



**South Australian
Motor Racing Officials Association
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July 2019**

A CAMS affiliated Organisation



Website: www.samroa.org.au

Next General Meeting & AGM:

Wednesday, 14th August @ 7:30pm

The Maid and Magpie Hotel, Magill Rd, Stepney – come early and join us for a drink and meal prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!



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SAMROA

Formally Invites you to the 41st Annual Dinner

To be held at The Sporting Car Club of SA

51 King William Road, Unley

On

Saturday, 21st September 2019

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Cost

Members: \$40

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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Ltd.

President's Report

Welcome to the July newsletter,

Unfortunately, being a Motorsport Volunteer, we endure some of the worst weather at times. This was proven at the Round 2 State Championships at Tailem Bend late last month. I would like to thank all those officials that attended and volunteered their time that weekend, especially those that were there on Saturday. The conditions were treacherous all day with the rain and chilly winds to contend with. I also heard there was hail at some parts of the circuit. Well done to everyone for putting your best foot forward and soldering on. At the end of Saturday, Chief Flag, Rod Mountifield put on a sausage sizzle BBQ which was held at the caravan park's BBQ site. A few of the team attended which included several newer people, chatting about the days racing. Well done and thank you Rod for bringing the team together that night. Thankyou Debbie Hills for being chief cook.

It is that time of the year again when we need to think about nominations for the committees. If you wish to nominate please contact Paul Bonnett or myself. This is a good place to learn about the behind the scenes of Motorsport. We started taking nominations at the June General Meeting with promising results. Having said this, we very much welcome women on the Committee, so any of our female members that would like to join the Committee, please contact us to let us know of your interest or better still, come along to the AGM in August and have someone nominate you.

Now the Committee are talking about trying to tidy up the flag posts at Mallala. As you would know they are becoming a little shabby possibly an Occupational Health and Safety risk at some points. Deb Squires, our W.H.S. rep will be going around at the track on the 3rd and 4th of August to establish any current issues so we can act on them. After this we will be looking at fixing the flag holders and maybe even a lick of paint to brighten them up. So, watch this space.

Don't forget, the club has BEANIES for sale to help with those winter blues. I still have some available at \$20.00 each. This has the 40th Anniversary badge sewn on them. Also, the 40th badge is available separately for \$10.00 enabling you to sew these onto your overalls if you wish.

Keep enjoying your motorsport.

Steve Lewis – President



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Happy birthday to our members who have already celebrated or will be celebrating milestones in July.

Colin Leaker (Life Member) – 2nd

Alan Candy – 25th

Aston Culf – 27th



Membership Renewal due on 1st July

Just a reminder to all members that your financial membership ends on 30th June each year.

This year we have increased our membership fee to \$45, the first increase in 8 years, but there is good news for multi member families.

From July 1st onwards, SAMROA is offering FAMILY memberships, offering a discount on second and subsequent family members. If your spouse, partner or children are also members of SAMROA then the discount will apply to them.

The Family Membership fee will be \$45 for the 1st member, \$35 for the 2nd member, and \$25 for each subsequent member. A family of three will therefore pay \$105 (\$45 + \$35 + \$25), down from \$120 (3 x \$40) that would have been paid in 2018-19.

A new Family Membership Renewal Form will be placed on our website in the next week for use for the 2019-20 year.

Ray McGuiness
SAMROA Treasurer

Events of Interest

Name	Date	Venue
Superkarts and Regularity	21 st July	Mallala
State Round 3	3 rd – 4 th August	Mallala
Superkarts and Regularity	8 th September	Mallala
State Round 4	14 th – 15 th September	The Bend



The Bend SuperSprint – The Bend Motorsport Park – **23rd – 25th August**
Check your emails for registration details or request via:
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2019 Challenge Bathurst

28th Nov – 1st Dec 2019

2x days of SuperSprint + 2x days of Regularity.

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Hot lap for new officials to the event!

Event Info: [http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

[volunteers](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

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Lock in the dates – February 20th to 23rd

https://superloopadl500.com.au/blogs/2019/05/29/superloop_adelaide_500_to_open_2020_supercars_series

Cover Photo: Some of our members at Mallala Motorsport Park with club patron Vern schuppan AM.

The [Editor](#) welcomes contributions from any person interested in motor sport. Therefore, views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association or any of its members.

