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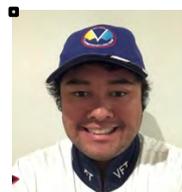
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December General Meeting – Thursday 3 December 2020

After a successful October General Meeting online, it has been decided to hold the December meeting in the same way - **online via Zoom**. To participate in this meeting, you will again need to register with the Vice President vicepresident@vicflag.org.au who will provide you with access details. Hopefully we get an even bigger turnout for the last meeting of the year.

Reminder - Updating Contact Details

Please remember to advise the Secretary secretary@vicflag.org.au of any changes to contact details (ie address, phone numbers, email address, emergency contact) so that the membership contact lists can be kept up to date.

Keep this date free - Thursday 4 February 2021 for the VFT Annual General Meeting



A Word or Two

Some of the attributes needed to become a good, well respected marshal are "Patience, Tolerance and Understanding", amongst others and towards others. On Friday 13 March 2020, our world as we know it came crashing down upon us. From our point of view, selfishly, this day heralded the end of motorsport in this state. I say selfishly with the greatest of respect to the countless myriads of businesses and people devastatingly affected by this virus.



Recent announcements publicised by our state authorities have partially opened the door to regain some sort of normality. It is with this relaxation of some restrictions that we can now look forward to a return to motorsport in Victoria, including the Island Magic Pearl at the end of this month and the Back to Track meeting at Sandown in the middle of December. The details of both these meetings can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The format of both these events will be vastly different to what we are accustomed to. Entry to both circuits, signing on, and briefings will require patience and tolerance etc. If you feel you are being hardly done by, keep in mind that everyone will be working under a set of rules and regulations the like of which none of us has ever experienced before, and hopefully never will again. Remember, you are not the only person at this meeting. Everyone will be doing their best to assure these events go ahead after so much disappointment and frustration. The excitement of racing, shortly, may go some way to dim the awful realisation of 13 March 2020, when our beloved Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix was taken away from us.

The success of these next meetings depends largely upon each and every one of us keeping ourselves and everyone around us safe by practising social distancing, using personal protection equipment, washing hands frequently / using hand sanitiser, wearing face masks. All of this may sound very draconian but certainly these first events will be under the microscope, so let's try our hardest to get it right and once again enjoy the sport we love.

By the time these two meetings are over it will be nearly Christmas, and soon after, it will be time for our AGM once again. You will find a nomination form with this magazine, so please have a think about who you would like to be taking our club forward into 2021.

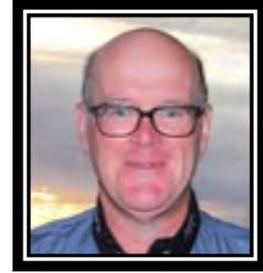
If I don't get a chance to catch up with you at the next two race meetings or the General meeting at the beginning of December, on behalf of the editor and myself I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a Christmas full of hope and enjoyment.

Kind regards to you all

Roger Chirnside
President



Flag One Reporting



Hi all

Welcome to another Chief's report.

I hope you are all well and safe at this time. It's the 27th of October and we have just ended lock down - there is light at the end of the tunnel. It's up to all of us to do the right thing and make our state the best it can be again. To all of our wonderful members if you're feeling unsure of yourself please seek help, there is plenty of support out there for you.

I have been speaking to a number of clubs about the return to racing - these groups are working hard to get some events going next month.

The lists are open now for the events listed below. Please put in your EOI in ASAP so we can be ready to go on short notice. Thanks.

The club had its first zoom General meeting which went off really well with 25 plus members at it. Well done to all who participated on the night and I sure there will be others in the near future.

Bathurst has come and gone. Another great race. Well done to the Gizz - it's been a long time coming for him. As news broke, 3 time champ Scotty Mac has gone to Indycar. We all wish him well. I sat down for the first time in 10 years to watch the race - must say being there is so much better - we will be back in 2021.

The Calendar:

28-29 November - Island Magic - Phillip Island.

12-13 December - MGCC - Sandown (Friday 11 December is private practice, for anyone who wishes to / or is able to attend on the Friday)

Information is subject to change

Until Next Time

William Gaff

Chief Flag

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Assistant Chief/Merchandise Report



Hi all,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to coming out of lock down as much as I am. Who would have thought that we were looking at coming back racing in July for the "Hotdog" round of the VSCRC and going to Sandown to see how the BMW club did their COVID plan in preparation for us to return to the track. Now 4 months on we are slowly coming out of hibernation.

It has been very hard in keeping you guys up to date with what is going on when nothing was happening, to all of a sudden we have 5 meetings with 1 clash in 5 weeks, then to only having 2 race meetings over 3 weeks. At one stage it seemed things were changing daily.

I would just like to ask all our members to support our club at Phillip Island for the 30th running of the Island Magic and then the MG Car Club's event at Sandown. Both events look like being very interesting .

I would like to also ask that we all remember to follow the strict COVID guidelines that we will have to follow and please remember that these restrictions have not been placed by us, the promoters or event organisers, but by the Government of Victoria so that we can safely go back racing.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

On the Merchandise side of things, we now have a full range of polo shirts again so if you would like a new one or two to freshen up please let me know in advance and I'll have them ready for you.

I would like to announce that this will be my last year looking after the Merchandise so I would like to ask everybody that is active trackside to consider taking on this role. If you are interested, please contact me and I'll fill you in on what is required for you to do in the role (not much).

