loyalty to the business. (In those days you could work on your own without fear of incurring the wrath of authorities!) I was therefore stunned and greatly saddened when told my services were no longer required – I was redundant – which in effect means I was sacked. The point I am trying to make is to illustrate the meaning of the word 'loyalty' – it should be a two way street.

Thus it should be for our club – that we must never forget the meaning of this word.

Roger Chirnside
President
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc



Flag One Reporting

By the time this edition of the magazine is published, we will have completed another five meetings over the course of 8 weeks. Another very busy part of the year for the VFT!

What has been most noticeable is the cold weather, with incessant high winds interspersed with rain. Makes holding the SC boards a real challenge, especially for those unfortunate souls working solo at Phillip Island during the recent Vic 6hr relay and August Access meetings. Speaking of the August Access, how good was it to see 73 HQ's running around, with their final race listed for 15 laps and 57 cars starting the race.

Unfortunately, with the various stoppages that occurred on Sunday, the race was reduced to 10 laps, and then the one safety car intervention reduced the actual racing laps to around 6-7. Still great to watch. The feature Excel race didn't fair very well either, with 50+ cars commencing their 40 lapper, but after 5 safety cars and two red flags, their total race laps came down to around 8-9. A big thank you goes out to all members who braved the fierce cold and wet on Sunday morning at the August Access – it was definitely the worst weather experienced at the Island for a long time.

The Sports Sedan Association maintained the customary hot dogs and soup for the VSCRC4 round at Sandown, which retained its reputation as one of the more popular meetings of the year.

The Festival of Speed meeting at Winton produced some great racing across a wide range of categories. It was evident, however, that a surprising number of drivers don't understand that the deployment of the safety car doesn't mean the opportunity to gain a few extra track positions. So many black flags required for passing under safety car.

It is great to see so many new faces commencing their flag training. It is also great to see the assistance offered from our experienced members to meet and greet these people at the gates, and to generally make them feel welcome to our club. We all know how daunting it can be to turn up for your first race meeting, not knowing anyone, and having no idea what you will face when you venture trackside. To have people who talk to them, share a laugh, and direct them to their posts makes a huge difference.

It is great to see that virtually everyone attending these cold and wet meetings is coming well prepared with warm and rain proof clothing: gloves; beanies; scarfs, etc. However, as we all know, hyperthermia can still strike even with multiple layers of clothing, so we need to keep an eye on our colleagues for the tell-tale signs that they are becoming affected by the cold. You should never feel that it's a sign of weakness to let someone know that you are not dealing well with the cold, as the health and well-being of each other is paramount. Race Control are also mindful of the responsibility to look after the welfare of every race official, and are always prepared to get an official picked up by TMA and brought in for a warm up.

By the time this magazine is delivered, we should be approaching the first of the Supercars enduros, the Sandown 500. This list will have closed off some weeks earlier, so I look forward to catching up with those who have registered for this event.

We then have five meetings remaining for the year. These are listed below:

VSCRC5 Phillip Island 29-30 September, list closing 24 September

AROCA 12 hr Winton 13-14 October, list closing 8 October

Australian Production Car 6hr Phillip Island 2-4 November. This is a newly calendared meeting that is listed for three days, list closing 29 October

Sandown Historics 9-11 November, list closing 29 October. Note that this is another three day meeting.

Island Magic 24-25 November, list closing 12 November

I look forward to catching up with everyone at our next race meeting. As per usual arrangements, to get your name onto a list, please email, phone or text me to the contacts below:

- Email me at chief@vicflag.org.au,
- Call or text me on 0406036714, rooming meetings:
- Add your name to the lists available at each meeting.

Catch you at the track,
Arthur Cooksley, Chief Flagmarshal
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team





CAMS Report

Hi all,

The latest State Council meeting was held on Tuesday 7th August

We had a guest speaker at the meeting on the night. His name was Steve Pallas from a company called Sports Community 'Generational and gendenerational change of committees' and his main message was about committees in clubs and the problems they face across all forms of sport and recreation.



He stated that the "Baby Boomers" that started clubs and committees are on the way out but are reluctant to give up control of clubs because they don't trust others in their abilities to run the club.

