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This month's cover picture shows a Cooper Mk 3 landing on the roof of a guardhouse at the Blandford Army Camp circuit, England in 1949. The driver escaped with bruises.

Reminder – General Meeting – Thursday 1 August 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



A Word or Two

Having enjoyed the lovely sunny weather at Phillip Island for the Shannons Nationals, ten of our members journeyed to Darwin for the Supercars event at Hidden Valley. This meeting, held on the weekend of 14-16 June is always somewhat different to most, inasmuch as it is always hot up there, very hot. The Hidden Valley Supercars weekend is always eagerly looked forward to, and this year was no exception. One of the attractions is the Chief Minister's Reception at Parliament House on the Friday evening, to welcome teams, drivers and officials. This function is a much appreciated reason to wash off the dust from the track and dress up a bit. As with all good things, there are sometimes drawbacks, and they are the unwelcome guests - they being the sand flies or midges. They are almost impossible to see, but they do know how to bite and feast on good southern blood! Still, two weeks in Darwin, away from the southern winter can't be bad. So, on to Phillip Island.



On the weekend of 29-30 June, a dedicated and hardy group of our members ventured back to Phillip Island to officiate at the Endurance Access race meeting. This event was well named, because not only was it a test of endurance for teams/drivers and cars, but also for the officials. The weather was classic Phillip Island - rain, heavy at times, and a very cold, biting wind blowing over the circuit from Bass Strait. Over the weekend, I was in constant awe at the resilience and devotion to their job, shown by all trackside marshals who were faced with such atrocious conditions. It was appreciated and noted that almost everyone attended on Sunday for another dose of the same, without so much as the slightest complaint. The conditions were marginally better - the wind never stopped but at least it didn't rain. The Chief Flagmarshal and myself have all the names of our people, so their efforts will be recognised, which will be our way of saying thank you and well done for a terrific job.

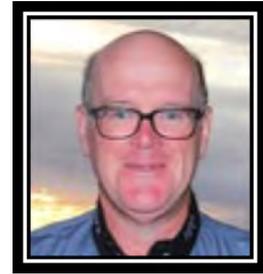
At our recent General Meeting on 6 June, we were fortunate to have a guest for the evening to tell us a little about his racing exploits. Neville Butler, also known to his legion of fans as Big Rev Nev, informed us quite amusingly about some of the cars he has owned and the circuits on which he has driven. When I first approached Nev to give a talk, he was hesitant, with a comment 'Who would want to know about me, and I wouldn't know what to say'. So, I suggested an interview format, which in the end seemed to work quite well. I am sure a number of trackside members have been entertained by Nev's somewhat flamboyant driving style in his Heritage Touring Car Category Ford Escort. Thank you Nev for an enjoyable chat! I must also thank our Chefs - Glenn (Nigella) Rochester and Mark Thompson - for the BBQing and food preparing start to the night. I am sure many people got a lot of enjoyment from the evening.

regards

Roger Chirnside
President
Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, Inc.



Flag One Reporting



Hi all and welcome to the Chief's report.

It's been a busy time with family and work which is why I have missed the last two events. Thanks to Jason and David who looked after the Shannons Nationals at Phillip Island, also thanks to Kevin taking charge at the state round at Winton VSCRC 3 and thanks to the members who supported these events.

The reason I missed the two events were as over the long week end I was In QLD and three days later I was in Perth for my company to do a job, so that's why I was MIA from the races.

The next few months we will be busy so please let the Chiefs team know what meeting you will be coming to so we can plan as early possible.

There seems to have been a bit of unpleasantness around the tracks recently, so if you have a grievance please speak to the Chief Flagmarshal, the Assistant Chief Flagmarshal or if you're still not satisfied talk to the Chief Marshal, rather than letting the problem fester and grow. I think a bit of respect goes a long way for everyone.

Upcoming events:

20/21 July VSCRC 4 - hot dog round Sandown

27/28 July Vic 6 Hour Phillip Island - Register at Better Impact as well as with VFT

3/4 August Winton Festival of Speed

17/18 August Access Phillip Island

20/22 September Shannons Nationals Sandown - 3 Day Event

That's it from me - see you trackside.

William Gaff

Chief Flagmarshal

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Assistant Chief Flag Report

Hi all,

We, as a club, recently attended the Shannon's Nationals at Phillip Island. For me it was a milestone event as it was the first time that I was the Chief Flagmarshal at an event, without being assessed for an upgrade. We had an absolutely fantastic weekend with no issues that David Thornbury (Assistant Chief Flag) and I had to deal with. I would like to thank all of our members who came and helped out over the 3 days. The perfect weekend with the perfect team.



The only downside for the weekend were comments that were reportedly made by an ex member of our club directed at me that were not very nice and I feel the need to explain to our members why and how I like to do things.

