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# South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association Newsletter June 2024



## Next General Meeting:

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, at The Kent Town Hotel,  
72-76 Rundle St, Kent Town Starting at 7:30pm

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.**

**Front cover picture: David Ryan, Kim Morrison, Bruce Morisset (Life Member), Glen Dix & Owen Smith (President) at turn 7, Mallala in front of the new advertising sign for the club.**

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# MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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## President's Prattle

### *Welcome to the June Newsletter*



Hello all,

It's hard to think that we're already in June, and what a big couple of months it has been.

A lot has happened since the April update. A huge thank you to everybody that has been trackside over the previous 2 months. We have had 8 events including the Motorsport Australia Speed Series round at The Bend over this period. As we go into a little winter break, I hope that everybody gets the chance to enjoy a well-earned rest, and for those heading up to the warmth of Darwin, enjoy the sun and warm weather.

A shout out to the following people who attended each event over this period:

- Alan Hardy
- Jackie Schlein
- Deb Squires
- Carolyn Lillie

For those that were at the National Historics at Mallala, you may have noticed the brand new SAMROA billboard at Turn 7 (See picture on the front cover) . Thank you to Adam Brook and the team at Mallala Motorsport Park for kindly donating the signage space to help promote the recruitment of officials and members. Also thank you to the team at Signs on Para for the design and installation of the signage. It certainly looks fantastic and a great location to promote SAMROA.

We are starting to see new faces from the promotional displays held during the year. It's great to see so many new faces; I hope you are all enjoying your first experiences trackside. We will be proposing a display at the Bend Classic in October, and plans are underway for our display at the 2025 Adelaide Motorsport Festival.

At the June general meeting, we will be taking nominations for those wishing to take up roles on the committee with voting to take place at the AGM in August. If you are interested in taking a role behind the scenes and having input on the direction of the club, please feel free to nominate yourself or someone you know.

For those that are heading to Darwin, I hope you enjoy it and stay safe. We all look forward to hearing the stories of warm weather, sun and possibly a car or 2.

Look forward to seeing you soon at the track soon.

Owen Smith - President



## Upcoming Events Calendar

2024 Motorsport Events calendar has been finalised. The T&CC will update the member database with all the events. **MORE NAMES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT T&CC OR PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DATABASE.**

A full copy of the 2024 calendar of events is at the end of the newsletter 😊

<i>SAMROA Event Schedule 2024</i>				
<i>Event Date/s</i>	<i>No of Days</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Chief Flag</i>
<i>19th June</i>		<i>General meeting - 7pm</i>	<i>Kent Town Hotel</i>	
<i>16th June</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Superkarts/Modern Regularity</i>	<i>Mallala</i>	<i>Leslie Atkinson</i>
<i>28th July</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Superkarts/Modern Regularity</i>	<i>Mallala</i>	<i>Alec Donnon</i>
<i>3rd-4th August</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>SAMS Round 6</i>	<i>Mallala</i>	<i>Ray McGuiness</i>
<i>14th August</i>		<i>General meeting - 7pm</i>	<i>Kent Town Hotel</i>	

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 2024. 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.**

**Officials' registrations will be via both the SAMROA database and Better Impact.** This is so organisers can provide the correct lunch, no need for you to sign disclaimers on the day, and organisers are looking at a recognition scheme, so this will provide them with accurate data to administer this.

### **SAMRC round 6 Better Impact URL**

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/feab8fd7-5cbb-431f-9cbe-0dde7a4502db/3>

The URLs for the other Better Impact events will be published closer to the events.

The Training & Competition Committee is planning an up-skilling day later in the year. Details will be sent out soon.

## T&CC Report

Hello everyone!

A big thank you to everyone who has come out to support the club over the last two months with the large number of meetings we have had. It's also great to see so many new faces trackside. Welcome aboard to all those new people, we hope you enjoy your journey with the club and look forward to seeing you all at future meetings.

The T&CC have been busy lately developing some online training courses. These will focus on developing our club mentors and we are also still attempting to put together a fire training day; keep an eye on your emails for further information.

Over the last few meetings there has been a big focus on trackside communications, ensuring we are getting the appropriate information to race control in a short and simple format.



For example :

Post 1 - Race control, post 1 (always remember to call race control then your post number, it gets busy upstairs and they may not be alert to your call, therefore may miss the first couple of words).

Race - Control: Send Post 1

Post 1 – Car 7 spun driver’s right and continued

Race Control- Thank you post 1, car 7 spun driver’s right and continued.