Then you have the Generation X people coming in and trying to modernise their clubs and progress them, only to get thwarted by the "Baby Boomers" and they are leaving clubs in their droves.

There is another group that they call "the modern Gen X" who get on committees and do nothing and expect everybody else to do everything.

He also informed us that more women are getting involved in committees as well.

He did not offer any solutions to these problems but I'm sure if you spend some cash with them they will enlighten us all with ways of dealing with it.

We then went into the meeting and the State panel reports were tabled. The following is the State Officiating Panel's report.

VICTORIAN STATE OFFICIATING ADVISORY PANEL REPORT

PANEL CHAIRMAN: David Bellenger SUBMISSION DATE: 23/07/2018

PANEL SUMMARY:

The Victorian State Officiating Advisory Panel was due to convene on the 23 July 2018, but the meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to the number of people who were unable to attend due to work commitments or away on holidays.

- The Panel is requesting all organisers of events to put forward names for the Fabulous Officials award.

If names could be forwarded to the chair of the panel at david@bellenger.id.au

- The panel is looking to organise an official's expo in the near future.

The Victorian State Officiating Advisory Panel will next convene on 24/09/2018.

The meeting will commence at 07:30pm, at the CAMS office

Next was Norman Gowers (CAMS Elected Director) report. Norman apologised to us all that he had nothing to report. The latest CAMS Board meeting was held over 2 days but he was unable to attend due to him being in hospital with his wife who unfortunately passed away. I'm sure we all within the VFT send our condolences to Norman for the loss of his wife.

Next to report was Chantel Collins from CAMS

Face to face Club Business Workshop to be scheduled for near future on the topic of Club Constitutions. Date to be advised soon.

Nominations open for 2018 CAMS Victorian Motor Sport Awards. Event to be held Friday 8th February at Showtime in South Wharf. Online nomination forms available online via the CAMS website – <https://www.cams.com.au/about/about-cams/cams-motor-sport-awards/camsstate-awards>



Service Star, Service Award and Victorian Official of the Year nominations require a PDF form.
<https://www.cams.com.au/about/about-cams/cams-motor-sport-awards>

Nominations for commissions have also opened.

We then went into General Business where the main focus was the changes to the CAMS constitution.

As I have stated in the past these changes had nothing to do with the running of our club so I won't bore you with the details. But if you are interested please contact me and I'll forward you all of the info I have on it.

The next State Council meeting is set for 16th October 2018

All the best,
Jason Carroll
CAMS Rep

Member of the Month Awards

Awards recently presented:



**Jason Carroll –
May**



**Tim Oh –
June**



**Doug Salan –
July**



**Michael Clewett –
August**



Feedback after Training/Helping out with Flag Marshalling at Sandown, VSCRC July 21/22 2018

A few thoughts on my experience as a trainee flag marshal.

I thanked Eric Rigg, David Thornbury & William Gaff (who all came & spoke at our BMW DCM meeting).

After expressing an interest, & before the meet, Eric was very helpful in walking me through the process of signing up / training as a flag marshal, getting a CAMS licence. Arthur Cooksley followed up to check if I had any problems or questions.

On arrival, all 3 went out of their way to welcome me on my first day, introducing me to who I'd be working with, letting me know where I'd be going ...

Brian & Glenn who I flag marshalled with were equally friendly and welcoming. Glenn arranged for me to have an extra headset, so I could hear how the meet is managed & what was going on around the track.

Brian & Glenn were more than happy to answer all my questions and give me helpful advice on what I was supposed to do on the day plus helpful tips on how best to do it.

There is more to flag marshalling than just waving some flags.

Having the opportunity to listen over the radio & actually doing some flag marshalling, I now have a better idea, how professionally an event is run. In particular :

- the systems & training in place to make the event as safe as possible
- the systems & training in place to run multiple qualifying sessions & races, manage any unplanned events & still stick to the planned program
- the structure & record keeping in place so that, if after the measures above, there is an incident, it is effectively managed & can be followed up afterwards & learned from

Not just at the induction but throughout the day & at the BBQ after, I felt welcome & well looked after.

