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Motor Racing Officials Association
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October 2022**

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Next General Meeting:

General Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday bi-monthly:

12th October, at The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Road, Stepney starting at 7:30pm



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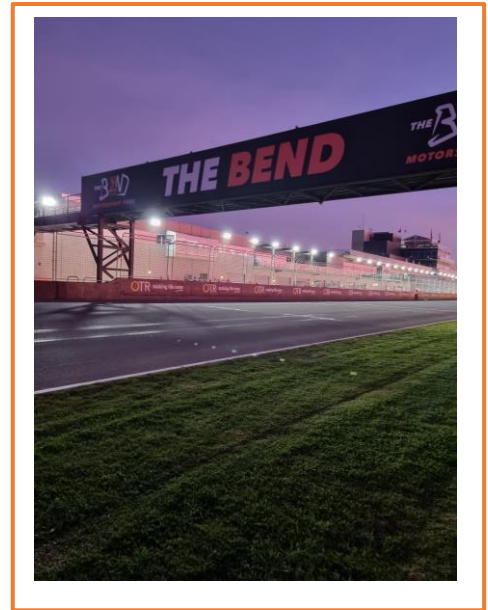


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President's Prattle

Welcome to the October/November Newsletter



Howdy all.

Welcome to Summertime. My favourite time of the year.

I'd like to thank all our members for coming out to the various race meetings that we've been involved in over the last couple of months. We couldn't have done them without your involvement, well done.

Since the last newsletter we've had our AGM, where you, the members, voted in our new committee being:-

President – Bruce Morisset, **Vice President** – Owen Smith, **Secretary** – Leslie Atkinson, **Assist. Secretary** – Kim Morrison, **Treasurer** – Janelle Orrock

General Committee members – Graham Church, Shaun Halliday, Deborah Squires and Alec Donnon

We also had our 44th Annual Dinner on 3 September at The Maid Hotel. It was a great night and a terrific effort by the Social Committee – Thank you to Leslie, Janelle and Deb.

On the night, as always, various awards were presented starting with Service Award Badges

5 years – Nick Papanikolaou, Jackie Schlein and Peter Ruth

10 years – Owen Smith, Ashleigh Bennett, Shaun Halliday and Janelle Orrock

15 years – Rodney Mountifield

25 years – Alex Varcoe

35 years – Peter Cirillo

Not all the above were in attendance on the night but all were acknowledged.

The Most Improved Official went to Peter Miller and The Kaye Morisset Memorial Club Member of the Year went to Ray McGuiness. Ray was our club representative to the Sporting Car Club of SA, was on the committee as treasurer for 7 years, was a member of the T&CC, coordinates the Race Control communication roster and has participated at 197 SAMROA events.

Congratulations to all the above and also to Peter Cirillo for his continued maintenance of the Orange Turkey Award.

Our next General Meeting is to be held on the 12th October at The Maid Hotel starting at 7:30 pm. Come along early and join some of the committee for a meal prior to the meeting.

At the meeting we'll be voting on the members to be voted in to represent you on the T&CC. This is an important opportunity to represent the members and you must be a Bronze Level Licence holder to be on the committee.

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

Bruce Morisset – President

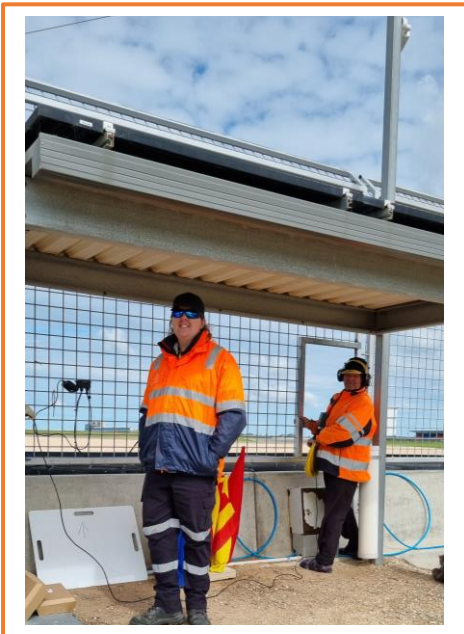
General Meeting:

Members of the committee tend to arrive around 18:15 and have a meal before the meeting so come along and get involved.



