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▪ *This month's cover picture shows
Rebecca Armstrong summoning flag
marshals at the Australian Grand Prix!
Picture courtesy Revved Photography*

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Reminder – General Meeting – Thursday 5 December 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

**Keep this date free - Thursday 6 February 2020
for the VFT Annual General Meeting**



A Word or Two - A Tribute to Ron Rayner

Every so often in life one meets a person who leaves a lasting impression. Depending upon such a person, this may be fleeting or indeed lasting.

Ron Rayner joined the VFT in 1998. As Chief Flagmarshal, I must admit I wondered what on earth I had struck. Wide brimmed hat, and truly amazing ginger beard and not to mention a Holden HQ station wagon that had seen better days. The saving grace for this remarkable vehicle was a large painting of a lion on the bonnet! As time went on I realised just what a valuable asset the VFT had in Ron. He was a man of very few words but when he did speak everyone listened.



Ron had a simple philosophy when training new flag marshals, 'Wave the flag;' 'Don't wave the flag;' 'Wave the flag;' 'Don't wave the flag'. No great technical hoo-ha - just standing behind and letting the trainee do it themselves.

In these early years of the club, myself and several seniors formed the Training Committee, and the first person I wanted was Ron Rayner. He was most astute, and I sought his opinions and advice regularly.



Ronald John Rayner

14th March 1955 - 22nd September 2019

As I said earlier, Ron's value was enormous. He was loyal, quiet and dependable - the absolute epitome of a marshal and club member.

One of my abiding memories of Ron was his quiet, mischievous but amusing little game he played at General Meetings. Whenever a motion was moved, seconded and a vote called for, Ron would always vote against it, but with a little grin on his face, although it was sometimes hard to see behind his heroic beard.

Unfortunate as life sometimes is, we drifted apart, but to me Ron's memory will always be lasting.

RIP

Ronald John Rayner

Clubman of the Year 1989 & 1995

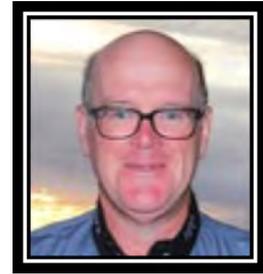
Roger Chirnside
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Flag One Reporting

Hi all and welcome to Flag One Reporting.

What a busy couple of months it's been. For myself, it started with the V8s in New Zealand. What a great track - looks like Sandown. The words they used were "it's an old school track". Back to Sandown for the Shannons Nationals / Phillip Island / Bathurst (Mustang wins - great win), then back to Sandown for the Historic and then again for the Supercars. Then to round off the year, the Island Magic at Phillip Island. It's always a busy end of the year but I would not have it any other way.



The Vietnam GP 2020 - we have a strong group of VFT members who have been selected to go over to help. Well done to all who are going! I know you guys and girls will do us proud - well done.

The news from GRM was sad to hear as Gary and the team won't be on the V8 grid next year. Gary has been a great friend of the VFT over many years and it just won't be the same next year. We wish them all the best in what they do next year. On a personal note, Gary gave me a call early this year about my magazine report to make some comments. To me, that's the sort of man he is, taking an interest in our club. It was a great chat with Gary. Thanks again for what you and your team have done for the sport over many years.

This will be the last magazine for 2019 so, if you're not track side for the couple of meetings left this year, I will wish you and your families all the best over Xmas and the New Year.

Until next time

William Gaff
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Grade 3/3A Report

Hi Everyone,

Wow, as I write this, the racing at the Historic Sandown will be winding up and we'll be left with 2 events left on our VFT calendar.

The weather at Sandown was challenging at times, but it was typical Melbourne weather, creating some rather interesting races that were certainly not boring, with cars on their roof and cars on their side. But it was great racing with plenty of great cars on track.



For those of you coming back to Sandown for the Supercars, you will have received an email from Kacee Mortensen with the Race Officials Handbook attached with details about collecting your credentials and briefing times in it.

This is short and sweet, so I hope to see some of you at the Supercars.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you know how to contact me, so just give me a buzz.

Cheers

Tim Oh
Grade 3 Rep



CAMS Report

Building move: By the time you read this, CAMS will have completed the move to their new headquarters at 275 Canterbury Road, Canterbury. During their move, some of their phone and email services were unavailable. So, if you tried contacting them recently without success, please try again now.

