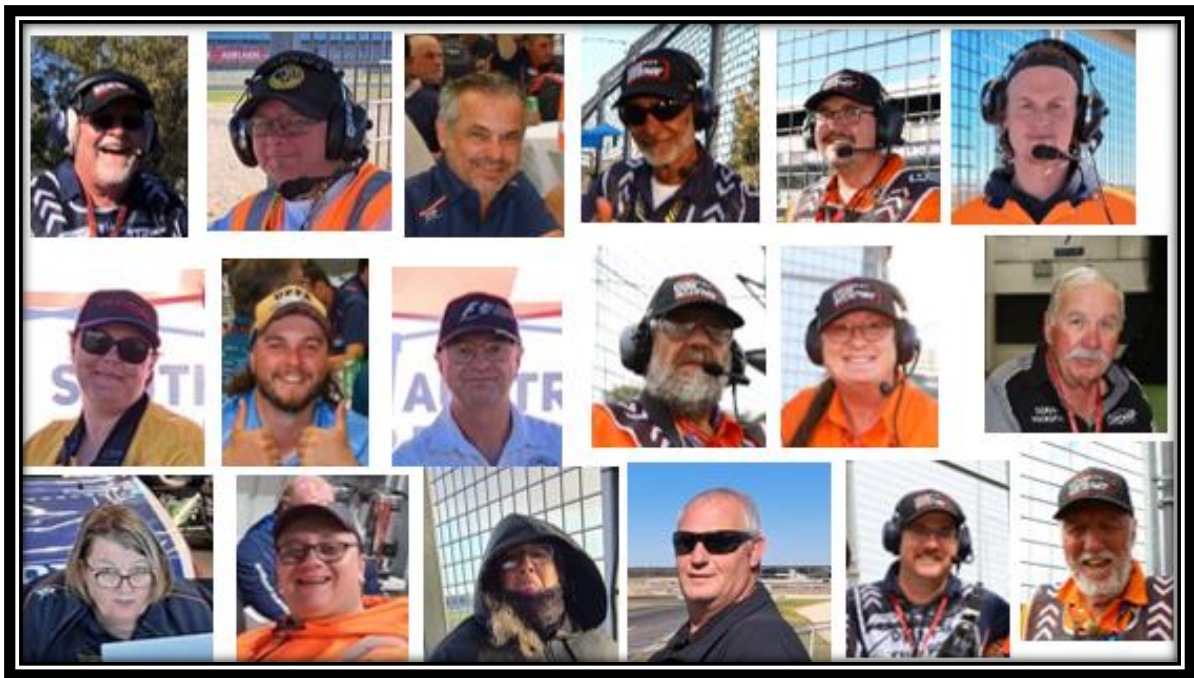




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Next General Meeting – Annual General Meeting:

Wed. 21st August 2024, at The Kent Town Hotel,

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Join us from 6pm onwards for a meal

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**General Meetings held at:
Kent Town Hotel
72-76 RUNDLE Street, KENT TOWN South Australia
The Board room
Meeting starts 7:30pm
Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.**

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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the August Newsletter



Hello all,

Welcome to August, and the middle of a busy little stretch of activities both from a motorsport and SAMROA perspective. August is significant for the holding of the AGM on the 21st of August and the Annual Dinner on 31st of August. I'll touch more on these as you read on.

To those who travelled up to Darwin this year, I hope you all had a fantastic time up in the warmth and enjoyed the camaraderie amongst your peers. Locally, we've had a busy period of events at Mallala and The Bend highlighted by the returning of the Asian Lamborghini Series. From all accounts, it was an excellent weekend and well done to all for showcasing what we can do.

For those keen readers of the Motorsport Australia Speed Read newsletter, congratulations to Matt Avery for being awarded the Supercheap Auto July Superstar. Very well deserved for your dedication.

As mentioned earlier, August will be the SAMROA AGM. This means that the term of the current committee will come to an end. I would like to thank each member of the committee for their commitment and support over the past 12 months. A few highlights of the year have been:

- The installation of the SAMROA billboard at Mallala
- Rewarding members for their effort's trackside
- Identified opportunities to promote the recruitment of officials
- With the assistance of Josh Young, reintroduced a social karting event to start the year.

