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## New Members

Welcome to our new members:

Erlinda Endientes  
Dave White

*This month's cover picture shows cars assembled for the start at Sandown ?circa 1904.*

## 2019 VFT Membership – Final Reminder Notice

Membership fees were due on 1 January 2019 and must be paid by the end of February or membership lapses. To vote at the AGM or by postal vote you must be financial before the AGM on 19 January.

**Reminder:** all members to keep their contact details up to date with VFT, CAMS and Promoters.

## Reminder – General Meeting/AGM – Sat 19 Jan 2019

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

- During the Chief's BBQ (Roger & Joy Chirnside's place)  
Brooklands  
46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia 3155
- Time: 7:30pm

*Expressions of interest are open for all appointed positions  
EOI's close 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at  
4.00PM.*



## A Word or Two

2018 – a year not without challenges. As with previous years, endeavouring to furnish sufficient marshals at some of the ‘less glamourous’ meetings has been a constant concern. But I am sure our team is not the only one with this problem. One encouraging positive to show this year has been a marked influx of new members. We welcome them all and hope their time with us will be a long and enjoyable one.



The Australian motorsport officials fraternity should feel rightly proud of the awards bestowed upon two of our fellow officials at the recent annual FIA Prize Giving gala night at St Petersburg. Dr Matthew Croxford – FIA Best Chief Medical Officer Official of the Season and Barry Habgood – FIA Best Chief Scrutineer Official of the Season. No doubt these two worthy recipients are pretty proud of themselves, as well they should be. Our congratulations go to them both.

Hey – we don’t do too bad as this is the eighth year of the awards and CAMS members have received awards on the world stage every year since they started!

Recently we had our own award presentation and that was Honorary Life Memberships of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team to our Patron George Hetrel and his wife Pat, in recognition of all they have done for the club over many years. This was one of the nicer moments of our club year as both George and Pat were somewhat delighted and a little lost for words.

Now, some dates to remember for the New Year:

The Victorian Fire and Rescue Squad is conducting a Fire Training morning at the Nar Nar Goon CFA station on **Sunday 20 January** (yes, the morning after our Chief’s BBQ and AGM! Oh well, such is life!) Having attended several of these mornings, I strongly recommend our new trainees to attend as well as any other of our members, regardless of experience.

The Hyundai Excel category have invited us to join them at their presentation evening on a three and a half hour Yarra River cruise on **Friday 22 February**, to show their appreciation of our time and effort to make things a little safer for them throughout the year.

Before all this of course is the one event not to be missed – and that is the Chief’s BBQ on **Saturday 19 January**. This year’s extravaganza will be a little different inasmuch as the AGM will be held as well. There will be good food, not to mention the desserts, lots of socialising and an ideal opportunity to get to know people, and new members are especially welcome.

Full details of the above three events are to be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee and all other sub Committees for their work this year. It has not been easy at times, but overall I believe they have acted professionally and in the best interest of club members. Also, it would be remiss of me of me not to thank all of our club members who stood trackside, quite often in very trying conditions. It is this dedication that is instrumental in giving the VFT the reputation that we enjoy.

I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year.

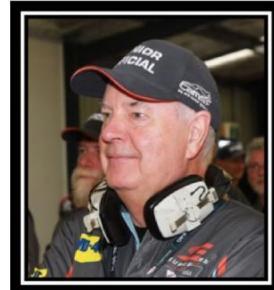
Roger Chirnside  
President  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.



## 2019 VFT Committee Election – A message from your Returning Officer

Dear Esteemed Marshals,

Nominations for the 2019 committee have just closed and the candidates are as follows:



<b>President</b>	Roger Chirnside
<b>Vice President</b>	Mark Thompson
<b>Secretary</b>	Eric Rigg
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Pollard
<b>Grade 3 Representative</b>	Tim Oh - Tanya Salan
<b>Grade 4/5 Representative</b>	Tim Oh - Zoe Butteriss

There are four positions with one candidate for each. These candidates will be elected unopposed. There are two candidates for each of the representative roles, so these positions will be decided by ballot at our AGM. The candidates may choose to put a brief message in this magazine to support their case for election, or they may choose to speak briefly at the AGM before the voting. Remember that only financial members can take part in voting. Our secretary Eric will post out ballot papers to country members, please make sure they are returned to him on time. I shall hand out ballot papers to those who attend the AGM.

The committee have decided to try something new next year. The annual general meeting will be combined with the Chief's BBQ on Saturday January 19th. Sign on is at 6PM, and the AGM stuff should begin at about 7.30. Joy and Roger's home is located at 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia. Hopefully our AGM will be in their back yard. If the weather is wet, it might be in the laundry. Time will tell!

I look forward to seeing many of you there to combine a little business with some jollyification.

Kind regards

Paul Freeman  
Returning Officer



## Committee Nominees

### ***Tim Oh – Grade 3 Representative Nominee***

Hi, my name is Tim Oh and I am seeking your vote to be the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team's Grade 3 Representative in 2019.

I've been with the VFT for nearly 8 years now and I'm thoroughly enjoying every moment I get to be track side as flag marshal for my one true passion, motorsport.



Feeding this passion would not be possible without the VFT. So, in 2018 in order to give back to the club, I decided to take on the role of Induction Co-ordinator. This important role involves assisting trainees through their initial time with the club, a period that can be very daunting and generally determines whether they will continue on in the sport or not.