New branding: From the 1st of January, CAMS will be rebranded as Motorsport Australia. The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport will continue to be the organisation's legal name, but where we have seen CAMS (their trading name) it will become Motorsport Australia. This change has largely come about so that their name better represents what they are about.



Electric Vehicles: CAMS are currently in the early stages of developing policies and procedures for Electric Vehicles (EV's). Currently there aren't any specific regulations for EV's and any entering events are managed on a case by case basis using targeted risk assessments. But with the way the automotive industry is heading we are likely to see increasing numbers of EV's in the future, so it is important that documentation is available for how to handle these. If anyone wishes to make a submission for CAMS to consider when creating their EV documentation, please send it to myself so I can put it through the appropriate channels.

Officials Training: If anyone is interested in any CAMS training but does not see a date for the course on the website, you are encouraged to complete the registration process anyway and select the course from the drop down field on the online registration form. This then indicates to CAMS what courses there are demand for, and they will make arrangements for the training to be conducted.

On that note, there currently is a Silver module scheduled for 30 November at the new CAMS office. This course is worthwhile attending for any of our Grade 3/3A members, even if you are not considering upgrading in the near future, as it will give you much of the theory to help you start thinking at that Grade 2/Silver level. Registration for this course is available on the CAMS website.

David Thornbury
CAMS Rep

Committee Nominations & Expressions of Interest - 2020

As yet another year draws to a close, our Annual General Meeting also looms on the horizon and will be held on Thursday 6 February 2020. This meeting is of course election night. If any member of our club feels they would like to serve on the Committee, there is a nomination form in this magazine that you will need to complete. There is a degree of expectation of Committee members, so if you feel you have the time and willingness to help, then please nominate by the closing date of 31 December 2019.

Roger Chirnside
President

In addition to Committee members, there are certain positions which are appointed by the Committee, some of which are appointed to the Committee. These are positions, as listed below, for which an expression of interest (EOI) is required in writing and needs to be directed to the Secretary by 4:00pm on the day of the AGM (6 February 2020) **email: secretary@vicflag.org.au**.

Positions appointed by the Committee to the Committee:

Chief Flagmarshal, Assistant Chief Flagmarshal, Training Officer, CAMS Representative

Other positions appointed by the Committee:

Training Committee, Induction Co-ordinator, Induction Team, Merchandise Officer, Promotions Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor, Equipment Officer, Social Media Officer.



Officials Needed

4 Hours of The Bend (Asian Le Mans Series)

International Motorsport returns to South Australia!

The Asian Le Mans Series is the reference endurance racing series for prototypes and GT classes in Asia.

The race is run by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO). Founded in 1906, it is one of the oldest car clubs in the world.

The Series offers the region's only direct pathway into World Championships for both Prototype and GT race cars, and into the world's most significant endurance race – the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

With a top speed of 343.4 km/h recorded in the LMP2 class in the 2018 24 Hours of Le Mans, it is safe to say the lap record on The Bend circuit will be broken. Outside the Formula 1 cars, the LMP2 cars at the front of the Asian Le Mans Series will be the fastest to compete in Australia in 2020.

The Asian Le Mans Series field regularly features some of the biggest names in endurance racing including multiple Le Mans winners (both teams and drivers), multiple FIA World Endurance Champions, and former F1 drivers.

Starts

8:00am Friday, 10 January 2020

Ends

5:00pm Sunday, 12 January 2020

Location

The Bend Motorsport Park

543 Dukes Highway

Tailem Bend, South Australia 5260

Australia

<https://www.thebend.com.au/membership/officials>





Singapore Grand Prix Experience

Patrick Harding

I was excited in June when I received the news that I had been accepted to flag marshal for this year's Singapore Grand Prix. It was to be my first event to officiate overseas. During those months, I got to know the other people I was to work with on my flag point and we shared knowledge with each other in preparation for the event.

So, September rolled around and I met up with my fellow Singapore marshals a few days before the event. Trying out some local specialities in the hawker centres. As we got to Friday I was very excited to be trackside. Each point consisted of about a dozen marshals for various roles. My lead flag marshal Serene was very professional with her briefings for us flag marshals. The flag point was something completely different to what I was used to back home, as you were basically put into a cage to flag from, barely able to put 2 arms through the gaps! The cars looked amazing under the bright lights of the Marina Bay street circuit. Sometimes you could be mistaken for thinking it was actually daylight which shows how good the lights really are!