I'll start by saying that at Phillip Island, it is a track that allows you to drive around if you wish, and my thoughts are that you can get to more flag points in a day driving, than walking, and also that if I'm asked where I am from Race Control, I can be anywhere I'm needed in minutes and during this weekend I needed to be in certain places at a certain time for operational reasons.

As a normal practice, we ring the Clerk of Course on the Monday prior to the meeting to touch base and get any special Flag instructions and rules that they want for the weekend. This weekend the only thing we needed to implement was a Stationary Blue flag at pit exit for the GT's in all of their sessions and for the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge 45 min race on Saturday afternoon.

On the Friday, we were very short in numbers and I had to drop a few points. Most points being manned were 1 up with flag points 2, 4 and 11 the only points having 2 people. Roger (Chief Marshal) and I worked out that I would do the first session of the GT's and he would do the last at pit exit blue. After my stint on pit exit blue Race Control asked me to get out to FP 1.1 to get a report and then get to 2.6 for a report. I then continued the outside run to 9.6 and 12.5 to relieve them if needed and make sure they were ok. On that day, I got to every flag point that was manned apart from 2 and 4 and if I didn't do it by car I would have been lucky to get to half of them.

On Saturday, I had David assisting me. We decided that David would do the first session for the GT's and that I would do the 2nd session as well as the Porsche GT3 45 min race in the afternoon. With that, I decided that I had enough time to get in my car and do an outside lap of our Flag points before I needed to be back for my commitments on pit exit blue for the 40 min GT session. So, I got back and did the 40min stint at Pit Exit and when that session finished I looked at the schedule and I had time to walk out to FP 6 and 7 and visit those 2 points before I had to be back at pit exit blue for the Porsche GT3 45 min race. So, for the day I didn't get to FP 4, 9, 9.1 and 11 with 3.1 and 2 FP's we are not allowed to get to.

On Sunday, David and I were having our morning debrief and we decided that I would do the pit exit blue for the 1st half of the GT race and David would do the 2nd half. After my stint on pit exit blue, I walked out to FP 9, 9.1, 7 and 6. I also went to 9 and 9.1 because I didn't get there on Saturday. I apologise to all of the flag points I didn't get to on the Sunday as my head was not in a good state after hearing the not very nice comments that were made about me.

At the recent Endurance Access meeting I was put in charge of looking after the outside FP's and I got to all of them twice on Saturday and once on Sunday as I was needed to do pit exit blue for the production car 60+ lap race. I was very happy to receive the feedback I got from some of our members about getting to them twice on the Saturday which made my decision to drive to FP's justified.

I don't think that I should have to explain my actions but feel that in giving you all an insight into what I had to do on this weekend and also why I drive my car to flag points (when I can) will help you all understand me and my intentions as an Assistant Chief and also a Chief Flag. My personal opinion is that, at Phillip Island, I would rather drive to flag points and spend more time with our members, talking to them and getting their feedback, and more importantly giving them a break if they need it, than walking and then staying for less time as you have to



keep walking to get to the next post. I would also like to add that I'm not the only Chief/Assistant Chief Flag to utilise their car to get around Phillip Island to better help our members.

Unfortunately, there is a certain element in the club ready to criticise anything and everything, to the detriment of the club. This is not only unnecessary, but is a form of bullying which leads to bad feeling all round and is not acceptable. Life is too short for this type of behaviour, especially when so many people, including some in our club, have far bigger and more serious issues to deal with.

I'm going to finish my article by reminding people that we are all volunteers doing something that we enjoy. We are not a multimillion-dollar company where decisions that are made could cost or gain you millions of dollars. We are a club with a healthy bank account to keep us running and for our yearly \$20/\$25 membership we get a lot of benefits e.g. free entry to major national and international events. So, let's get rid of the nastiness, bickering and backstabbing and go back to enjoying ourselves whilst doing something that we are good at, and as a club are well respected for.

All the Best

Jason Carroll
Assistant Chief Flagmarshal

Training Matters



Greetings everyone.

It has been a busy period since the last magazine article, with a lot of trackside action to get the winter motorsport juices flowing. Mid May we were flagging at Historic Winton. June comprised of the Shannon's Nationals at Phillip Island, a three day event, the Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships at Winton and the Endurance Access weekend, again at Phillip Island. Plus a General Meeting thrown in there for good measure, with a very entertaining guest speaker and BBQ dinner provided by the club. A big thanks to Roger and Mark for promoting, organising, and facilitating the evening's goings on.



The committee have ratified several upgrades at the last meeting, with badges, bags and certificates to be distributed over the next few events when members are present. Well done! Congratulations to those that have been approved. You have shown skills, initiative, and aptitude in your role as a trackside Flag Marshal.