Club Member of the year 2021/22 – Ray McGuinness

The Bend Classic:



Local Events Calendar

Reminder, as the COVID-19 situation is ever changing, keep an eye out on social media, SAMROA emails and newsletters for updates. If you are unwell, please do not come out to an event.

- **30th October** - Superkarts & Modern Regularity

Non SAMROA Events

21st – 23rd October - Shannon's/Motorsport Australia Festival

1st – 4th December - Supercars Adelaide

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)



*Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in
October/November.*

October

Cathy Sinton 4th

Alan Hardy 5th

Tom Westin 6th

Ted Blackwell 7th

Paul Papanikolaou 13th

Peter Cirillo 15th

Matthew Avery 25th

November

Kim Morrison 7th

Tony Aloï 21st

David Castrechini 28th

Rob Thiry 28th

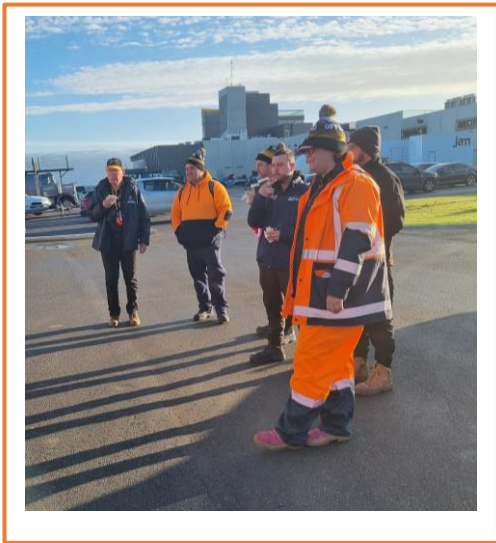
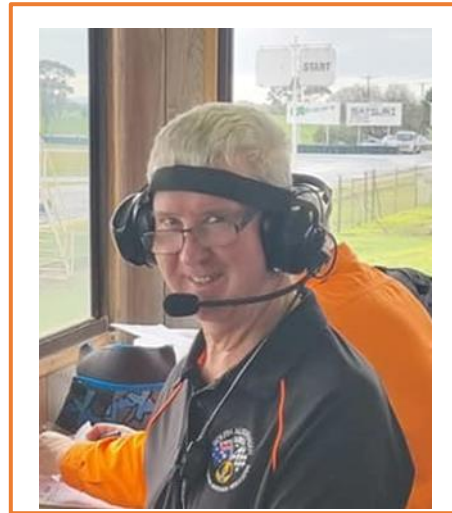
Lawrie Schmitt 29th

WH&S Report

We have had some reports regarding the condition of the brooms and the floor surface in race control at Mallala which the T&CC are discussing with the manager of Mallala motorsport park, thank you to those who reported these issues. I would encourage everyone to report any issues/hazards they identify at their post during an event, this will assist in improving your safety at race meetings.

Cathy Sinton

SAMROA -H&S Rep.



T&CC Report

Hi Everyone,

Hard to think that we are already in October, the year has certainly flown by but is by no means done with a big last few events and months to finish off the year capped off with the return of the VALO Adelaide 500.

October will be a fantastic month trackside with the Shannon's round being held at the Bend from 21st to the 23rd of October. Registrations are now open for this event through the Motorsport Australia Rosterfy portal.

<https://motorsportaustralia.rosterfy.com.au/login>

This will be a great event with several great categories in action including the Fanatec GT World Challenge Australia, Australian Production Cars, Porsche Sprint Challenge, and the Radical Cup Australia.

