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Cover Photo: What a sight – An Asian Le Man car taking a pit stop at The Bend Motorsport Park – Photo courtesy of Wayne Hough

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President's Report

Welcome to the Jan and Feb Newsletter

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period and that you are all feeling refreshed. It certainly feels good to have some time away from the track after a busy season.

SAMROA has a big year ahead with Tailem Bend continuing to fill the calendar, more motorsport for us to cover than we have had in a long time. The year kicks off on the 16th February with a SUPERKART / Mod Regularity at Mallala Motorsport Park. This will be a good event for everyone to get their eye in and gain some practice prior the 500. This is closely followed the week after with the Superloop Adelaide 500, (not a SAMROA event) on the 20th – 23rd February. You will find the first 6 months of meetings have been added to the database for the membership to peruse and add your name where you can. At this point, I would also like to remind the membership that before you register for an interstate event, it is very much appreciated that you check our own local race calendar to which SAMROA are engaged to participate as a club. I know how much fun it can be visiting other circuits and catching up with interstate officials on the way but with more and more race meetings coming to S.A we need our members to support the club locally.

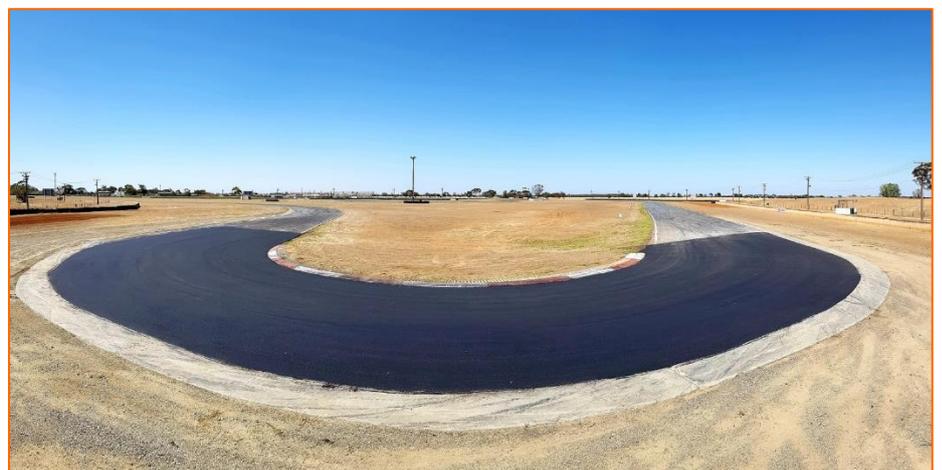
Prior to the November Committee Meeting, it was suggested by our newsletter editors to perhaps try a bi-monthly newsletter. The reason for this is they are finding it difficult to have enough content to publish. This was tabled at the Committee meeting and moved and voted for a bimonthly edition. This will commence as of February 2020. What this means is the Newsletter will be published and received by the membership in the same month. If any members have something they would like to see in the newsletter and share with you peers, please forward it to the editors.

SAMROA has been very lucky over the last 12 months or so with memberships growing. In 2018 - 19, we saw a few more new members sign up with our club which is certainly a good effort. I do not remember at any time this many people joining in a 12 to 24-month period. With this trend, I for one, would love to see it continue. When the new people make their way out to race meetings, please be sure to make them feel welcome and pass on all the knowledge you have, to bring them up to speed with what we do. I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the advantages of being a member of SAMROA. For your membership fee you receive, discounted price on your shirts with free embroidery, discounted prices on all other club apparel, including casual club polo shirts, trackside working shirts, and the end of year Dinner is generally around the \$30.00 discount for members.

The T&CC also put on fire training days, which is not a cheap exercise, but it is very much worth knowing how to use an extinguisher correctly. We only need to look back at Karl Fleming at the Le Mans in January when he had a car pull up at his post well alight, because of the knowledge he has gained over years and attending these training days is the reason he put it out so quick. Check out the photos below kindly provided by Tom Westin's dad who had the perfect viewing spot of the incident.



