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New Members

Welcome to our new members:

Frank Arduca
Jeremy Cath
Les and Lorraine Green
Patrick Harding
Samir Mangalorkar

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This month's cover picture shows a small incident in the 2015 Rally of Finland. (Driver and Co Driver unhurt)

Reminder – General Meeting – Thursday 6 June 2019

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
- Meeting: 8:00pm (including an interview with Neville Butler, Heritage Touring Car Grp A/Grp C driver)
- preceded by:
- BBQ: 6:30pm – feel free to bring a guest and be entertained for the evening



A Word or Two

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Porsche Club's 6hr Regularity Relay at Sandown. My thanks must go to the folk involved from the Porsche Club for an excellent event. As those of you who were also there will know, we were well looked after throughout the day and at the end, with plenty of refreshments etc. A most pleasing aspect of this day was not only the amount of members present but also the number of first time officials who also attended. This format of an event, along with the 6hr relay at Phillip Island, is the perfect vehicle (sorry!) for new flag marshals to learn the intricacies of waving flags, when to and why.



June 6th – D Day – an extremely significant date in history, but also noteworthy as it is the next General Meeting of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team. April's meeting featured Senior Clerk of Course, Colin Smith, explaining expectations of drivers as defined in Race Meeting Standing Regulations. The very informative evening also centred around clarification of track limits and driver conduct eg:

- **Careless Driving** – departing from the standard of a competent driver
- **Reckless Driving** – any unintentional action by a driver which creates a serious risk to others
- **Dangerous Driving** – any intentional action by a driver which creates a serious risk to others

As responsible trackside officials, we may be called upon at times to report any transgressions to these driving standards. As well, observations may be sought concerning breaches of track limits.

Returning to 6th June General Meeting, there will be a BBQ for all members and their guests, commencing at 6:30pm at the MG Car Club rooms, *Unit 53 & 54, Eastern Business Centre, 41-49 Norcal Road, Nunawading*, after which our general meeting will be held. I am proposing to keep business as short as possible because of the fact I have invited along a 'Guest Speaker', Neville Butler, to enlighten us about his racing exploits. I did say 'Speaker', which is perhaps not entirely accurate – the term 'Interview' would be more appropriate. You may ask "Who is Neville Butler?" Well, come along and find out about this larger than life character. Neville races a Mark 2 Escort in the Heritage Touring Car Grp A/Grp C. He has raced quite a number of significant cars over many years, at an impressive array of circuits. I am sure this evening promises to be interesting and amusing. Neville has promised me that he has some interesting photographs and video, which will also be shown.

So, come along, bring a guest and be fed and entertained on us!

regards

Roger Chirnside
President
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.



Vice President Report



Hi Flaggies,

I hope you all managed to have a good Easter break and have an opportunity to reflect on the Anzacs. Here we are at the beginning of the cooler months and I would like to remind everyone it's at this time a good idea to repack your racing bag to suit the upcoming weather.

I would like to give a big thanks to Luke Hingeley for his efforts in handing out the club brochures and overall promoting the club to the myriad of motor sport enthusiasts at the recent Supercar round at Phillip Island. I knew when he passed me for the second time on the one day that he was on a roll, so well done Luke. I also encourage all members to have a few brochures in their bag just in case you meet someone that may be interested in becoming a flaggie or an official someday.

I would also like to congratulate our Chief Flagmarshal, Will Gaff, and his team for a job well done in the first part of the season. I'm sure it has not been without its challenges, however, they make it as if all has gone well to plan and without a hitch, so well done Will, Jason & David for keeping everyone safe and well placed trackside. Also a special thanks to Colin Smith COC, for his talk on the Standing Regulations & Track Limits for drivers and general COC duties at our recent General Meeting at the MG Car Club. It was very informative and to the point with lots of questions being fielded, so thanks again Colin for your time and expertise, it will be interesting times ahead for trackside reporting.

I would also like to remind everyone of the CAMS Fabulous Officials Awards. If you see someone that you feel deserves a pat on the back for something special they have done, either trackside or within the sport then let me know or complete the online CAMS form and we can be sure to have a Fabulous Official certificate sent out for their efforts.