Another tough thing to battle with was the weather! During the week, Singapore was inundated with haze from neighbouring Indonesia which had to be closely monitored during the race weekend. It was also tough wearing the overalls in 30+ degrees plus humidity! Luckily, we had generous amounts of ice-cold water to keep us well hydrated.

As we finally got to Sunday all of us officials came together for a big group photo and doing a touching tribute to Charlie Whiting by singing his favourite song "Summer of 69."

All up I thoroughly enjoyed the Singapore Grand Prix. It's an amazing circuit and the Singaporeans were some of the most professional marshals I have worked with. Their attention to detail was amazing and something that should be admired worldwide.

I highly encourage all members to try and go along to officiate at Singapore or any other international event. The lifelong friends you make from this experience is something that is absolutely priceless!





A Recognition of Service

I would like to acknowledge and thank Eric Rigg for his tireless work and the contribution he has made to our club for many years. Eric joined the VFT in 2005 and shortly thereafter he was elected Secretary, a position he has held for some 13 years. He diligently made sure that every 't' was crossed and every 'i' was dotted, to the point of exasperation to many of us, but always in the best interests of the club. The Committee of the VFT recognised Eric's outstanding service by awarding him a Life Membership - an honour well deserved.



Eric recently informed myself and the Committee that for various personal reasons, he would be standing down as Club Secretary, effective immediately. I hope we will continue to see him at race meetings and social functions from time to time.

Once again,

thank you, Eric, for a job well done.

Roger Chirnside
President, Victorian Flagmarshalling Team

Thank You!

Dear Team

Thank you for the time of my life. The banter, the laughs, the education was truly an experience that I will treasure.

*Tanya, Meg, Rebecca -- Ladies You're all **Legends!!***

xxx

Deb Squires (South Australia)

(written at the Sandown Supercars in November)



Reminder - VFT Christmas Party - Sun 8 December 2019

This year's VFT Christmas Party, the location of which once again is generously offered by our Patron George Hetrel and his wife Pat, will be held on Sunday 9 December 2018.

For those that haven't been there before, the Hetrels' beautiful Como Gardens property includes: a miniature railway capable of carrying 30 passengers, always a delight for the adults as well as children;



6 acres of formal garden; as well as a rainforest track, complete with teddy bears picnic and hobbit hole; and an enclosure with chooks, turkeys, peacocks, and other exotic

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



You are invited to arrive from 11:00am onwards.

Please bring your own food (BBQ or picnic), chair or picnic rug and lots of Christmas cheer. The VFT will supply drinks (beer, wine and soft drink).



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



Reminder - Chief's BBQ Saturday 18 January 2020

Once again, the annual **Chief's BBQ** will be held at the home of Joy & Roger Chirside, on **Saturday 18 January 2020**.

This is a purely social function (no business this coming year), so we urge everyone, especially our new members to come along and enjoy the evening.

Most years we have been very lucky with the weather and with the backyard floodlight, and a motor racing theme, it has always been a very convivial occasion.

For the benefit 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 delicious desserts.



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

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

Location is – **'Brooklands', 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia** (Melways Ref 65 D5 for those who still use a map!!)

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

Roger & Joy Chirside



Member Profile

MEMBER PROFILE

NAME:	Chris Sullivan
AGE:	61
MEMBER SINCE:	2007
CURRENT GRADE:	3
OCCUPATION:	SAP HR/Payroll Consultant
MARITAL STATUS:	Married
KIDS:	3, plus the 4-legged curly-haired child who actually runs the show
FIRST CAR:	Didn't own a car until I was over 30- rode motorbikes. First bike was a Ducati 450 Desmo, last one was a Ducati Mike Hailwood Replica, which I sold to fund the kitchen renovation. I throw the leg over the kitchen bench every once and a while, but it's not the same!
CURRENT CAR:	Got 2 – Suzuki Swift and a Nissan Patrol 42TD
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE:	Any Formula 5000
RACING HERO:	Mike Hailwood – did it all on 2 and 4 wheels
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY:	Sports Sedans
HOBBIES:	Outside of Motorsport. Old school Hi Fi with turntables (remember them?) and valve amplifiers that glow in the dark. Do a bit of home brewing.
WHY JOIN THE VFT:	Worked as a Spectator Marshal at the GP for 3 years and decided I wanted to be more involved.
FAVOURITE FOOD:	Can't beat a good steak
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?	Love anything on the BBQ or pizza in the wood fired oven.
FAVOURITE DRINK:	Partial to a home brew or a red wine or two. Don't mind a good single malt or a nice rum, in fact, almost anything except tequila or Merlot!
FAVOURITE FILM:	Kill Bill 1
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE:	Bullitt
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER?	Tommy Little – love his sense of humour
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND:	Phillip Island Classic
FAVOURITE QUOTE:	What we have here is a failure to communicate <i>(from Cool Hand Luke)</i> .