The Training and Competition Committee will be making their way out to Mallala prior to the first event to have the annual shed clean up. Believe me; it needs it. I haven't seen so many spider webs strung up around the shed until the Monday of the long weekend when I delivered the ute and trailer back to Mallala. Once it has had the clean out could I please ask for everyone to place all rubbish and empty drink cans in the rubbish please as there were some empty cans still sitting on the cupboards with ants everywhere. In general, if you see something out of place please put it where it belongs and if you are not sure please ask. The new flag holders have now been affixed to the front wall of each post so all 7 flags for each post now have a place. Also, you will notice that turn 5 has been resurfaced, it's a shame the other 2.1 km wasn't done at the same time, some new conveyer belt has been placed in front tyre walls and each flag post has now got wire protection along the front wall. I'm sure the T&CC will look forward to any feedback you may have after the first couple of events as to the effectiveness of them and how user friendly they are, or not. See the photo below from Mallala Motorsport Park's Facebook page of the resurfacing at turn 5.



To all the SAMROAN's that made the trek to participate at the 12 hr earlier this month, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable trip. Some lessons learnt and new ideas gained. To any of those who travelled for that weekend that would like to tell their story, please put pen to paper and send it in the editor for publishing. It will give those who are thinking about going over an insight into what the week is about.

Keep enjoying your Motorsport.

Written by Steve Lewis – SAMROA President.

Local Events Calendar

Name	Date	Venue
Superkarts and Regularity	16/02/2020	Mallala
SCCSA State Champs Rd1	28/03/2020	Mallala
Superkarts and Regularity	19/04/2020	Mallala
All Historic Race Meeting	25-26/4/2020	Mallala
Peter Hall 6-hour regularity	3/5/2020	Mallala
SCCSA State Champs Rd2	16-17/5/2020	The Bend

Check out what is happening across the state in all forms of Motorsport via the Motorsport Australia Events Calendar: <https://motorsport.org.au/events/championships/state/sa-nt>



SAMROA member Shaun Halliday is a franchisee of Mister Minit which specialises in repairs, engravings, cutting services plus much more! Shaun has offered a 20% discount for SAMROA members upon presenting their membership card. His kiosk is located at the Unley Shopping Centre. Come on down and support each other.



Happy birthday to our members who have already celebrated milestones in January or will be celebrating milestones in February.

January

Jackie Schlein – 2nd
Debra Hills – 8th
Karl Fleming – 16th
Steve Lewis – 20th
Alan O’Dea – 22nd
David Lans – 24th
Bruce Morisset – 24th
Mitchell Hathway – 31st

February

Shaun Doecke – 5th
Steve Clift – 6th
Lisette Hutchins – 7th
Shaun Halliday – 13th
Peter Stevens -22nd
Brad Morrison – 22nd

Social Go-karting and lunch invitation



The Circuit Excel Association of SA has kindly invited SAMROA members to join their drivers and crew for a day of socialising, eating and fun go-karting competition. The club intends to host a season launch and awards presentation as part of the day’s activities. This is a great opportunity to mingle and meet the competitors we see so often under a helmet at the racetrack but may not get the chance to spend quality time with outside of motorsport! Details below:

Date: Saturday, 14th March 2020

Go Karting Location: Kart Mania, Gepps Cross – 10am

Lunch Location: Coopers Alehouse, Gepps Cross – 12pm

Karting Approx. Cost: \$60 per head (format of karting challenging TBC)

Lunch Cost: Cash bar from the pub menu – CE will be arranging a function room

RSVP: via FB event or email president@circuitexcelsa.com.au

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3019174454761937/?ti=ia>

Motorsport Australia SA Awards Night

We've had Christmas, New Year and now Motorsport Awards Season! Motorsport Australia held its annual SA Awards evening at Sfera's Park Suites on Saturday evening to celebrate and honour those who achieved above and beyond in 2019. It's no surprise that SAMROA members were among the recipients for their service as volunteers and officials to our sport. SAMROA also congratulates both competitors and other officials who received an award on the night. You can read about the evening here:

<https://motorsport.org.au/media/news/detail/2020/02/09/sa-brilliance-on-show>

We hope this is not new news for our members, but we'd like to formally congratulate Life Member and Officials Commission Deputy Chair, Rob Thiry, on being named as the FIA's BEST Track or Road Marshal back in December. You can read about Thiry's achievement here: <https://www.speedcafe.com/2019/12/07/aussie-official-wins-top-fia-award/>

Life member Bruce Morisset – Service Star Award

SAMROA Vice President David Catrechini – Service Star Award

Jack Holding – SA Circuit Official of the Year + SA Motorsport Official of the Year



T&CC Report – Chris Hutchinson

Hello, my fellow motorsport fans! Welcome to the 2020 motorsport season, I trust you have all had a good break over Christmas time. Can you believe it the Adelaide 500 is only a few weeks away!