Example 2

Post 1 – Race control post 1

Race control – Send post 1

Post 1 – Car 23 has stopped to driver’s right at approx. 1.5 off circuit in a safe position. Driver is getting out of the vehicle and making their way to the wall.

Race Control – Thank you post 1, please let us know of tow requirements as soon as you become aware.

It’s important to advise race control of exactly the location of the vehicle, on or off the circuit, and if it is in a safe position – a safe position is when the vehicle is in a position off the circuit, positioned well away from the race surface and unlikely to be at risk of another vehicle coming into contact with it, for example against the wall. If it is bogged in a gravel trap in line with the race line of a corner, then it would be considered dangerous.

If you have any concerns, please chat to a T&CC member.

**Bronze assessments** – we have had a number of people ask how they do their bronze assessment – The first thing is to complete the online module via the Motorsport Australia website. Once you successfully complete this, touch base with someone from the T&CC, let us know you have completed the course, and we will begin to work with you to get you prepared for your event assessment. This may involve allocating a mentor and placing you with senior people who can train you and ensure you are ready to undertake the event assessment at an event. The T&CC are here to help you have a good and successful experience with your assessment.

From the T&CC, we look forward to seeing you soon. Take care and always have fun.

Cheers T&CC



## Birthdays



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

### *June*

Sarah Kenyon 7<sup>th</sup>

Bronwen Williamson 12<sup>th</sup>

Gerry Bourke 24<sup>th</sup>

### *July*

Colin Leaker 2<sup>nd</sup>

Andrew Robinson 11<sup>th</sup>

Peter Ruth 15<sup>th</sup>

Leslie Atkinson 20<sup>th</sup>

Paul Janes Curtis 27<sup>th</sup>

Elise Westin 31<sup>st</sup>

## WHS Report

WOW! What a lot of race meetings since my last report. I think it will have been approximately 15 days of events with a large number of back-to-back weekends requiring our members. This, along with the cooler (very cold) weather, will have been draining on all who have attended. It has been great to see so many people trackside. I encourage you to take a rest and, when we have some down time, ensure you recharge and look after your wellbeing, catch up with family and sleep.

For those members who have had to deal with some serious incidents at any race meeting, please remember we are here to help. If you feel you need to talk or want to talk to someone about what has occurred, or what you have observed at an event, and you would like some assistance dealing with how you feel or simply feel you want to chat to someone, please reach out. You can speak with anyone from the committees (T&CC or General committee), myself and there are also the motorsport Chaplains who are also available. Contact numbers are listed in the front of the newsletter.

As the colder months approach and we still have a number of race meetings on the calendar. It's a good time to invest in some good wet weather gear and warm clothing trackside; thermals are a good investment. Please remember when purchasing wet weather gear not to get a colour which conflicts with our flags ie yellow or red, Orange is the ideal colour and easily available.

Cheers, Cathy



## Social Committee Report

The Social Committee has selected a date for the Annual Dinner 2024 which is open of any motorsport Marshal and their families/friends both here and interstate to attend. **Saturday 24 August 2024** is the date to keep in your diaries. We encourage all members to attend and extend the invitation to family and friends. More information to come. Keep an eye on your emails

Venue: TBA

Regards

Social  
Committee.



## SAMROA Executive and Committee Elections 2024/25

The August meeting is also the club Annual General meeting. This is your opportunity for you 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 a 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.

At the June general meeting we will be calling for nominations for all committee positions. If you, or someone you know, has the interest and/or skills to fill any of our committee positions, have a chat with them and nominate them at the June meeting.

### **Positions to be voted in are:**

President      Vice-President      Secretary      Assistant Secretary      Treasurer

Plus 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 form is attached to the newsletter and printed copies will be available at the next general meeting.





## SAMROA Uniform/clothing

Over recent events the committee have observed very few members are wearing the uniform these days, especially at Mallala club events, so we would like to promote it. The updated order form for the club shirts is attached to the end of this newsletter. If anyone is interested, please complete and either send the form and payment to club secretary or speak with the secretary or committee member at a race meeting or general meeting. Some people have advised they cannot find anywhere to buy orange pants. After a little bit of searching online we found a company called Trade Wear. Here is the link and a couple of images [orange pants - Trade Wear](#) . Of course, members can buy them from wherever they want - this is just a suggestion. A lot of safety clothing shops also sell orange pants.