Doing this role has given me valuable experience on the administrative side of the club, building a close working relationship with the club's committee and chiefs. I intend to continue in this role in 2019, but would like to further my contribution to the running of the club as a committee member and grade representative. I believe the grade representative and induction co-ordinator roles go hand-in-hand, given the close relationships they both require with our people.

I love being a part of the VFT, not only because it gets me closer to the racing, but also because of the friendships I've made within the club and the opportunities the club has provided me to meet other people in the motorsport community. Being the Induction Co-ordinator has allowed me to share with new trainees all the great things I love about the club and the sport. Being Grade Representative would allow me to further this work.

I like to help people. As the Grade 3 Representative I would like to help our members by listening to their issues and concerns and either resolving them on the spot, or addressing them through the committee. Therefore, ensuring members have a voice that is heard. I also want to [join the committee](#) to further improve how we do things in the [club](#) and bring my own ideas to the table.

A part of my work as Induction Co-ordinator has been to follow up trainees to gain feedback on the process and their experiences to take to the committee. I want to extend this concept into the Grade 3 Representative role, allowing members to express their thoughts and ideas, and to develop these where practical. As unpaid volunteers, I believe it is essential that members know that their experience and opinions are valued by the club.

In the past, it seems that the Grade Representative roles have had limited value as there has not been a lot of feedback received from the members. As Grade 3 Representative, I will change this by pro-actively seeking the thoughts of our members through regular contact.

I regularly volunteer at all three of the circuits we service, and have been attending all of our general meetings. This means I will always be accessible to members for face to face discussions. In addition, I will also make myself available via phone or e-mail for members to contact me outside of the track.

I hope the above has given you some insight into what sort of Grade Representative I would be for you. A thank you in advance to those who decide to vote for me, and should I be successful in gaining the position, it will be a privilege to serve you in 2019.

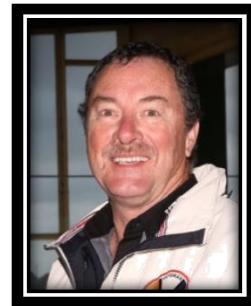
Regards

Tim Oh



## Flag One Reporting

Welcome everyone to 2019. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and got to relax before the start of the new motor racing year.



The club's AGM will, for the first time, be held at the traditional chief's BBQ in January, with the election of a new Committee, as well as appointment of the non-Committee positions. This is an important part of our club Constitution, as it offers the opportunity for members to stand for election and thereby have a direct influence on the direction of the club. The AGM also presents a great opportunity for many of us to catch up for the first time in the new year, and to discuss issues and concerns relating to our operation as a club for the forthcoming year.

For many of us, the first trackside duties for 2019 will commence with the Bathurst 12 hour. I will again be making the annual trek north and can't wait to see and hear 60 of the fastest and sexiest GT cars in the world tackling the Mountain. For those of you that haven't worked the 12 hour before, it is definitely one to add to your bucket list.

We then go to the start of March, with the Superloop Adelaide 500 coinciding with the first of our calendared meetings, being the VSCRC1 at Sandown. For those members travelling to Adelaide, I wish them a safe and enjoyable trip, and I will be eagerly awaiting the appearance of the Ford Mustang on the grid (maybe just a little bit of Ford bias, LOL).

Before closing, I would like to express my appreciation to all of our members who supported the club throughout 2018. We were able to service all of our calendared meetings, which comprised 22 individual race meetings over 51 days. Without counting the non-club events such as the AGP, Clipsal or Bathurst, this covered 42% of weekends for the year.

One notable feature of 2018 was the large number of new people that either commenced their training or completed their training and received grade 4 badges. Their success was due in no small part to the dedication of the trainers. A big thank you must go to all those that undertook training of these new people, as well as those who helped out with the induction and "meet and greet" at the gates.

I look forward to catching up with those that can make it to the AGM. For those others, I look forward to catching up at Sandown for our first state meeting for the year. Catch you at the track,

Arthur Cooksley  
Chief Flagmarshal  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team



## Vice President Report

I got to thinking about just how far and wide the VFT stretches its wings or *Flags* I should say, many of our club member's travel throughout Australia and in fact overseas to the USA, NZ, Europe and Asia to attend all types of motor sport from Supercars, GT's, Rally to F1. One thing is consistent and that is we as the VFT always seem to get a good rap. The VFT is a pretty diverse bunch in so far that we have Chefs, Mechanics, Marketers, Managers, Doctors, Carers, Fitters, Scientists and Painters to mention but a few, however all with one thing in common, a passion for motorsport and officiating.



I can only conclude that this is testimony to the great people we have, the training, dedication and self esteem each and every one of our members has had and above all as member of the VFT TEAM.

TEAM..... Hmmmm what does it mean and how do we fit?

*PROTECTED* – This is based on both the physical and emotional protection of our people feeling being part of a team, not often spoken about but a real part of the bond, especially when we muster together and look out for our own.

*UNITED* – This is how much someone feels they are invited to be part of the team this is often something that is felt by every single person because things like respect and how well a team works together are experienced by all of us in everyday life, it's how we feel when we join the club.

*POSITIVITY* – This is how optimistic and how deep the belief that good things are going to happen in the future. It's often something that protects a team from negative thinking and promotes the contribution of optimistic thinking.

*ENERGY* – This is about the vigour in the way people do the task necessary to make an impact. It's something you can feel when you walk with people who get the job done with passion, intensity and the positive way they act.

