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Motor Racing Officials Association  
Newsletter  
February 2023**

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**Next General Meeting:**

General Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month:

**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Road, Stepney starting  
at 7:30pm**



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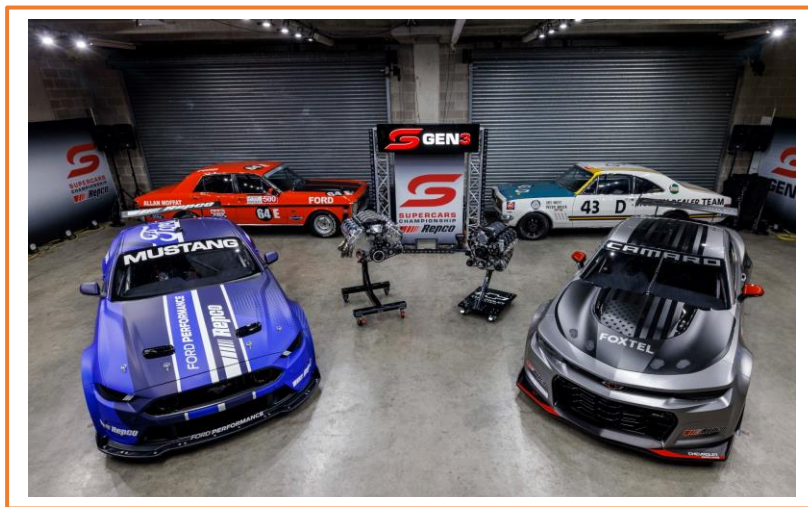


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# MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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## President's Prattle

### *Welcome to the February/March Newsletter*



Well, it's a belated Happy New Year to everyone and it looks like we have a very busy year ahead of us.

It was decided at the end of last year to get the Chief Flag vehicle checked out and subsequently the motor has been re-built and should now run much better. This has been done through the assistance of Alec Donnon and work done by Hampstead Auto Repairs and should be ready for our first event on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. A very big thank you to Alec, who was assisted by Graham Church, and of course the people at Hampstead Auto Repairs.

The vehicle will need to be run in appropriately and maintained much better than was previously.

This is our vehicle, and it needs to be looked after. It is not to be a dumping ground for all that utilise it or are transported in it. It must be kept in a good and relatively clean condition at all times, so it is presentable as our vehicle.

In closing, I'd like to remind all members that the next General Meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> February to be held at The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Road, Stepney starting at 7:30pm.

Why not come early for a meal prior to the General Meeting. Committee members and others will be in attendance from 6:15pm.

Until then, stay safe and well, and I'll see you when I'm looking at you.

***Bruce Morisset – President***



**The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Road, Stepney**

## Local Events Calendar

**Welcome to 2023 Motorsport season, our first schedule of events are as follows:**

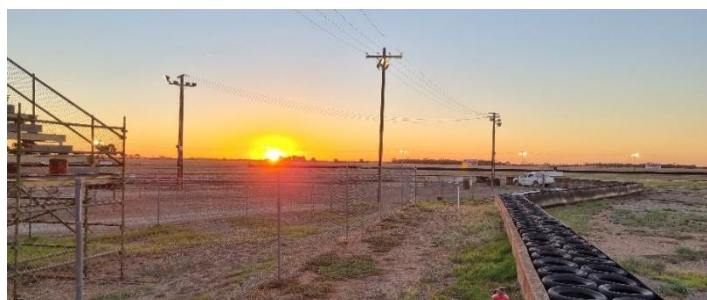
Date		Event	Location	Chief Flag/Assistant	T&CC Duty Officer
February	Wed 8th 7:30pm	General Meeting	The Maid Hotel, Stepney	President - Bruce Morisset	N/A
	Sun 12th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Darren Mattiske	Owen Smith
	Sat 18th	2023 Season Launch, including Time Attack	Mallala	Rod Mountifield /Leslie Atkinson	
March	Sat 4th & Sun 5th	SAMS Series Round 1	The Bend	Peter Stevens	Matt Avery
	Sat 18th March	SCCSA R1, Twilight	Mallala	Karl Flemming/ Alec Donnon	
	Sat 25th & Sun 26th	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Adelaide Street Circuit	TBA	
April	Wed 12th 7:30pm	General Meeting	The Maid Hotel, Stepney	President - Bruce Morisset	Graham Church
	Sun 16th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountifield	
	Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	

*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. The full list of events is located elsewhere in this newsletter to assist.*

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

Also 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> (this site is not validated for accuracy by SAMROA)



Mallala Sunset 2022



*Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in January/February/March.*