From the Editor



Many thanks to all contributors to this magazine. It is always good to see additional contributors and this month is no exception.

Please note articles for the January edition are due 28th December – a few extra days grace to give you all time to get over Christmas!! -

magazine@vicflag.org.au - Joy Chirnside.

Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of Revved Photography, Patrick Harding, Luke Hingeley, Glenn Rochester, Mark Thompson and David Thornbury



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

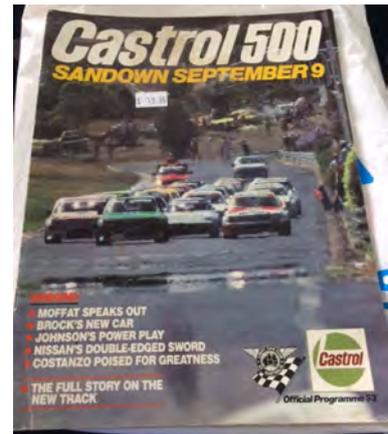


Enjoying the 2019 Penrite Sandown 500

Luke Hingeley

Yesterday I was in a tent called Sherriffs Mini Cars - they're a model car shop in Kings Park Sydney. I see these guys two or three times a year at the Victorian Hotrod Show or supercar events at Phillip island or Sandown.

I was going through a box of old Bathurst and a selection of other race programmes when I came across this old Sandown 500 programme from 1984, in the days when Castrol sponsored the event. Then over the years it went through more sponsorship changes and names from Enzed .05, TAC then or Drink Drive, Tickford, Better Electrical and other versions of sponsors.



The circuit went through changes as well with a section of track coming off the back straight and going through part of horse track then cars would come out towards Dandenong Road corner.



1984 was also the last year of the Group C year or big bangers - VK Commodores, Falcons, Nissan Bluebirds, BMWs and Jaguars before Group A was introduced from 1985 till the end of 1992.

I just couldn't believe my eyes when I saw this old Castrol Sandown 500 programme - the guys from Sherriffs couldn't believe it either.



Here is a photo of the Bathurst programmes I also bought, being retro - we've come a long way in Australian touring car racing and Bathurst.



A selection of race car photos from Sandown follow.



I am now recovering after my 3 days at the 2019 Penrite Sandown 500!
Luke

Member of the Month Presentations



Geoff Kay - Member of the Month for August



Tanya Salan - Member of the Month for September



Other Presentations



David Mayor and Peter Zarebski receiving their 10 day kits



Rebecca Armstrong receiving her Grade 3A



Bruce Cameron receiving his Grade 4



Don Johnson receiving his Grade 3A



Neil Davis receiving his Grade 4



In action (or inaction) at:

Shannons Nationals Sandown



Phillip Island VSCRC Rd 5



Bathurst 1000





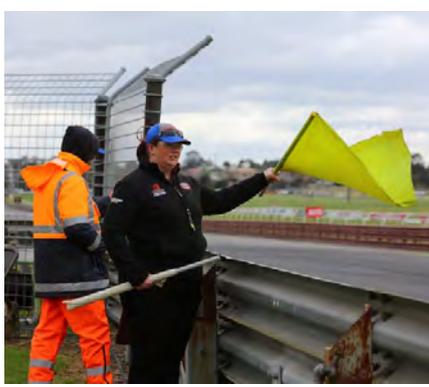
Historic Sandown







Sandown 500





Resolving Conflict, ...you'll love this

Quote: 'Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflicts by peaceful means.' by Ronald Reagan

Conflict is no stranger within any group of people. Differing opinions, diverse perspectives, and opposing priorities can cause leaders and team members to experience conflict with each other. This is normal and unavoidable. Leading causes motion and motion causes friction! The goal is not to practice avoiding conflict, rather, become good at resolving conflict. When we understand what causes conflict, we can begin to recognise and deal with it before it gets the best of us.