All the best,

Jason Carroll



Vice President Report

A Great day at Rob Roy -The Worlds 2nd Oldest Permanent built Hill Climb

We all know how hard it has been over the past few months, self-isolation, limited shopping time, everything is topsy turvy and online, but the harshest thing of all is no Car Racing!

So, I thought I would reflect on a great day out at the Rob Roy Hill Climb back in November 2017. An early Friday morning phone call from my 84 year young father in law, Alan, went along the lines, "morning Thommo, I would like you to take me to the Rob Roy Hill Climb tomorrow. It's the celebration of 80 Years of Rob Roy and 26 Years for the MG Stewardship. I hope you are up for it, if so, make sure you have your skates on early, I don't want to miss a thing". Well we were lucky, it was a cracking November morning, clear skies and forecast of about 25°C perfect for a nice drive and a day of vintage fun.

We arrived at the Hill Climb at Smiths Gully Vic, after about an hour's drive - it's amazing what you can learn from an 84 YO after an hour in the car, but I guess that's for another day.

We were met at the gate with a welcoming smile "morning fellas, that will be \$10 each thanks" not bad for a carload of two people, a carpark and Hill Climb entry. A short walk from the carpark smelling the egg and bacon cooking at the canteen, had me thinking, how good is this! As we walked along, I was recognising so many people that we see at the circuits week in week out, it makes you think, how long has this been going on! Scrutineers, COC, Marshalling, Medics and Drivers, they were all there, it was a great feeling being able to attend and support our sponsors, MG Car Club & VHR and also the VCCV and to be part of this incredible milestone was a real hoot.

After the brekki rolls were choked down, we picked up a program, and strolled through the dummy grid on our way to the start line, when we saw the Pit Entry, wow, it was like stepping back in time with a sprinkling of the future, Alan knew all the cars, just like it was yesterday, you see, he is one of the old panel beaters of yesteryear, "when cars were made of steel" he says, he also spent many years teaching the craft of panel beating, "you see Thommo, you gotta have a good eye" there were Austin's, MGB Roadsters, Holden EH's, Formula V, Mustang Coups, Ford Cortina's, Shelby replicas, Jaguars and Alphas Singers and Vauxhalls, Elfin Streamliner, Morris's of all descriptions together with a Photon Lotus and even a Carroll Sports, the list of cars was endless. The pit sweeps up a slight grassed area along the side of the Hill Climb track, so you can see all the vehicles from one end and not miss any of the action as you are walking around. The drivers and owners were all very happy to have a chat about their cars and how they restored the cars they cherish so much and plenty of photos taken all round.

Back to the dummy grid where the classes were being set for their stint in the climb, the smell of avgas and racing fuel was gratifying to say the least, men, women alike were getting set to give their vintage machines a right royal flogging and a flogging they did get!! Exposed engines, pumps, starters, radiators hanging on for dear life, some top looking carbies, wire wheels and wooden wheels a plenty and the good old pong box exhaust, you gotta love that, as I write this it's like yesterday. There were classes for pre 1931, 1940-1960, 1960-1972 some amazing jalopy's to say the least, the enthusiasm of each and every driver was like they were about to start the Le Mans.



Alan and the Maybach - 1946 the Maybach Special Mk1 was born. The new single seater racer was entrusted to Stan Jones, the father of 1980 F1 champion Alan Jones.



The competitors start queue proved interesting



Drivers having a chat on the Dummy Grid



1947 Solar Midget - 4506cc



Last minute check before takeoff



Well here we are at the start line, under the big PBR Brake shoes, cars at the ready and then an almighty burn out, whoo-hoo!



Starters at the ready with Car 1- 1939 Ford Racer- 4400cc

We watched some of the most amazing vintage cars strut their stuff. These cars are incredibly powerful and the owner drivers are not afraid to give it their all. I did also mention that was maybe a glimpse of the future of Hill Climb and its competitiveness, have a look at this bit of kit, it's Car 62, a 1962 Redpath Oldsmobile with a 5314cc V8 and driven flat out by owner builder Bill Redpath. With a finish time of 25.24Sec and a speed of 122Kmh at the top. Each entry has a series of 4 Runs and they pick the best time to finish the day.

Car 39 a Red, Super Charged 1949 MG TC Special with 2295cc of magic, an open wheeler burning rubber like no other, John Gillett rolls back to the hand held wedge the marshal is holding to keep him in place and on the start line, the light goes green, the clock starts an almighty squeal of the tyres and plenty of smoke and off up the Hill with a winning time of 25,98sec and 103Klm/Hr at the top, these cars are serious!!



John Gillett's 1949 supercharged 2295cc MG TC



Bill Redpath - 1954 - 5314cc Redpath Oldsmobile (built with some vintage Lancia chassis parts)

We enjoyed a fabulous lunch at the canteen that was run by the Panton Hills CFA, what a happy bunch of volunteers! I have only been to a few Hill Climbs over time but never to this place, it is one of the best maintained Hill Climbs in Australia.

We watched on for a few more hours, then it was time for the presentations, I think there were about 16 Perpetual trophies' given out on the day together with plenty of on the day awards for the 21 categories. The event winners were Darren Visser- Bates Cyclo - for Fastest Time of the Day- 21.71 sec. & Jane Vollebregt MGB Roadster Fastest Lady Driver - 27.78 sec.



The day's winners of the 21 classes competing, and the fastest time of the day, will find their names, on trophies, with those of many famous drivers from the past.



Spectators were free to wander in the paddock and inspect cars and chat with owners. Here Phil Stafford recounts how he built his MG after acquiring an abandoned bare chassis.

