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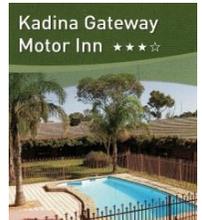
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# President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well it is that time of the year where committee nominations are open and a new committee to guide the future of SAMROA will be elected. I will be standing down as President but hope to remain on the committee. Nomination forms can be obtained from Paul Bonnett. I would like to thank each and every member for your support over the last 3 years.

The last couple of months have been busy with members travelling interstate to do race meetings and those meetings here in our beautiful state. Please remember that it is just as important to support the club at local grass root events as well as the big events which are often not conducted under the SAMROA banner.

It is often hard to fill the grass roots events which at times is disappointing. This is where you learn your craft and for those that are experienced you get to mentor and encourage new officials. We are unable to move members into more senior roles if we cannot fill the role that they currently do. Please never think any role is beneath you and remember you are never guaranteed a role no matter at what level.

On my recent trip to the Coates Hire Ipswich SuperSprint QMSO presented me with a certificate in recognition of SAMROA turning 40.

The OTR SuperSprint will be here before we know it we hope to get placings out to you shortly but please be patient. Unfortunately, if you have not already applied you have missed the application cut off.

SAMROA is planning the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner to be held at the Adelaide Oval details to found elsewhere in this letter. Remember that you have the option of paying your ticket off in instalments prior to the dinner.

Once again, I would like to say thank you and I will see you at the AGM to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Reephram Hotel.

Yours in Motorsport  
Janelle Orrock



*Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in August or September.*

### **August**

Chris Paproth – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Geoff Sykes (Life Member) – 5<sup>th</sup>

Rod Mountifield – 18<sup>th</sup>

### **September**

Owen Smith – 10<sup>th</sup>

Wilson Lowe – 15<sup>th</sup>

Paul Bonnett – 20<sup>th</sup>

Peter Tann – 26<sup>th</sup>

## **People's Choice Community Lottery**

SAMROA is once again participating in this year's lottery. Tickets are \$2 each and all funds raised come directly back to our club. You can assist by buying tickets online via the link below or even better, taking a few books yourself to sell. Books can be organised through Paul Bonnett (Secretary).

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## Getting to know you – The Papanikolaou's

What does it mean to be a part of SAMROA...? Well, may you say without volunteers nothing happens? This group of varied and diverse individuals give up their time so the show goes on.

Where does it all start? In our case it all started when Paul and his school buddy Patrick Mori became young men with a passion for all things automotive. They researched all the information available to be involved and settled on SAMROA. The Mori family were very instrumental in introducing Paul and family to the motor sport scene.



Paul was a little challenged, we as parents were heavily involved in his initial exposure to ensure that everyone involved understood what they were in for. I still remember setting up under the grand stand on point 8 and being as close as possible to the flag point, just in case there were any issues.

Thanks to the senior staff and the instructions given with patience and professionalism, Paul was nurtured towards a stint at his first Clipsal 500 in March 2016. Both the immediate and extended family held their breath as we the parents assisted the young enthusiast with getting him to and fro the event every day for the four days. Woke every day to a similar ritual of packing, preparing frozen water bottles to ensuring the snacks were sufficient to last the day. Arriving in the dark and seeing day brake was going to become common place for the four days and into the future.

It was not long after the Clipsal that Paul's enthusiasm was acknowledged by SAMROA at the annual dinner; regrettably Paul was not there in person as his second passion (Football) surfaced taking us to Victoria to represent

SA Inclusive sport. His older sister received the very generous and kindly worded award. That was the catalyst for Paul's progress.



He has attended as many race meetings as possible and it was one of those quiet meetings during the winter months that I became involved. David Mori happened to be in attendance as a CAMS representative, when he walked up and asked me if I would be able to assist for the day in Timing. I have been there since.

This experience has bought father and son closer together in a way that we could only dream of. We travel together to as many meetings as possible including Mallala, Tailem Bend and Darwin with the hope to visit other motorsport meetings all over Australia. As a parent you can only pray for your child to find a passion that gives them a sense of purpose and introduces them to a broader, safer community. The SAMROA community is just that.

It takes passion to get involved; it takes time and patience to become professional. Commitment to each other and the bigger cause makes the show. Time given is rewarded by a sense of belonging and a spirit of community that is SAMROA. That's my family's experience.