Just like all our team members when we go track side each day at our home circuits, or go interstate or travel abroad to the high profile global events, we fly the *flag*, not only for officiating, but ourselves and the club, here's to a great flag waving year 2019.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Prosperous New Year





## Grade 3 Report

Due to things that have happened throughout the course of the year and me not being trackside much this year, I feel I haven't lived up to the Role of Grade 3 rep. So, because of that I will not be standing again next year and this will give someone else the opportunity to get in and get the job done the way it's supposed to be done.



Congratulations John McBain for your upgrade.

I'd like to thank the committee for their support throughout the year and hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were great. See you at Roger's or if not there, back trackside in 2019.

Regards

Paul Meade  
Grade 3 Rep

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## Grade 4/5 Report

Hi all

What a year it has been. I would like to thank everyone who has thrown their support behind me as I stepped into the role of Grade 4 Rep. I have learned so much and experienced a whole new world within the VFT. So, I have decided to run again this year.



As the members, this is your club, you deserve to have your voices heard. My goal if I get re-elected is to make sure each and every one of you who have some ideas on growing our club or even just an issue you need raised is heard. I'm here to be your voice.

I look forward to catching up with everyone in the new year. Merry Christmas all!

Kind regards  
Zoe Butteriss.



## Chief's BBQ/Annual General Meeting 19 January 2019

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 19 January 2019**.

This normally purely social event is a great opportunity for new members and families to come along and enjoy the evening. Most 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.

This year, for something different, the evening will also incorporate the VFT's Annual General Meeting (AGM), preceded by a short General Meeting, which will take place around 7:30pm, after everyone has finished cooking.

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 Dorrego 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

## Fire Training Day 20th January 2019

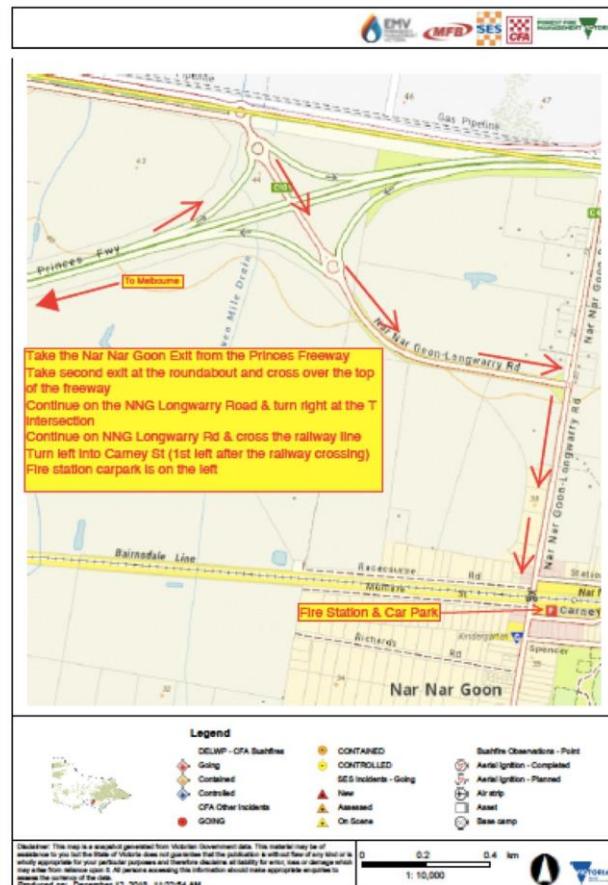
The Victorian Fire and Rescue Squad (VFRS) has invited the VFT to a Fire Training Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January. They have been able to get access to a hot fire training prop located at the Nar Nar Goon fire station. The aim of the day is to provide some information on fire extinguisher use and to have some hands on practical experience within a controlled environment. TMA are also attending and will be doing some extrication training.

A VFT member will do a bit of a talk on flags, flagging and some track craft.

The day will commence at 0900 for a 0930 start concluding approx 1300hrs with a BBQ lunch.

Training is at the Nar Nar Goon Fire Station, Carney St, Nar Nar Goon – see map.

This is a great opportunity for new members to become acquainted with the procedures relating to fires at motor race meetings and to learn the do's and don'ts, so please go along if you can.





## VFT Christmas Party at George and Pat Hetrel's

As always, a great time was had by all who attended the VFT Christmas Party at Como Gardens in The Basin, home of our Patron, George Hetrel, and his wife Pat. The weather behaved itself, Santa made an appearance, and, as always, the delightful nibbles cooked up by Pat were very much appreciated.



During the event, George and Pat were presented with Honorary Life Memberships of the VFT for their valuable contributions to the club over many years, together with a bottle of commemorative wine.



Once again we thank George and Pat very much for their generosity in making their beautiful property available to us for our Christmas party.



## Call the Doctor!

For years, I have thought about putting a few medical memories down on paper, some humorous, some not. I hope you find them interesting.

I have seen on the TV recently some advertisements suggesting that people do not ring the ambulance for trivial matters: but rather see a doctor, visit a chemist, or phone Nurse on call. (The second and third options being largely a waste of time.) When I started work in general practice in Port Melbourne during 1979, people would sometimes call in with things like stab wounds or amputated fingers that clearly needed to be sorted out in a hospital setting. Many folk seemed to be under the impression that any doctor could fix anything, all you had to do was pop into the surgery, and it would be sorted. Not necessarily so.