The final round of the Superkarts and Modern Regularity for 2022 will be held at Mallala on the 30th of October. This will also be the final event at Mallala for 2022 and the last opportunity to blow a few cobwebs out before the 500. Owen Smith is the Chief Flag for this round (yes, I'm talking about myself in the 3rd person) If you wish to have your name added to the database, please feel free to either reach out to any member of the T&CC or add your name to the database.

A reminder that during the October general meeting, nominations will be taken and voting for members to join the Training and Competition Committee for 2023. The T&CC is a great opportunity to gain an insight into what happens behind the scenes of the club and to have input on future training days and development.

Look forward to seeing you trackside in October.

Owen "Ollie" Smith

SAMROA T&CC Member

We are in need of officials for our final event – Superkarts/Modern regularity on the 30th October – We will be having a BBQ at the end of the day to celebrate a successful season – Come out and enjoy a snag with us all.

Peter Miller – Most Improved Club Member 2021/22 - Congratulations



Social Committee Report

Annual Dinner

The club held their 44th Annual Dinner at The Maid Hotel on Saturday 3rd September. It was well attended with 48 members and partners attending to celebrate the achievements of the members during the year.

We had 10 members receive badges for years of service ranging from 5 years all the way up to Peter Cirillo who received a badge for 35 years of service to the club. Congratulations Peter, that is an outstanding effort. Also, congratulations to Alec Varco for receiving a 25-year badge, for services covering more than half his life.



Congratulations to Peter Miller who received Most Improved Official award. Unfortunately, Peter was not present to receive his award, not wishing to make the long trek from his home in Wallaroo for the evening. Peter has only been a member of the club for two years, but he has shown a lot of dedication, initiative and aptitude over that short time.

Finally, congratulations go to Ray McGuinness who was awarded the Kaye Morisset Memorial Trophy for Club Member of the Year. This award is presented to a member who goes above and beyond in their services to the club. The award commemorates Kaye Morisset who tragically lost her life in 1985 while performing her duties trackside. This is a highly regarded award and one that is proudly presented to the worthy recipient every year by Bruce Morisset.

Ray humbly received the award this year due to his outstanding support behind the scenes in many areas of the club administration and support over many years, as well as his nearly 200 race events.



Finally, the Orange Turkey award was presented to Peter Cirillo. This award is presented to a member who has really messed up during the year. In a move away from tradition, Peter had the dubious honour of receiving this award for the second year in a row. Usually, the recipient decides who the award is presented to the following year, however, Peter's actions at the Annual Dinner in 2021 earned him the award for a second year.



Well done Peter for being a great sport and accepting the Orange Turkey award in good spirits.

Finally, a big Thank You to club President Bruce Morisset for being emcee for the night and ensuring everyone was entertained.

Cheers

Leslie Atkinson

Annual Dinner 2022



Service Awards 2022

Awards presented on the night by president, Bruce Morisset and Motorsport Australia representative, Kristen Bailey.

5 Years



Nick Papanikolaou



Jackie Schlein

10 years



Owen Smith



Janelle Orrock

15 years



Rodney Mountifield

25 years



Alex Varcoe

35 years



Peter Cirillo

A photograph of a Mister Minit kiosk sign. The sign is white with a blue and red border. At the top left, it says "MISTER MINIT UNLEY" in red. In the center is a cartoon character of a man in a white coat pointing. To the right of the character, it says "MISTER MINIT." in large blue letters, with the tagline "'Real people fixing problems'" in red below it, and "Since 1957" in small black text. On the left side, it lists the franchisee's name "Shaun Halliday", his title "Franchisee", and his email "E unleymisterminit@bigpond.com". Below this, it provides contact information: a phone number "(08) 8357 7391", the address "Kiosk 3, Unley Shopping Centre, 204 Unley Rd, Unley SA 5061", and the website "www.misterminit.com.au". On the right side, a red sign lists services: "Shoe Repair", "Key Cutting", "Engraving", and "Watch Service".