Overall it was a lot of fun to be doing the next best thing to be in a car racing in a given race and maybe better as we were involved in each session or race, on the day not just one event.

Regards
David Ebeling

From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine. Please remember articles for the November edition are due 24th October – magazine@vicflag.org.au - Joy Chirnside

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Way back when.....

But can you remember who the marshals were??

– if so, please let the editor know!



Comment from Peter:

Phillip Island historic meeting in November 1981. Des Gibbs and John Virgo head up to Repco corner with some encouragement from a flaggie who I think is Rae Begg.

Look at the protection that the flaggies had back then!

Comment from Peter:

Here's another photo from way back when.

Actually, this is one of my favourite photos from the hundreds of thousands that I have taken.

Taken at Calder's Tin-Shed corner in February 1982 at a day/night meeting, it shows the marshals there congratulating Bob Gill after his win in the Sports Sedan final.



Editor's Note: These photos have been provided courtesy of Peter Weaver (and there are more to come so keep watching this space!!)

Thanks from a Driver

Greetings!

My name is George Thornton, and I'm a competitive driver that completed my flagging training this past weekend at Phillip Island.

I wanted to extend my gratitude for the hospitality and professionalism shown by all the Vic Flagging Team, and especially my trainer, Doug Salan.

Doug was very engaging, and provided an excellent experience for me. He quickly established expectations, clearly communicated key lessons and reinforced critical-to-know elements of working as a track flagger.

I got more than I expected from the experience, and now have a greater appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of the Vic Flagging team. Additionally, I'm much more aware as a driver, of my part in ensuring a safe racing environment.

Thanks for the opportunity.

George



A Day at the Races

Recently while on holiday in England I went to Castle Combe race track with my brother-in-law Jim. It was a nice sunny day, and I was having withdrawal symptoms from not being trackside. In fact, it was 27 degrees, a temperature described by the BBC as "searing heat." The Castle Combe track is a rather flat circuit being roughly based on the perimeter road of an old WW2 airfield, it's just under three kilometres around. Unlike Sandown, which surrounds a horse race track, or the island circuit, which encloses a wildlife haven for geese and wallabies; here they have a paddock in the middle, half of which is cornfield, and the other half has solar panels.



The marshals were alert and focussed at all times



Bent fence with culurit on top

The racing was good, but considerable time was spent mending walls. I put this down to effect of extreme heat on the drivers. There was a good turnout of Formula Fords, and their races were predictably interesting. There was a race for Mazda MX5s, the field was big, and the racing was fantastic, except when they tried to knock down walls! The Porsche race (mostly Boxsters) was not bad, but the touring cars were disappointing. They started with a field of eight, two managed to hit a wall, then there were only six etc etc.

I noticed some differences to the way we do things back in Oz. One was that the commentators were on Twitter, and people round the track would Tweet stuff, like "the PA system was not working at turn 4," or "the marshals had missed debris on the track near turn 7." People would Tweet that they visiting from Little Dribbling, Claxton-on-Sea, or some other exotic destination. Jim Tweeted that his brother-in-law Paul, a flag marshal all the way from Melbourne, was at the track. Two minutes later I was enthusiastically welcomed over the PA. This made me feel all warm and fuzzy for a few moments.



These marshals have weather protection



These marshals don't!



Another difference I couldn't help noticing was that before each corner or chicane there was a sign telling the drivers whether the turn was to the left or right. This must be a boon for drivers who have short-term memory problems, who having been there about ninety seconds ago, may have forgotten which way the circuit actually goes! I observed that even with this level of assistance a number of drivers chose to turn left instead of right, or vice versa. This sometimes resulted in cars hitting walls etc etc. I put it down to the heat.



The next corner goes right!



Right, then left, then straight ahead

Anyway, it was a fun day trackside, with the bonus of watching the English folk quietly sizzling in the sun. They don't expect to see it for another year, so they take off as many clothes as they can. I reckon the sunburn the next morning could have been measured by acres rather than square inches! A good time was had by all.

Paul Freeman.