One case I remember was during a busy afternoon when a woman rushed in from the street outside to tell me that her diabetic mother was having a "hypo," and was outside, unconscious in the back seat of her car. Things like this never seem to happen during an unusually quiet day, only when the waiting room is full of patients with coughs, cut fingers or copious snot. Hoping the daughter's diagnosis was correct, I collected a tourniquet and filled the largest syringe I could find with glucose solution.

Picture the scene. A pale sweaty unconscious woman slumped across the car seat, and an eager and inquisitive crowd starting to gather to enjoy some street theatre. The large loaded syringe was useful in clearing a path through the crowd! I popped on the tourniquet, found a vein, crossed my fingers and pushed on the plunger. Trying to sound confident and in full control, I turned to the daughter and the crowd, and said "she will come good in about twenty seconds." And blow me down, she did. Fixing a low blood sugar level with a good slug of glucose is both satisfying and spectacular. If only there were more cures that were so easy but so impressive. My reputation was quite good for a while after that.

On another busy morning, when I had a waiting room full of people in varying states of unwellness, one of the local home help ladies rushed in to say that she had found old Mrs S collapsed and unconscious on her lounge floor. Now anyone with half a brain would just ring 000, but no, instead, she walked all the way round to tell me. Mrs S was not a patient of mine, but her home was only about a couple of hundred metres away. Medical ethics dictate that assistance must be given to nearby patients regardless, so I grabbed the old faithful black bag and set off.

Poor old Mrs S was indeed laid out on the lounge room floor, and was unrousable. I didn't know what had gone wrong (and never did find out) but clearly she needed urgent hospital assessment, so I rang 0. The ambulance arrived promptly, and it was agreed by all that she needed hospital transfer pronto. I can't remember exactly why, but at some stage a local police officer became involved in the drama. Perhaps he was just passing by, saw the flashing lights, and wondered if a crime was in the offing. We got Mrs S loaded into the ambulance, and I turned back just in time to see the policeman slam the front door shut. It was then that I pointed out that he had locked my black bag inside; I had visions of not seeing it again for days! "Look the other way" the officer said, as he removed a credit card from his wallet. When I turned back a few seconds later, the front door was open, and my black bag had been retrieved. I recall I was quite tempted to ask him how it was that a worthy custodian of the law was so adept at opening locked doors. Then I remembered the old saying - them wot asks no questions, isn't told no lies.

Paul Freeman



## Those were the days – at Sandown – 25 Feb 1968!

Photos courtesy David Blanch – Autopics.com.au



## From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine.

Please remember articles for the March edition are due 24<sup>th</sup> February  
– [magazine@vicflag.org.au](mailto:magazine@vicflag.org.au) - Joy Chirnside



Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of, Kevin Watson, Eric Rigg, David Blanch, Joy Chirnside, Revved Photography, Mark Thompson



## Training Matters

Hi team,

Here we are at the end of another full on season to say the least. I'd like to kick off with thanks to all our Training Committee and our EA's for their assistance with trackside training. It's great to see more and more people being coached trackside. As I have said on many occasions the planning of this training doesn't always go as first planned on the day, but all credit to our chiefs and induction team for their diligence in working with the numbers we have to make it work. **Congratulations**



On behalf of the Training Committee I give congratulations to all those members who successfully completed their training and upgrades. It's great to see so many people coming through all levels of the VFT Grading's and wanting to not only better their skills, but to also take on responsibility to assist other members on their upgrade journey, it's great to see.

### Grade 5-4 Upgrades

Some time ago we, the Training Committee, devised a Grade 5-4 Upgrade questionnaire – this questionnaire will be introduced on day 8 as part of the final signoff for the grading for 2019. It consists of a number of scenarios and general questions that will help the assessors identify areas that may need some tweaking and better prepare you for upgrade to level 4, so be sure to ask for it at day 8 if it is missed. The questionnaire is available at any time should you wish to view it, just ask the Grade 4 Rep.

### CAMS Courses

We are currently taking names for the next lot of courses at CAMS, so if you are interested in doing a particular course that may not be listed, please let us know and we can add you to the list. Once adequate numbers have been reached we can then arrange a suitable date with CAMS to run specific courses.



### VFT Training Vests

It's good to see our trainees in the Club training vests – remember that they must be returned at the end of each day. If you require a vest please be sure to see either the Induction Officer, Tim Oh or the Chief Flag

### Our Training Committee & 2019

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. If you would like to get involved in the 2019 Training Committee, we are looking for people to form part of this important team for the next year. If you have some good ideas and think you can make a difference, then please apply by submitting your EOI to the secretary, (by 4:00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January).



See you trackside soon

Mark D Thompson - VFT Training Officer (Acting)



## Invitation from Excel Racing Vic – 22 February 2019

The following is an invitation to members to join Excel Racing Vic for their presentation night aboard the Victoria Star Cruise boat out of Docklands on Friday 22 February 2019 from 7.30pm (**departing 8:00pm sharp**) for a 3.5 hour river cruise. Subsidised Cost is \$70 Boat takes 350 people.