The whole day was wrapped up by 5.00pm.



Fred Gibson Special

The walk back to the car through the carpark was like walking through a vintage car museum, so many classic and rare cars to see. The classics that we all hear of are right here for all to see and these guys and gals are driving them.

So, I encourage every member and your family to consider going along to Rob Roy Hill Climb, you will not be disappointed. I hope you enjoy some of the photos I have put together and spare a thought for the love and commitment these owners and competitors have put in to getting these cars to the climb, after all we are all part of the Motorsport family.



Philip Bottomley – 1947 1800cc MGY



#75 1934 Singer LeMans, #85 1949 super charged MG TC, #37 1960 Elfin Streamliner, #27 1948 MG TC, #99 1959 Photon Lotus Replica



Rolls Royce - with its engine proudly on display



It's a step back in time in the pits



1926 Frazer Nash - 1496cc



A glorious day for a Hill Climb



The members car park had some interesting cars like this immaculately restored FJ Holden, to think my brother Fred and I had one we also did up way back in the 80's



Peter Davey – 1929 1140cc Morris Minor



Lindon Davey-Milne
1936 3500cc Danae Special

Well I hope you have all enjoyed a small step back in time as much as I did on the day. Alan enjoyed himself immensely and was able to reflect on the good times experienced in the past, particularly trackside.

There is a Rob Roy meeting scheduled on the Sunday 29th Nov 2020 so if there is no racing on, give it a thought to attend it, you will enjoy the day!

Mark
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Committee Elections 2021



Hello Everyone,

You will find a nomination form with this edition of the VFT magazine. Now is the time to give thought to who you wish to be members of next year's committee. Nominations close on 31st December. You can either hand them to me trackside (assuming we get trackside soon) or post them to the club address - Brooklands, 46 Dorrigo Drive, Boronia VIC 3155. Your third option is to scan the form, and send it to me direct at drpfreeman@gmail.com. Please include a phone number so I can ring you to confirm that I have received it. Things are a bit tricky in this "Year of the virus" and we don't want any nominations going astray. Please ring me on 0418 301 953 if you have any questions. We shall allow a few days grace into January for posted nominations as the snail mail seems to be particularly slow at present.

Our AGM is set for 4th February. We are not sure if this meeting will be together in the old fashioned way, or via Zoom. Voting via Zoom may be tricky but should be possible. We shall do our best to get postal vote forms to country members, and these votes will need to be posted back to Dorrigo Drive by 31st January. Despite things being a bit messy with COVID this year, we shall do our best to keep the team running smoothly. By the way, my "trackside deprivation syndrome" symptoms have deteriorated, so I trust I shall see you all very soon.

Kind regards,

Paul Freeman
VFT Returning Officer

No Christmas Party for 2020

In view of the uncertainty around gatherings due to COVID, the President has been in contact with George and Pat Hetrel and it has been agreed that this year's Christmas party at their beautiful property, Como Gardens, in December be cancelled. Whilst this is another disappointing cancellation for 2020, it may be replaced with a social gathering at an alternate time in the new year, depending on restrictions at that time.



Grade 4/5 Report

Hi Everyone

At the time of writing this, we only had news of possible events being planned, therefore there wasn't anything for me as, both as the Grade 4/5 Rep and the Induction Officer, apart from a few new inquiries, to talk about. So I've decided to talk a bit about something else, which is sort of motorsport related.

I've never really paid much attention to Twitter. I've had a Twitter account for a while, but to me, having Facebook and Instagram was enough but during the shutdown I got onto F1 Twitter. What is that you may ask? Well, it's still

Twitter, but it's when you're following/followed by people who share the common interest of F1 and the tweets and posts are all basically F1 related. So it's like a forum for talking F1 stuff. At the start, I thought if I could make just a few friends with people to talk F1 and motorsport related topics that would be good enough, but I've made quite a few friends on there.

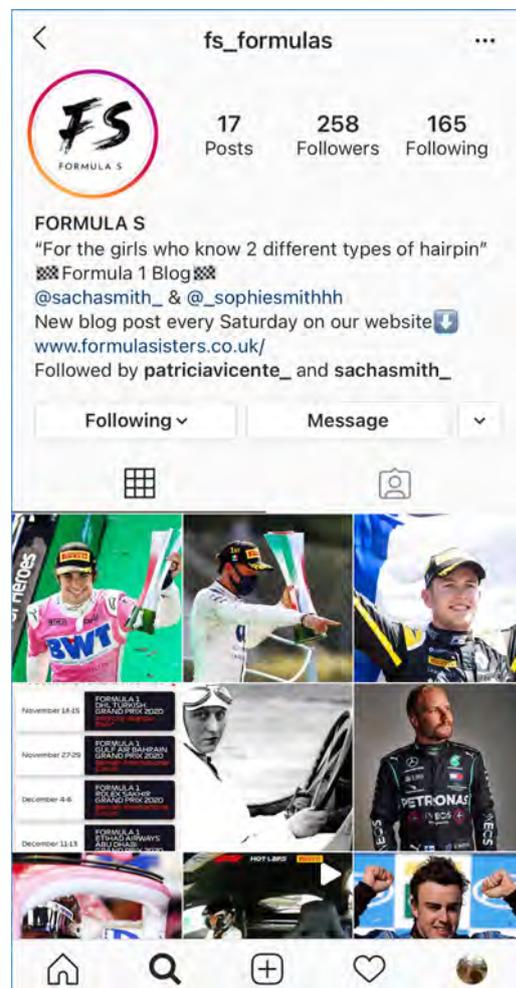


I haven't got a huge following but I've made quite a few friends with people from all over the world, especially from the UK, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Sweden, and Poland, plus parts of Asia. I've also made friends with a balanced mix of both girls and guys, which I think is important, so it's not just a topic dominated by one gender. It's really good to see motorsport evolving and more and more women getting involved and sharing their passion for F1 as well.