T&CC Report

Hello and welcome. 01 July 2019 – Start of a new Financial Year, SAMROA's membership is currently 19 (13 Life members and 6 Financial – Yes, it is time for renewals) and South Australia has introduced new "Working with Children Checks." (WwCC) What does this mean? It means that SAMROA as a Sporting / Recreational Association who can at times instruct and supervise U18s needs its members to undergo the Checks. There's an article that I'm working on at the moment and hopefully it will be in this Newsletter – if not, I'll email it to all very soon. The General Committee did consider registering SAMROA as an Entity that could control their own member's applications but now feels it is better to allow you (the members) do your own application and we will keep just the details on the Database.

The June General Meeting (only one more before our AGM in August) always opens the Nominations for a possible new General Committee. (Voted at AGM) Nominations for the T&CC open at the August Meeting with the voting happening at the October meeting – want to join us? The forms will be available at the meetings or you can email your nomination to the Secretary. Just remember that ALL positions (apart from WH&S) is a minimum of a Bronze Licence and you need to be a Financial (or Life) member to sit on the Committee.

So, what's upcoming?

Sunday 21 July is a Superkarts / Modern Regularity event at Mallala. Dieter Von-Zieden is CF and will be looking for many more names – currently 9!

03 / 04 August is Round 3 of the State Circuit Racing Championships which is also at Mallala. Brad Morrison is CF for the weekend which leads us up to the return of the Supercars.

23 to 25 August is the return of the Supercars to The Bend Raceway. Applications for this event were taken by return form to the Secretary of the Meeting.

It's been good to see that a few more members have requested access to our Database, not only can you get your name down for the events, but can I also remind you that when you are in there, have a 5minute look over your details. If any is out of date, I think you have the access to edit but if not, let me know and I'll do it for you; especially Email, contact numbers and emergency contacts – no one wants to use them, but we'd like them to be current if ever we did need to.

The Chief Flag reports that have come back are testament that as it has got drastically cooler recently, most of you are dressing according to the weather reports and generally looking after yourselves – Well Done and keep it up. (Remember sturdy boots are preferable to sand shoes in the rain and if you bring a rain coat – no Fluro Yellow!!)

But,

One concern to the T&CC is the amount of Incident Reports that, once delivered to Race Control, are being returned to the Flag Post for clarification or rewriting. Unfortunately, it is not only the responsibility of the person writing the report to get it all correct – but also the responsibility of the Chief Flag to read it concisely and ensure its correct before leaving the post. We all need to remember that the Incident Report can be presented as evidence at a Stewards Investigation – imagine the embarrassment to all involved (apart from the accused of course) if the form is thrown out due to inconsistencies. With experience, we learn to write these reports well so never be afraid to give them a

go. Discuss amongst yourselves about what you saw, draw the diagram and then write it – if there's a difference of opinion, then write two! Another flag post witnessed it? Then they write one as well.

OK, I think that's it for this month, keep up the good work and most importantly, continue to enjoy yourselves. After all, that is why we do this isn't it??

Written by Paul Bonnett

Motorsport is a family obsession

Motorsport is a passion and hobby that can be shared with everyone – especially within our own families. SAMROA is lucky enough to have several members that share the same surname or household, making us a very inclusive and diverse club. Last month, we had the Stevens (Peter, Jared and Kimberley) and the Thiry's (Rob and Christian) both pictured below volunteer at the Triple Crown Darwin Supercars. However, this wasn't a once off as we regularly see both families, as well as others attend local events to bond and learn off each other. *Here is a snippet of what it means to share your passion with family:*

"It is great being involved in motorsport through family because not everyone has this opportunity. Having family has helped me gain confidence quicker due to getting to know some people prior to starting to official. I got involved due to my interest in motorsport and wanting to volunteer ever since I've been coming to events."- Jared Stevens



CAMS Article: SAMROA embracing new era of SA motor sport

Our club featured in the CAMS news recently. Click the link below to read:

https://www.cams.com.au/media/news/detail/2019/07/05/samroa-embracing-new-era-of-sa-motor-sport?fbclid=IwAR2ZnzxyGe-6DCI58Ndj0_Oe6LoWYBDXD3YXfhpQJsYxZcb2biLmSmaWQVvk

WH&S Report

During the course of the year as officials we attend 2 main tracks Mallala and Tailem Bend. These tracks have similarities. Both are wide open spaces however; temperatures and general weather conditions are very different. Check weather forecasts in the days leading up to an event including the morning of the event.