That's about all from me for now, but just before I go I would also like to encourage you all to come along to the next General Meeting on the 6th June at the MG Car Club to enjoy a 6.30pm BBQ and as Roger has said, enjoy an evening with our Guest Speaker, Neville Butler, a Group A & C Heritage Touring Car Driver.



Mark D Thompson

Vice President

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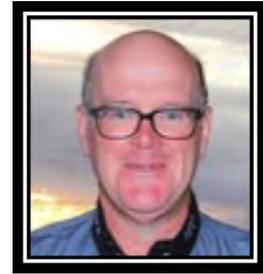
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Flag One Reporting

Hi all and welcome to another Chief's report.

It's been a busy year on and off the track with work, family and lots of other stuff going on in my life at this time but enough of me.



There have been a couple of meetings to report on:

First, the Supercars at Phillip Island last month – for us a quiet race meeting with not too much to report back. From where we stood it looked good with no problems from race control.

There was one small thing to talk about – we had a report of too much FUN at turn 6! Keep it going guys and girls.

Great to see the Mustangs going so well (just my view).

Last weekend was the Porsche 6 hour – a great event and has grown in the last few years. A big thank you goes out to PCV and Gordon Johnson for all they did for us over the day – thanks.

On a very positive note we had 16 trainees on the day. A big thank you goes to our members who helped out with the training over the day. A shout out must go to Eric and Tim for all the work which went on behind the scenes – thanks guys, great job.

The Winton Historic – due to circumstances beyond our control we will not attend this meeting as a club. You can still put your name down with me and I will pass it on to the right person. Thanks.

Upcoming events:

7-9 June Shannons Nationals 3 day event
15-16 June VSCRC 3 Winton Raceway
29-30 June Phillip Island Endurance Access
20-21 July VSCRC 4 Sandown Hot Dog round

That's it from me – see you track side soon.

Will Gaff
Chief Flagmarshal
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team

To register for an event

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Grade 3/3A Report

Hi Everyone!

By the time you read this we will have completed roughly five race meetings. Time has flown by!

We've had a good number of Grade 3/3A's at meetings thus far averaging around 50% of our Grade 3/3A membership at each meeting.

If there's anyone thinking of an upgrade, please don't hesitate to let me know, so I can make your name be known to the committee to get the paperwork rolling.

I don't like to harp on like this but just a kind reminder to everyone, we're all volunteers putting in our valued time to come to race meetings to enjoy our motorsport together. So, let's all come in, leaving our angst and frustrations at the front gate and just have a great time watching the race cars go around and do our flagging duties as well.

Just another friendly reminder, with the cooler winter months coming shortly, don't forget to pack your jackets, beanies, scarves and anything else that helps you keep warm.

Hope to see you around the track!

Cheers

Tim Oh
Grade 3 Rep



CAMS Report

There were a couple of items that were discussed in the last CAMS State Council meeting, that I believe might be of interest to our members.

Danny Jonas is looking to retire as the OH&S Compliance Checker at the end of this year. As of the meeting, no one had been identified to take over this role. If anyone has an interest in taking on the Compliance Checker role, please make it known to one of the club seniors so we can help facilitate things.

Last year, Jason reported on discussions held by the State Council around the CAMS Insurance policy and what is covered in terms of ambulance cover for non-urgent transport. The Chair advised that while it is not explicitly stated in policy wording it is implied that members are covered for this scenario.

The next meeting will be held on 7 May. If anybody has anything to raise with CAMS, please email me at cams@vicflag.org.au

If you have not been keeping track of the updates on the new TCR (Touring Car Racing) series, it seems to be shaping up as a very exciting category. The first chance we will get to see them in Victoria is at the Phillip Island round of the Shannons Nationals in June. If anyone is yet to join this event, I would encourage you to put in your EOI with Will, and come check them out.

David Thornbury
CAMS Rep





Training Matters

Greetings everyone.

It was great to see so many trainees at Phillip Island for the WD40 Phillip Island Supersprint on the 12th-14th April. We had trainees commencing with us and trainees completing their 10 days with us. I wish them all well on their journey with the club. I'm sure with the guidance of our experienced club members, their journey will be smooth, beneficial, and a few laughs as well.



It was also great to see a big group of trainees involved with the club at Sandown prior to the Grand Prix for the State round. The State round is a great opportunity for trainees to get an understanding of the complexities involved with Blue flagging.