Stay tuned for a member survey to be distributed seeking feedback on what you would like from the committee, opportunities for growth and general feedback.

If you're interested in joining the committee for the next 12 months (or longer) please speak with Paul Bonnett.

The 46th SAMROA Annual Dinner will be held at the Mawson Lakes Hotel on the 31st of August. Thank you to the social committee for organizing the event for this year. It promises to be a fantastic evening and an excellent opportunity to celebrate the year and come together in a social setting. Tickets are available. \$45.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members. I look forward to seeing as many of you possible that evening.

See you at the track soon,

Owen Smith – President

Upcoming Events Calendar

MORE NAMES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT T&CC OR PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DATABASE or VIA BETTER IMPACT – LINKS BELOW.

SAMROA Event Schedule 2024					
Event Date/s	No of Days	Event Name	Location	Chief Flag	Assist CF
21 st Aug		Annual General meeting - 7pm	Kent Town Hotel		
21 st -22 nd Sept	2	SAMS Round 7 (Int) https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/ce5b2597-0931-431d-a957-c77daed14dc0/1	The Bend	Alec Donnon	Peter Stevens
31 st Aug		Annual change over dinner - All welcome	Mawson Lakes Hotel		
9 th Oct		General meeting - 7pm	Kent Town Hotel		
10 th -13 th Oct	4	Repeco Bathurst 1000	Bathurst	Non SAMROA Event	
25 th - 27 th Oct	3	The Bend Classic https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412/1	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	Leslie Atkinson
3 rd Nov	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Ray McGuiness	
14 th -17 th Nov	4	Adelaide 500 Supercars event	Parklands	Non SAMROA Event	
23 rd -24 th Nov	2	SAMS R8 (Final) Including GT https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/a76dbaaa-5322-4e9f-a89b-839848b8e464/1	The Bend	Cathy Sinton	Kim Morrison
1 st Dec	1	Superkart Grand Prix/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	
11 th Dec	1	General meeting - 7pm	Kent Town Hotel		

Better Impact hyperlinks:

Event 7: <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/ce5b2597-0931-431d-a957-c77daed14dc0/1>

The Bend Classic: <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412/1>

Event 8: <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/a76dbaaa-5322-4e9f-a89b-839848b8e464/1>

Also for those that have not registered for the Adelaide 500 – Link is:

https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=9c416bba-5d60-40d5-ab6a-5a334c6f7e97&ApplicationFormNumber=1&fbclid=IwAR3OEreLdkTdGFG75ziXRTF3Hq9Vyi-R6ll_Dnryy6QpZsrCxslo2Laen7Q

T&CC Report

Hello 😊

Whew! We managed to get through the crazy autumn schedule, and we hope everyone has had a chance for a good rest and have enjoyed a few well-deserved weekends away from the track.

We've just come off a pair of events at Mallala, a Superkart & Regularity and a SA Motor Racing Championship round. It was good to see the cold weather didn't deter everyone from helping out. We're also now starting to see a few new faces around events from the club's recent focus on recruitment. I know everyone is making them feel welcome, for they are the future of this club we all care about.

Training continues to be a focus of the T&CC for this year, and we recently ran a webinar on mentoring, both from the standpoint of the Mentor and Mentee. We would like to thank Andrew Leitch for facilitating the training package, and we hope that everyone who attended got something valuable out of it. If anyone would like to provide feedback on this or any of the online training modules run this year, please send it through to tcc@samroa.org.au.

If you are interested in being a mentor to a newer official, or would like to enquire about becoming mentored in a new or current discipline, please get in touch with the T&CC.

For all of those who have not been able to attend the online training sessions, we can also announce that we now have the ability to host recorded training packages from the SAMROA website. Access to the online training will be strictly available to financial members only, and all this year's online training modules should be available soon. Stay tuned for when that becomes available.

For the rest of the year, we are currently planning another online session focusing on communication & report writing, and are still working on arranging an in-person fire training day.

