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**Wed. 13th December 2023, at The Kent Town Hotel,
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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.

Front cover picture: Adelaide Vailo 500

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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the December Newsletter



Hello all,

Wow December already. What a big year it's been and a big last couple of months with event after event and finishing off with a little event around Victoria Park. I hope everybody has enjoyed their 2023 year in motorsport. Everybody should be proud of what they've achieved this year, we've been challenged this year with more events, difficult weather on occasions and we've all fronted up and got to work, event after event.

2024 is shaping to be another busy year with even more events than this year. Stay tuned for the 2024 calendar release. This will be published onto the database once available so we can all start planning for the year.

As mentioned in the last update, this year the committee is putting a large focus on the 3 R's. Recruiting, Retaining and Rewarding. For those that had a chance to walk around at the 500, SAMROA had a display in the motorsport hub precinct of Victoria Park. The club had on display, our new branded marquee, as well as a couple of cars. Over the week we received a good number of people interested in learning more, hopefully we'll see them trackside soon. A big thank you to Deb Squires for setting up the display and doing a lot of the grunt work with the new marquee. Peter Ruth, Andrew Robinson and Scott Chamings, for standing at the display during the event. Also, a huge thanks to Kris Bailey for helping on Monday with the collection of the SAMROA ute and trailer from Victoria Park.

If you know of any promotional opportunities which you think SAMROA should have a presence at, please reach out to any committee member.

Watch this space for an exciting announcement coming regarding a SAMROA karting event and promotional display at Kart Mania Gepps Cross in early February. This will be a fantastic opportunity to come together as a club in a social setting before we get stuck into 2024. The plan is to have a promotional display at the front of Kart Mania followed by a karting event in the afternoon. More details will follow in due course.

Finally, on behalf of the SAMROA committee thank you once again for a fantastic 2023. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Owen Smith – President

Upcoming Events Calendar

2024 Motorsport Events calendar has not yet been finalised and released at the time of publishing this newsletter, once the calendar is final the T&CC will update the member database with all the events and publish a full calendar in the next newsletter.

The T&CC will be running a number of online training course next year starting with a Chief Flag workshop in January – Date to be confirmed and a Flags & Track training session in February, this will be on the member database for members to register.

At this stage we only have confirmation of the following events for February – keep an eye on the database for more information and meetings.

This is only for the February:

Month	Event Date/s	No of Days	Event Name & Promoter	Location	CF	ACF
January	TBC	1	Chief Flag workshop	Online course	T&CC	
February	Wed. 7th	Evening 7:30pm	Flags & Track training session - Online course	Online course	T&CC	
	11th	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala		
	14th	-	General Meeting	Kent Hotel	N/A	
	17th	1	Twilight Trophy including Time Attack	Mallala		

All meetings and dates are on the SAMROA database, please keep in mind that all meetings are subject to change, the dates are correct as of 1 Feb 2023. The T&CC will endeavour to advise if there is any change to the details of any event as soon as possible and update the member database.

Please log onto the SAMROA member database and put your name down for any events that interest you.



T&CC Report

Hello All,

Well as 2023 comes to a close, on behalf of the T&CC I would like to send out a massive thank you to all that have assisted with trackside activities this year. We have had a mixture of events and also weather that have challenged not only our availability but also our willingness to be present to ensure events run safely.

I would like to say a very big thank you to our outgoing committee members Kim Morrison and Tony Aloi, for their years of hard and dedicated work to move this club in a forward direction, we will endeavour to continue your hard work. I would also like to welcome our new committee members Andrew Leitch and Alec Donnon to the team and look forward to working with them for the coming year.

Now its time to start looking forward to 2024, its going to be a really big year for club with the potential of a lot of events, we are currently waiting on a confirmed calendar of events, once received the T&CC will update the database and publish a calendar.

Our first 2 events of 2024 are 11th February Superkarts/Modern Regularity and 17th February Twilight Trophy including Time Attack both events being at Mallala. The T&CC will be releasing shortly an Expression of Interest for trainees in the areas of Race Control Communicators, Starter and Form Up. So please keep your eyes open for this and complete if you are interested.

So for now from the entire T&CC please have a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year rest up and we will see you all trackside in 2024.