At this stage, a meeting is trying to be organised to allow for the training committee to get together and discuss upgrades. Finding a time to get everyone together at the same time is proving to be difficult, but we will overcome.

I wanted to mention to you all and to remind you all about the need to talk with your trainee(s) on the point, about what you do and why. From the moment you get to the point, or get out of the bus, you are 'training', and the trainees will be following you closely, particularly the first or second day trainees. Remember they will be nervous and possibly anxious. Seasoned flag marshals are usually comfortable about their role from the get-go. But a trainee is in a very unfamiliar environment and needs the encouragement and support of the club to become comfortable.

Don't be afraid to provide feedback often, and encouragement. A trainee without feedback is going to be wondering if they did a good job or not. The last thing we want is a trainee to be driving home more anxious than they were driving to the track.

That's all from me for now.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

– Benjamin Franklin

Until next magazine.

Rocky . . .



PHILLIP ISLAND AUTO RACING CLUB

SERVICE TEAM CHIEF – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Expressions of interest are being sought from officials with suitable experience who would be interested in joining a close-knit team to lead the existing Service Crew (up to 4 members) to work at PIARC race meetings, mostly at the Phillip Island Circuit. The Service Crew are initially responsible to the Recovery Chief and work with the assistance of the Recovery Crew where required. Normal service activities would be carried out independently, under the direction of Race Control.

Requirements:

- The crew chief should hold (or be eligible for) a Silver Trackside Official's Licence.
- The crew chief would need to have, or have access to, a registered, roadworthy and presentable vehicle suitable for the task. Such a vehicle would be a car, station wagon, ute or panel van – not necessarily 4wd – and hold a current Victorian Driver's Licence.
- Completion of the PIARC Basic Communications course, or have communications experience, would be an advantage.
- The crew chief should have a knowledge of the circuit layout, its control points, on and off track access, facilities and equipment locations.
- The crew chief should be available for the majority of PIARC race meetings, both open and club events.

Service Crew Activities:

- Co-ordinate the setting up of the trackside equipment at the start of each day as specified in established Trackside Equipment Lists.
- Communicate with Race Control by radio and act on instructions/requests.
- Liaise with the Canteen Manager for the supply of drinks and/or lunches as appropriate.
- Liaise with the Circuit Manager for the supply of circuit equipment as required.
- Deliver drinks and lunches to all officials as directed by Race Control.
- Pick up or deliver equipment, officials, reports, supplies, etc round the circuit, either on or off track, as required by Race Control.
- Purchase and prepare official's end-of-day refreshments (usually the Saturday) and liaise with the PIARC Management Committee for payment of purchases.
- Co-ordinate the pick up of the trackside equipment at the end of the event.
- Ensure the recovery and storage of all issued PIARC equipment at the end of each race meeting.



Magnetic signs and roof beacon will be supplied and will remain in the custody of the crew chief. Training in crew activities will be supplied where required. The cost of on circuit incidental expenses will be reimbursed to the owner/driver.

Expressions of interest should be forwarded to:

Ken Johnston, PIARC Recovery Chief,
21 Ridder Court, Dingley Village, 3172

Phone/text: 0418 334 268
Email: kage@piarc.com.au



Paul Freeman's claim to fame at the AGP

(reproduced from CAMS website / facebook page)



FORMER FLAGGIE RELISHING GP PROMOTION

Sunday 17 March, 2019



Paul Freeman will now volunteer at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix as a Sector Marshal.

When motor sport enthusiasts make the transition from the being a fan to a CAMS official, there is always a similar motivation behind the big move.

While the camaraderie of being a volunteer is what keeps the 10,000 plus CAMS officials going, getting the best seat in the house is often the reason they join and it's the same story for Paul Freeman.

Taking part in the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2019 as an official for the 12th consecutive year, Freeman's history in the sport began just like any other official 16 years ago.

"One day all those years ago I was sitting up in the grandstand at Sandown, watching the cars go by and I saw these blokes by the track wearing white overalls," Freeman said.

"I remember thinking to myself that they're getting a much better look than I am so I decided to do some research after the event and ended up finding the Victorian Flag Marshalling Team, so I joined them.