One very passionate fan of F1 I became Twitter friends with is Sacha. Sacha has a blog called Formula S, which she alongside her sister Soph put a lot of detail into documenting the happenings around motorsport/F1. And I believe they add a new article every week. Check out Formula S at: www.formulasisters.co.uk/

I always find blogs like this interesting, as it gives a viewpoint from a fans perspective and a 'refreshing' way of looking at the sport.

Cheers
Tim





Renewal of Motorsport Australia's Officials Licences

Please be aware that there have been issues with the renewal of some officials licences recently, therefore please check that your licence is current, and if not, renew it online at Motorsport Australia asap.

Website Update!

There is a lot of background work currently being undertaken on the content of the new website and it is hoped that it will be up and running by the beginning of January. If anyone has photos suitable for the website please feel free to forward them to Mark Thompson - vicepresident@vicflag.org.au or David Thornbury - secretary@vicflag.org.au.

Traditional VFT Annual Chief's BBQ turns 21 in 2021!

At this stage, we hope that gatherings at homes in January will be sufficient to be able to hold the annual Chief's BBQ at Roger and Joy Chirnside's. Please keep the date Saturday 16 January free, and once we know what the situation is, further details will be forwarded. Hopefully it will be a goer as it will be the 21st holding of the event, so definitely worth celebrating!

From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors - please keep the articles coming!

Please note articles for the January edition are due 28th December - magazine@vicflag.org.au - Joy Chirnside.



Photos in this magazine appear courtesy of Patrick Harding, Tim Oh, Terry Regester, Revved Photography, Glenn Rochester, and Mark Thompson.



Training Matters

Hello again members.

As you may well imagine, as there has been no racing, we have had no training. The opportunities just aren't there. However I would like to hear from anyone regarding the possibility of any online training members would like to do, and what topics or subjects you would like covered.

Please email through an expression of interest and we can draft up a lesson plan with the help of our chiefs and get it together soon.

Rocky

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Merchandise

2020 Merchandise Officer – Jason Carroll

Don't forget, if you are active trackside and interested in taking over the role of Merchandise Officer for 2021, please let Jason know.



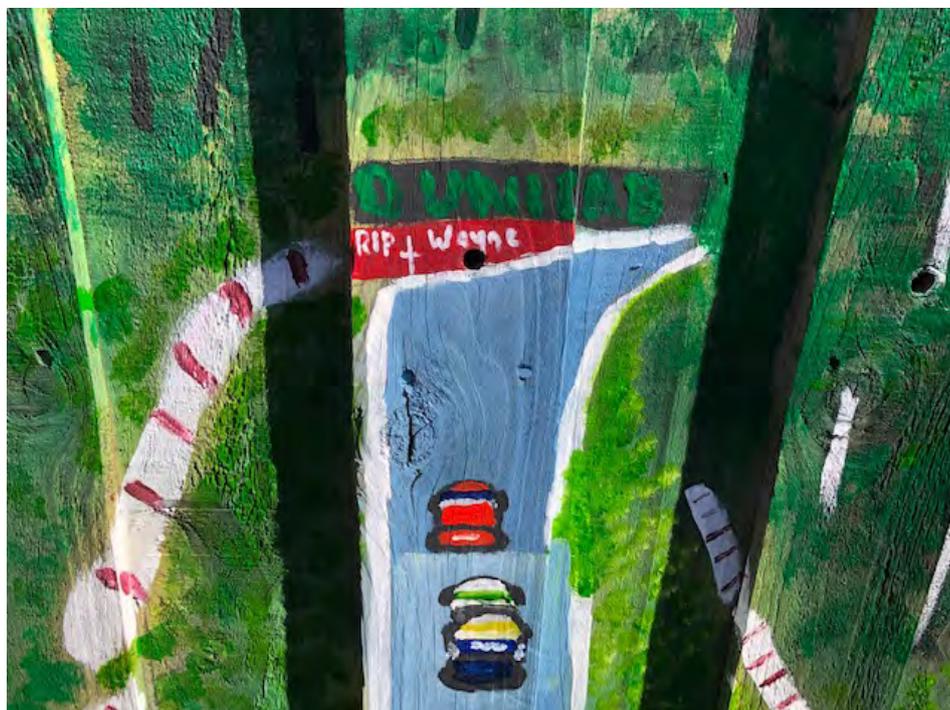
To order merchandising you can see Jason at the track or Email: merchandise@vicflag.org.au or Mob: **0422 314 223**

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



Fence Art Tribute (to Bathurst and Wayne Butteriss)

by Emilie (Em) Regester





A Q&A with Leanne Tander - Australian Race Car Driver

Glenn Rochester

Bio.

Date of Birth? 5 June 1980

Place of Birth? Sydney

Siblings? Sister, Belinda

First Job? Office administration

Current Drive? Mazda CX-9

Nickname? Lea (not very exciting!)

First Stint.

What car would you drive if money was not an option? 1957 Chev Bel Air.

When did you start racing, what category? I started in 1993 in karts, Junior National Light.