Nobody has their act fully together because we all have endured frailty and struggled through things like; insecurities, immaturity, pride, self-awareness and centeredness. We've faced fears of rejection, been manipulated, felt trust broken by controlling people. It's OK, Take a breath, now!

Unmet expectations are usually the core issue behind conflicts. The bottom line is that you didn't get your way or what you hoped for or wanted. The Good Book says that '*conflicts spring from your desires that battle within you?* James 4:1-2. We all wrestle with some of these internal causes that lead to the more outward expressions of conflict struggles.

So, there are internal issues and there are also external issues that compound our responses. Things like a lack of communication, or unclear expectations, unhealthy cultures, unclear or misaligned vision, territorial attitudes, unhealthy competition and ineffective systems and processes, add to the complexities of resolving conflicts. It would be easy to throw our arms up into the air and 'give up!'

DON'T GO THERE!!! Here's some things I practice that ensure I stay focused and connected:

Give the benefit of the doubt. My personal frame of reference is that most people are pretty smart people who are committed to the big picture and work hard to do the right thing. So, when something seems odd, my first reaction is to assume the best. When I choose to give the benefit of the doubt and seek to understand, it's amazing how quickly conflict dissipates. When this practice begins to seep into the group culture, the morale rises noticeably.

Extend trust. Your teammates need to earn your respect, but it's important that you give them trust up front. Trust is the oil that lubricates the relational operation of your team. The higher the trust, the stronger the culture. If or when someone violates that trust, that's a different story, but until then operate in an environment of mutual trust.

Get the issue out on the table. Don't hold back. Polite harmony never advances the vision or accomplishes meaningful success. If there is a problem, get it on the table. Be candid, speak truth, but do so with kindness and honour. Have the full and honest conversation. Don't say things in the hallway that you wouldn't say face to face. Seek to understand, listen carefully, find the common ground and make a commitment to work toward a healthy and productive solution.

Set your agenda aside. The Scripture from the good book has a truth we can't escape. We get upset when we don't get what we want. True team mateship doesn't insist on getting everything they want. However, when we rise above our own agenda, personal ambition, and seek the best for others and the overall, everyone wins!

Forgive and move on. You may have a good solution, and the team moves forward, but it doesn't always work out happily-ever-after. Sometimes people get hurt and they need time and grace to heal. Forgiveness from both parties is a critical part of that healing and any healthy stuff. Our goal should be restoration and it may take time to walk through the process.

It takes us all to do our bit to build courage and strength into our family. It won't always come naturally, but your greatest feelings of core satisfaction happen when we push past our fragile emotions and intentionally, skilfully build others up. To leave someone feeling better about themselves, encouraged and trusted will tick all your worthwhile boxes. C'mon, ...we can do this!

To you and yours, have the very best Christmas. Do what you can to resolve issues and enjoy 2020.

Doin' Life together, Cheers

Chaplain Mark Bateman

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Stop Press - Irwin Racing Team Visit

VFT members were invited to an evening with the Irwin Racing Team at Mt Waverley, with a chance to check out the #18 Irwin racing car and transporter, chat to 'Frosty' (Mark Winterbottom) and 'Richo' (Steven Richards) during a Q&A session, plus plenty of signing opportunities. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening, and thanks go to everyone concerned for giving up their evening to make members feel very welcome. Special thanks also go to the two 'chefs' - Glenn Rochester and John Pollard for tirelessly slaving over two hot BBQs! It is social events such as this that brings people together in a friendly and informative atmosphere.







VFT Minutes of October 2019 General Meeting

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – October 2019 General Meeting Minutes
3 October 2019, 8:00pm
MG Car Club
53/41-49 Norcal Rd, Nunawading

Members Present: 22 Members

Apologies: Eric Rigg, Mark Thompson, Paul Freeman, Trish Story, Jenny Creet, and Country and Interstate Members.

Minutes from the previous General meeting (1 August 2019):

Moved: Geoff Kay, seconded: Tanya Salan, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Nil

Reports:

1 President:

- 1.1 Roger Chirnside acknowledges the passing of Ron Rayner.
- 1.2 Members are reminded to be aware of what insurance cover they have when officiating overseas.