Men's



Womens



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## Participation Award

SAMROA committee have decided on an award (which will be ongoing) to be presented at the annual dinner to recognise the member who has attended the most events over the financial year. Eligibility criteria:

- All current financial members excluding the Executive Members of the General Committee are eligible regardless of role.

- Counted at SAMROA promoted events only (as shown on the member database "upcoming events" page, includes Mallala Historics, Superkarts and Modern Regularity) or Motorsport Australia SAMRC events applied for through My/Better Impact.
- Points counted as days per event i.e. 1 day is 1 point, 2 days 2 points etc.
- Attending a training session (in person or online) counts as 1 point.
- Assisting with and/or setting up a SAMROA promotional display counts as 1 point per day.
- Points will be accrued by the secretary over the relevant financial year.

Any enquiries please speak with a current committee member.



## Sporting Car Club SA is turning 90 years old

The official Sporting Car Club of SA Gala dinner to mark the 90th Anniversary of the club will be held on Saturday 10th of August, at the Wolf Blass Event Centre @ Morphettville. The night will be a celebration of the club's 90 years of history, with a display of cars, talks and presentations will be part of the night.



The formalities on the night will be hosted by Channel 7 sports presenter, former Pt Adelaide footballer and car enthusiast, Bruce Abernethy. Details on the band to entertain on the night will be announced soon. Tickets for the event are \$95 and include 2 course meal and a welcome drink. Additional drinks will be available for purchase from the bar. To book your ticket or table of 10 please click on the link below or call the club for more details on 8373 4899



Tickets available at: [Gala Dinner 2024 | SCCSA Official Site \(sportingcarclub.com.au\)](https://sportingcarclub.com.au)

It would be great for SAMROA members to fill a table or two to help Sporting Car Club celebrate this great milestone.



## Events

# Shannon's Speed Series – Race Taillem Bend

The weekend of 31 May – 2 June brought national motorsport to South Australia in a big way with the running of Round 4 of the Shannon's Speed Series hosted by Motorsport Australia and televised free-to-air by Channel 7. A full schedule brought many of the best racing categories in Australia to The Bend's West Circuit for the first time and put on some great racing!

The packed schedule certainly put everyone to the test with on-track action starting at 7am all the way through to 5.30pm Friday and Saturday (!), and not a lot of space in between. Everyone was mostly still standing somehow by the end of Sunday, a testament to the dedication of motorsport officials.

As for myself, this was my first serious attempt in the Chief Flag role, and aside from a rather shaky start on Saturday morning, I hope I did right by all of you. Certainly an eye opening experience regarding some of the organisation that happens behind the scenes of big national race meetings.

Flaggies were kept busy by the Porsche Sprint Challenge who, in just one of their three races, generated something like eight separate reports. Those guys are nuts, and race for keeps.

GT World Challenge (GT3), Monochrome GT4 and Australian Production Cars all featured several hour-long races with pit stops giving everyone lots of blue flagging practice. Not always the most door-to-door action, but there were usually a couple cars putting on a show at any one time.



Sprint racing came in the form of TCR Australia, Trans-Am Series and National Sports Sedans who all put on some damn good action, and looked good doing it!

We saw a lot of young and fresh faces around the flag posts over the weekend, who from all accounts had a blast and are keen to return. We'll certainly be trying to pass along details of other upcoming events to get them hooked even more.

There were a handful of serious crashes through the weekend, and from everything I saw, all personnel involved did an exemplary job in handling each situation. As always, if anyone involved in any serious incident wishes to talk about their experience, get in touch with the Chief Flag of the event, the SAMROA Training & Competition Committee, or you can reach out to the Motorsport Chaplains who attend most race meetings state level and up, or online via Motorsport Australia. All discussions will be kept confidential.

Also, I couldn't end this without thanking Deb Squires, our Assistant Chief Flag (and Chief on Thursday & Friday!) for an excellent job in backing me up across the weekend, cheers!

I certainly hope to see you all at more race meetings in the future!

Alec Donnon

Chief Flag





## 2024 SA Motor Racing Calender

<b>SAMROA Event Schedule 2024</b>					
<b>Event Date/s</b>	<b>No of Days</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Chief Flag</b>	<b>Assist CF</b>
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 McGuiness
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	Repco Bathurst 1000	Bathurst	Non SAMROA Event	
27th October	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Ray McGuiness	
14th-17th November	4	Adelaide 500 Supercars event	Parklands	Non SAMROA Event	
23rd-24th November	2	SAMS R8 (Final) Including GT	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 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](#).

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).

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



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*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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