Greatest achievement in Motorsport? I can't decide! It's a choice between 2:

1. The Australian Formula Ford Championship in 2016 because I achieved that while parenting two small children and studying to become a psychologist.; or
2. Finishing 2nd in the 2007 Australian Formula 3 Championship/Gold Star Award. I only missed out by 2 points and became the first woman in the world to win a round of a national F3 race in the process.

Greatest achievement outside of Motorsport? Graduating with a degree in psychology just last year. I was studying for 4 years up until then, with my 2 kids only very young when I started studying. I feel really proud to be able to show them that it's never too late to do something you want, even if it takes a long time and hard work.

Best Australian Race track? Can I say Oran Park? I know it doesn't exist anymore 😞 but I love it for 2 reasons. The first is as a driver. My favourite complex of corners was coming off the bridge, down through the dog leg and then up over Suttons. When you got it right it felt like the car was floating and it was amazing. The second reason is because I grew up watching my dad race there and have really good memories of seeing him race and all the fun I had with my sister and the other kids running around the pits.

Best Australian series? I still think Formula Ford is the best series. It's such a great place for young drivers to learn the craft and learn about cars, set up etc, without costing a fortune.

Who was your Motorsport Hero when growing up? Probably like most people my age I loved Ayrton Senna. But I was actually more into motor bikes when I was younger (my parents just wouldn't let me race them!) so I my true hero was Mick Doohan.



Favourite race track to drive on? Phillip Island. Especially in an open-wheeler, as it's smooth and fast and allows for great racing.



How do you occupy your time during Covid-19 when you're not racing? I have a real job now as a provisional psychologist, so I am working 3 days a week doing that, then two days a week supervising Scarlett and Sebastian's remote learning at home. We're also in the middle of building a new house so there's always stuff to do like picking out colours, selecting garage doors etc.



Second Stint.

Ideal date? I haven't been on a date for more than 20 years! But if you're talking about married-couple date night type thing, it's always nice to go out for dinner somewhere, enjoy some live music, or go the movies, Gold Class of course!

Should pineapple be allowed in Pizza? Definitely!

Favourite car movie? Talladega Nights. It's probably not really considered a car movie but it's funny

Favourite meal to cook? I don't really like cooking and I have to cook every day, so my favourite meal is one I DON'T have to cook!





Greatest ever New South Welshman? (Male or Female) ??? I really don't know! I don't pay much attention to where people come from...

Who do you follow in the AFL? Western Bulldogs. Growing up in Sydney, I never followed AFL until I moved to Melbourne. I followed the Bulldogs in the NRL so figured it was easy to follow the same in the AFL.



What, are you nuts?

Chocolate or Vanilla Ice cream? Vanilla

Morning person or night owl? Morning person

Sean Connery or Daniel Craig? Daniel Craig

Disposable or reusable face mask? Reusable

Star Wars or Star Trek? Star Wars

Cat or Dog? Both

Phillip Island or Sandown? Phillip Island

Face Book or Twitter? Facebook



On behalf of the Victorian Flagmarshalling Team, I would like to thank you for taking the time to share with us some insights into your racing and personal life. We are all proud to have you represent our country, and wish you all the very best in your motorsport career.



Chequered Flag





Member Profiles

MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Andy Kelk
NICKNAME: Never had one...
AGE: 43
MEMBER SINCE: My first meeting was July 2019
OCCUPATION: Chief Technology Officer for an eCommerce software company
MARITAL STATUS: Married
KIDS: 2 Kids – 14 year old boy and a 10 year old girl
FIRST CAR: A Fiat Punto – perfect size for living in London
CURRENT CAR: Two Hyundai's (ix35 and Veloster) but my daily drive ride is a Suzuki V-Strom 650



CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: I reckon I could get along with an Audi R8.

RACING HERO: Ayrton Senna was the ultimate racer. Imola '94 was a sad weekend.

FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: Growing up, Sunday afternoons always meant Formula 1 and it'll always be my favourite even when it has its processions. I'm a lifelong McLaren fan.

HOBBIES or FAVOURITE PASTIME WHEN NOT AT THE TRACK: Outside of Motorsport I enjoy cooking and I bake my own bread. I also enjoy reading or getting out for some exercise.

WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? Cables. Lots of random cables for things that I'll never need (at least according to my wife).

WHY JOIN THE VFT: I want to contribute to the activity I've enjoyed watching my whole life. And getting close to the action is great fun.

FAVOURITE FOOD: I lived in Malaysia for a few years and loved the variety of foods over there. I find it hard to pass up Mexican food. Japanese food is always a favourite. If I'm honest, there's not much I'll refuse when it comes to food. And cheese; I love cheese.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? I enjoy getting the barbecue out – doing some low and slow ribs or brisket.

FAVOURITE DRINK/S: I love a glass of Shiraz or a dark ale.

FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Rush is a great watch. I also enjoyed the Ford v Ferrari film recently.

WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Can I invite my family?

FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Of the ones I've been to, the Singapore GP was a highlight as it's such a great atmosphere at night. Of ones that I want to go to, the Le Mans 24 hour is definitely on my bucket list.