Brad Morrison

T&CC Chairperson



Merry Christmas from our families to your families,

Wishing everyone a fabulous new year for 2024.



2023 Sector Marshall team

Birthdays



*Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in
December & January*

December

Julie Finn 1st

Graham Church 9th

Ray McGuinness 12th

Bryce Crawford 14th

Darren Mattiske 17th

Chris Monk 18th

January

Jackie Schlein 2nd

Karl Fleming 16th

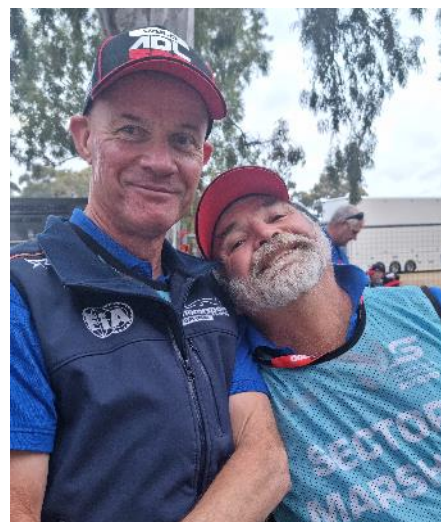
David Ryan 21st

Linda Baker 21st

Alan O'Dea 22nd

David Lans 24th

Bruce Morisset 24th



Promotions Report



This year's Display at VAILO 500 was quite a sight. We were invited to attend as part of the Motorsport Australia Hub. The new digitally printed gazebo was up and looking the part. Along with a catch fence placed specifically for the site with flags and competition vehicles for hands on experience. I would like to thank Veterans Motorsport Australia - Rob Kilmartin for providing his car and Mischs Mechanical for also supplying a car. Joining SAMROA's display were Women for Wheels and that eye catching Holden HQ.

We gained a number of expressions of interest which is being followed up by Darren Matisse - New Members Officer.

A huge **THANK YOU**, particularly, to Peter Ruth and Andrew Robinson for their dedication over all 4 days. Also, Scott Chammings for his contribution during the event. Peter Ruth also put together a video displayed on his laptop which added sound and visuals.

Special mention to Owen Smith and Wayne Oliver for assisting in getting the site, up and ready on the Wednesday. Also, Kristopher Bailey for collecting the Ute and trailer on the Monday.

This year's display took months of preparation with new equipment being designed and produced. All in all a great effort was made by a handful of people. Of course I must thank the SAMROA Committee for all their support in achieving this.

We are in the midst of organizing a site at AMF in mid March. Moving forward in 2024 we are planning to put together a calendar of events to attend throughout the year. Our focus will be on the 3 R's **RECRUITMENT RETAINMENT REWARD**. Information will be sent out via the database for assistance with events.

It will take the membership as a whole to contribute, assist and be present at future events.

Regards

Deb

Squires



SAMROA Member Benefit

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Upon registration, a digital fuel discount card is SMS'd instantly, and is ready to start saving with 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](#).

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2023 Adelaide Vailo 500

Well done to all our members who put in a great effort over the 4 days of the event and to those who assisted in various roles including the set up of the SAMROA display and dismantle, and other activities both prior and post event.









To all our members, families and supporters thank you for all your support in 2023, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



A big thank you to all our sponsors and businesses that support the club. If you or your business would like to sponsor our fabulous club please contact a member of our committee to discuss opportunities, we are always looking for sponsors to assist us continue to support this great club and sport.

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SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

October 2023



Meeting Details:

Date & Time: 18 October 2023 at 19:30
Location: The Kent Town Hotel
Meeting Opened: 19:32

Attendees:

Present: As per attendance book
Apologies: Ray McGuinness, Cathy Sinton, Janelle Orrock, Rob Thiry, Linda Baker,
Jackie Schlein, Kim Morrison, Peter Cirillo, Leslie Atkinson and
Bruce Morisset.
Guests:

Announcements / Reminders:

Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the Previous Meeting (August 2023) were emailed to members.
(Also some copies supplied at tables)

Motion: Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: Paul B. Seconded: Julie Finn

Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes:

1. Minutes from AGM – are they available?? (Also copies of Nomination Forms / Other Documentation relevant to AGM.
2. Change of Public Officer – All Details have been changed however needed last set of minutes to change name from Paul Hart to Paul Bonnett – Still in Progress.