Man with poor taste in hats seen loitering

Another VFT Member on Holiday



Hon Pres trackside at the WEC 6 hr at Silverstone (L & R) and the Goodwood Revival (below)





In Action (or Inaction) at:

Sandown VSCRC Rd 4



Owen Lloyd – Grade 1



Michael Clewett – 5 yr Service

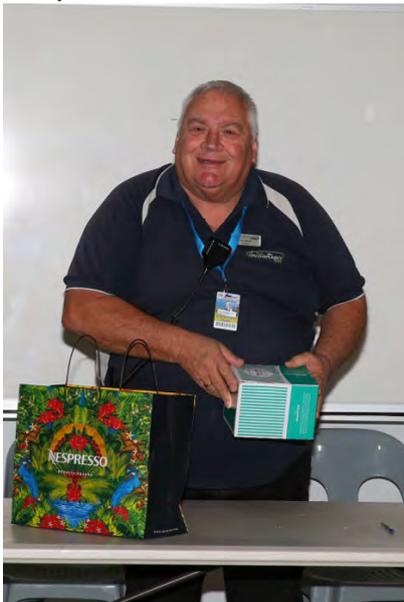


Zoe Butteriss – 10 yr Service





Phillip Island 6hr





Winton Festival of Speed





Phillip Island August Access



Tanya and Doug Salan receiving their Grade 3A Upgrades





Winton Shannons Nationals



Sandown 500





David's listening!



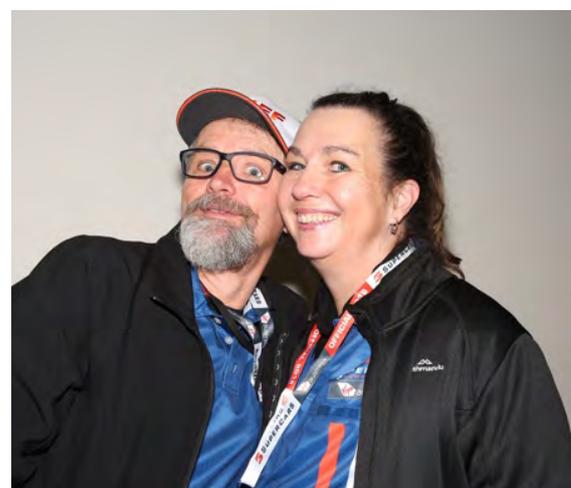
Harold Dreher – 15 yr Service



John Mahoney – 20 yr Service



Jamie Escudero – Grade 4





What's this guy doing??!



Another perfect day??



A new Young Official



Trackside Training





Zoe's birthday!





Merchandise

The 2018 Merchandise Officer is Jason Carroll.
To order merchandising you can see Jason at the track or
Email: merchandise@vicflag.org.au or Mob: **0422 314 223**



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

VFT Merchandise

- 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

Keep this date free – Sunday 9 December 2018

The 2018 VFT Christmas Party will be held again at Como Gardens, home of our Patron, George Hetrel and his wife Pat, on Sunday 9 December 2018. This is always a great family day, so make sure to keep the date free and come along for a great social outing in wonderful surroundings.



Emotions – Control or be Controlled...you'll love this!



Quote, 'When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is!'
President Abraham Lincoln (16th US President)

As people, we experience a full array of human emotion on a regular basis. How we handle our emotions can make or break our role and service. Here are some helpful truths to ponder on.

OWNING YOUR EMOTIONS. **Don't blame your emotions on your circumstances or other people.**

For example, we often think that a particular person made us angry. It's true that someone can push your buttons, provoke you and cause a certain emotion like anger to begin to rise up in you. But you choose what you do with that. The same is true with gratitude, happiness, and contentment, as examples. No one can make you feel angry, foolish, grateful, happy, or content. You own that right!

LEADING YOUR EMOTIONS. **Either you lead your emotions, or they lead you.**

When you are under pressure, stressed, tired, or feeling overwhelmed, that's when leading your emotions is most important. To lead your emotions is to be present with your feelings. This enables you to guide them and shape them rather than being owned or controlled by them.