We have plenty of opportunities upcoming for potential upgrades, with bucket loads of marshals more than happy to train and assess you, so if you have a hankering to upgrade, just see myself or any other committee member for more information. The process is easy and won't hurt, not even a little bit. The club encourages members to undergo training, and also completely support those that are not interested at this point in their marshalling journeys.

That's all for now, but remember, if you have any training ideas or suggestions, or even a compliment or complaint, please don't be afraid to approach me and discuss it. I like to think of myself as approachable and friendly.

Rocky

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

— B.B. King



Vice President Report



Hectic Times, well we all have them and this year is no different With the end of the financial year, work is full on and personal demands a plenty and to add to it all, the racing calendar is pretty full. I would like to put it out to all the members that may have not been very active for a while if you could consider a weekend trackside or even just a day to help will be greatly appreciated. We seem to have a core group of members that are there week in week out and often working one up with next to no breaks. If we can get a few more trackside to spread the load I'm sure it will be appreciated by all. Especially so everyone can get a break at some stage during the day. We do have seniors doing walk around to relieve members but they can't be everywhere all of the time especially those flag points that are hard to access during racing. There seem to be big numbers for the "BIG" events and the smaller events we struggle for good numbers. So, when considering which events you want to do, consider the smaller events - most of the time it is better racing and overall fun.

During June, I was lucky enough to be invited back to Darwin Supercars Triple Crown Round and was delighted to see that we had a large turnout of VFT Members also attend this year. It was nice to hear the Chief Marshal say that they were grateful to all the VFT Members and fellow Victorians who make the time to come up and share in the fun. It's a great 3 day event with plenty of action both on and off the track and overall plenty of warmth..... and that, with the extra people along, made the event all the better. Watching the sun come up each morning to a blue morning sky with a temperature of about 18°-23° C was for me just great, needless to say the journey to the airport to come home was, as always, a difficult trip when heading back to 5°C!

So, for now, I look forward to catching up with everyone at the next meeting and in particular with those of you who have not been along in a while. The racing has been great with plenty of new categories coming on so I look forward to seeing you all then.



Cheers

Mark D Thompson

Vice President

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Grade 3/3A Report

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone is doing well and surviving the winter weather. We had a great turnout by the Grade 3/3A's at the Shannons Nationals down at Phillip Island, with the nice weather and the TCR series I personally had a great day.

But with the cold conditions, I can understand it's hard to find the motivation to be standing in the rain and wind, so it's always greatly appreciated to see members still making an effort to attend events. Even if you can only make the one day, it'll still make a difference in helping out the team.

Like always, if you ever have anything you'd like brought up at the Committee Meeting, just let me know and I'll be happy to take your questions to the Committee Meetings on your behalf.

For those of you not present at the last General Meeting, I've taken on more of the Induction process from Eric, so I can look after the new enquiries through Facebook and Seek Volunteer, so if you have anyone you know who is interested in flagmarshalling, please let me know. I also have plenty of brochures, so again if you know somebody who would like more information let me know and I can pass you some brochures to give to them.

That's all from me.

Cheers

Tim Oh
Grade 3 Rep



CAMS Report

The last State Council meeting was held on 7 May. The below items are those that had some relevance to us:

The Victorian State Officiating Panel are looking to run a membership seminar for officiating groups and car clubs. With the inclusion of car clubs, the format will be somewhat different from the training days we have seen previously.

There is a renewed focus on the Fabulous Officials program. Victoria always tends to be under represented in putting forward nominations for these awards.

This is possibly due to the high number of events in the state meaning we are pretty much all fabulous officials! If anyone would like to put forward one of our members for some extra recognition, please have a chat with Mark Thompson so a nomination can be submitted.

The Motor Race Panel reminds officials of the importance of reviewing the annual update to the Standing Regulations to ensure they are across anything relevant to their role.

The Scrutiny Panel is running a scrutiny school on the weekend of 3-4 August. Having attended the school previously, I can thoroughly recommend the weekend to anyone wishing to broaden their knowledge of the sport and get an insight into another officiating discipline.

Other news out of CAMS is that the S5000 category is on track to debut at the Sandown Shannons Nationals round in September. For those of you who were at Phillip Island in June for the demonstration laps, I'm sure you will be excited to see and hear what a full field of these beautiful sounding machines are like.

As always, if anyone has anything they would like raising with CAMS, please let me know.

David Thornbury
CAMS Rep





BLACK & WHITE



This article in our magazine is intended for ALL members' perusal and information, so as to clarify enquiries and/or matters that are (or were) raised at either General Meetings or Race Meetings, that were unable to be immediately answered or clarified at the time of query.