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.

Promotions Report

Hi all,

We finally have a draft version of a Promotional video of SAMROA which will be available to view on completion. . So, far we have made contact with some potential Motorsport Australia affiliated organisations to arrange on site promotion of SAMROA. Continue to support us in moving forward and growing.

If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me (0412098336) or forward ideas to secretary@samroa.org.au for Committee consideration. This is **OUR** Club, **OUR** Future, and **OUR** Passion.

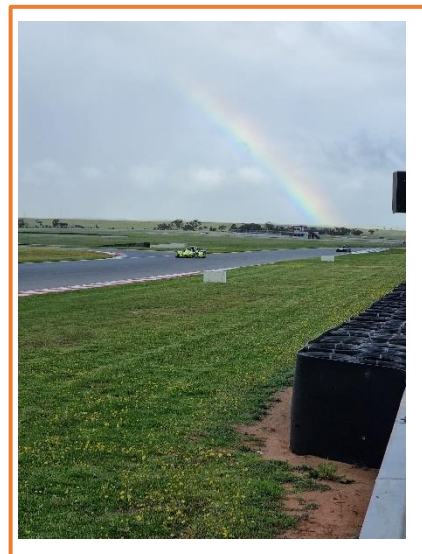
"Many hands make light work".

Deb Squires

Committee Member

Appendix A: August 2022 General Meeting Minutes

SCCSA State Round 4 – The Bend



Annual Dinner 2022





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SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

August 2022



Meeting Details:

Date & Time: 10 August 2022 at 19:30
Location: The Maid Hotel
Meeting Opened: 19:32

Attendees:

Present: As per attendance book
Apologies: Peter Ruth, Alan Hardy, Paul Karamanov, Matthew Meegan, Dave Mori, Rob Thiry
Guests: Jack Holding

Announcements / Reminders:

Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the Previous Meeting (June 2022) were placed on the tables for members.

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

Moved: Owen Smith

Seconded: David Castrechini

Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Nil

In / Out Correspondence:

Correspondence In/Out: See attached list

From Post Box:

Term deposit statement

Phillip Island Auto Racing Club newsletter

Austin 7 club newsletter

Victorian Flagmarshalling Team newsletter

Motion: Correspondence be accepted:

Moved: Leslie Atkinson

Seconded: Graham Church

Carried

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Nil

Reports from Other Committees:

WORKPLACE HEALTH SAFETY (Presented by Cathy Sinton)

See newsletter

Be mindful and prepared for all weather

Take food and drink especially if you have special dietary requirements

Hazard incident reports on marshal feedback forms at Mallala and Tailem bend.

Please report any hazards so they can be rectified.

T&CC (Presented by Tony Aloï)

Fire training is not going ahead for a number of reasons including no quote was received from Women for Wheels. Still discussing.

Race meetings are going well.

27-28 August Bend Classic as desperately low on numbers, so please put your name down if you can attend. This will be held on west circuit.

11 Sep Reg and Superkarts

SCCSA Round 4 of State Championship at Tailem Bend on 17-18 September, come out if you are available

Remember car-pooling if you can. It's up to yourselves to organise and come up with suggestions, but it's important to get this going within club. Offer a ride if driving past or you know someone lives close by.

Kim and Brad Morrison have accommodation available if want to stay over for Bend events, and then car-pool to the track.

The Bend: Accommodation is available at the Big 4 park – discounts of 50% are available if you book in as official and SAMROA member.

SCCSA grand finale has been moved. Possibly will be 27 November.

The Bend Classic, Graham Church has 3 spare beds in the bunkhouse. Let him know if you are interested in sharing a room.

New Members (Presented by Kim Morrison)

We have a good number of new members

Welcome to Josh who has come along to his second general meeting, and to Kristopher Bailey and Jenny Love who are attending their first meeting.