MATURING YOUR EMOTIONS. **Maturing your emotions is the goal of owning and leading your emotions.** No one wants to live like a robot, or expects perfectly 'contained' emotions. Your emotions are an expression of life and make you an interesting person. At the same time, people can't trust those whose emotions are unpredictable, or may erupt at any moment.

Four difficult emotions that can be either positive motivators or negative paralyzers.

FEAR - Don't let the fear of failure, looking foolish, or disappointing someone cause you to hold back on doing the right thing. For example, you may be tempted to make a decision aligned with fear rather than faith. One of the best antidotes to fear is action. Break each fear-producing situation down to bite-sized pieces for action, and tackle it one day at a time. Remember, God is with you.

ANGER - Unmanaged anger is a true nemesis to even the best of leaders. One ill-timed blow up can cost you much. Depending upon the severity of the circumstance or public nature of an outburst, it can cost you your privilege to serve.

The good news is that for one instance, there is usually enough grace that it's easily repaired. But if you struggle with anger or if there is a pattern, I would encourage you to seek out a wise and experienced counsellor to get underneath the anger and discover its origin. You don't need to remain captive to the force of unresolved issues from your past. Freedom from anger is within reach, but you can't beat it by yourself. Talk with a trusted friend or counsellor soon.

DISCOURAGEMENT - Discouragement is not enough to disqualify you like anger can and it doesn't completely shut us down like fear can, but it's just enough to distract you from being at your best. Over the long haul, this can have huge effects. Discouragement often originates from a lie based on skewed perspective. Overcoming discouragement can be achieved by spending some time with a few positive natured and trusted people who believe in you. It's also important that you don't allow yourself to become or remain isolated from others. Allow others



close to you who challenge you to step up and do better. This is the most common ways to stay balanced & productive.

INSECURITY - Everyone has some insecurity. It can be anything from minimal to near debilitating. It's up to each of us how we own, lead, and mature our personal security. Insecurity, like discouragement is certainly not the grenade that anger and fear can be. But left unmanaged, insecurity can slowly unravel you. In fact, insecurity is surprisingly common amongst leaders and the danger is that it can lead to things like jealousy, envy, competition, people pleasing, and more.

One of the best things you can do to overcome insecurity is to own it. Talk about it, and be honest about it. It's important to identify what triggers your insecurities. When you're fully aware of your personal patterns, you can begin to learn to handle them in a more healthy and productive way.

Find joy and peace in being you. Give yourself permission and freedom to be yourself, that's how people best connect with you and how you lead at your best.

Being vulnerable with trusted people who you look up to, prepares you for being the better person you want to become.

Com'on, let's do life together! Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121

Reminder about Flexibuzz

Don't forget to follow the club on the flexibuzz app for newsfeeds, calendar, event reminders, RSVP to events.

VFT General Meeting Minutes

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – August 2018 General Meeting

**General Meeting Minutes
2 August 2018, 8:00pm
MG Car Club
53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading**

Members Present: 19 Members.

Apologies: Roger Chirnside, Eric Rigg, Will Gaff, Michael Poole, Zoe Butteriss, Terry O'Callaghan, John Mulholland, Shane Rogers, Jenny Creet, Warren Gordon, Mike Murphy, and Country and Interstate Members

Mark Thompson welcomed members to the meeting, and noted the good turn-out.



Minutes from the previous General meeting (7 June 2018):

Moved: Glenn Rochester, seconded: Michelle Clewett that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- 0.1 John Clarke refers to item 15.4 of the previous minutes, and advises he is yet to receive requested minutes. Notes that he would like both Training Committee and Committee minutes for the period October 2017 – Present. He further notes he has requested a copy of the club constitution and by-laws from Eric. Mark Thompson advises he will look into the matter to provide a resolution.

Reports:

1 President (via email):

- 1.1 Roger Chirnside acknowledges the generosity of Paul Cansdale in renewing the clubs website domain name, without charge to us.