It's no secret that numbers at events have been going down over the last few years, and we'd like to mention some of the measures being implemented by the general committee, event promoters and the T&CC to try and arrest that trend, especially around events at The Bend:

- State Rounds at The Bend typically now provide hot breakfast & dinners for multi-day events, in addition to the excellent lunches procured from the Taillem Bend Bakery.
- The accommodation discounts at the Big4 Caravan Park for officials continue to be available, with 50% rates on most paid rooms and powered sites, and free unpowered camp sites.
- Dedicated officials' dormitories are also in the works at The Bend.
- Most race events now run time-certain, so it is much easier to keep events running to schedule and less chance of finishing later than expected.
- The promoters of the SAMRC are also working on their own reward & recognition scheme to help shore up numbers volunteering for those events. Everyone signing up via My Impact will be eligible.
- Improvements have been made to Flag Post 1 at The Bend, and it is hoped that in time these will be expanded around the circuit.
- The return of the much-valued hot coffee/drink & soup runs!

We would also like to remind everyone, that for all SA Motor Racing Championship rounds, and some other events especially at The Bend, sign-up should only be done via the My Impact links. These regularly are sent out from database emails and are also available from the SAMROA website. If you aren't signing up on My Impact, you may miss out on many of the deals listed above.

We have also been asked to pass along a message to check responses being put into My Impact registrations for each event, as some confusion has been had working out what positions people are requesting. We know this system is still a bit new, so we're always happy to give members a hand in figuring it all out.

We have a few more weeks off again now before the next SAMRC event in late September, I hope to see as many of you out there as we can!

Yours in Motorsport,

Alec Donnon

On behalf of the SAMROA Training & Competition Committee.

Motorsport Australia Club Business Workshops

Club Business Workshops open for registrations –

<https://motorsport.org.au/clubs/resources/business-workshops>

Workshop	Date	Registrations
National Insurance Program	Wednesday 7 August, 7:30pm AEST	Register
Club Social Media Webinar	Thursday 22 August, 7:30pm AEST	Register
Grant Writing Webinar	Wednesday 11 September, 7:30pm AEST	Register
Creating Female Friendly Clubs	Wednesday 6 November, 7:00pm AEDT	Register

ASC Releases Free Officials Course for Australian Volunteers

<https://motorsport.org.au/media/news/detail/2024/05/22/asc-releases-free-officials-course-for-australian-volunteers>

Birthdays



Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in

August

Chris Paproth 3rd

Alex Varcoe 15th

Barry Hughes 26th

Steve Croci 31st

September

Alec Donnon 5th

Andrew Leitch 9th

Paul Bonnett 20th

Mentoring....

Some of you may have been asked to be a mentor or there may have been a suggestion that you need to be mentored. Why does this happen...? Don't we just learn on the job and by our mistakes??

Well in some cases we do. But in ensuring we, as race officials, are doing our tasks in the most efficient and professional way, mentoring becomes a key task. Regardless of whether you are new to officiating or have been doing it for many years, there's always tips and tricks we can learn from others. Mentoring allows us to learn from those with experience in a constructive and non-judgemental way.

The Training and Competition Committee has been exploring who is good at being a mentor and who may benefit from being mentored. So, during the course of you being an official, you may get asked, because of your experience, to guide another official in gaining a greater understanding of how and why we do what we do. To assist everyone in understating what mentoring is all about, we have developed a simple and informative training session to be delivered online. It will cover topics such as, developing a mentoring plan, facilitating the mentoring relationship, discuss and explore ideas on problem solving and persuasive techniques, providing feedback in a positive and constructive way by using the "hamburger" technique and much more.

You'll see it come up as an event on the database and you'll need to register your interest to obtain a link to access the event. Don't worry though, if you can't make it, it will be recorded so it can be accessed later.

Please consider your skillset and think about if you could be a mentor or could you benefit from being mentored. Approach a T&CC member to discuss this further and remember, all of us, even those that have been around for a while, can always benefit from observation from others to help make us the best we can be.

WHS Report

Hopefully the cooler weather is behind us and we can get back trackside with some awesome weather. As we all come out of hibernation it's time to dust off our sun hats and check the expiry dates on our sunscreen, repack our bags and get ready to enjoy the second half of the year's motor racing events with some enthusiasm.