***Excel Racing Vic: We appreciate the time and effort you guys and girls put in and thought it would be great if you could come along.***

Details of the night are as follows:



If you are interested in attending please RSVP via making payment to secure place by 13/01/2019 to:  
Account Name: Hyundai Excel Racing Association of Victoria Inc  
Account: 10663717 | BSB: 063 549 | Use Riverboat + Surname +VFT as reference

Any Questions: Call David Page 0418 378 198



## Merchandise

The 2018 Merchandise Officer is Jason Carroll.  
To order merchandising you can see Jason at the track or  
Email: [merchandise@vicflag.org.au](mailto: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**

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



## *In action (or inaction) at:*

Sandown Historics





### Island Magic, Phillip Island



Davey Miller with his 20 year service award





### APC, Phillip Island



### Benalla Auto Club Black Tie Ball – Winton Raceway



And congratulations to  
Matt Cornford for being  
awarded the Winton 2018  
Official of the Year!



## VFT Minutes of December General Meeting

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

**Members Present:** 25 Members.

**Guests:** Sam Mangalorkar and Toby Pearson

**Apologies:** John Mulholland, Brian Mackey, Terry O'Callaghan, Mark Thompson, Jen Cross, Jenny Creet, Greg Hardy, and Country and Interstate Members.

Roger Chirnside welcomes members and guests to the meeting.

### Minutes from the previous General meeting (11 October 2018):

Moved: John Haywood, seconded: Paul Meade, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

### Matters Arising:

- 0.1 John Clarke refers to item 14.5 of October Minutes (Shannons ride days for 2017 award winners). Thanks to Eric Rigg for sorting.
- 0.2 John Clarke refers to item 12.1 of October Minutes (Staggered pricing of hoodie based on attendance) . Queries if pricing has been confirmed. Roger advises not discussed as yet. Jason notes that it is yet to be confirmed if an order will be placed. Roger advises this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- 0.3 John Clarke refers to item 2.6 of October Minutes (8 core members attending all circuits). John believes these members have been bashed in the past, and again at Island Magic by Roger. Roger responds that he was just advising members of the communications from Benalla Auto Club, along with some notes of previous experiences, because he felt the members needed to know the situation. John suggests that an incident raised from a number of years ago seems like a long time to carry a grudge.

### Reports:

#### 1 President:

- 1.1 Has everyone intending to attend the Grand Prix registered for the event with CAMS? If not you should register as soon as possible as it is now past the formal closing date.

#### 2 Vice President:

- 2.1 No report

#### 3 Secretary:

- 3.1 173 Members. 81 paid up for 2019. All invoices have been sent.
- 3.2 Nomination forms for the 2019 Committee were in the November magazine. Closing date for nominations will be 19 December 2018. EOI's for non-elected positions close on 19 January.
- 3.3 Calendar is still to be finalised. Vic 6 Hour Relay and Winton State Series still to confirm dates. John Haywood queries if Winton events will be on the calendar. Eric advises only the 4 events we will be invited to. John Clarke queries when the calendar will be published. Eric advises it will be in the January magazine. Simon Baston queries if the events that will require online registration have been confirmed. Eric advises a number of 2019 events are already on there, but recommends members monitor the website. Roger notes that those running the online registration acknowledge there have been some issues and are looking to simplify the process.

**4      Treasurer:**

4.1 As per report.

4.2 Payments to be passed:

- |                       |           |                          |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| • ABT Promotions      | \$1181.84 | Club Caps                |
| • Revolution Racegear | \$361.00  | D Salan & S Fall Uniform |
| • Geoff Kay           | \$75.00   | Equipment Island Magic   |
| • Kingsway Confect'   | \$69.30   | Lollies for Xmas Party   |
| • Will Gaff           | \$379.50  | Island Magic Breakfast   |
| • Corporate Printers  | \$59.95   | November Magazine        |

Moved: Glenn Rochester, seconded: Matt Hardy that payments are passed. Carried.

**5      Chief Flagmarshal (via email):**

- 5.1 Arthur notes that the club attended 22 events in 2018, and 51 days trackside. This is 42% of all weekends. Add the Grand Prix and Interstate events and some members may have spent half their weekends for the year at race meetings.
- 5.2 During the year, feedback from Clerks of Course and Event Secretaries has been positive. They are very pleased with our conduct and how we handle ourselves track side. Incident reports have also improved.
- 5.3 There have been good numbers of new trainees coming through, and it's great to see some here tonight.
- 5.4 Thanks to the follow up by Mark Thompson we have managed to convert a number of the Young Officials into trainee flag marshals. As a club we need to embrace them and keep up the enthusiasm they show.
- 5.5 A number of members successfully completed upgrades during the year.
- 5.6 The club helped many drivers in 2018 to do the required 8 hours track side for their licence upgrades. Feedback received has been positive with a number stating they were keen to flag when not racing.
- 5.7 We were stretched for numbers at some meets, particularly in the middle of the year. Thanks to members of the VFRS who helped out flagging on the Friday of the APSCS 6 Hour. It shows that regardless of our officiating discipline, we are all there as officials and willing to help each other out as needed.
- 5.8 Thanks to Roger and Will for their support through the year. Together we worked as a harmonious team.
- 5.9 Thanks to the every reliable Geoff Kay for looking after the equipment. He was always willing to clean and dry items as required.
- 5.10 Thanks to all the members who volunteered trackside in 2018. Together we achieved what we needed to.
- 5.11 Roger gives thanks to Arthur and Will for their service to the club in 2018 as Chiefs.

**6      Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**

- 6.1 Island Magic. 26, both days. 2 brand new trainees. Thanks to Mark for initiating the breakfast. Will advises he rates the event as one of the best club level meets of the year. There were a couple of incidents picked up on CCTV which we missed. Ideally we should have got these but it is difficult when numbers are light.