Peter Stevens has recruited Jarrod from Mildura with another 2-3 potential friends. Kim is keeping in contact with the new members to check in on how they are going. She has received great feedback. A couple of new members haven't yet made it out to the track.

Tony Aloï thanked Kim for all her efforts to get members out to the track especially when numbers were down.

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA

Meeting next week.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL

Nothing to report

SCCSA

Monthly meetings have been replaced with category specific meetings with only 1-2 full meetings/year. For two meetings a year the committee agreed it is not worth having a representative on the SCCSA committee. The representative doesn't have a voice on the committee anyway.

WEB SITE (Reported by Peter Ruth)

Peter Ruth has had a meeting with Owen Smith about upgrading the look of the website. Owen now has access to play around and may be able to get some technical assistance from his company. Unfortunately, we've never performed a style change/upgrade in Word Press before and it doesn't appear you can save your progress in the change area. Which means you either have to commit the change and hope it doesn't break the current site or back out. We'll keep working on it.

Peter requested a list of upcoming events, so he can update the page.

FACEBOOK

Nil

Newsletter (Reported by Peter Ruth)

Many thanks to Deb Squires for getting the bits and pieces together for each newsletter over the last 3 years. It definitely made my limited time for editing the layout much quicker.

Peter just recently started working with his wife on a new design, as the current version is a bit stale and boring. We've been looking at using inDesign for the layouts etc. and a first very rough draft was presented (copies were made available to members). It has got quite a way to go and may need a bit more discussion around the colours and layout and maybe 'corporate styling'.

Deb is standing down as Editor, Cathy Sinton has volunteered to step in.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Leslie Atkinson and Deb Squires)

The Annual Dinner has been booked for 3 September at The Maid Hotel. A three-course meal will be offered with a great selection from their menu. Cost: \$50/head for members, \$60/head for non-members.

Please RSVP and pay prior to dinner. Keep ticket for a free drink voucher

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Deb Squires)

Deb made contact with MA affiliated clubs for any ideas on static displays. If you have any ideas, ring Deb or send an email to the secretary.

General Business:

Janelle Orrock:

Adelaide 500 registrations will hopefully open next week. Registrations will likely be online, so if you have registered your interest to the email address you will get notified.

Shannons: If interested you need to go to Rosterfy and register.

Nick Papanikolaou:

Paul is having a bad time lately as he felt demoted and disrespected at the Supercars event due to a poor decision made by a senior official. Paul is good at his passion which is officiating. As an association, in the last 12 months there has been a move to non-selectiveness. The club can't do that going forward. If the club continues to it will miss out on funding.

Nick believes the club has become exclusive and elitist such that you are not accepted if you don't fit the right profile.

There are plenty of people that want to join but just need training slightly differently. The club needs to reassess its culture if this can be done to a guy who has been here 7 years, and just got his Bronze licence. Most senior officials are people managers. Managing people is the raison d'être of the club and it needs to have an understanding of how to treat people on the autism spectrum or who have medical conditions.

Chris Rabin:

Raised the new conditions of his licence. Chris disagrees with MA determination. It was suggested he discuss with MA to challenge the decision. Committee can help to take concerns to MA.

The general committee was suspended while the AGM was held:

T&CC nominations:

Cathy Sinton nominated Brad Morrison Seconded by Dave Castrechini

Owen Smith nominated Tony Aloï Seconded by Brad Morrison

Owen Smith will be chair T&CC as VP of committee.

Two representatives from the committee will be selected at the next committee meeting

T&CC committee will be elected at next the general meeting in October

Constitution changes:

Brad Morrison has sent in some suggestions for changes to the constitution such that only half the committee is elected each year to allow for coherency across the committee.

Kim Morrison will start distributing the Members Handbook. Should be able to send an email to all financial members.

Meeting Closed: 20:45

Next Meeting:

Date: 10 August 2022 - AGM
Location: Maid Hotel
Start Time: 7:30pm