At the recent twilight meeting and a few meetings prior, a number of issues were raised regarding fire extinguishers not been inspected and checked as required. This has been an ongoing issue at Mallala and we have raised it with the both promoters and the management of Mallala. Hopefully at the next meeting this will have been addressed. Well done to everyone for conducting pre-event checks at your posts and identifying this. There have also been concerns raised regarding rust on the starters tower. This has been raised with Mallala management and we are waiting for a response – we'll keep you posted on the outcome.

I encourage you all to continue to raise issues related to your safety at event, either directly with me or via the chief flag. Also please fill in the incident/hazards reports so we can track what reports are been provided and can action these in a timely manner.

Until next meeting, stay safe, enjoy motorsport and see you trackside

Regards
Cathy
WHS Rep

SAMROA Executive and Committee Elections 2024/25

The August meeting is also the club's Annual General meeting. This is your opportunity to have a say and vote on who you feel can contribute to the running of this club in a positive and meaningful way. Or maybe you have the skills, knowledge and passion required for a particular role on the committee to contribute, or would just like to get more involved in the running of the club.

The committee meets once per month to discuss issues effecting the club, make decisions on behalf of the membership and generally monitor the running of the club.

At the annual general meeting in August, all positions are declared vacant, and members have the opportunity to elect who they feel would represent them and the club positively.

Nominations for all committee positions are open to any financial person and are accepted on the night up until voting begins. Nominations cannot be accepted for a position once voting begins. If you, or someone you know, is interested in any of the committee positions, have a chat with them and nominate them.

Positions to be voted in are:

President Vice-President Secretary Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Four (4) general committee members.

Get your thinking caps on and give some thought to who you want to represent you or consider nominating yourself. If you are wanting to nominate someone, have a chat to them prior.

Nomination forms will be available at the meeting and are attached to this newsletter. Nominations close for all positions once voting begins.

SAMROA Uniform/clothing

Men's Pants



Women's Pants



Events



2024 SA Motor Racing Calender

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Event Date/s	No of Days	Event Name	Location	Chief Flag	Assist CF
11th February	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountifield	
17th February	1	Twilight Trophy including Time Attack	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Peter Stevens
2nd-3rd March	2	SAMS Round 1 (Int)	The Bend	Brad Morrison	Alec Donnon
9th March	1	SAMS Round 2 (Twilight)	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
16th-17th March	2	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park	Non SAMROA Event	
21st-24th March	4	Australian F1 Grand Prix	Melbourne	Non SAMROA Event	
21st April	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	
26th-28th April	3	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
4th-5th May	2	SAMS Round 3 (Int)	The Bend	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
25th-26th May	2	SAMS Round 4 (Int)	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	Kim Morrison
31st May - 2nd June	3	Speedseries Rnd 4 (Motorsport Australia)	The Bend	TBA	
8th-9th June	2	SAMS Round 5 Int (with Asian Lamborghini)	The Bend	Brad Morrison	TBA
16th June	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	
28th July	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Alec Donnon	
3rd-4th August	2	SAMS Round 6	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	Ray McGuinness
7th-8th September	2	The Bend Classic	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	Leslie Atkinson
21st-22nd September	2	SAMS Round 7 (Int)	The Bend	Alec Donnon	Peter Stevens
10th-13th of October	4	Repc Bathurst 1000	Bathurst	Non SAMROA Event	
25th-27th October	1	The Bend Classic	Mallala	Darren Mattiske	Leslie Atkinson
3rd Nov	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Ray McGuinness	
14th-17th November	4	Adelaide 500 Supercars event	Parklands	Non SAMROA Event	
23rd-24th November	2	SAMS R8 (Final) Including GT &TCM	The Bend	Cathy Sinton	Kim Morrison
1st December	1	Superkart Grand Prix/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	

Correct at time of printing – However this is subject to change

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United Petroleum is now supporting the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association with a 4c per litre fuel discount at 380+ participating United service stations around Australia.

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Upon registration, a digital fuel discount card is SMS'd instantly, and is ready to start using once downloaded into your digital mobile wallet (Apple/Google). If you order a plastic card it takes around 2 weeks to arrive.



<https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-rewards/samroa/>

Find a list of participating [United service stations here](#).

To receive the discount, you just simply present the discount card to the cashier (so it can be swiped electronically from your phone or card, or if need be, processed manually).

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