**January**

Jackie Schlein 2<sup>nd</sup>

Debra Hills 8<sup>th</sup>

Karl Flemming 16<sup>th</sup>

David Ryan 21<sup>st</sup>

Linda Baker 21<sup>st</sup>

Alan O’Dea 22<sup>nd</sup>

David Lans 24<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Morisset 24<sup>th</sup>

**February**

Andre Alexandrov 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shaun Doecke 5<sup>th</sup>

Steve Clift 6<sup>th</sup>

Shaun Halliday 13<sup>th</sup>

Nick Papanikolaou 20<sup>th</sup>

Peter Stevens 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bradley Morrison 22<sup>nd</sup>

**March**

Shaun Croci 9<sup>th</sup>

Deborah Squires  
15<sup>th</sup>

Janelle Orrock 21<sup>st</sup>

Naomi Maltby 24<sup>th</sup>

**WH&S Report**

Welcome to 2023, I hope everyone has had a fabulous Christmas and New year and enjoyed the break.

I’m sure everyone has rested and is preparing for the first meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, I would normally be preaching the need to hydrate and bring and drink plenty of water, although I still suggest doing this it will also be worthwhile you also bring wet weather gear to the first few meeting.

Remember to check your motorsport bag ensure there’s no food stuff left behind from last year, also check the use by dates on your sunscreen, out of date cream does not provide suitable protection and can be more harmful.

Just a short report this month, See you at the general meeting or trackside.

*Cathy Sinton*

*SANROA -H&S Rep.*

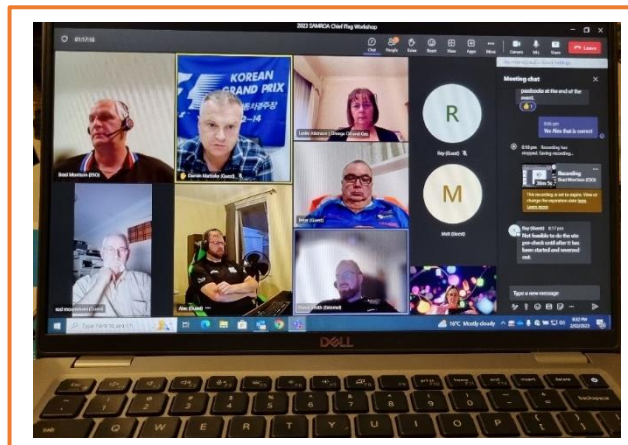
## T&CC Report

Welcome to 2023, I hope you all enjoyed the holiday period. Hard to think that we are already in February and fast approaching a busy year of motorsport. The T&CC have been hard at work developing training and plans for the year. Watch this space for more information relating to fire training and more online training sessions. Brad Morrison has been putting in a lot of work to get this off the ground, so thank you Brad and well done.

We are only 1 week away from beginning the 2023 motorsport year. The first event for the year is for Superkarts and Modern Regularity on the 12th of February at Mallala. Darren Mattiske is the Chief Flag for this event. If you wish to add your name to the list for this event, please contact Darren directly on 0412 823 171, any member of the T&CC or add your name on the database.

The week after on the 18th of February is the SCCSA Season launch and SA Time Attack at Mallala. Last year this event was enjoyable, and it should be the same this year. If you are able to assist for this single day event, please either add your name to the database or contact any member of the T&CC.

Look forward to seeing you trackside in February.



### **The T&CC conduct online workshop**

The T&CC recently conducted their first online training workshop for Chief flags and assistant Chief flags to provide everyone with an overview of their roles and responsibilities for the upcoming season. It also provided an opportunity for everyone to get together and discuss the role of Chief Flag, it was also very valuable for our assistant/trainee Chief flags.

This is the first time SAMROA T&CC has ventured into the online training space and judging by the feedback and the level of interaction it was a great success. Thank you to all Chief flags and assistant Chief flags for attending and helping make this a success.

Keep an eye out for future training workshops to be conducted online, the T&CC are currently developing a number of workshops to be conducted in the very near future for all members to attend.

Well done and thank you to Brad Morrison who put the session together.