2 Vice President:

- 2.1 Mark Thompson notes it has been good to see positive attendances at recent race meetings.
2.2 Member of the Month Awards have all been worthy recipients, and are positively received.
2.3 John Haywood queries why there are no longer emails sent for events we are short of numbers for. Mark responds that we have been relying more on Social Media. A number of members note that even for those who are on Social Media, they often miss posts from the club.
2.4 Mark calls on members to come forward with any suggestions that may improve attendances at smaller meetings.
2.5 Jason Carroll welcomes Lisa Totani to the meeting, an official who has recently relocated to Melbourne from SA.
2.6 Mark provides an update on Mike Murphy. Any members wishing to make contact with Mike would be well received.
2.7 On behalf of the club, Mark gives thanks to the MG Car Club for generously allowing us use of their club rooms.
2.8 Mark makes to that while club members have been commended to adhering to Social Media policies during events, we must be mindful of posts that target fellow officials.
2.9 Mark acknowledges Tim Oh for stepping into the Induction Co-ordinator role.

3 Secretary:

- 3.1 No report.

4 Treasurer:

- 4.1 As per report.

- 4.2 Payments to be passed:

• Australia Post	\$144.81	Magazine Postage
• Corporate Printers	\$153.00	Magazine
• Officeworks	\$186.00	Secretary Stationary
• Telstra	\$30.00	Secretary Phone
• Geoff Kay	\$75.00	Equipment
• David Thornbury	\$42.96	Certificate Frames

Moved: Jason Carroll, seconded: Paul Meade that payments are passed. Carried.

5 Chief Flagmarshal:

- 5.1 Completed Meetings:



- VSCRC 3. Chief Flag Kevin Watson. 12 members both days. Event was very disorganised, with a lack of respect shown towards officials.
 - PIARC Multi-club. 14/12 members Saturday/Sunday respectively. Conditions very cold. Dropped 7 Flag points due to low numbers. Thanks to all those who helped at this event.
 - VSCRC 4. 24 members, plus 6 trainees and 6 drivers. 5.5 dropped due to some late withdrawals. Good number of new trainees, with thanks going to those who helped with the meet and greet.
 - Victorian 6 Hour Relay. Chief Flag Will Gaff. Dropped 7 Flag Points. Weather Sunday was challenging. Feedback from Noel Tippett was positive, although some issues identified with Incident Reports which will be raised with the Training Committee.
- 5.2 Upcoming Meetings:
- Festival of Speed. Please note access will be via Huntly St.
 - August Access. Just on the threshold for numbers. Would however appreciate another 3-4 names though.
 - Shannons Nationals Winton. More members required.
 - Sandown 500. Please note that if you have registered for this event, you should do the quiz on the myVolunteer website if you have not done so already this year.
- 5.3 Arthur notes the great turn-out of Trainees at Sandown, along with a good number of Trainees completing their 10 day training.
- 5.4 Thanks to Tim Oh for taking on the Induction Co-ordinator role.
- 5.5 Thanks to Will Gaff for making modifications to improve the usability of the trailer.
- 5.6 Jason Carroll notes that for those yet to commit to the August Access, that 70+ HQ's and 50+ Excel's are expected, along with strong numbers in other categories, so it should be a fantastic event.
- 6 Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**
- 6.1 Included in Chief report.
- 7 Training Officer (via email):**
- 7.1 Current upgrades in progress:
- 2 x 3A to 2
 - 3 x 3 to 3A
 - Good also to see a number of trainees complete their 10 days recently.
- 7.2 Reminder to any eligible members to apply for the Young Officials program that is being run by CAMS at the Sandown 500. Please do apply, as this is a great way to see other areas of officiating. Details are on the CAMS website. Mark Thompson adds that the SA model will be followed as this has worked well. YO's will get more hands on experience in actual roles.
- 7.3 Mark notes that we definitely have to do some more work on Report Writing. He notes that while the last course was good, unfortunately most of those who require some assistance did not attend. Mario Pacifici and John Clarke both suggest a written report should be part of the 10 day process, even if it is for a fictitious scenario.
- 8 CAMS Rep:**
- 8.1 Jason Carroll advises that the next State Council meeting is 7 August. He will report on this at the October General Meeting.
- 9 Grade 3 Rep:**
- 9.1 Paul Meade advises he will be reducing his trackside activities for the next couple of months, but will still be available to contact via phone or email if you have any issues.