**7      Training Officer:**

- 7.1 Nothing to report

**8      CAMS Rep:**

- 8.1 SOP report noted Ambulance costs are not covered by the CAMS insurance. Members are reminded of the importance of having ambulance cover which includes transfers. Whether it is through your private medical insurance or Ambulance Victoria.
- 8.3 CAMS Head Office anticipated to be moving mid to end of 2019
- 8.4 There is a push coming from the Victorian Government for gender equality.



- 9 Grade 3 Rep (via email):**  
9.1 Thanks to the committee for their support during the year. Was unfortunately unable to attend many events in 2018. Will not be standing in 2019, but would encourage anyone interested in the role to apply.
- 10 Grade 4/5 Rep (via email):**  
10.1 No report.
- 11 Induction:**  
11.1 Tim advises that there was one trainee at AROCA, along with six at Sandown. Island Magic had five trainees.  
11.2 Thanks to Glenn, Michelle and Karen for their help with the meet and greet.
- 12 Promotions:**  
12.1 New flyers are being put together for 2019.  
12.2 Will run posts on the volunteer websites through the summer for the first time. This will allow candidates time to obtain working with children checks and trainee CAMS licences.  
12.3 Shane Rogers suggests paying for advertising in Auto Action, Street Machine, and Just Cars. Kevin Watson suggests the last time we tried this it costs \$2.5k and only resulted in one member. He further suggests trying Speed Café or something online rather than print. Anthony Filippoussis suggests Speed Cafés 'Job Stop' section. Glenn Rochester suggests Facebook ads. Mario Pacifici suggests contacting Supercars broadcaster for a short segment on being a Flag Marshal.
- 13 Merchandise:**  
13.1 New hats are in and available for purchase at \$15 each.  
13.2 Hoodies are to be discussed further.
- 14 Magazine:**  
14.1 Roger advises that submissions for the January magazine are due 20 December.
- 15 General Business:**
- 15.1** Roger notes that SAMROA recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A congratulatory note was sent by himself on behalf of the club. The event was a big affair and gives food for thought for our future milestone celebrations.
  - 15.2** Roger advises that the club Christmas Party will be held this Sunday at George and Pat Hetrel's. Details are in the magazine. George did have health worries recently, but is good now and looking forward to hosting us.
  - 15.3** Eric advises that the Excel Association has extended an invitation to club members to join them for their presentation night. The event will be on 22 February, a boat cruise departing from Docklands. Tickets are \$70 per person. EOI's to Eric.
  - 15.4** John Clarke notes it can be difficult to volunteer for all 4 days of the Grand Prix. He suggests that those only able to work specific days could be co-ordinated to ensure full coverage. Roger advises he will put the suggestion forward to the event chiefs. He notes there have been 138 applications for 90 flag marshal roles, although he does expect drop outs over the next few months.
  - 15.5** Mario Pacifici queries with the AGM being moved forward into January, when will the following General Meeting be, and is it in line with the constitution. Eric advises the constitution states meetings should be held every two months, unless duly advised which will be done via the magazine.
  - 15.6** Mario queries if the nominees will be sent out 14 days prior to the AGM as required by the constitution. Eric advises the magazine will be sent earlier than usual to ensure the requirement is met.
  - 15.7** Kevin Watson spoke regarding Winton and Roger's announcement presented at Island Magic regarding a communication from Winton Raceway.
  - 15.8** Roger reminds members of the Chief's BBQ (and AGM) on 19 January at his home. Bring a chair and something for the BBQ. Salads and desserts will be provided. See the magazine for further details.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:25pm

**Next Meeting:** (Annual General Meeting) 7pm 19 January 2019 at Roger Chirnside's home.



# VFT Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

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

**Members Present:** 39 Members.

**Apologies:** Richard Millott, Terry O'Callaghan, Bryan O'Reilly, Brian Mackey, Robin Wood, Gary McArdle, Michael Poole, Warren Gordon, Doug Salan, Rebecca Armstrong, Lloyd Owen, Trish Storey, Michael Murphy and country, interstate and international members.

Roger Chirnside welcomed all attendees to the meeting. After the AGM, there will be a short General Meeting.

**Minutes from the previous Annual General meeting (9 February 2017):** Moved: Shane Rogers, seconded: Paul Meade that the minutes be accepted. Carried

**Matters Arising:**

Nil

**Reports:**

**1 President:**

- 1.1 Roger Chirnside notes that it has been an interesting year. That there have been some good initiatives put forward by the committee, including the summer uniform.  
1.2 There has been quite a bit happening trackside, with more being asked for from less people. Without the faithful few who attend the majority of race meetings we would struggle.

**2 Vice President**

- 2.1 In 2017 the VFT provided 1691 days effort trackside at events the club attended (up from 1587 days in 2016). To put a dollar figure on this contribution to the sport, it would equate to close to \$500,000 in wages at the current average rate.  
2.2 Average number of days attended by grade:  

• Average Days Grade 1:	22 (up from 15 in 2016)
• Average Days Grade 2:	15 (down from 16 in 2016)
• Average Days Grade 3A:	21 (up from 19 in 2016)
• Average Days Grade 3:	18 (up from 16 in 2016)
• Average Days Grade 4:	9 (up from 8 in 2016)
• Average Days All Graded:	15 (up from 14 in 2016)

  
2.3 Total days attended by range/number of members:  

• 41+ Days:	3 members
• 31-40 Days:	8 members
• 21-30 Days:	16 members
• 11-20 Days:	27 members
• 1-10 Days:	37 members