This article provides clarity to two matters raised at the most recent General Meeting, held 6th June:

- 1) Enquiry from General Member John Clarke, regarding the wearing of VFT uniform at Race meetings that are Non-sanctioned VFT events;**
- 2) Enquiry from General Member Kevin Watson, regarding why the VFT did not support the Austin 7 Car Club ("Historic Winton") event at Winton on the 18th & 19th May;**

1) The VFT committee advises that as per the VFT Constitution and By-Laws, individual members can wear the VFT uniform as they see fit, provided it is the correct uniform (ie may contain personal patches, but contains no patches that are in direct competition with VFT sponsors or their products). As the individual owns the uniform the club cannot stop an individual member from wearing their own clothing. "IF" the club owned the uniform it would be different, however every individual member has the right to purchase whatever uniform they feel comfortable in.

The Clerk of the Course, Race Director or Event Promoter at certain race meetings or events may request or instruct specific branded uniform to be worn, in which case individual members should conform to such requests, in lieu of wearing VFT branded clothing.

At VFT (& CAMS) supported/sanctioned events, members volunteering to work on a flag point must wear VFT club-approved uniform.

2) The VFT committee advises that as per the VFT Constitution and By-Laws, quote "Where ever possible CAMS Policy shall be VFT Policy" unquote. The "Historic Winton" race meeting is run/promoted by AASA & the Austin 7 Car Club and unfortunately, at the moment CAMS and AASA are at loggerheads over certain policy and procedural matters that are not the VFT's matters to resolve and right now CAMS do not support AASA run events at this time. As this is CAMS policy, it therefore becomes VFT policy.

The VFT and its members were made aware of this "issue/matter" back in March before the Australian Grand Prix, which was well before the "Historic Winton" event.

In addition to this, the Benalla Auto Club which also owns AASA, has made it clear that they did not seek to have the VFT trackside as a team, but rather required separate individual licences for all volunteers at events hosted and run by them.

For the reasons above, until further notice, the VFT will not be represented as a team at Winton Benalla Auto Club or other AASA run events. The VFT will still attend CAMS sanctioned events at Winton Benalla Auto Club that we are invited to.

The VFT committee trust this clarifies the above two queries. The VFT committee will continue to undertake to resolve all matters or enquiries raised by ALL members as quickly as possible. The magazine will continue to be a major source of information for ALL members.

Submitted by the VFT Committee



Original Notification from Winton Motor Raceway declining VFT Services for 2019

From: Keith McDonald [mailto:macca@wintonraceway.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2018 2:34 PM
To: secretary@vicflag.org.au
Subject: [SPAM] 2019 Flagmarshalling Reaquirements.

Good afternoon Eric

Firstly, I sincerely apologise for the late response to your request for 2019 requirements.

Over the past few years we have witnessed a steady decline in VFT Officials attending our events to the point where we were shifting other event officials to flag points to ensure an adequate coverage. We currently have a steady core group of flag marshalls, predominantly local, available to us for all calendared events and it is on that basis we will not be requiring any VFT services going into 2019.

We are certainly not closing the doors to Officials attending future events, in fact we would like it noted that we continue to welcome all officials who wish to attend any meetings in the future.

All officials, whether CAMS or AASA, are welcome at Winton Motor Raceway.

I am happy for you to pass on my contact details to anyone who wishes to discuss this matter, or any other matter related to officiating at Winton.

Cheers,

Macca

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(Editor's Note for information of VFT members

The Benalla Auto Club Inc is one of Australia's most popular car clubs, and owns two permanent motor-racing circuits: Winton Motor Raceway and Wakefield Park Raceway, along with the Australian Auto Sport Alliance motorsport sanctioning body. May 4, 2018 <https://benallaautoclub.com.au/>)



Member of the Month Presentations



Glenn Rochester
- March



Matt Hardy
- April



Margaret Chao
- May

VFT Magazine - Hard Copy or Online??? RSVP 24 August

Editor - Joy Chirnside

In view of rising printing/ mailing costs and unnecessary waste of paper, the VFT would like to know how members would prefer to receive their copies of the VFT magazine - either in hard copy or online only? The magazine is already available to anyone, in colour online, on the VFT website. It will continue to be provided in hard copy to all of our sponsors and other motoring organisations who currently receive it, and any members who wish to go on receiving a hard copy. I would therefore be grateful if all members wishing to continue receiving a hard copy could send me an email - magazine@vicflag.org.au or text message - 0417 018 044 confirming this, by 24 August (deadline for articles for next magazine). Any members not responding will be deemed to be happy looking at the online copy.