When at Mallala we do have in the SAMROA shed a limited supply of overalls and wet weather jackets. If you borrow them for the day, they **must** be returned at the end of the day.

If you are bringing new people out to an event inform them of what they need to bring based on the weather forecast. **We encourage and support all new officials so please do the same.** We want their first experiences to be positive and safe ones.

The T & CC have recently had discussions regarding personal safety and wellbeing. Prioritizing that, we have concluded that anyone attending an event unprepared may be sent home. This will be left to the Chief Flag of the day's discretion. This decision is based on the safety of individuals so that we can continue to enjoy motorsports in a safe environment.

EXTREME WEATHER

Hypothermia is a very real possibility and we need to do everything possible to **prevent** it. Wet weather and wind chill factors speed up the process, so **prevention** is the key.

WHAT IS HYPOTHERMIA?

Hypothermia is a **serious** medical condition that occurs when our body loses heat quicker than it can produce it. Our normal body temperature is 37 degrees C, hypothermia occurs as our body core temperature falls below 35 degrees C. That's just 2 degrees C difference but very significant to our wellbeing. **Hypothermia can be fatal.**

SYMPTOMS – DO NOT IGNORE THEM!

- Shivering
- Low energy
- Confusion and memory loss
- Lack of co ordination
- Slurred speech
- Loss of consciousness

When hypothermia sets in we are normally not aware of it ourselves due to the gradual onset of symptoms so please look out for each other.

PREVENTION - external

- Dress appropriately head to toe!
- Waterproof/ wind resistant jacket, spray jacket, pants and shoes/boots.
- Layers – layer your clothing. It's a lot easier to cool down than warm up.
- Beanies, gloves, scarves, Balaklava and of course the hood of your jacket.
- Feet – waterproof shoes, preferably boots and thick socks.
- Earmuffs – protects your hearing and keeps your ears warm.
- Bring a spare set of clothes- especially socks to change into.

PREVENTION - internal.

- Snacks – maintaining energy levels
- Hot drinks – bring a thermos
- Water - essential

Below are examples of what I consider the basic winter wardrobe.



Motorsports can be dangerous so don't increase the risks.

Deborah Squires - SAMROA WH&S Representative & T&CC Committee



Committee 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.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING - JUNE