No further business arising from the minutes.

In / Out Correspondence:

Correspondence In/Out: See attached list

Motion: Correspondence be accepted:
Moved: Paul Bonnett Seconded: Andrew Leitch

Carried

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

1. Kim Morrison stepping down from T&CC at this meeting.
Thank you, Kim for all your efforts and work over the years.
2. Email from PayPal to Secretary (Leslie) Does SAMROA have an account with PayPal??
Do we still require? – If not, can we close it?

This is, in fact, a Scam Email – Leslie has recently confirmed that SAMROA does NOT have any Accounts with PayPal. (All further emails received from this address will be deleted)

Reports from Other Committees:

WORKPLACE HEALTH SAFETY (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Newsletter Article – getting warmer / Sunscreen & Hydration Reminder. Also be careful in longer grass – Snakes are coming out of Hibernation.

T&CC (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Tonight is the final meeting for the current T&CC. The new Committee will be voted in tonight, some members have decided not to re-nominate and are stepping down. To those people, thank you for the efforts over your years on the Committee.
- With the new Tailem Bend Drag Strip now up and running, it is looking less likely that the fire training planned for this year will occur.
- Possibility of some Online Training occurring before the Adelaide 500.

New Members (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Visit to the Tailem Bend Auto Club was last night, didn't feel that there was much interest in members joining SAMROA. Can only wait to see what happens in the future

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Chris Frith, Matt Woods and Rob Thiry have been elected to the Executive.
- Annual Award Nominations are open – anyone can nominate a potential recipient.
- Final Meeting to “lock-in” 2024 Calendar hopefully to be held in November.
- Organising a “Motorsport Hub” display at the Adelaide 500 – Rob Thiry will be the main contact.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL

- Nothing to Report at meeting

WEB SITE (Presented by Alec Donnon)

- Few “back end” updates – will see a few changes to web page
- Looking to make easier to access by phone

FACEBOOK

- Cathy is an apology - Nothing to Report at meeting

NEWSLETTER

- Cathy is an apology - Nothing to Report at meeting

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Joshua Young)

- Go Karting event being organised – possibly Gepps Cross with a few drinks afterwards “across the road” (Coopers Ale House)

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Deborah Squires)

- Will have Gazebo before Adelaide 500 display – Do not want the same to happen with setting up display as last year where Deb’s pregnant daughter was only person to help out.
- General Discussions on how some members expect all to be done for them without offering to help – this also led to other discussions on Recruiting / Retention of new and existing members. (Not a “rosey” future if something is not done to reverse spiral)

Before General Business - Nominations for T&CC

Minimum Requirement is Bronze Licence.

Two from General Committee: Owen Smith & Matthew Avery.

Current T&C Committee

Owen & Matthew, WH&S Cathy Sinton, Brad Morrison, ~~Kim Morrison~~, Graham Church & ~~Tony Aloï~~.

Currently, Kim Morrison and Tony Aloï are not re-nominating

Current Nominations:

From last Meeting:

Brad Morrison: Nominated by: Cathy Sinton Seconded – Rod Mountifield
Now accepting the Nomination

Paul Karamanov: Nominated by: Deborah Squires Seconded – Rod Mountifield
Now Declined

Andrew Leitch: Nominated by: Janelle Orrock Seconded – Paul Karamanov
Accepted

Nominations tonight

Graham Church: Nominated by: Brad Morrison Seconded: Rod Mounifield

Alec Donnon: Nominated by David Castrechini Seconded: Owen Smith

NO VOTING REQUIRED: 2023/2024 Committee:

Owen Smith, Matthew Avery, WHS Cathy Sinton, Andrew Leitch, Brad Morrison, Graham Church & Alec Donnon.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tony Aloï

Who-ever is supplying Gazebo – Will need the instructions on how to Install / Maintain

Andrew Leitch

Adelaide 500 Display – Can “non-members” help out on weekend with the display? “Yes” is answer – need to contact Rob or Janelle.

Brad Morrison

Have we Looked at storing videos on the web site?? (Member's only area)

Web Page maintainers looking into it

No further General Business.

Meeting Closed: 20:14

Next Meeting:

Date: 13 December 2023

Location: Kent Town Hotel

Start Time: 7:30pm