But firstly, before we gear up for Adelaide, we have an event out at Mallala on February 16th Superkart/Modern Regularity. As always, we need more numbers for the weekend usually we have more than enough but unfortunately for whatever reason we are struggling. Please check your diaries and see if you can come and support some true grass roots motorsport this weekend. The Chief flag for this weekend will be Steve Clift and I know he would love to hear from you if your name is not already on the list. Big thank-you to those with their name on this list already, love your work!

The T&CC held its monthly meeting earlier this month and started to finalise and further organise things for the 2020 season. **On Saturday the 15th of February the T&CC will be out at Mallala at 10am to do shed clean-up day**, if anyone is able to assist it would be much appreciated and if so please contact me directly. We are also still in talks with Women for Wheels to finalise a date for this year's fire training which is looking to be set for a date in June so watch this space.

We are also still looking at a general upskilling course this year. Of course, we are trying to pick a free weekend that does not have motorsport by myself and the rest of the committee fully understand that we have life's outside of motorsport and we make plans in these times. While we can't suit everyone's schedule, we will try our best for a day that everyone should be happy with, finger crossed.

This past Sunday we held a Chief flag discussion day at the Sporting Car Club hosted by the T&CC's Peter Cirilo and Life member Rob Thiry. It was a day for the role of chief flags to be discussed with the clubs current and upcoming chief flags and assistants, run through some of the rule and wording changing that they need to be aware of two best help upskill every flag marshal. This also provides the opportunity for the Chiefs to ask questions and bounce ideas around about flagging, training and general race meeting standards and operation.

Tabled at this discussion was the new Performance sheets that the T&CC has created. Yes, I know everyone's favourite trackside task... but these sheets when filled out correctly play a vital role in the work of the T&CC. As without your input the committee can't accurately identify what issues or concerns you have while trackside. I ask you all to please fill these out as accurately and honestly as you can. We have selected the sheet with what we believe to be the right questions to hopefully give us the information we are looking for to further train each member and fix any issues.

Please note that as per the new FIA guidelines we will be as a club moving away from the term Post Senior to Post Chief. This is reflected on the performance sheets and the database will be updated in due course. There will also be a copy of the new FIA driver code of conduct added to each trackside bag for you to refer to if required while trackside. This should be very useful when looking a driver standard's during race meetings and make it easier to identify a breach of the rules when reporting a trackside incident.

Lastly, member Grant Sims has offered to organise the Wednesday set up day at the Adelaide 500. I will send an email out from the database with how to get in touch with him to put your name on the gate list.

Remember to look after yourself and teammates trackside, bring a fully loaded track bag and most of all have fun. That's all for now!

Written by Chris Hutchinson - T&CC Chairperson

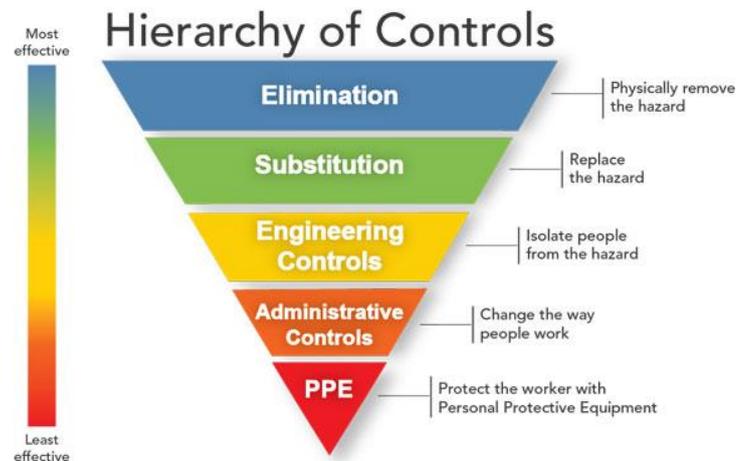
WH&S Report – Deborah Squires

Firstly, welcome back to a busy 2020. During the break we experienced some extreme weather conditions particularly the heat. As we begin the 2020 race season we need to check or race bags and gear to ensure we are well prepared. It was pleasing to see officials at Le Mans at The Bend were very well prepared. Well done!