FAVOURITE QUOTE: "Plans are worthless, but planning is everything" - Dwight D. Eisenhower



MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: John Haywood
NICKNAME: Don't have one that I know of. Though I definitely qualify as a BOFM but that is taken.
AGE: 66
MEMBER SINCE: May 1988
CURRENT GRADE: 3
OCCUPATION: Pharmaceutical Sales Representative.
MARITAL STATUS: Married.
KIDS: 4 and 9 grandchildren.
FIRST CAR: HK Holden Belmont.
CURRENT CARS: VW Golf R. I also have an MGB roadster and a 1928 Singer Junior in the garage. The Junior was purchased brand new by my Great Grandfather.
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Ferrari 250 GTO/ XY GTHO or any Bugatti preferably on a road with no speed limit.
RACING HEROS: Fangio, Peter Brock, Ayrton Senna and Daniel Ricciardo.
FAVOURITE RACING TEAM/CATEGORY: DJR/Penske. Anything historic and loud. Can you beat an F5000 in full song?
HOBBIES or FAVOURITE PASTIME WHEN NOT AT THE TRACK: Home renovations, dining in a good restaurant. Driving my MGB.
WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? Tools to work on my cars or home. He who dies with the most tools wins.
WHY JOIN THE VFT: A great way to be close to the action. But after joining I realised it was about the amazing people you meet.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything shared with good friends. Though a great steak or roast is hard to beat.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO COOK? Chicken Risotto
FAVOURITE DRINK/S: Quality shiraz, Pedro Ximenez and a good coffee.
FAVOURITE FILM: Shawshank Redemption and the Blues Brothers
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Ford Vs Ferrari
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Stirling Moss, Daniel Ricciardo, Roger Penske, John Howard and Bob Hawke.
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: Any F1. I hope to live long enough to see an Aussie win one. The last one in Adelaide was probably the best atmosphere. Though the Bathurst 1000 was amazing.
FAVOURITE QUOTE: I'd rather be lucky than smart.





MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: Steve Terrell
NICKNAME: "Rev"
AGE: 58 and feelin' great!
MEMBER SINCE: 2008 but I missed paying one year so, haven't got my 10 Year badge yet.
CURRENT GRADE: 3
OCCUPATION: Provocateur of Purposeful People. Currently employed as a teaching chaplain in an independent school.
MARITAL STATUS: Happily married to the most wonderful woman in the world.
KIDS: 4. All have left home more times than they returned. All of them make me proud.
FIRST CAR: Mazda Capella rotary.
CURRENT CAR: Prius – I love it!
CAR YOU WOULD DRIVE GIVEN ANY CHOICE: Tesla S. Although the Porsche Taycan 2020 EV looks interesting!
RACING HERO: Peter Brock, because he beat Allan Moffat and as a kid, I thought Moffat was too arrogant.
FAVOURITE RACING CATEGORY: Any of the amateur categories. More action, less skill, keeps us busy 😊
HOBBIES or FAVOURITE PASTIME WHEN NOT AT THE TRACK: Bushwalking, Army Cadets
WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? Memories
WHY JOIN THE VFT: Team spirit, requires constant application to the job, close to the action, unpredictable on and off track.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate mousse
FAVOURITE DRINK: I love a good Port.
FAVOURITE FILM: The Matrix. Pure escapism, but makes you think.
FAVOURITE CAR MOVIE: Mad Max
WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER? Elon Musk
FAVOURITE RACE MEETING TO ATTEND: VSCRC
FAVOURITE QUOTE: "You are never too old (or too young) to set another goal or to dream a new dream" – C.S. Lewis (Brackets are mine)





An Interview with Dylan O’Keeffe – TCR and Supercars Enduro Driver.

Patrick Harding

Hi Everyone,

Back in late August I reached out to Dylan O’Keeffe to see if he was up for doing an interview for our magazine. He was kind enough to slot in a time to do this over a Zoom call. At the time of doing the call he was over in Switzerland doing some testing and even did a race in a Renault Megane TCR car. We had a great chat learning more about his career so far and learning other interesting insights into car racing. For anyone that would like to watch our interview over Zoom, it’s available on the VFT Facebook page.

BIO-

Name: Dylan O’Keeffe

DOB: 4/2/98

Place of Birth: Melbourne

Siblings: 1 x sister

INTRO- Dylan O’Keeffe Motorsport enthusiast since 2010, professional race car driver and storeman at GRM and general all-round champion Aussie.



MIDDLE STINT-

You’re in Switzerland! Tell us more about what you’re doing there?

I’m over here with Vucovic motorsport, who manufacture the Renault Megane TCR car that I was meant to drive in this year’s TCR Australia season. I originally planned to go to visit the team during a season break for TCR and learn more about the car and get a better understanding of it. Obviously, this got cancelled due to COVID-19. I was working at Garry Rogers Motorsport in the workshop until the stage 4 restrictions happened. The team owner then reached out to me again to fly me over to do some testing in their car which had received a few upgrades this season. I’m hoping to take back some good knowledge from the team which will help me when we start the TCR season in Australia.

When did you start motor racing? My father bought me a Go-Kart when I was 7 but I didn’t start racing until I was 12 years old at Oakleigh Go Kart club in the junior top gun’s competition. I had qualified on pole but because I was a p-plate driver I had to start from the rear of the field. From then on, I knew I could be good at this! When I was 16 I started my first car race driving a Porsche 944 car.

What other series have you raced in?

The year after doing the 944-challenge series I did the Porsche GT3 cup challenge. I then stepped up to doing Carrera Cup. I stayed in there for 3 years to now where I’m doing Super 2 and TCR.



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Best achievement in motor racing?

2018 Carrera Cup season, winning at Darwin and Sydney in the combined Carrera Cup race with Asia Carrera Cup.

Greatest achievement outside of motor racing?

Got some of my best mates to do a half marathon last year.

Favourite movie and why?

Wolf of Wallstreet - I love the storyline seeing a young guy doing some dodgy stuff and getting away with it.