**Cover Photo:** Craig Lowndes was the inaugural winner of the first Adelaide 500 (Sensational Adelaide 500) back in 1999. Lowndes announced his full-time retirement from Supercars on July 5<sup>th</sup>. As many would agree, regardless if you are red or blue, it is hard to dislike the champ! You can read more via the link: [https://www.adelaide500.com.au/blogs/2018/07/06/adelaide\\_500\\_pays\\_tribute\\_to\\_craig\\_lowndes](https://www.adelaide500.com.au/blogs/2018/07/06/adelaide_500_pays_tribute_to_craig_lowndes)

## Social committee Report

The Annual Dinner will be here before we know it. This year it will be at the Adelaide Oval on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and we be a little more up market from recent years being a black-tie affair but with good reason we are celebrating the club turning 40. As we are conscious of the cost, we have arranged an account that payments can be made into on a regular basis so that the cost can be spread out.

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 162 313 811

**Name:** SAMROA Special Purpose Account.

**Message:** Your name + dinner

**Price:** \$120 (Includes drinks package)

*Dietary requirements can be catered for please advise a committee member so that it can be noted, and the caterers advised.*

***Help on the social committee is desperately needed. Additional events have not been being arranged as we just do not have time to do this arrange meals for the SuperKart meetings and other activities we have been doing. So again, please let a committee member know if you wish to help.***



If you would like to register your interest to take part in the 2019 Formula 1 GP in Melbourne (Dates TBA) follow the link below to confirm your details. This is not an official application form.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MP8N76>



# Join Us...



We cordially invite you to a milestone evening to help the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association celebrate their

## 40TH Anniversary

*Venue: The Ian McLachlan Room, Adelaide Oval*

*Date: Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Time: 6.30pm Pre-Dinner Drinks, 7.00pm seated.*

*MC for the evening: Chris Dittmar, MMM Radio.*

*We can dance the night away with the Entertainment Of:  
Troy Harrison, Ravie Varman (The Fab 2)*

*Ticket Prices: \$ 120.00 pp, which includes your 5-hour drinks  
package and 3 course meal*

*You may book individually or up to a table of ten guests  
Payment and RSVP: 27/09/18 to be made to the Treasurer:  
[treasurer@samroa.org.au](mailto:treasurer@samroa.org.au),*

*If you wish to pay in instalments an account has been set up:*

**BSB: 633000**

**Account No: 162313811**

**Name: SAMROA Special Purpose Account**

**Message: Your Name + Dinner**



## T&CC Report

Hi and welcome to the July/August T&CC Report. Firstly, I would like to thank our members that decided to get involved with round two of the State Championships at the Bend, June 3-4. We ended up just getting enough personnel trackside for this event and on all counts the weekend went well.

When it comes to camping at the Circuit for the Super Sprint, it seems that the Officials will not be camping in the same place as they were at the Shannon's event earlier this year. It has been brought to my attention that the camping for this event will be free for working officials that weekend. The placement for officials camping is still to be determined so watch this space.

At round two at the Bend we decided to keep all Officials trackside for their lunch break as the logistics of moving so many people from trackside is huge. From the two previous events there, by the time we brought everyone in from 18 points the lunch break was nearly over. So, having our lunch trackside will probably become the norm at The Bend. If for any reason someone needs to come back in whilst you are having your lunch, you just need to call Race Control and they will get Chief Flag or a Course Car to pick you up and drop you back.

We have had some members injure themselves trackside recently with the Chief Flag being the last person to know about it. The Chief Flag should be the first to know about this as he/she will need to gather all the paper work about the incident. You will be required to visit the medical centre to be assessed and a medical report will be filled in. This is placed with the incident report that will be filled in at the Flag Post by a witness. All paperwork is then filed in case further complications arise down the track. This ensures adequate data should an insurance claim be lodged. Please be sure to say something if you hurt yourself and be sure you visit the Medical Centre.

While working trackside this year I have been looking over our equipment, flags, bags, folders etc. I have noticed that the flag handles are getting rough from the possibility of them being rubbed on the concrete walls.

This is not what the flags are for. We all need to take more care with our equipment as these are our tools of our trade. If you are to come across handles with splinters or are damaged in some way, please let me or a T&CC member know so we can attend to repairs. To replace these flags and handles uses funds from the clubs account and we don't want to do that unnecessarily.

I will be compiling a list of personnel who wish to continue filling a Chief Flag roll for next year. Any member wishing to give this position a try please forward your name for consideration. Once I get sufficient numbers the T&CC can start creating a Chief flag roster. To put your name forward you can email me on ([sllewis62@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sllewis62@yahoo.com.au))

Below is the revised Chief Flag roster. If your name is down for one of the events for the remainder of the year, please check your availability for that event. If you are unable to attend on the date, please let me know.