Member Profiles



MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Tim Oh
AGE: Old enough
MEMBER SINCE: 2012
FIRST CAR: Ford Fiesta
CURRENT CAR: Mazda 3
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Mercedes AMG GT
RACING HERO: Craig Lowndes
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: DJR Team Penske/Supercars
HOBBIES: Motorsport and Aeroplanes
WHY JOIN THE VFT: Because I like motorsport
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK: Noodle Soup
FAVOURITE DRINK: Don't have one
FAVOURITE FILM: Bad Boys
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Tokyo Drift
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER?
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Sandown 500
FAVOURITE QUOTE: Holla at ya boy



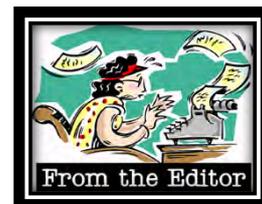
MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Karen Legg
AGE: 47
MEMBER SINCE: 2011
CURRENT GRADE: Bronze, Grade 3
OCCUPATION: Science/Maths Secondary Teacher
MARITAL STATUS: Divorced
KIDS: Rubie (A German Wired Hair Pointer puppy) my fur baby
FIRST CAR: Nissan Bluebird
CURRENT CAR: VY Holden Acclaim
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Aston Martin Valkyrie
CAR YOU WOULD NEVER DRIVE IF GIVEN THE CHOICE: New Ford Mustang (they are like bums, everyone has one)
RACING HERO: Andrew "Fishtail" Fisher, he has had many dramas over the last year or so, but he continues to get back in the car and keeps going showing excellent resilience.
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: Group N Touring Cars and Hyundai Excels
HOBBIES: Outside of Motorsport, Collecting Pelicans, fishing and camping, ceramics (pottery)
WHY JOIN THE VFT: Love of motorsport, to ensure that competitors are safe and have the officials to enjoy their sport, to meet like-minded people, you can't get much closer to the action unless you are actually in a race car.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Most things that are cooked for me! As long as it doesn't involve Pumpkin!
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? Cooking? What's that?
FAVOURITE DRINK: Bundaberg Rum and Diet Cola (Bundy Bares)
FAVOURITE FILM: Dirty Dancing, Ghost, anything with Patrick Swayze
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: The Animated Cars Series
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Patrick Swayze (What a spunk) or Elvis Presley. A person that is still alive, Andrew Denton for a great conversation.
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Bathurst 6 hour (Easter Festival)
FAVOURITE QUOTE: How to fix a Ford? Buy a Chevy!!!

From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine.

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



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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



Thank You *(following Shannons Nationals)*

From: Andreevski, Toni
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 2:30 PM
To: Geoff Bull
Cc: Kage & Lyn Johnston 'Jason Carroll'
Subject: RE: SHANNONS NATIONALS CNRC 2019 Flags - Toni Andreevski

Dear Geoff,

Just a quick note of thanks to you and your team in giving me the chance to do my flags at Phillip Island.

I found it a very useful step in obtaining a racing licence. Definitely provided a key insight into the scale of volunteer support staff which enables us to go racing. It also highlighted the skill and dedication required by all involved at the marshal post. I don't think I was bored for a minute all day, as there was always something to keep an eye on. I even got to witness one of the incident reports from the TCR melee coming out of Southern Loop in race 1.

Thanks again to you and the team including Jason Carroll and the guys at 2.6. Now I even understand the numbering system for the flag points!

Whilst there was no official test, I'm glad I was able to do my bit at the flag point and the guys made sure I knew the way I had to.

Kind regards,

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In action (or inaction) at:

Phillip Island VSCRC



Mark Thompson receiving his 10 year Service Award





June General Meeting - MG Rooms



Phillip Island Shannons Nationals



Ross Earl and Colleen Walker receiving their 10 year and 5 year Service Awards respectively



David Thornbury and Meg Boers receiving their Grade 2 and Grade 4 badges respectively