Favourite car if money was no barrier?

Porsche GT2RS.

Meal you love to cook the most?

Cooking a steak or Pasta.

Ideal date?

Go for a weekend drive to a winery.

Greatest ever Victorian?

My parents, they have given me the opportunity to go racing.

Best Australian Racetrack?

Adelaide street circuit, it's always great way to start the season with a challenging track.

Best International Racetrack?

Hampton Downs NZ, I raced there a couple of years ago in a BMW M6 GT3, it was a really fun track to race on, the 3rd or 4th corner is like a long section in the middle of a Forrest, you feel like you're in there for 20 seconds and constantly turning!

Favourite motor racing series?

Supercars.

Who was your Motorsport Hero when growing up?

Craig Lowndes & Jamie Whincup, especially Jamie as he has that never give up attitude and super consistent.

How do you occupy your time during Covid-19 when you're not racing?

I was working three days a week at GRM, I also did a couple of online racing series with TCR and ARG, I was also trying to stay fit.

Tell us about your unexpected Supercars debut at last year's Gold Coast 600? What did you learn from that one off appearance for GRM?

I was there that weekend to do some driver coaching for Dean Cook who was racing in the Porsche Carrera Cup race. I was told to bring my gear in case anything happened. I rocked up at the GRM paddock Sunday morning not expecting to race at all. After the Carrera Cup race, Barry said they were putting me into qualifying at 11am! Unfortunately, I had left my racing gear at the house I was staying at. I had to get my sister to bring all my race gear in an Uber to





bring it down to the track. It didn't get there in time for qualifying, so I had to use Chris Pithers gear from the day before.

It was a tough session as the car was setup completely different to my style of driving, as I right foot brake but Chris and Ritchie are left foot brakers. This is one thing I learnt that In the Supercars you have to be so soft on the brake pedals. I got my actual race gear in time for the race. Before the race Garry and Barry Rogers gave some advice which was "Don't hold back but you also don't want to do anything stupid." I started from the back of the grid and it was my first time driving on a super soft tyre. I was meant to make the tyres last until the end of my stint on lap 35. But by lap 10 I lost a lot of grip from pushing too much. So, it was something I learnt to not go too hard early on. We ended up finishing 17th in the race, but it wasn't about the result but more of making the most of the experience.



WHAT ARE YOU NUTS? –

Vanilla or chocolate ice-cream?

Chocolate

Star Trek or Star Wars?

Star Wars

Morning person or Night Owl?

Morning person

Daniel Craig or Sean Connery?

Daniel Craig



On the behalf of the Victorian Flag marshalling Team, I would like to thank you for taking the time to share with us some insights into your racing and personal life. We hope to see you back out on the track soon.



Hold your own – Be Confident ...you'll love this!

Quote: *'Do not throw away your confidence; for it will be richly rewarded. You will need to persevere to receive the reward.'* quote from the Bible – Hebrews 10:35&36.



The moment you step up to lead, you immediately discover your level of confidence.

And the question that comes up is why? You were confident that you were ready, then something changed. Real-life happened and your confidence was shaken. It happens to those who are overconfident as well as those who are underconfident. It happens to all of us, it is not a bad thing – do not throw away your confidence!

The truth is that it is not just skill and experience that produces your confidence in the everyday realm; your confidence is greatly strengthened on the inside at your soul level.

Here are *five core soul level qualities* that allow you to possess a deeper sense of confidence and they are available to us all. These core qualities are a progression; one develops and leads to the next in the order they are presented.

Start with **Humility**

Cultivating humility is a complex idea. Humility is not thinking poorly of yourself; it is being honest about yourself. It is not a weakness; it is strength, a balance of self-awareness and maturity. The intent is not merely to embrace humility but also deflect arrogance and pride. Humility is to live life out of a serving attitude, whether you are the boss or one of the team.

This leads to **Gratitude**

Humility grows a genuine heart of gratitude, a naturally thankful appreciation of others.

An ungrateful soul is an empty soul because it always wants more, but 'more' is never satisfied. Like a child dropping one present to open another and still another only to say; 'Is that all?'. Encourage and be thankful to those around you and tell them why.

This will develop **Generosity**

When gratitude is in your soul, you make room for generosity. A soul level generosity will want more *for* people than you want *from* them, giving more of your time, ideas, energy, and love, with no need to keep score. Helping others brings valuable satisfaction.

This strengthens your **Personal Security**

Secure leaders do not often get caught up in things like people pleasing and performance.

Let me be candid with you. No one wants to follow an insecure leader. All leaders have some insecurity, but that is different than being an insecure person. Being secure in who you are, and confidence are difficult to separate. People like you best when you are yourself.

Enabling you to grow **Courage**

When you are secure enough to be yourself, you have the freedom to be courageous. Courage increases confidence, no need to be like someone else, no pretending and no more wasting energy attempting to self-protect, you are positioned for courage to lead and serve.

It is important to know that you cannot jump from humility to courage. The leap is too wide, and you will fall. Build the bridge of gratitude, generosity, and security to span the gap.

These five core soul level qualities are attainable now but also require a lifetime of intentional pursuit.

Christmas is almost upon us and although this has been a very strange and no doubt for many, a difficult year – I look forward to seeing you all trackside again soon. Love on and serve your families well, make this their best Christmas despite all the circumstances.

