



# AGP Newscast

Newsletter for all 2012 AGP Race Officials



15 – 18 March 2012.

## Seven Weeks to Go!

Welcome to the third AGP Race Officials Newscast for the 2012 Formula 1™ Australian Grand Prix. The count-down to the race is on!

Your Team Allocations are sent to you in a separate email. This newsletter contains information on the following:

- Credentials – Photos and Office Location
- CAMS Officials Licences
- Uniform Pick-Up and Collection
- Balaclavas for Fire Marshals
- Information for New AGP Officials
- Melbourne Public Transport Changes
- The Marshal's Kit – What to Bring
- ... And much more!

**The date for the 2012 Formula 1™ Australian Grand Prix is set for**

## Credentials

All race officials require a photo pass to access the circuit (known as a "credential"). NEW AGP OFFICIALS must supply us with a passport-style photo as soon as possible so that we can ensure your credential is printed and ready for you to collect when you arrive at the Credentials Office. This also applies to anyone wanting to update an old photo. If you haven't submitted one already, you can email one to [agpofficials@cams.com.au](mailto:agpofficials@cams.com.au) or post to PO Box 147, Caulfield East VIC 3145. Be sure to note on it your name and that the photo is for the AGP.

If you are happy with your photo from previous years, there is no need to send another in!

## Credentials Office Location

Just a reminder that the Credentials Office will again be located adjacent to Gate 10, in the Holdsworth Pavilion, off Fitzroy Street. We are assured that Credentials will be operating there from the beginning

## The Usual Fare...

### CAMS Officials Licences

We've noticed a few of you have expired officials licences. Your expiry date can be found on the licence sticker in your officials passbook. If your licence has expired or you need a new passbook, contact the CAMS licence hotline on 1300 883 959 or [info@cams.com.au](mailto:info@cams.com.au)

If you do not have a

so there will be no last minute venue changes.



The Credentials Office will open from the Wednesday before the event week (7<sup>th</sup> March), however full opening hours will be provided in the next Newscast.

## Uniforms - Red, White and Orange Overalls

This year, to help keep track of the uniform numbers, everyone who collects a pair of red, white or orange overalls at the credentials office will have this noted on their credentials file. On the Sunday evening following the event, you will need to return your uniform to the dry cleaners in the Muster Tent. We will be there to scan your CAMS ID card (which will be issued to you with your Credentials) to note that you have returned your overalls.

This will allow us to track how many uniforms were issued, how many were returned and who hasn't returned theirs.

We'll provide more information on exactly where we'll be for uniform collection on the Sunday night.

## Melbourne Public Transport Changes

If you are planning to use public transport while in Melbourne as many of us are, there are a couple of changes to note. Melbourne is in the transition stage between the Metcard (single-use ticket system) and Myki (the new automated ticketing system). Whichever system you choose to use, it is best to familiarise yourself with the two systems.

**myki**

CAMS licence, you can download a Trainee Licence Form from the [CAMS website](#), and follow the instructions on the form. Contact us on the details above if you need any help.

## Balaclavas – Fire Marshals

Please note that balaclavas will now only be issued to new fire marshals attending the AGP. If you are a returning fire marshal, please bring the balaclava you were issued in previous years, or your own if you like. If you have any queries on this please contact Lauren on

[agpofficials@cams.com.au](mailto:agpofficials@cams.com.au)

## Attendance

Just a reminder that all race officials are expected to attend for all four days of the event, from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. If for any reason you can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to cover your role.

## Credential Photos

If you are a new AGP Official we will need a passport style photo for your credential to gain access to the circuit.

Please email one to: [agpofficials@cams.com](mailto:agpofficials@cams.com)

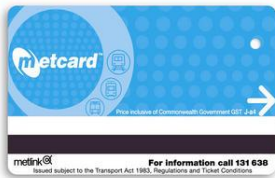


myki is Victoria's new ticket system. It is now in use on trains, trams and buses in metropolitan Melbourne and on many regional town bus services. myki is planned to extend to V/Line, regional Victoria's trains and coaches.

myki allows you to store credit for travel days or dollar value on a reusable smart card. You can top up the value of your card at most metropolitan train stations, some tram stops, major bus interchanges, by phone and online. More top-up locations are being announced throughout the year.