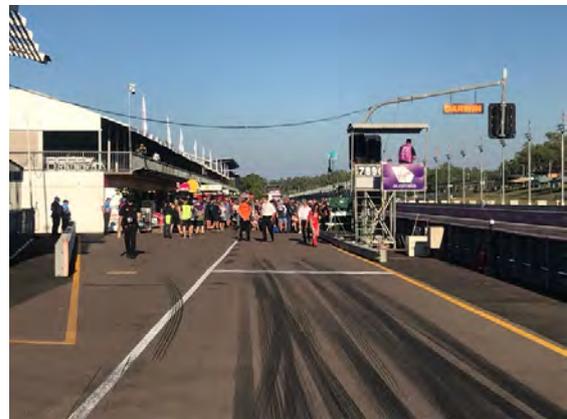


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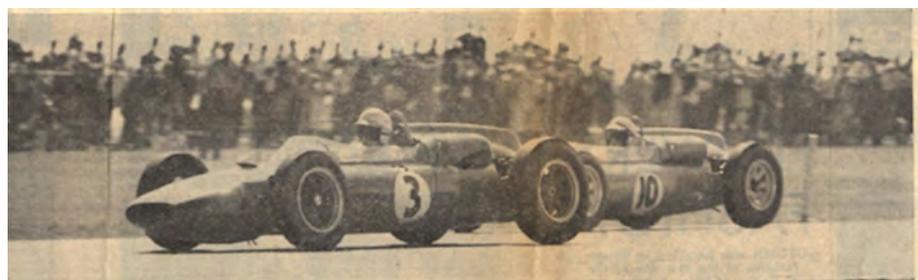
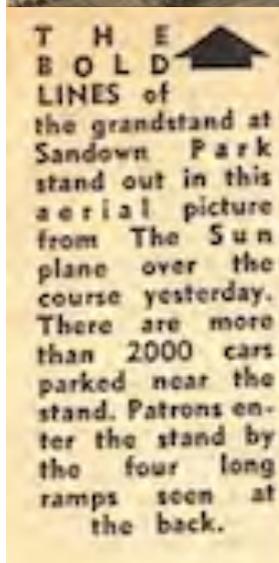
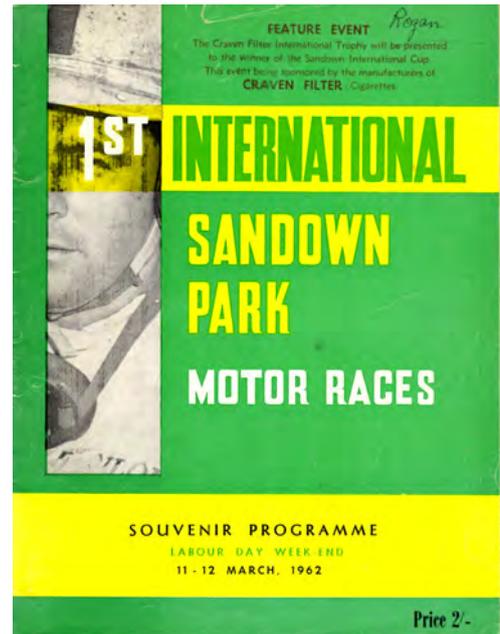


Phillip Island Endurance Access



Back in the Days

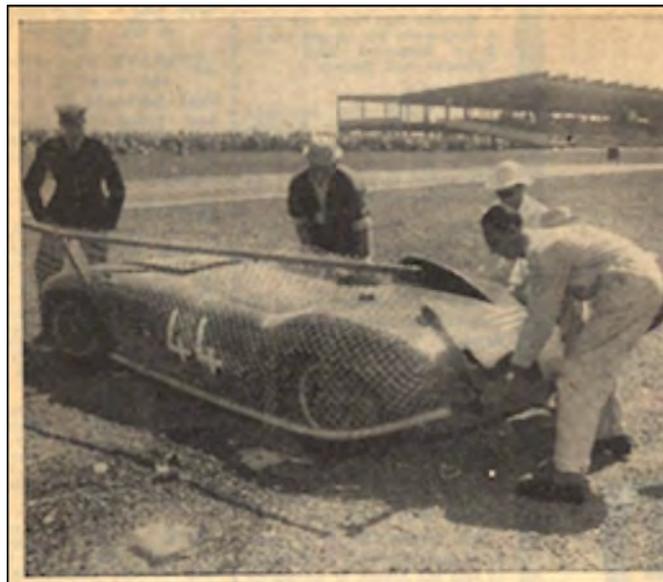
Excerpt from *The Sun*, Monday March 12, 1962 and front cover of this first race weekend at Sandown.



THIS WAS THE THRILLING END of a neck-and-neck 30-mile tussle between these two Coopers in the first heat of the First International Sandown Cup. Leading the race to the line here is the winner, John Surtees of England, in his blue and red Cooper, No. 3. Just behind is New Zealander Bruce McLaren in a similar Cooper, No. 10. It was light green.



THE WHITE ARROW - HEAD in the edge of this picture points to the position of Stirling Moss when he nudged Vaughan Lucas in the second heat of the Sandown International Cup yesterday. This Sun aerial picture was taken during the meeting yesterday afternoon. A crowd of 50,000 watched — and, as the picture shows, there was room for many thousands more. The first turf races on the track have not yet been announced.



THE FIRST RACING crash on the new course was this one in the second event, less than an hour after the start—but damage was not serious and the driver, Alan Stator, was unhurt. His big, red Litre Monza spun off the track, taking the wire fence with it, after the brakes locked as he was about to enter the turn out of the straight.



More from the Sandown Programme - 11-12 March 1962

FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT

The opening of this circuit is another step forward in the ever increasing popularity of motor sport in Australia. No sport has ever made such advances in such a short time. Five years ago there were hardly any permanent circuits in the country, certainly none with the superb facilities that enthusiasts now enjoy.

Phillip Island, Albury, Calder, Warwick Farm, Catalina Park, Lakeside, are but a few of the new circuits which have been built during the past few years. And now, Sandown Park, possibly the most ambitious of all has arrived.