Date & Time: 12 th June 2019 @ 7:30pm		Location: Royal Hotel, Kent Town	Meeting opened: 7:30pm
Present:	Paul Bonnett, Steve Lewis, Shaun Halliday, Tony Aloj, Bruce Morisset, Brad Morrison, Kim Wilson, David Ryan, Jarod Stevens, Peter Stevens, Aston Culf, Jackie Schlein, Daniel McIntosh, Paul Papanikolaou, Nick Papanikolaou, Rod Mountifield, Paul Karamanov, David Castrechini, Peter Cirillo & Graham Church		
Apologies:	Andrew Robinson, Chris Hutchinson, Peter Jury, Darren Mattiske & Kimberley Stevens		
Announcements/ Reminders:	Last General / 2 more Committee Meetings until AGM. General Committee Nominations open tonight.		
Previous Minutes:	Copies of the previous minutes were printed in the recent June Newsletter. Minute Taker (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Brad Morrison. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.		
Business arising from the minutes:	No business arising from the previous minutes.		
Incoming/ outgoing correspondence:	Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. Moved by Minute Taker (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Peter Cirillo that the correspondence list be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.		
Business arising from the correspondence:	No business arising from the Correspondence List.		
Treasurer's Report	Graham questioned about transferring more money into Term Deposits – Ray explained that this is happening. Ray explained to membership about introduction of a Family Membership. Reports were presented and moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Shaun Halliday. All voted in favour that the reports be accepted.		
Accounts for payment:	No further Accounts for Payment presented The Accounts for Payment were moved by Paul Karamanov Seconded by Brad Morrison. All voted in favour that the accounts be paid.		
Reports from other committees			
WHS – N/A	No material presented		
T&CC – Brad Morrison	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Been reports of our Newer members coming out to Race Meetings with clothing not appropriate to the weather conditions. CF's are not advising prior to the event.2. Minor Injury at last Mallala event: Splinter from a wooden Flag Pole. Taken to Medical Centre and returned to FP after treatment.3. Bit of a concern on the low numbers at recent Race meetings. More of a concern is that it is also affecting Taillem Bend events so early in its second season.		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to CFs that their Reports to the T&CC need to be returned ASAP after their event. Reminder to members that next couple of events are out at Tailem Bend – make sure you know your hand Signals. Also, Incident Reports are being returned to FPs for further information / clarification. CF's job to ensure that they are filled out correctly, but all members should have a basic knowledge of how to fill one out. Survey Monkey is now being used - will be sent out to all officials soon after events.
New Membership Applications	N/A
Cams: Presented by Paul Bonnett (Last meeting held 21st May 2019)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Venues for CAMS State Awards Dinners to be finalised – dates confirmed. SA 8th Feb & NT 15th Feb 2020. CAMS office will be closed Friday 31st May for Training David Mori has joined the SA office in National Training and Development Role Quotes sought for office refurbishment Information rec'd regarding Working with Children check requirements for SA Officials. Some clubs have raised concerns at the length of time CAMS have taken with this and advised they will register themselves. SAMROA has chosen to wait until 01Jul19 and then decide what to do. Kristin Bailey has been appointed Deputy Chair of the Women's Commission
State Officiating Panel (SOP) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Volunteers Week has just gone – CAMS media celebrated officials throughout. Reminder to clubs that Social Media (If used correctly) can be a good tool to publicly appreciate officials. Reminder also about the Fabulous Officials Programme Reminder on nominations for CAMS State Awards as applications should open soon Reminder on the Working with Children Check – read the changes of legislation and see how it impacts on the clubs
Motor Racing Panel (MRP) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCCSA Historic Meeting ran well Good feedback from the recent Peter Hall 6Hr Regularity Memorial HQ's and IPRA scheduled to participate in upcoming Darwin Supercars event
Website/ IT	Updated website: new forms
Social Committee	SAMROA'S Annual Dinner is 21 st September 2019 – Invites have been sent.
Promotions	Nothing to report
SCC-SA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming State Round at Tailem Bend: HQ's sponsored by Air Diffusion / 54 Excels Excels are looking at running an endurance race next year.
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Committee Nominations for 2019 / 2020 open tonight. Nominations must be presented on proper form with all signatures, Nominee must be Financial Member of SAMROA and must sign Incorporation Declaration. Graham church: Question on camping at TB. Was there any Feedback on Rob Thiry's earlier questions on official's requirements? Few things are due

	<p>to be addressed as the new General Manager settles in to his new role. Non-Powered sites are free for Round 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low numbers once again for Superkarts / Regularity this weekend – Some members are suggesting that it is becoming an embarrassment for the club that we can't manage to get a minimum number to man the flag points. • Rod Mountifield (CF for Round 2 at The Bend) The Numbers are low, and it would be good if we get some more involved. Led on to discussion on how the officials who usually work at Tailem Bend can get some Training. Some suggested that they try to get to Mallala for some Regularity / State Round events as, (Mallala being a smaller track than TB) allows newer officials to see more of what occurs and gives more flagging opportunities. We are very mindful of the distances to travel but maybe if some accommodation could be organised, this would be more of an incentive. • As mentioned: Nominations open tonight for General Committee. Nominations can also be emailed to Secretary.
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Nominations taken at the meeting:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Financial
President	Steve Lewis	Bruce Morisset	Paul Bonnett	
Vice President	David Castrechini	Peter Cirillo	Paul Bonnett	
Secretary	Paul Bonnett	Bruce Morisset		
Asst. Secretary	Shaun Halliday	Brad Morrison	Paul Bonnett	
Treasurer	Ray McGuiness	Tom Westin	Steve Lewis	
Gen Committee	Graham Church	Ray McGuiness	Tom Westin	
Gen Committee	Ray McGuiness	Graham Church		
Gen Committee	Bruce Morisset	Steve Lewis	Peter Cirillo	
Gen Committee	Janelle Orrock	Bruce Morisset	Steve Lewis	
Gen Committee	Tony Aloï	David Castrechini	Peter Cirillo	

Not due until next General Meeting – Some Nominations for T&CC have been received:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Financial
T&CC Committee	Peter Stevens	Kym Wilson	Brad Morrison	

T&CC Committee	Peter Cirillo	Tony Aloï	David Castrechini	
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With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at (20:35 pm).

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