"They are very good because they mentor you, someone meets you at the gate for your first event and they look after you as well as introduce you to people who are just really friendly.



“They then send you out to a point as an apprentice and when you’ve reached a certain grade, they induct you as a Flaggie and you’re deemed good enough to go out on your own, which was quite fun for me.”

All those years ago, Freeman just wanted to be close to the action and be part of the close-knit officials’ family, but it wasn’t until 2019 when things took a huge turn in his career.

After 16 years as a Flag Marshal, 12 of which have been at the Grand Prix, Freeman was promoted to middle management as a Sector Marshal, something that he didn’t expect.

“It was a bit of a surprise but I am very excited to have been promoted, I am really looking forward to it,” Freeman added.

“As a Sector Marshal, we’re in charge of a little chunk of the track, make sure we take control of the tidy up if there is an incident, make sure the drivers’ welfare is ok and get things back to shape as soon as possible.

“We also keep an eye on the marshals that are in our sector and make sure they are doing what they’re meant to be doing.”

Although Freeman enjoys the added responsibility of being a Sector Marshal, it won’t change his feelings towards the sport for which he holds dear to him.

For Freeman, outside of the friendships gained at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix, it’s the basics of racing that keeps his love strong.

“I just really love the excitement and the vibe at Albert Park during this time,” Freeman explained.

“I like the support categories as well - I think the support categories this year are really good and there’s several of them like the Supercars, GTs and Formula 4 that will be really fun to watch.

“I like the vibe of this place and I just hope that Daniel Ricciardo can do ok in the main race.”

Thanks *(following Porsche 6hr)*

I’d just like to thank all involved for a great day, but special thanks to the responders who attended my engine BBQ at turn 4.

You guys and girls do an awesome job – knowing you were there certainly took some stress off the situation.

Ian Chiron

From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine.

Please remember articles for the July edition are due 24th June – magazine@vicflag.org.au - Joy Chirside



Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of Tim Oh, Revved Photography, Mark Thompson, David Thornbury

Watch Out!

Mike Murphy may be back on the road soon!



It's been a long road for Mike since being diagnosed with diabetes back in 2017 and eventually losing both legs below the knee to this debilitating disease.

Whilst it's been an emotional roller coaster for him and a particularly difficult time to come to terms with, he has remained somewhat positive throughout his ordeal and I'm happy to say that Mike is on the road to recovery and more importantly mobility.

With two new prosthetic legs and a physiotherapy regime at Peter James similar to that of a sports star he is recovering quite well albeit it will be at least a couple more months until he is able to leave his Waverley Hills SRS pad.

Having said that, he now informs me that he is going for his driver licence later in the month of May and to put the alert out to all and sundry that "Mad Mike is back". There will be no stopping him now he has his car fully kitted out for someone that is legless (hmmm) and fitted with the latest technology to assist drivers with prosthetic limbs to drive with confidence and safety on the roads.

We wish Mike well in his recovery and congratulate him on this important milestone in his life and yes, we will all be looking out for him on the road. And for heaven's sake don't wave to him, there is no telling what will happen!!!

Mark Thompson



Reminder to all Members

If any member has contact details that need to be updated, including emergency contacts and email addresses etc, please advise the Secretary (email: secretary@vicflag.org.au) as soon as possible.

Another Reminder about the next General Meeting

Don't forget to come along to the next General Meeting on 6-June 2019 – BBQ commences at 6:30pm – see details on page 3 of this magazine.

Member Profiles

MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Jo Mawson
AGE: Older than most
MEMBER SINCE: 2017
OCCUPATION: General Dogs Body
MARITAL STATUS: Engaged
KIDS: 2 of my own 3 step kids (2 girls 3 boys) 1 granddaughter
FIRST CAR: Morris 1100
CURRENT CAR: Which one LOL BMW X5, Mini Cooper R53, BMW E21, BMW E3, BMW E30 BMW 2002, and more
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Jag XJS
RACING HERO: Gentleman Jim Richards and Graeme Bell
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: E30 Racing
HOBBIES: Motorsport, Going on holiday,
WHY JOIN THE VFT: To give back to motorsport as all our family race
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK: Everything but fav is pasta
FAVOURITE DRINK: Peppermint tea – Yes boring
FAVOURITE FILM: Love Actually
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: BMW/Jag/Mini – The Italian Job "Original"
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER: Daniel Ricciardo
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Monaco F1 GP



MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: David Thornbury
AGE: 45
MEMBER SINCE: 2011
OCCUPATION: Business Analyst
MARITAL STATUS: Planning to elope to Vegas.
KIDS: A fur child called Bella
FIRST CAR: 1987 Ford Escort XR3i, which I wish I still owned.
CURRENT CAR: Volkswagen Jetta
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: McLaren P1
RACING HERO: James Hunt. It's up for debate as to whether this is more due to his lifestyle than his driving though!
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: McLaren Formula 1. It's been a tough few years.
HOBBIES: Motorsport officiating, travel, tending to my young Bonsai collection, a few other things too nerdy to divulge here.
WHY JOIN THE VFT: I had previously flag marshalled in New Zealand. After living in Melbourne for a few years, I decided I wanted to get back into it and found the VFT online. I've really appreciated the induction and training structures and processes, along with the number senior members who willingly share their experience and give guidance so freely.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK: The books
FAVOURITE DRINK: I've recently found an appreciation for Pinot Gris
FAVOURITE FILM: I'm a big James Bond fan, so it would be a Bond movie. It's too hard to narrow down to just one though.
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Duel. Or Le Mans for a motorsport movie.
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER: The Uber Eats guy.
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Phillip Island Classic.



Who will be the next ones to be cornered by our Vice President I wonder?? – (Editor)

Presentations

John McBain receiving his Grade 3 badge and certificate

and

Meg Boers receiving her 10 day award.





Merchandise

2019 Merchandise Officer – Jason Carroll

Don't forget the new hoodies are now available for \$50 each (not yet shown below).



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

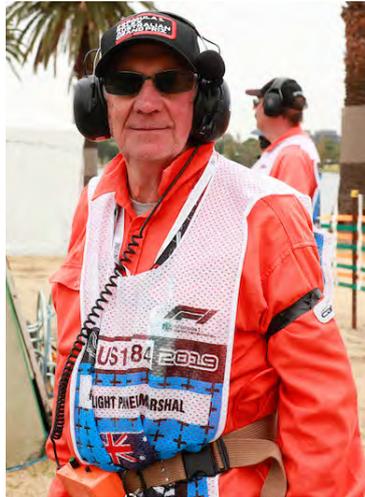
- Overalls**: \$220
- Winter Jacket**: \$90
- Overall Jacket**: \$175
- Bag**: \$30
- Plastic pouches**: \$2
- Polo shirt (White)**: \$25
- Bucket Cap**: \$12
- Cap**: \$10
- Beanie**: \$10
- Internal/External stickers**: \$2
- 25th Anniversary medallion**: \$20



In action (or inaction) at:

Australian Grand Prix





Phillip Island WD40 Supersprint





And others from around the tracks!



Arthur learning to count at Sandown!!



Phillip Island VSCRC Rd 2



Greg Hardy and Don Johnson receiving their 5 year service awards



Suzanne Arnott receiving her 25 year service award





Dehumanising others; crosses the line, ...I think you'll love this!

Quote: *'Unless one lives and loves in the trenches, it is difficult to remember that the war against dehumanisation is ceaseless.'* quote by Audre Lorde

Something that has troubled me during the lead up to this National Elections is the mega derogative manner being used in advertising and media telecasts.

Dehumanising starts with words and images. Today we are edging closer and closer to a world where political and ideological discourse has become an exercise in dehumanisation. Social media has become a primary platform for this dehumanising behaviour, with some of the outcomes resulting in people taking their own lives.



To explain this better, I will go off-shore to avoid any finger pointing here in our homeland. Here's what I believe;

- When people call the president of the United States a 'pig', we should reject that language regardless of our politics and demand the use of words that don't make people subhuman.
- If you are offended or hurt when you hear Hillary Clinton or Maxine Waters called 'bitch', 'whore', or the 'c-word', the line has been crossed.
- When we hear people referred to as 'animals' or 'aliens', we should immediately wonder, 'Is this an attempt to reduce someone's humanity so they can get away with hurting them by denying them basic human rights?'

There is a line. It's etched out of dignity and respect. And raging, fearful people from the right and left are crossing it at unprecedented rates every single day. We must never tolerate dehumanisation; it's the primary instrument of violence that has been used in every genocide recorded throughout history.