DATE	EVENT	TRACK	CF	ACF
<b>Aug 4-5</b>	State Circuit Racing Championships Rd 3	Mallala	PS	GP
<b>Sep-16</b>	Superkart & Modern Regularity	Mallala	DVZ	PB (backup)
<b>Oct 20-21</b>	State Circuit Racing Championships Rd 4	The Bend	BM	PS
<b>Nov 10-11</b>	Improved Production & Saloon Car Nationals	The Bend	TA	BM
<b>Nov-17</b>	State Circuit Racing Championships Rd 5	Mallala	PB	AR
<b>Nov-18</b>	Superkart & Modern Regularity	Mallala	SH	PB (backup)

At the next meeting we will be taking more nominations for the General Committee. Nominations for the new T&CC will also commence. If you wish to sit on the Training and Competition Committee and you hold a bronze or higher license, ask someone to nominate you. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new blood to join us.

## Upcoming Events

August 4-5th	Mallala	State Championship Round 3
August 24-26 <sup>th</sup>	The Bend	Supercars SuperSprint (Not SAMROA) Please contact Janelle Orrock, ( <a href="mailto:jorrock1@bigpond.com">jorrock1@bigpond.com</a> ) for further information you may need
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mallala	Superkarts and Modern Regularity
October 20-21 <sup>st</sup>	The Bend	State Championship Round 4

The race Calendar has now been updated on the Database for your perusal.

Please look forward into your diaries and put your names down for the grass roots Motorsport, either by the database, phoning a T&CC Member or better still, come along to a General Meeting and do it the old fashion way via the red book. It will be great to have some new faces showing up. This is never a late event and it is great to catch up with your peers socially.

All for now – Steve Lewis.



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## Getting to know you – Alec Donnon

**Name:** Alec Donnon

**Age:** 31

**Occupation:** ICT Desktop Support Engineer and Activity Leader with Scouts SA

**First Motorsport event attended:** SA Rovers Sandblast

**Frist car:** 1983 Ford XE Fairmont (in Ice Blue with ~68,000 genuine km's)

**Dream car:** 1977 Aston Martin V8 Vantage



**Favourite team/driver:** Anything with a blue oval on the front, aside from myself that is 😊

**Why did you join SAMROA:** To advance my experience as a motorsport official, and to meet a new bunch of people.

**What goals/aspirations do you set yourself in the next 12 months through volunteering?** Support a Supercars round and get experiencing in working The Bend in preparation for the Scouts Jamboree in January.

**Outside interests/ hobbies:** Sci-Fi, nerdy stuff like that, and basically every other moment is absorbed by Scouting.



### **BREAKING NEWS.**

This weekend at State Round 3 at Mallala registration forms will be available for next years (2019) Adelaide 500. Please come and see Jack in the Secretary's Office. If you could complete and return over the weekend it would be of great assistance.

## CAMS Code of Conduct update

All CAMS officials and members are reminded of their responsibilities when it comes to the importance of respectful behaviour and the need to abide by the CAMS code of conduct.

Following a recent incident, a CAMS tribunal found the behaviour of two senior officials towards a junior CAMS member was inappropriate and breached the code of conduct. Both had their officials licence suspended for six months.

CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca said everyone involved in motor sport needed to be aware of the code of conduct.

*“Whether it’s a competitor talking to an official, an official dealing with a competitor, or senior officials dealing with junior officials – there is a certain level of respect and decorum that everyone should expect,”*

*“As per our code of conduct, all CAMS members have the right to feel safe and respected whenever speaking to or dealing with a fellow CAMS member. And in most cases, we receive terrific feedback about the relationships our members and officials share with each other.*

*“However, as this recent incident shows, CAMS considers any breaches of the code of conduct as a serious matter, whether they are officials, competitors or any other relevant stakeholder and appropriate penalties are handed out when this code is breached. It is very important to note that even if a comment or conduct is not intended to be offensive, that does not mean that it is not.”*

### **The CAMS Code of Conduct, as published in the Member Protection Policy:**

CAMS requires every Relevant Person to comply with the following code of conduct at (and in relation to) each CAMS Event:

1. Be ethical, fair, impartial and honest in all their dealings with other people and CAMS.

2. Treat all persons with respect and courtesy and have proper regard for their dignity, rights and obligations.
3. Always place safety and the welfare of Children above other considerations.
4. Be positive role models to others and not to bring motor sport into disrepute.
5. Comply with CAMS rules, policies and procedures (including this Policy).
6. Comply with all relevant Australian laws (Federal and State), including anti-discrimination and Child protection laws.
7. Be responsible and accountable for their conduct

## **Minutes from the last SAMROA general meeting**

### **Meeting Details**

Date & Time: 13 June 2018 @ 1930 (7:30pm)  
Location: Reepham Hotel  
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

Meeting Opened: 19:35 (7:35 pm)

**Present:** Paul Bonnett, Darren Matiske, Bronwen Williamson, Chris Anderson, Peter Tann, Jackie Schlein, Brad Morrison, David Ryan, Lisette Hutchins, Chris Hutchinson, Grant Paproth, Tony Aloj, Paul Karamanov, David Castrechini & Steve Lewis.