2 Vice President (via email):

- 2.1 Thanks to the MG Car Club for their hospitality.
- 2.2 Congratulations to all those who have been successful in their upgrades recently.
- 2.3 Members are reminded to pack well when attending trackside and be sure they cater to the conditions.
- 2.4 Looking for more contributions to the magazine in the form of photos and stories.
- 2.5 Thanks to the chiefs for a great job over the past months. It has been tough with numbers but they have managed nonetheless.

3 Secretary:

- 3.1 No report
- 3.2 Roger Chirnside advises Eric will be taking leave from his positions.

4 Treasurer:

- 4.1 As per report.
- 4.2 Payments to be passed:
 - Geoff Kay \$75.00 EquipmentMoved: Glenn Rochester, seconded: Paul Meade that payments are passed. Carried.

4.3 54k in bank. \$790 profit YTD.

4.4 Mario Pacifici queries why the report is presented as year to date rather than bi-monthly. John advises he has always presented the report in this way.

5 Chief Flag Marshal:

- 5.1 Completed Events
 - August Access. Numbers were low, but most had a buddy when including Sectors and Communicators. Lost a couple due to the rain and cold weather.
 - Sandown Shannons. Great event. Big incident at Turn 5. Checked on the welfare of those on point. The Clerk of Course was happy with our performance.
 - VSCRC 5. Will be providing some feedback to the Clerk of Course. Will look to work with the Mini-Club to up-skill their officials
- 5.2 Upcoming Events:
 - AROCA. The club has withdrawn from this event. Please get in contact if you can assist.
 - Historic Sandown. Some have had issues with Better Impact
 - Sandown 500.



- 5.3 John Clarke queries the new email address and Chief email. Will Gaff advises this has been set up to send communications to the team. Some issues still being encountered with the official chief email address.
- 6 Asst. Chief Flag Marshal:**
- 6.1 Thanks to all of those who assisted with the Friday of the Shannons.
- 6.2 VSCRC 5. Thanks to the BMW Drivers Club for helping out with this event. The key for our members at this event is to remain adaptable.
- 7 Training Officer:**
- 7.1 There are a couple of upgrades in progress which is good to see.
- 7.2 Members are reminded to get on contact if they wish to upgrade.
- 7.3 Terry Buxton will be hosting a Report Writing/Stewards course early next year.
- 7.4 Compliments to Tanya Salan for her handling of the rollover at VSCRC 5
- 8 CAMS Rep:**
- 8.1 The last State Council meeting was held on 6 August.
- The CAMS board is currently working on the next strategic plan. Strong focus on succession planning and equality at all levels. This should be published well before year end.
 - The CAMS National Awards night is to be held 22 February 2020
 - Victorian State Awards to be held 8 February.
- 9 Grade 3 Rep:**
- 9.1 Nothing to report
- 10 Grade 4/5 Rep (via email):**
- 10.1 Zoe reminds members that they can raise any issues with their grade representatives.
- 11 Induction:**
- 11.1 A few newbies are coming through. Good numbers for the upcoming Sandown events.
- 12 Promotions:**
- 12.1 Team18/Irwin Racing workshop tour and speaker night. 14 November.
- 13 Merchandise:**
- 13.1 Eftpos is now the preferred payment method.
- 13.2 Tanya will cover merch while Jason is overseas for work. Please request items in advance of events.
- 14 Magazine:**
- 14.1 Joy Chirnside thanks everyone who has contributed to the magazine. Please keep your articles and pictures coming.
- 14.2 24 October is the cut-off for the November edition.
- Reports:** Moved Doug Salan, Seconded Matt Hardy that reports are accepted. Carried
- 15 General Business:**
- 15.1 Will Gaff. The new Black Flag Relay board will be ready for Historic Sandown.
- 15.2 Mario Pacifici. Has a decision been made on the magazine going online? Roger Chirnside advises it is still being discussed.
- 15.3 John Clarke. Kevin Watson queries why a letter from Kevin Watson has not been published. Joy Chirnside advises she did not receive the letter and for Kevin to resend it.
- 15.4 Roger Chirnside advises that the Christmas party will take place on 8 December, and the Chief's BBQ on 18 January. The chief's BBQ will return to being a social event only, with a separate AGM to be held on another date.

Meeting Closed: 9:13pm

Next Meeting: 8pm 5 December 2019 at MG Car Club



Erebus Open Day

A few VFT members attended the Erebus Open Day on Sunday 17 November and below are a few photos from the day.





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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