The reason for the upsurge of interest in motor sport is fairly obvious. All spectator sports have benefited from the increased prosperity and leisure time which the average Australian has enjoyed since the second World War. Motor sport has gained most in popularity because it is a sport which suits our times.

Practically everybody can drive a car or at least understand the difficulties encountered when driving at speed or through tricky corners. So we can understand the fight the drivers competing today will have to keep their powerful machines under control as they

rocket along the main straight at up to 170 miles per hour and corner, with all four tyres screaming in protest, at 80 miles per hour or more.

Where other sports are concerned, unless one has actually played it at one time or another, we cannot really put ourselves in the place of the participants and realise just how skilful they really are.

The opening of the Sandown Park circuit is a victory for Australian motor sport enthusiasts who have built motor sport from its tiny beginnings to the equal of the best meetings held anywhere in the world.

Today Australian drivers and enthusiasts have made their sport big enough to support circuits as magnificent as this. They have more modern machinery now, but the well known Australian spirit lives on to make them a force to be reckoned with on any circuit in the world.

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Political Correctness, not a popular subject but we need to talk about it

I had a giggle reading a Facebook post by Betty Klimenko from Erebus Motorsports having a rant at Supercars. Decisions to not have the National Anthem or the Blessing of the Drivers got her all steamed up. And Betty, from all your trackside Officials, you are an amazing person, have a Happy 60th Birthday!



The term political correctness (PC) describes the written or spoken language that's intentionally phrased to avoid offending or marginalising groups identified by certain social characteristics, such as race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or ability.

In May 1991, then U.S. President George H. W. Bush used the term when he told the graduating class of the University of Michigan that, 'The notion of political correctness has ignited controversy across the land. And although the movement arises from the laudable desire to sweep away the debris of racism and sexism and hatred, it replaces old prejudice with new ones. It 'declares' certain topics off-limits, certain expression off-limits, and even certain gestures off-limits.'

Very few of us would oppose the original intended use of PC language which helps to prevent the marginalisation and social exclusion of any individual, people or group.

Recent surveys show that 79 percent of Australians feel that PC has gone beyond its intended purpose. The numbers opposed to PC is growing and many regard it as a form of censorship, quashing freedom of speech and dangerously restricts public debate on important social issues. They further accuse advocates of an extreme PC culture of creating offensive language where none had existed before.

Opponents to PC feel too many people are so easily offended these days over the language that others use, while most people naturally try to avoid using language that offends. Extreme examples of PC terms tend to devalue the English language and create confusion by branding one's opinion as 'hate speech.'

Finally, those opposed to PC argue that telling people that it is socially wrong for them to express their feelings and beliefs in certain ways will not make those feelings and beliefs go away. Sexism, for example, will not end by simply referring to salesmen and saleswomen as 'salespersons.' And similarly, referring to the homeless as 'temporarily displaced' will not create jobs or wipe out poverty. While some people might swallow their politically incorrect words, they will not abandon the feelings that motivated them. Instead, they will hold those feelings inside to fester and become even more toxic and harmful.

What we don't need is for governments to use this momentum to make rules that 'nanny' good citizens and silence their voice and dictate how they must think, all without discussion or debate.

For me it is pretty simple, my Mum (probably just like yours) use to say, *'If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!'* In other words, if you must get your point of view over by demonising another, your point of view is undermined by your method of delivery.

We may disagree with others, that is a right of life, but that does not mean we should be silenced and 'tolerant.' Stand up for what is right otherwise our culture becomes lawless. Elements of our society has become significantly intolerant and disrespectful of other opinions. We must find a way to say what we believe, without stooping to defaming or demonising others' views.

The value of friendships and comradery is upheld by respecting others and treating them how we would like others to treat us. Loving kindness still works, let's get to the end goal together.

Love ya family, just doin' life together!

Chaplain Mark Bateman 0412 151 121



VFT Minutes of April General Meeting

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – June 2019 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

6 June 2019, 8:00pm

MG Car Club

53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading

Members Present: 24 Members.

Guests: Neville Butler.

Apologies: Eric Rigg, Trish Storey, Paul Meade, Warren Gordon, Brian Mackey, Mario Pacifici, Zoe Butteriss, Trevor Franks, Jason Carroll, Tony Van Den Dungen, Greg Hardy and Country and Interstate Members.

Roger Chirnside welcomes members and guests to the meeting. Thanks to Mark Thompson and Glenn Rochester for looking after the BBQ.

Minutes from the previous General meeting (4 April 2019):

Moved: Meg Boers, seconded: David Humphries, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

0.1 John Clarke queries the progress on item 15.1 (investigating the wearing of VFT uniforms at non-VFT events) of the April minutes. Roger Chirnside advises this item is still pending. John Clarke suggests a motion was passed three years ago to allow members to wear uniform at non-VFT events to promote the club.