Dehumanising always starts with language, often followed by images. During the Holocaust, Nazis described Jews as '*Untermenschen* – subhuman'. They called Jews 'rats' and depicted them as 'disease-carrying rodents' in everything from military pamphlets to children's books. Hutus who led the Rwanda genocide called Tutsis 'cockroaches.' Indigenous people are often referred to as 'savages', and the Serbs called Bosnians 'aliens', and slave owners throughout history considered slaves 'subhuman animals.' If we don't learn from history, we will repeat it.

When we engage in dehumanising rhetoric or promote dehumanising images, we diminish our own humanity in the process. It speaks volumes about who we are and more so about our integrity. The good book reflects it like this, 'Do the best you can, and live at peace with everyone!'

The point is that we are all vulnerable to the slow and insidious practice of dehumanising, therefore we are all responsible for recognising it and stopping it.

An old cliché is what is needed here, it goes "Actions speak louder than words". Participants need to put true peace-making actions into practice and reinforce the values around their boundaries. In fact, research now confirms, that the clearer and more respected the boundaries, the higher the level of empathy, respect and compassion is shown out to others. Let's practice being the peace-maker.

Com'on family, let's do the right thing and look after each other, and our homeland!

Enjoy your motorsport family and let's keep doin' life together.

Cheers.

Chaplain Mark Bateman – 0412 151 121



VFT Minutes of April General Meeting

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – April 2019 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes
4 April 2019, 8:00pm
MG Car Club
53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading

Members Present: 25 Members.

Guests: Colin Smith, Patrick Harding, Jono Ling, Jeremy Cath, and Fakeer Ahmed.

Apologies: Eric Rigg, Mike Murphy, Trish Storey, Mark Thompson, Paul Meade, Simon Baston, Shane Rogers, Mikey Clewett, Michelle Clewett, Warren Gordon, Karen Legg and Country and Interstate Members.

Roger Chirnside welcomes members and guests to the meeting.

The meeting is handed over to guest speaker, Colin Smith.

Colin discussed changes to the Standing Regulations implemented on 1 January 2019. The changes that are of particular relevance to us are items 7.5(e) and 7.5(f), which pertain to drivers not changing line to defend their position under braking, along with allowing racing room when exiting a corner where another vehicle is beside them.

The Standing Regulations can be found on the CAMS website, and all active members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these.

The meeting is returned to the Chair, Roger Chirnside.

Minutes from the previous General meeting (19 January 2019):

Moved: Glenn Rochester, seconded: Tim Oh, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- 0.1 Eric Rigg (via email) advises that Mike Murphy should be noted as an apology for the AGM and GM on 19 January.
- 0.2 John Clarke queries if a decision has been made regarding attendance based subsidies for the new hoodie. Jason Carroll advises that the Committee has decided against this initiative given the other rewards available to members.

Reports:

1 President:

- 1.1 Roger Chirnside notes that with the changes to the Standing Rules discussed by Colin, we will need to be mindful of our radio calls. Roger further notes that as flag marshals, our first priority is to ensure the correct flags are displayed above all else.



- 2 **Vice President:**
 - 2.1 No report

- 3 **Secretary (via email):**
 - 3.1 155 Members. 153 paid, 2 outstanding invoice for new members
 - 3.2 2019 Membership cards will be available at the Phillip Island Supercars
 - 3.3 New member enquiries. 10 enquiries have come from the Grand Prix. Several EOI's received to attend the Porsche 6 Hour.

- 4 **Treasurer:**
 - 4.1 As per report.
 - 4.2 Payments to be passed:
 - Australia Post \$14.70 Merchandise postage
 - Arthur Cooksley \$75.00 Equipment – Island Classic
 - David Bellenger \$231.00 2019 Membership CardsMoved: Kevin Watson, seconded: Paul Freeman that payments are passed. Carried.