*Owen "Ollie" Smith*

*T&CC Chairperson*

## 2023 Events Calendar

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	Sat 18th March	SCCSA R1, Twilight	Mallala	Karl Flemming/ Alec Donnon	
	Sat 25th & Sun 26th	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Adelaide Street Circuit	TBA	
April	Sun 16th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountefield	Graham Church
	Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	
May	Sun 7th	Peter Hall Memorial 6 hour	Mallala	Darren Mattiske	Brad Morrison
	Sat 27th & Sun 28th	SCCSA R2	The Bend	Owen Smith / Leslie Atkinson	
June	Sun 4th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	Cathy Sinton
	Fri 9th - Sun 11th	SAMS Series Round 2, including Asian Lamborghini	The Bend	TBA	
July	Sat 8th & Sun 9th	SCCSA R3 Mallala (with Porsche supersprint)	Mallala	Kim Morrison / Alec Donnon	Tony Aloï
	Sun 23rd	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Brad Morrison	
August	Sun 27th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	Kim Morrison
	Fri 18th - Sun 20th	OTR Supersprint	The Bend	Non SAMROA event	
September	Sat 16th & Sun 17th	SCCSA R4	The Bend	Peter Stevens / Leslie Atkinson	Matt Avery
October	Fri 13th - Sun 15th	Motorsport Australia Trophy Series	The Bend	Non SAMROA event	Tony Aloï
	Fri 27th - Sun 29th	The Bend Classic	The Bend	Owen Smith	
November	Sun 5th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity, (GP)	Mallala	Ray McGuinness	Brad Morrison
	Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th	SAMS Series Round 3	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	
	Saturday 18th	SCCSA Season Finale / Enduro	The Bend	Rod Mountifield/ Alec Donnon	
	Thurs 23rd - Sun 26th	VALO Adelaide 500	Adelaide Street Circuit	Non SAMROA event	



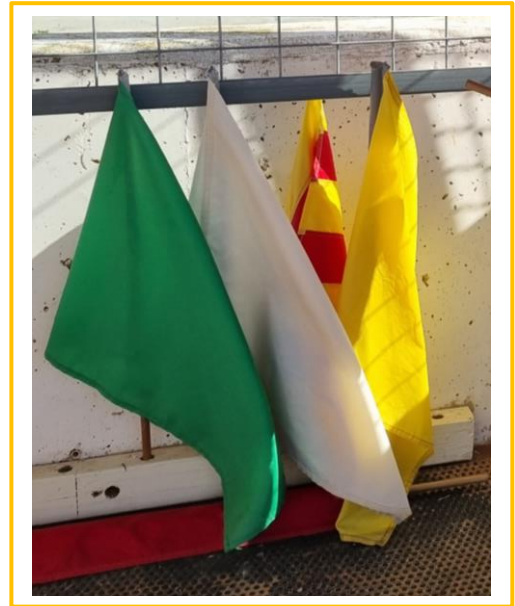
## Social Committee Report

Welcome back to a new year of Motorsport in 2023. We hope you had a relaxing time with family and friends over the Festive Season Break.

The committee hopes to be able to bring you some special social events this year to celebrate the club's 45<sup>th</sup> year. So watch this space for more details of upcoming social events.

*Cheers,*

*Leslie Atkinson*



## Promotions Report



Thank you to these businesses who have supported SAMROA in various ways recently



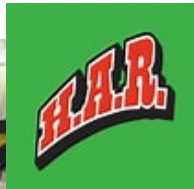
**Thank you to Autobarn, Mt Barker**

The T&CC recently needed to replace all the lights and wiring on the club trailer and received a generous discount from AutoBarn Mt Barker – Thank you 😊



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.





## Hampstead Auto Repairs



Hampstead Auto Repairs is a specialist mechanic located in Klemzig, SA. Their services include brake repairs, clutch and gearbox repairs, air con re-gas and repairs, exhaust repair, power steering alignment, wheel alignment, new car & logbook servicing, 4wd repairs, diesel service and repairs, full car servicing and tyre fitting. They also offer their customers the additional service of a pick-up and drop-off anywhere within the Klemzig area with prior arrangement. They have customers from all over Adelaide including Broadview, Greenacres, Hampstead Gardens, Marden, Walkerville, Manningham, Lightsview, Windsor Gardens, Oakden, Northgate, Hillcrest and surrounding areas. Their auto repair experts can provide speedy servicing and repairs to ensure that you get back on the road as soon as possible.

Thank you to the team at Hamstead Auto and Alec Donnon for the recent work done to the SAMROA ute for the upcoming season. 😊

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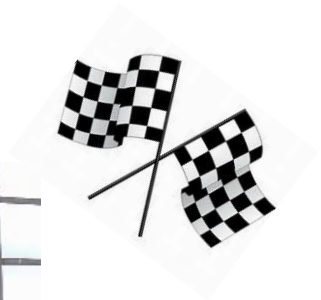
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## Member Profiles



**Name:** David Castrechini

**Nickname:** Huh

**Date of birth:** Long, Long time ago

**Birthplace:** Adelaide

**Where did you grow up?** Adelaide



**How did you get into motorsport, and when did you start with SAMROA?** 45 years ago after watching a stock sedan event at AIR (Adelaide International Raceway) and seeing an ad in the program.