With myki you simply 'touch on' and 'touch off' to pay for your trip. You must 'touch on' at the start of your trip or you can be fined.

### Metcards



Metcards are being phased out but can still be used. Metcards can be purchased at train stations, on trams and at The Metshop, Metcard retail outlets, by phone or online. Metcard tickets must be 'validated' at the beginning of each journey. There are many types of tickets available, including two-hour, daily, weekly, and monthly or yearly tickets.

There are also concession tickets available for children, students and pensioners. Approved identification is required for concession tickets.

For more information about public transport in Melbourne, visit the [Metlink website](#) and/or the [myki website](#).

### The Marshal's Kit- What to Bring

Motor racing is about competition between competitors in whatever conditions exist at the time. It rarely stops because of weather and consequently we have to be prepared to continue our roles in spite of the conditions we face. The following list makes it sound like we expect the most disastrous weather but in fact Melbourne weather is usually good at this time of the year. However, you should be prepared for the worst and the experienced ones always wear or take (in a waterproof kit bag), the following items:

- Suncream and a spare cap for sun protection.
- Sunglasses or protective glasses, with plastic lenses.
- Long sleeved shirt and long pants, again for sun protection, if outside and not wearing overalls.
- Waterproof footwear - comfortable leather boots are probably the best and do not melt like nylon footwear if exposed to flame. Remember you will be standing for many hours each day.
- Spare socks & shirt.

[.au](#) or post to CAMS, PO Box 147, Caulfield East VIC 3145

Returning officials need not provide a photo as we will have yours on file.

### Information for New AGP Officials

We have a document specifically for officials new to the AGP, which contains more detailed information on how the event runs, where to go and what to do at the circuit. You can download this document by heading to the [CAMS Website](#) and selecting "Information for New Officials" (you may need to scroll down the page a little bit). If you have trouble finding it you can email Lauren at [agpofficials@cams.com.au](mailto:agpofficials@cams.com.au) to have it sent directly to you.

### Dietary Requirements

The AGP offers vegetarian and gluten free meal options. If you require one of these options, please be sure to mark this on your application form.

### Twitter - @AGPOfficials

You can follow [@AGPOfficials](#) on Twitter for the latest updates, or send us a tweet if you have a question!

### Car Parking

- Jumper or windcheater.
- Small towel that can be worn round the neck as a scarf in heavy rain.
- Parka and waterproof gloves in colder areas or times.
- Leather gloves (gardening gloves will do) for trackside marshals - to protect the hands.
- Waterproof and windproof topcoat with hood - reaching below the thighs, and better still with matching pants. This should **NOT** be coloured bright yellow, red, or green.
- Other task-specific gear such as balaclavas for Fire Marshals.
- Some extra fluids and food as a supplement in case of delays in local supply.
- Small, lightweight, collapsible stool.
- Garbage bag, mainly to keep your kit bag in while in the rain and on the wet ground.
- A garbage bag containing shorts, T-shirt & a towel kept in the car - when you get to your car at night, remove all wet, dirty clothes, dry off and put on the clean clothes, and then drive home in comfort.

Your camera is also worth bringing, but remember that *officials are not permitted to carry or use cameras while they are on duty* - please check with your senior officials before you attempt to take photos. (The same goes for mobile phones). Along the same lines, we are continually reminded that FOM (Formula One Management) has the sole rights to all moving pictures at the circuit, and no video or movie cameras may be used without prior authorisation from FOM. At their specific request, we have to add the following restrictions on still cameras – *officials in uniform cannot use any cameras on the grid or in Pit lane while events are progressing.*

\*Special thanks to Peter Nelson for the above information.

## Race Officials - We're Part of the Race

To end this newsletter, we thought you might like to enjoy the following piece, submitted to the CAMS Office by one of our very own marshals!

**To the Unsung Heroes (Yes You!)  
Race Officials - We're Part of the Race  
by A. Marshal**

Before the engines howl, and the drivers race  
A thousand things must be put into place.  
Including race officials – the unseen faces  
Distant from drivers – but part of their races.