Reports:

1 President:

1.1 Roger Chirnside acknowledges the guest speaker for the meeting, Neville Butler.

2 Vice President:

2.1 Thanks to the MG Car Club for hosting the club once again.

2.2 Mark hopes everyone enjoyed the breakfast provided by the club at the State Series at Phillip Island.

2.3 Welcome to Mike Murphy, attending his first General Meeting for some time, and Barbara Schillaker visiting from the UK.

2.4 Thanks to the Chief's team for their work organising recent events.

3 Secretary (via email):

3.1 157 Members. 154 paid, 3 outstanding invoice for new members

4 Treasurer:

4.1 As per report.



4.2 Payments to be passed:

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| • David Thornbury | \$493.68 | Fuel Cards & Certificate Frames |
| • Revolution Racegear | \$186.00 | Uniform – Meg Boe |
| • Telstra | \$30.00 | Phone Recharge |
| • Telstra | \$30.00 | Phone Recharge |
| • Australia Post | \$139.86 | Magazine Postage |
| • Corporate Printers | \$153.00 | Magazine Printing |
| • Mark Thompson | \$141.74 | Gen Meeting BBQ |

Moved: Geoff Kay, seconded: Tanya Salan that payments are passed. Carried.

4.3 The club is now able to accept Eftpos payments via a Square device. Mark Thompson congratulates Jason and John on this initiative.

5 Chief Flag Marshal:

5.1 Completed Events

- Phillip Island Supercars. One official stood down, but okay now. No issues raised and flagging standards was good.
- Porsche 6 Hour. 15 Trainees, and 44 Marshals in total. Some feedback given to PCV which they were receptive to. Gifts given to club members
- State Series 2. Feedback has been good. Clerk of Course happy, with praise given for our reports.

5.2 Upcoming Events:

- Shannons Nationals. Jason and David to look after this event. Light on numbers for Friday. Saturday and Sunday okay.
- State Series 3. Kevin Watson to Chief.
- Endurance Access.
- Hot Dog round.

5.3 Will reminds members to ensure they make contact if they need to withdraw from an event. Karen Legg notes that she has encountered some issues with emailing the club.

5.4 Kevin Watson notes he was not advised that the club had withdrawn from Historic Winton, for which he was the Chief. Will acknowledges Kevin's feedback. John Clarke queries why the club withdrew from the event. Roger Chirnside advises this is due to the CAMS/AASA issue.

6 Asst. Chief Flag Marshal:

6.1 Looking forward to this weekend's Shannon's Nationals at Phillip Island. Our numbers are ok, but could always do with a couple more.

7 Training Officer:

7.1 Tw Grade 2s and five Grade 4s to be ratified. Two 3A assessments in progress.

7.2 The training committee are to focus on conducting more 1 on 1 training.

8 CAMS Rep:

8.1 SOP – Looking to run a membership seminar for officiating groups and car clubs to recruit members. There is renewed focus on the fabulous officials program. If you have any nominations, raise these with mark Thompson.

8.2 Motor Race Panel - Changes to Standing Regulations – Reminder that these should be reviewed each year by relevant parties to ensure they are aware of any changes.



8.3 Scrutiny Panel - The next Scrutiny school is scheduled for the weekend of 3-4 August, for anyone interested in broadening their knowledge.

9 Grade 3 Rep:

9.1 Tim Oh advises there were 8 Grade 3/3A at the Porsche 6 Hour and 16 at the Phillip Island State round.

10 Grade 4/5 Rep (via email):

10.1 Zoe Butteriss requests she be included on attendance communications to help with reporting.

11 Induction:

11.1 Tim Oh advises that there were seven new trainees at the Porsche 6 Hour and two at the Phillip Island State round.

11.2 Tim has taken on some more of the initial contact of inductees from Eric.

12 Promotions:

12.1 No report.

13 Merchandise:

13.1 As previously mentioned, the club can now accept Eftpos. The club will wear the nominal cost per transaction at this stage.

13.2 Hoodie order has been received, with half the order sold on the first weekend which was a fantastic result. There was also positive feedback received from officials outside of the club as to how great they look.

14 Magazine:

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

Reports: Moved Matt Hardy, Seconded Doug Salan that reports are accepted. Carried

15 General Business:

15.1 Will Gaff provided an update on investigations being made towards a new website.

15.2 Shane Rogers queries if there is any follow up made on members who do not renew their membership. Roger Chirnside advises that it is generally due to changes in personal circumstances preventing them attending events.

15.3 Shane Rogers advises that a Trainee at Winton Historics had been advised not to go due to the way officials are treated there. He suggests that they actually really enjoyed it.

15.4 Member of the Month awards presented to Glenn Rochester and Matt Hardy.

Meeting Closed: 8:57pm

Next Meeting: 8pm 1 August 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

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

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

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