- 5 **Chief Flag Marshal:**
 - 5.1 Completed Events
 - VSCRC 1, Sandown. Good number of trainees. Very hot. Thanks to the MGCC and competitors for arranging several Gatorade runs over the weekend to help with hydration. One official stood down temporarily due to the heat. Some issues identified with blue flags where the leaders not being picked up.
 - Phillip Island Classic. Sixth biggest historic event in the world. The Clerk of Course was happy. A number of international officials helped with the event.
 - 5.2 Upcoming Events:
 - Phillip Island Supercars. Please refer to the letter from PIARC for details.
 - Please email your EOI's for any upcoming events
 - 5.3 VSCRC 1 Debrief Meeting. Formula Vee representative queried a couple of Yellow flag incidents. One was resolved on the night, with the other resolved by David Thornbury after discussions with relevant members.

- 6 **Asst. Chief Flag Marshal:**
 - 6.1 Phillip Island Supercars. Numbers are good, but if anyone else is available to help on the Friday, it would be appreciated.

- 7 **Training Officer:**
 - 7.1 The 2019 Training Committee is as follows:
 - Glenn Rochester
 - William Gaff
 - David Thornbury
 - Mark Thompson
 - Tanya Salan
 - 7.2 Glenn Rochester advises he is not looking to introduce any new initiatives at this stage. Going to continue with the existing processes while he gets his head around the role.
 - 7.3 One upgrade is currently pending ratification by the committee.



8 **CAMS Rep:**

- 8.1 SOP – Disappointed the Young Officials program was not conducted at the GP, given its success at the 2018 Sandown 500.
- 8.2 Compliance Checker role. The current compliance checker is to retire at year end. Currently no one has been identified to take on this role.
- 8.3 CAMS survey regarding branding. Concerns were raised that it may also involve structure changes. Norm Gowers gave assurances it was just for branding and marketing planning purposes only.
- 8.4 Ambulance cover – non urgent transport. While not explicitly stated in policy wording it is implied that members are covered.

9 **Grade 3 Rep:**

- 9.1 Tim Oh advises there were 13 Grade 3/3A at VSCRC 1 and 15 at the Phillip Island Classic. No issues raised.

10 **Grade 4/5 Rep:**

- 10.1 Nothing to report.

11 **Induction:**

- 11.1 Tim Oh advises there were 2 brand new trainees at the Phillip Island Classic. Good to see the new people getting some time on the radio.
- 11.2 There are around 10 new member enquiries from the Gran Prix.
- 11.3 Welcome to all our trainees who attending tonight's meeting.

12 **Promotions:**

- 12.1 No report.

13 **Merchandise:**

- 13.1 Jason Carroll requests that anyone wanting merchandise for the Supercars let him know as soon as possible.
- 13.2 The club will be moving forward with the new hoodie. They will sell for \$50ea.

14 **Magazine:**

- 14.1 Roger advises that submissions for the May magazine are due 24 April. All submissions are welcome.

Reports: Moved Matt Hardy, Seconded Greg hardy that reports are accepted. Carried

15 **General Business:**

- 15.1 John Clarke refers to a statement made by Roger Chirnside last year regarding not wearing VFT uniform at Non-VFT events. He notes some members were wearing uniform items at the Grand Prix. Roger advises he will look into this.
- 15.2 Mario Pacifici queries if there has been any developments with regard to updating the website. Will Gaff advises that we have had an offer to re-do the website, and discussions will be held shortly.

Meeting Closed: 9:40pm

Next Meeting: 8pm 6 June 2019 at MG Car Club



| 2019 Calendar | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 2-3 March | Sandown | VSCRC Rd 1 [MGCC] |
| 8-10 March | Phillip Island | Island Classic |
| 14-17 March | Albert Park | F1 GP (not a VFT event) |
| 4 April | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting |
| 12-14 April | Phillip Island | V8's Phillip island 400 |
| 28 April | Sandown | Porsche 6 Hour |
| 4-5 May | Phillip Island | VSCRC Rd 2 [PIARC] |
| 6 June | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting |
| 7-9 June | Phillip Island | Shannons Nationals |
| 15-16 June | Winton | VSCRC Rd 3 (VSRS) |
| 29-30 June | Phillip Island | Endurance Access |
| 20-21 July | Sandown | VSCRC Rd 4 [ASSA] |
| 27-28 July | Phillip Island | Vic 6 Hour Relay |
| 1 August | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting |
| 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 Rd 5 [VMCI] |
| 3 October | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting |
| 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 |
| 5 December | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting |

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

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