Bag Check		
Sunscreen	Water	Eye Protection
Lip Balm	Earmuffs / plugs	Gloves
Snacks	Hat	Whistle

At the Post

- Familiarize yourself with your surroundings/ environment
- Look high and low for any hazards
- Report hazards that need immediate attention – that is, pose a significant and immediate risk to personal safety.
- Look out for each other
- Stay alert even during down time – never become complacent
- Don't turn you back on the track
- Rotate roles when and where possible to allow for rest time. Dependent on numbers at post



Training and Maintaining

Take advantage of all training opportunities planned for 2020 and beyond

Maintaining your skills is a must to ensure optimal safety practices are being used. The easiest way to do this is by attending race events on a regular basis.

One of the biggest problems facing officials is fatigue and “burn out”. Too often we have the same officials attending the majority of race events. For the sake of **health and safety** this needs to change.

I know life gets busy; however, without the dedication of officials being actively involved we run the very real risk of overloading those officials who are out there most of the year.

We cannot afford to do this! Stay safe

Written by Deb Squires - T&CC + WHS

SAMROA General Meeting minutes – December 2019

Meeting Details	
Date & time:	11 th December 2019 @ 7:30pm
Location:	The Maid Hotel – 1 Magill Road, Stepney, SA 5069
Opened:	19:40 (7:40pm)
Present:	Paul Bonnett, Steve Lewis, Peter Cirillo, Deborah Squires, Matt Johnson, Daniel McIntosh, Rebecca Abela, Peter Stevens, Jared Stevens, Jackie Schlein, Karl Fleming, Darren Mattiske, Sean Grimmond, Elise Westin, Tom Westin Arthur Butler, Brad Morrison, Kim Wilson, Janelle Orrock, Peter Ruth, Matt Avery, Steve Kazmarek & Alec Donnen.
Apologies	Bruce Morisset, Ray McGuinness, Kimberley Stevens & Tony Aloï
Visitors / guests	John Silverblade
Announcements and Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Membership Renewals are overdue – If you haven't renewed membership, you may be changed to EX-Member after January 01
Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the previous minutes (October 2019) were placed in October's Newsletter. (Some copies available on tables) Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Arthur Butler. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.
Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people have trouble accessing Member Database. First question – are they an actual Financial Member of SAMROA? - If NO then you won't be granted access. If Membership expires then access can be taken away or System will change Status to EX-MEMBER. No other business arising from the previous minutes.
Incoming / outgoing correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached) Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Janelle Orrock that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.
Business Arising from the Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No business arising from the Correspondence List.
Reports from Other Committees	
WHS <i>(Presented by Deborah Squires)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather conditions: Sunday at the Bend Classic – bit of an “eyeopener” to what we could encounter in January for Le Mans event. Be Prepared!! Bit of an update on the Mallala WHS review – WIP. Some concerns over the recent poor attendance levels – not ideal to place only one person at a flag post, especially if that person gets sick during the day. Need enticements to get extra persons to track.
T&CC <i>(Presented by Peter Stevens)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Committee finding “feet” at moment. Discussing Training volunteers in new positions, looking at a Firefighting refresher sometime in 2020. Reviewing old Performance Sheets and also updating forms.
Motorsport Australia News <i>(Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing really to report as it was last meeting for year – basically a final sign-off of 2020 Racing. Calendar before sending off for printing.

<i>Meeting for 2019 – 19 November 2019)</i>	
State officiating panel (sop) report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report – nothing from State Council meeting.
Motor racing panel (mrp) report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reports – nothing of interest for SAMROA
Website / it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been a few small updates to Web Site / Database (mostly behind the scenes) • If anyone has any ideas for updating the SAMROA web site, let the Committee know – needs to be more “inviting” to visitors.
Social committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year – nothing to report
Promotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMROA will once again take the Ute & Trailer to the Christmas Parade at Taillem Bend – unfortunately, we have missed entering the Murray Bridge event. Some of the Taillem Bend volunteers will be helping out but few more would be good.
Scc-sa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings to be held until the new year – nothing to report.
General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shed Clean-up: Should not be left for just the T&CC to clean shed, anyone who can help out will be welcome. (There’s always lunch at the Mallala pub once finished) Currently looking for a suitable date before our “season” starts. • Reminder on the Asia Le Mans and Superloop applications – these are not SAMROA events so don’t use the contact details on our web site. <p>With no further General Business, the last meeting for 2019 was closed at 20:15 (8:15 pm) and the meeting attendees were invited to the bar for drinks and small eats. Hope you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p>



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