  
2.4 Number of Graded members who attended in 2017: 91 (down from 98 in 2016)  
2.5 Number of Trainees who attended in 2017: 42 (no change from 2016)  
2.6 33 Drivers were assisted with their upgrade by the VFT in 2017 (up from 21 in 2016).  
2.7 Top 5 events for attendance (in days effort):  

• Phillip Island 400	179
• Sandown 500	163
• Island Classic	159
• Shannons PI (first)	109
• Shannons Sandown	99

  
2.8 Bottom 5 events for attendance (in days effort):  

• WMRC 2	10
• Winton 300	15



- Historic Winton 16
  - WMRC 1 17
  - WMRC 3 18
- 2.9 Introduced this year to, it has allowed the committee to give some additional recognition to members.  
2017 winners were:
- February – Eric Rigg
  - March – Chris Sullivan
  - April – John Grist
  - May – Michelle Clewett
  - June – Don Johnson
  - July – Luke and Kim Hingeley
  - August – Bryan O'Reilly
  - September – Sam McCoubrie
  - October – Justin Parrant
  - November – Greg Hardy
- 2.10 Thanks to the committee and club members for their support in 2017

### 3 **Secretary:**

- 3.1 Membership stands at 189 (123 paid, 66 pending).
- 3.2 There have been some issues with the email server. These are mostly resolved now. Members should resend anything sent in the last few weeks they have not had a response on.
- 3.3 Incoming emails have predominantly been event registrations and EOI's from drivers.
- 3.4 Penrite has renewed their sponsorship at \$2k.
- 3.5 The government grant was spent on a new laptop, camera, and the fuel component on trailer towing and monthly awards.
- 3.6 VHRR will be creating a tear drop banner for us that will be displayed at the classic, and then given to us.
- 3.7 Membership cards will be sent shortly.
- 3.8 1100 Inward and 400 Outward emails in 2017

### 4 **Treasurer:**

- 4.1 As per Audit and Treasurers reports.
- 4.2 The auditor's report has confirmed the accounts as correct.
- 4.3 There was a loss for the year of around \$3k. This is due to a couple of one off expenses.
- 4.4 \$700 worth of shirts have been sold to date.
- 4.5 Payments to be passed:

• Officeworks	\$12.45	Stationary
• Centre Com	\$78.00	Hard Drive
• Ink Station	\$217.73	Power Inks Secretary
• Aus Post	\$148.60	Magazine Postage
• Alan Lopez	\$462.00	Auditors Report
• Telstra	\$30.00	Club Phone
• Jason Carroll	\$13.80	Shirt Postage
• 7 Eleven	\$20.02	Eric Petrol for Trophies
• Brand Republic	\$418.02	VFT Pens
• Corporate Printers	\$153.00	Magazine
• Revolution Racegear	\$231.00	Uniform

Moved: Paul Kelly, seconded: Glenn Rochester that payments are passed. Carried.

### 5 **Chief Flagmarshal:**

- 5.1 Arthur Cooksley gave thanks to all members who pitched in throughout the year.
- 5.2 The only meeting we withdrew from was the AROCA. However a few Winton and Phillip Island events were run below our minimum numbers. At Winton, some events required members to double up on the points they covered. At Phillip Island, some points were dropped. Low numbers on Fridays are an ongoing issue.



- 5.3 Working with Children checks were introduced in August, that saw us lose 4-5 of our regulars.
- 5.4 It was great to see one of our own presented with the FIA Official of the year.
- 5.5 Thanks to Roger for steering the ship at an operational and management level. Will for running several meetings and overseeing the upgrade process. And Kevin for running the Winton meetings and jumping in elsewhere as required.
- 5.6 This year events are down on last year from 27 to 21. Mostly attributed to Winton and the WMRC.
- 5.7 Thanks to Jason for his work putting together the summer uniform.
- 5.8 There are lists for upcoming events through to the Winton V8s at the rear of the room. Please email the chief for events further out.
- 5.9 Reminder that there is a dual registration process for the Island Classic. The online registration process is likely to be extended to other series. RC notes the move to online registration seems overly complicated.
- 5.10 For those who have been sent a personal information form from Winton, a reminder to complete this and send it back.

**6 Asst. Chief Flagmarshal:**

- 6.1 Will Gaff gave thanks to the committee for their trust in him as Asst. Chief. Also to Arthur and Kevin with whom they have bonded as a team.
- 6.2 VFT Branded pens have been given out to members tonight. There are additional items in the pipeline.
- 6.3 Thanks to Mark and the training committee for their support. There have been 26 upgrades in the past 2 years. Already a number of enquiries have been received about doing the walkaround and upgrades in 2018.
- 6.4 At the Bathurst 12 Hour, VFT members really stood out for their skills. Many acted in Sector Marshall or Senior on Point roles.
- 6.5 One thing that will kill the club is negativity. There is a lot going on behind the scenes. Members are encouraged to bring forward any ideas they have. Let's make sure 2018 is a positive year.

**7 Training Officer:**

- 7.1 Thanks to Arthur, Kevin and Will for helping co-ordinate assessments throughout the year. We would like to do more, but it often comes down to the numbers we have at events.
- 7.2 Mark re -iterates Will's comments that VFT members really stand out when interstate. It is something that we should be proud of.
- 7.3 Hoping to put a couple of training modules online to help prepare those looking to do the CAMS Bronze module.
- 7.4 Please do put forward any ideas you may have.
- 7.5 Thanks to the committee and all the members for their support in 2017.
- 7.6 Tony VDD notes that there was a great training session held last year but that the member turnout was poor. Mark advises that he will be looking to hold more training sessions.