Doin' life together ...and loving it. Stay safe, Cheers, Chaplain Mark Bateman - 0412 151 121



Minutes of the VFT October General Meeting

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team Inc. – October 2020 General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes
1 October 2020, 7:30pm
Video Conference

Members Online: 25 Members

Apologies: Zoe Butteriss

Minutes from the previous General meeting (6 February 2020):

Moved: Jason Carroll, seconded: Mark Thompson, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising:

1.0 Nil



Reports:

2 President:

- 2.1 Christmas Party. Roger advises that due to the uncertainty around gatherings due to COVID, this year's Christmas party has been cancelled. The Hetrel's however are happy to host a get together in the new year once we are allowed.
- 2.2 Chief's Party. A decision on this event will be made closer to the date.

3 Vice President:

- 3.1 Trailer. The trailer has been repainted, fitted with new locks and a protective cover bought for it.

4 Secretary:

- 3.1 Website. Progress update provided on the club's website that is in development.

5 Treasurer:

- 5.1 As per report.
- 5.2 Payments to be passed:
 - R&J Chirside \$158.48 Reimbursement magazine postageMoved: Tanya Salan, seconded: Jason Carroll that payments are passed. Carried.
- 5.3 John notes the club has received minimal income this year from sponsorship and track fees, while incurring significant costs in refurbishing the trailer and replenishing merchandise stocks. Therefore, the club will see a net loss for the year, but we are in a good position to absorb that.

6 Chief Flag Marshal:

- 6.1 Recently sent out an update via email. Please update your contact details with the secretary if you did not receive.
- 6.2 Upcoming Events. PIARC are planning a couple of events in November. Two potential Shannon's rounds at Sandown in early December.
- 6.3 Will send out details around 'COVID-Normal' for the events once confirmed
- 6.4 Roger notes that the MGCC are hoping to run a meeting at Sandown in early November.



7 **Asst. Chief Flag Marshal:**

- 7.1 Jason notes members will need to support the club when we re-start with events.
- 7.2 Phil Chester has donated 24 large bottles of hand sanitiser to the club.

8 **Training Officer:**

- 8.1 A return to racing training document is being prepared.
- 8.2 The July magazine included a request for suggestions on potential training. No responses were received.

9 **CAMS Rep:**

- 9.1 Two state council meetings have been held online since the last General Meeting. The next meeting will be next week.
- 9.2 Motorsport Australia's income has been significantly reduced due to COVID-19. This has resulted in budget cuts.

9 **Grade 3 Rep (via email):**

- 9.1 Nothing to report

10 **Grade 4/5 Rep:**

- 10.1 Been keeping in contact with grade 5s to try and ensure they remain engaged with the club and sport

11 **Induction:**

- 11.1 A couple of new enquiries in progress.

12 **Merchandise:**

- 12.1 A new batch of polo shirts have been purchased. Contact Jason if you would like to purchase.

13 **Magazine:**

- 13.1 September magazine is out now. Articles for the November edition due 24 October.
- 13.2 Mark Thompson compliments Joy on the September magazine.



Reports: Moved Geoff Kay, Seconded Will Gaff that reports are accepted. Carried

14 **Questions/General Business:**

- 14.1 John Haywood suggests allowing members to donate their usual membership fee to the club if they wish to, so as to support the club.
- 14.2 Paul Overall notes some issues with MSA licences expiring without reminders being sent. Suggests advising members to check their licence and renew where necessary.
- 14.3 Geoff Kay notes that if anyone is questioning the cost of the trailer refresh, that this also included necessary routine maintenance.
- 14.4 Roger Chirnside thanks everyone for their patience tonight for the new online meeting format.
- 14.5 Glenn Rochester reminds members of the upcoming Quiz Night.

Meeting Closed: 8:38pm

Next Meeting: 3 December 2020 at TBC



| 2020 Calendar | | | |
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| 6 February | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT AGM | |
| 15-16 February | Sandown | VSCRC Rd 1 [MGCC] | |
| 6-8 March | Phillip Island | Island Classic | |
| 12-15 March | Albert Park | F1 GP (not a VFT event) | Cancelled |
| 20-22 March | Phillip Island | Aust Endurance Champs | Cancelled |
| 28-29 March | Winton | VSCRC Rd 2 (Combined) | Cancelled |
| 2 April | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting | Cancelled |
| 19 April | Sandown | Porsche 6 Hour | Cancelled |
| 16-17 May | Phillip Island | VSCRC Rd 3 [PIARC] | Cancelled |
| 4 June | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting | Cancelled |
| 25-26 July | Sandown | VSCRC Rd 4 [ASSA] | Cancelled |
| 1-2 August | Winton | Festival of Speed | Cancelled |
| 6 August | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting | Cancelled |
| 8-9 August | Phillip Island | Vic 6 Hour Relay | Cancelled |
| 5-6 September | Phillip Island | Formula Vee Nationals | Cancelled |
| 12-13 September | Sandown | Shannons Nationals | Postponed |
| 19-20 September | Sandown | Penrite Oil Super400 | Cancelled |
| 26-27 September | Phillip Island | VSCRC Rd 5 [VMCI] | Cancelled |
| 1 October | online via Zoom | VFT General Meeting | via Zoom |
| 17-18 October | Winton | AROCA 12 Hour Relay | TBC |
| ?? October | Phillip Island | Shannons Nationals | Postponed |
| 6-8 November | Sandown | Sandown Historics | Cancelled |
| 7-8 November | Phillip Island | August November Access | Cancelled |
| 28-29 November | Phillip Island | Island Magic Pearl | |
| 3 December | MG Car Club Rooms | VFT General Meeting | via Zoom |
| (11)12-13 December | Sandown | Back to Track | |

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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