**What's your most memorable motorsport moment?** Being chased by a superkart at AIR

**How would friends and acquaintances describe you?** Don't know ask them

**What are you most proud of accomplishing?** Sticking with the club through thick and thin

**What's the most useless talent you have?** All my talents are useful

**What is the dumbest or funniest way you've been injured?** Watching part of my finger get cut off!! – Ouch 😞

**What's your favourite indoor/outdoor activity outside of Motorsport?** Beach, relaxing with family & friends

**If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?** Fly a plane

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you like to meet and why?** My grandparents so I could know them

**If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose?** Invisible man

**What do/did you want to be when you grow up?** Policeman

[Everyone is welcome to provide a member profile – see Cathy for sheet to fill out, she will be very happy to include it.](#)





# SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

## December 2022



### Meeting Details:

Date & Time: 14 December 2022 at 19:30  
Location: The Maid Hotel  
Meeting Opened: 19:35

### Attendees:

Present: As per attendance book  
Apologies:  
Guests: Nil

### Announcements / Reminders:

Welcome to last general meeting for 2022

### Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the Previous Meeting (October 2022) were emailed to members.

**Motion:** Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Shaun Halliday    Seconded: Brad Morrison

Carried.

### Business arising from previous minutes:

Peter Ruth to contact Chris Monck such that dietary requirements can be flagged and made aware to CF.

– Alec Donnon to chase up.

### In / Out Correspondence:

Correspondence In/Out: See attached list

From Post Box:  
Victorian Flagmarshalling Newsletter  
PIARC Newsletter

**Motion:** Correspondence be accepted:

Moved: Leslie Atkinson    Seconded: Cathy Sinton

Carried

### Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Nil

### Reports from Other Committees:

**WORKPLACE HEALTH SAFETY** (Presented by Cathy Sinton)

TCC report for Bend  
John Morgan has left Mallala so looking of new manager. Working through some issues. Will need to start again

**T&CC (Presented by Owen)**

Loading calendar into DB so can start putting names down.  
12 Superkarts  
18 Feb first event. – Season launch and time attack – twilight.  
Shed cleanout to be confirmed. Prob late Jan. The more, the merrier, so try to come along  
Online training in early year. Chief flags and ACF. If you're interested in finding out about role, you are welcome to come along.  
Online is the direction we want to take, so more training will be done online.  
Chief flag roster and RC roster out prior to Christmas. As well as starter and form-up.

**New Members (Presented by Kim Morrison)**

James Whelan has been accepted and financial.  
A couple of people still need to finish off their trackside days.  
Potential 2 more new members - to be confirmed.

Feedback from Adelaide 500 member drive – We received a number of names but not all are interested in SAMROA. Currently at state officiating panel to determine where to go from here.

**MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA**

Last meeting was calendar meeting.

**STATE OFFICIATING PANEL**

Trying to organise stand

**WEB SITE (Reported by Peter Ruth)**

Nothing to report

**FACEBOOK (Reported by Cathy Sinton)**

Good traction and lots of interactions esp. from other car clubs.

**NEWSLETTER (Reported by Cathy)**

Welcome to receive photos of other events even interstate. Send to Cathy or write article if you want.  
Looking at new template. Make more modern and interesting.  
Including member profiles  
Trying to get more interest in it. Eg. buy and sell or articles.  
Member profile forms available to be included in newsletter

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** (Presented by Deb Squires)

Looking at venue for 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner. Any ideas let us know.  
TBA

**PROMOTIONS** (Presented by Deb Squires)

Stand with WfW at Adelaide 500 and Rally. General motorsport promotion.  
Gained 27 expressions of interest across the board. Potentially 7 for SAMROA.  
Lot of effort was put in.  
Stand looked good with new banners.

Thanks to Deb Squires for her efforts.

**General Business:**

Cathy Sinton:

Trailer – no rear lights are working. Full report on trailer and ute has been put into folder for inclusion in chief flag report. Needs to be fixed before next use.  
Fire extinguishers at Peter Stevens' are available for training. Need trailer to transport them back to Mallala. – TCC have discussed.

If use, need to send receipt to Janelle.

If club is prepared to spend the money Brad has volunteered to rewire the trailer.

**Action:** Brad to rewire trailer on shed clean-up day

Owen Smith :

Congratulations to Deb Squires for efforts at Adelaide 500

Nick Pap: Graphics depot, and CJ Decoux are two more places to get quotes for the trailer re-wrapping. Nick happy to get pricing.

Janelle: FYI Darwin applications have been sent out.

Bruce wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Meeting Closed: 20.06**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** 8 February 2023

**Location:** TBA

**Start Time:** 7:30pm