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10 Grade 4/5 Rep (via email):

- 10.1 Zoe Butteriss congratulates those who have recently completed their 10 day training.
- 10.2 Zoe reminds all members who are attending the Sandown 500 that they will need to complete the online quiz if they have not already done so this year. Anyone who fails to do this will be required to attend a special briefing at the event.

11 Induction:

- 11.1 Tim Oh advises that everything has been going well so far. He gives thanks to Glenn, Michelle and Danielle for their help at VSCRC 4.
- 11.2 Mark notes the importance of looking after new inductees, not only for bringing them in to the circuit, but also where to go, flag point locations etc. Simon Baston suggests each of the chiefs having maps of each track to show new inductees where their flag point is.

12 Merchandise:

- 12.1 Jason Carroll advises Polo shirts have been restocked if anyone is waiting on one.
- 12.2 Michelle Clewett notes we used to have bumper stickers, which some prefer over the round ones. Jason advises he will look in to re-ordering.
- 12.2 Jason requests that anyone wanting specific merchandise let him know prior to an event to ensure it can be supplied. He notes he does bring a small stock of items to events, but not everything.

13 Magazine:

- 13.1 Mark advises that submissions for the September magazine are due 24 August. All contributions are welcome.

Reports: Moved Simon Baston, Seconded Tim Oh that reports are accepted. Carried

14 General Business:

- 14.1 Simon Baston notes that with an official being injured behind the pit garages at the 6 Hour Relay, it is a timely reminder to always be aware of your surroundings while at a race meeting. This applies not only when you are on point, but staying alert wherever you are on the circuit.
- 14.2 Members of the meeting discussed (the lack of) breaks for officials. Mark Thompson notes this is being looked at closely by both the Victorian SOP and the AOC.
- 14.3 John Clarke queries if drivers completing their 8 hours need a Working with Children check. Mario Pacifici advises they do not as they are regarding as receiving training rather than being officials.
- 14.4 Mario Pacifici requests an update on the proposed Awards night. Mark and Jason advise that it is still in progress, although there has been some difficulty confirming a guest speaker. John Clarke suggests looking at categories other than Supercars. Mark advises this is being considered, but the preference would be for someone associated with Supercars.
- 14.5 Mario Pacifici queries when the July magazine will be out. Mark advises that it has already been sent and is available online.
- 14.6 Mark Thompson advises that he is planning a bring a friend social night, for those who might have friends or family interested in getting involved with the club. Format would be a BBQ followed by a movie, with an intermission for some training. Currently looking at dates in August/September.
- 14.7 Mark invites Dave Humphries to address the room regarding his experience at the 2018 Canadian Formula 1 Grand Prix.
- 14.8 Paul Meade gives thanks to the club on behalf of teams 15 and 16 who competed at the 6 Hour Relay.

Meeting Closed: 10:03pm

Next Meeting: 8pm 4 October 2018 at the MG Car Club (TBC due to Bathurst clash)



2018 Calendar		
3-4 March	Sandown	VSCRC 1
9-11 March	Phillip Island	Island Classic
22-25 March	Albert Park	F1 AGP, not a VFT event
20-22 April	Phillip Island	WD40 Phillip Island 500
29 April	Sandown	Porsche 6 Hour
5-6 May	Phillip Island	VSCRC 2
11-13 May	Sandown	Shannons Nationals
18-20 May	Winton	Supercars Winton 400
26-27 May	Winton	Historic Winton
1-3 June	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
16-17 June	Winton	VSCRC 3
23-24 June	Phillip Island	Multi Club [closed Meeting]
21-22 July	Sandown	VSCRC 4
28-29 July	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
4-5 August	Winton	Festival of Speed
18-19 August	Phillip Island	August Access
1-2 September	Winton	Shannons Nationals
14-16 September	Sandown	Sandown 500
29-30 September	Phillip Island	VSCRC 5
13-14 October	Winton	AROCA 12 Hour Relay
2-4 November	Phillip Island	Australian Production Car 6hr
9-11 November	Sandown	Sandown Historics
24-25 November	Phillip Island	Island Magic
9 December	Como Gardens, The Basin	VFT Christmas Party

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