Overalls on and with Eskies too  
We stream in at dawn, the volunteer crew.  
We've come from near and far for this event  
Hundreds heading for the mustering tent.

Sign on, get lunch, ready for the safety brief  
A wise word from the Chaplain, in case of grief.

We will let you know if you have been allocated a Village Green Car Park as soon as possible. So far, everyone who has applied via the online car park form or by posting in a hard copy has been successful, so if you have already done this you needn't worry. We will confirm this with an email (or letter if no email).

### Car Pooling

The Car Pooling List will be emailed (or posted if no email) to all those who registered for the service next week.

When you receive the list, you may choose people who live in your area or on your way in to the circuit to contact about car pooling. Please note there is no obligation for anyone on the list to agree to car pool with you – it is there to help people connect, but if someone says no, that is okay!

If you registered for the list, keep an eye on your inbox for it early next week.

### In Other News...

The Australian Grand Prix Corporation announced last week there would be no Celebrity Race at the

Marshals for grid, paddock, and pit lane too  
Scrutineers and Starters to name but a few.

Safety Car Driver, a job we'd all like  
Boundary Riders, skilled with their bike.  
Administrators, Stewards and Clerk of the Course  
Timing & Scoring - a vital resource.

Post Chief, Communicator, flag and track  
Each a Marshal watching the other's back.  
Offsider's standby in the Recovery Crew  
Everyone knows exactly what to do

Race Control – the voice of reason  
Calm and authoritative throughout the season.  
Running it all with military precision  
Always making the safe decision.

Minute by minute, logistics are planned  
The track's inspected and flag posts manned.  
Equipment's all here thanks to those in Supply  
Are we all ready? – Yes is the reply.

"Race Control to all points – pit exit is open"  
Will the weather hold? We're certainly hoping!  
"The grid is set", "Starter, it's in your hands"  
Everything is going according to plans.

The lights go out – cars fight for traction  
This is what we came for - real racing action.  
Alert but not alarmed – the nerves hold steady.  
Radio and flags are poised at the ready.

The cars are battling it out at close quarters  
It's starting to rain – but that won't thwart us.  
If the action on track looks frenetic  
Life as a Marshal is equally hectic.

Run wides, contact and the occasional spin  
Each incident has to be called in.  
But debris is spotted out on the track  
A Marshal must sprint out to get it back.

"Go, Go now" is the call that he got  
It was perfectly executed - the way he was taught  
As the laps count down, two racers collide  
But within seconds Marshals are at their side

Fireys in red, Recovery was there too  
Including the guy in the Manitou.  
Medics in green, to provide first aid relief.  
All expertly guided by their Sector Chief,

No one was hurt – you'll be pleased to know  
All that was needed was an "all up" tow.  
All too soon the chequered flag's on display  
But 12 hours on your feet - it's a bloody long day!

Tired and weary, we start thinking of a shower  
On no....there's safety car rides for another hour!  
Grin and bear it - put on a brave face  
It's all part of this great F1 race.

Oh! .. the sheer man-hours we've had to expend  
So this event runs smoothly from beginning to end.

2012 Australian Grand Prix. AGPC was unable to find a vehicle supplier that could provide the cars in time. Another Support Category will be announced to take the place of the Celebrity Race.

### **F1 Rocks Melbourne**

The post-race concert will this year be held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, with Lenny Kravitz as the headline act, along with The Cranberries and Wolfmother. The event will see concerts over both the Saturday and Sunday evenings, with more information available on the [F1 Rocks Website](#).

### **Questions?**

As always, if you have any questions please contact Lauren in the CAMS Office on:

**1300 883 959** (regional and interstate);

**+61 3 9593 7777** (local or international);

or simply send an email to [agpofficials@cams.com.au](mailto:agpofficials@cams.com.au)

You can call us amateurs - we won't mind  
But a more professional crew you will not find.

Working as one - all in sync  
Its proper teamwork - don't you think?  
Did the competitors notice the work that we did?  
Did they come and thank us - no - they all hid.

But a track without officials would be an eerie place  
They've forgotten that without us - there'd be no race.  
So race officials, stand proud, stand tall  
For you are unsung heroes, one and all!

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## That's all for now!

Stay tuned for the next edition of AGP Newscast, due out in February.

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