**8 CAMS Rep:**

- 8.1 Jason advises that the first State Council meeting was held on Tuesday. Not much was discussed.
- 8.2 An email has been sent by Eugene discussing proposed changes to the constitution. The committee go through this to see what impacts there may be for the club.

**9 Grade 3 Rep:**

- 9.1 Roger advises that he took on the role mid-year from Matt with the hope of getting some things going. Unless people come forward with their concerns and ideas he can't take anything to the committee.

**10 Grade 4/5 Rep:**

- 10.1 Shane notes that 12 members were successful in being promoted from Trainee to Grade 4 in 2017.
- 10.2 Thanks to the committee and members for their support during the year.

**11 Promotions:**

- 11.1 David Thornbury advises that we have Seek postings back up with a few enquiries coming through already.
- 11.2 Will look at doing the GRM open day again. Paul Meade advises that the open day may be delayed this year.

**12 Induction:**

- 12.1 Karen Legg advises she met quite a few people during the year.  
12.2 Roger gave thanks to Karen, Harold and Zoe for their efforts in 2017. If anyone would like to help with this role, please let us know.

**13 Merchandise:**

- 13.1 Eric advises that Jason is managing the summer uniform sale.  
13.2 Will look to get in wide brim hats for 2018.  
13.3 Roger notes that a flag audit has been completed with the help of Geoff Kay. A number of flags need replacing.

**14 Magazine:**

- 14.1 Joy Chirnside advises the cut off for the March edition is 24 February.  
14.2 Roger notes that additional contributions are always welcome.

**Reports:** Moved: Geoff Kay, Seconded: Dave Humphries that reports are accepted. Carried

**15 Award Presentations**

- 15.1 Roger Chirnside spoke to the members about Noel Barr, Neil Thompson, and Barry Petersen, for whom a number of the clubs awards honour.  
15.2 Barry Petersen Flagmarshal of the Year – Don Johnson (not present)  
15.3 Noel Barr Club Person of the Year – Presented to Karen Legg  
15.4 Neil Thompson Memorial Award for Attendance – Presented to John Clarke  
15.3 President's Award – Presented to Matt Cornford  
15.4 Stillwell Motor Group Encouragement Award – Presented to Matt Hardy  
15.5 Patron's Award – Nevil Thatcher (not present)

**Meeting is handed over to Paul Freeman, Returning Officer.**

**16 All Committee positions declared vacant.**

- 16.1 Paul gave thanks to the 2017 Committee on behalf of the members.  
16.2 Single nominations received for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions are elected unopposed.  
16.3 No nominations received for the position of Grade 3/3A Rep and Grade 4/5 Rep. Nominations for these positions will be called for from the floor shortly.

**17 Nominations called for the position of Grade 3/3A Rep**

- 17.1 Paul Meade puts himself forward for the position of Grade 3/3A Rep. Moved: XXX, Seconded:  
17.2 No further nominations received for the position of Grade 3/3A Rep.

**18 Nominations called for the position of Grade 4/5 Rep**

- 18.1 Zoe Butteriss puts herself forward for the position of 4/5 Rep. Moved: XXX, Seconded:  
18.2 No further nominations received for the position of Grade 4/5 Rep.

**19 Committee Election Results**

- 19.1 President – Roger Chirnside (Elected unopposed)  
19.2 Vice President – Mark Thompson (Elected unopposed)  
19.3 Secretary – Eric Rigg (Elected unopposed)  
19.4 Treasurer – David Thornbury (Elected unopposed)  
19.5 Grade 3/3A Rep – Paul Meade (Elected unopposed)  
19.6 Grade 4/5 Rep – Zoe Butteriss (Elected unopposed)

**The Returning Officer hands the meeting to 2018 President Roger Chirnside**

**20 Incoming President Opening Remarks**

- 20.1 Roger Chirnside gives thanks to Paul Freeman for his professional handling of the election process.  
20.2 Roger gives thanks to Paul and Zoe for nominating for the Grade Rep roles.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:31pm

**Next Meeting:** General Meeting, 8pm 5 April 2018 at the MG Car Club

**2019 Calendar**

1-3 March	Sandown	VSCRC [MGCC]
8-10 March	Phillip Island	Island Classic
14-17 March	Albert Park	F1 GP, not a VFT event
12-14 April	Phillip Island	V8's Phillip island 400
28 April	Sandown	Porsche 6 Hour
3-4 May	Phillip Island	VSCRC [PIARC}
18-19 May	Winton	Historic Winton
6-9 June	Phillip Island	Shannons Nationals
29-30 June	Phillip Island	Endurance Access
19- 21 July	Sandown	VSCRC [ASSA]
27-28 July	Phillip Island	Vic 6 Hour Relay
3-4 August	Winton	Festival of Speed
17-18 August	Phillip Island	August Access
20-22 September	Sandown	Shannons Nationals
28-29 September	Phillip Island	VSCRC [VMCI]
12-13 October	Winton	AROCA 12 Hour Relay
25-27 October	Sandown	Sandown Historics
8-10 November	Sandown	Sandown 500
23-24 November	Phillip Island	Island Magic

**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](mailto:chief@vicflag.org.au)
- In person, **trackside or at club meetings**

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