**Apologies:** Janelle Orrock, Peter and Kimberley Stevens, Jodie & Matthew Johnson, Matthew Avery, Lisa Totani, Wilson Lowe & Kim Wilson.

**Visitors / Guest:** Demi Lavranos

**Late:**

### **Announcements / Reminders:**

- Last General / 2 more Committee Meetings until AGM. Committee Nominations open tonight.

### **Previous Minutes:**

Because of no General meeting in April, Copies of the previous minutes (February 2018) were placed on the tables for members to read.

Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Brad Morrison. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

- No business arising from the previous minutes.

### **Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:**

Because of no General meeting in April, Correspondence list only covers the last two months. (Copy Attached)

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Peter Tann that the correspondence list be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

### **Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

### **Reports from Other Committees:**

#### **WHS** (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

Brief rundown on what to do if you get crook or hurt at a Race meeting? Several instances where Officials have been injured, reasons why you should attend Medical Centre and ensure reports are filled out to protect you for future claims.

#### **T&CC** (Presented by Steve Lewis)

- Lunches at the Bend will continue to be taken out to the posts.
- Upcoming events: 24June Superkarts / Modern Reg – CF Grant Paproth; 29Jul Superkarts / Modern Reg – CF Paul Bonnett.

### **New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)**

#### **CAMS** (Presented by Paul Bonnett. Last Meeting Held 15 May 2018)

- Great deal of discussion but nothing really related to SAMROA – nothing to report, no questions asked for Rep to pass on at next meeting.

## **STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT**

- No meeting – nothing to report.

## **MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT** (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- No meeting has been held recently

## **WEBSITE / IT**

Reminder to all on placing photos and posts on Facebook that can potentially bring SAMROA into disrepute. What one person may find funny, others may find it offensive – If there is any doubt, play it safe and don't post it up.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

- Short Update on planning for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – Letters have been sent out looking for potential sponsors. Ticket sales are a bit slow – give Dinner more advertising.

## **PROMOTIONS**

- Nothing to report.

## **SCC-SA**

- Nothing to report

## **COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE**

- Paper lottery tickets will be issued from 01 May 2018 and both online and paper tickets will be on sale until 31 August 2018, with the final prize draw on 9 October 2018.
- Tickets here tonight – Take a book or two!!

## **General Business**

- Nominations for Committee open tonight. Nominations must be presented on proper form with all signatures, Nominee must be Financial Member of SAMROA and must sign Incorporation Declaration.
- Email from Naomi (SCCSA) looking for feedback from Round 2 State Championships.

PB – Mallala State Rounds have a planned sequence from Sign-On to Briefings to collect radios to set up and man posts. Why, just because we changed to a new venue, was everything so chaotic? No SCCSA personnel to cover Sign-On, distribution of Radios / light controllers etc: In fact, all was done by CF / ACF which left no time for briefings. (Realise it was first event but a lot more planning should have taken place – SAMROA’s job is to provide Officials – not set up / run SCCSA meetings)  
BM – Support SAMROA! If you are a SAMROA member then SAMROA positions should be your first priority.

General discussion ensued on Tailem Bend and how our members see it growing in the future – early days but very enthusiastic. Accommodation at Tailem Bend is a concern at this time but will need to wait to see what transpires. One option is the Bunkhouse in Tailem Bend (Joint bookings between SAMROA & SCCSA – Flexible accommodation options are available for up to 44 guests.

- Merchandise: Darren organising another order soon.
- Looking to organise a Bronze Module course – Question was asked – If it was to be held at Tailem Bend would our members attend?

Few said maybe but others asked that as CAMS office is free and TBMSF would want a (sizeable) payment for the use of a room, wouldn’t it be better to use CAMS office and in reality, how many from TB area would attend?

- Question and discussion of current practice of various clubs rewarding (Paying) Officials to attend Sprint events. Some feel that to accept cash goes against every reason a person becomes an Official whilst others say that if they are offering it – they will take it but then don’t turn up at the next race meeting as they are too tired. Suggestion was made that maybe it should be rewards such as fuel or accommodation discount vouchers. One other asked that now precedents have been set, will we see this practice spilling over to cover Speed events? No definite answer to this question.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:45 (8:45 pm)

Next Meeting: **General / AGM**

**19:30 (7:30 pm) on 08 August 2018**

**Venue: Reepham Hotel**

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