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**Wed. 9th April 2025, 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
Upstairs meeting room
Meeting starts 7:30pm
Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.**

Front cover picture:

Group photo of all officials who attended the last Superkart/Modern Regularity event at Mallala

6th April 2025

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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the April Newsletter



Hi All,

April already, I feel like bit of a broken record saying this but isn't the year already flying by. It's certainly been a busy period highlighted with the Adelaide Motorsport Festival and the Australian Formula One Grand Prix.

To those who attended the Grand Prix in Melbourne this year, I hope you all had an enjoyable week. Melbourne threw some typical Melbourne weather into the mix this year with 35-degree temperatures on the Saturday before throwing down the rain on Sunday to make things interesting. As always, it was great to see so many SAMROA members at the event but also in many different roles. The Grand Prix is a perfect opportunity to catch up with interstate friends but also with those that have travelled from overseas. If you are thinking of attending in 2026, just do it. You'll certainly enjoy it.

A huge congratulations to long time SAMROA Member, Andrew Robinson. Andrew was awarded the SA/NT State Official of the Year at the recent Motorsport Australia Awards night in March. This was thoroughly deserved and a very worthy recipient. On behalf of SAMROA I'd like to once again say congratulations to Andrew.

With it being April, that means we are fast approaching 2025 All Historic at Mallala. This is the favourite event of the year for many members, if you haven't experienced an All Historic before, I cannot speak more highly of this event. This event always delivers some good-sized fields and some incredible cars. Feel free to tell all your friends, hairdressers, co-workers or your local barista about the event and maybe about working trackside.

Thank you to those who have completed the SAMROA member survey. The feedback that has been provided has been incredibly valuable for the committee and how the committee can best serve you. The committee are in the process of reviewing responses and formulating an action plan to address a lot of the suggestions / feedback that has been provided. Keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks / months for member incentives, more social engagement, communication and recruitment initiatives. The club will also be pursuing opportunities to have a presence at the Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge Country Shows. The survey is still open for feedback, and as always, the committee is open to have a conversation about your thoughts.

To those that are travelling to Bathurst for the 6 hour over Easter, I hope you have a safe trip to the Mountain. There will be a large contingent of South Australian's travelling this year (including my first ever time to Bathurst) we will take a SAMROA group photo over the weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks either at Mallala, The Bend or the April General Meeting.

Cheers,

Owen "Ollie"

Welcome to our new Sponsor



Club President, Owen Smith with Sean Connors, Representative from Maughan Thiem

On behalf of SAMROA we would like to welcome and thank Maughan Thiem who join us as a club sponsor. Maughan Thiem will provide the club with a vehicle for use at events at The Bend. See front cover picture.

If you or a family member or friend are looking for a new car, please consider stopping by Maughan Thiem and support a business who supports our club.

T&CC Report

Hello Everyone,

Well it's been a busy start to the year for SAMROA and the T&CC, with many events already in the books and some big ones coming up really quickly. The next major event we have is the SCCSA All Historic event held over 3 days in April with over 185 cars nominated this is going to be a massive event, please see if your available even for just one day and contact the chief fag Kim Morrison or assistant chief flag Cathy Sinton.

The committee thanks all that filled out the Expression of Interest (EOI) form earlier in the year, we are endeavouring to give those people exposure to the different roles if we can so they can have some insight into what they require. Please be patient with us as this is a big task to undertake, especially now that we are losing the Superkart/modern regularity events off our schedule. The T&CC will shortly be restarting our 3 monthly on-line training session for financial members of the club, some of the topics we will be covering are Communications, Flag and track, handling incidents, what race administration/secretaries roles and responsibilities are, so if you wish to be a part of these session, please make sure you're a financial member of the club to enjoy these benefits.

So far this year SAMROA has attended many events and provided trackside officials, but the numbers have been low, this makes it very hard for the T&CC to train or even upskill people into new positions.

I would like to thank those members that have committed so far this year your efforts trackside are very greatly appreciated by all on the committee, we are also looking at running so upskill training for current and emerging seniors, this will be conveyed to the selected members soon, but don't despair we will be running this as an on-going items and members will all get a chance to undertake this upskilling sometime down the track.

As we now head into the non-daylight saving and winter months, just a reminder to bring warm clothing, wet weather clothing with you to the track and don't forget the coffee thermos to warm you up.

Hope to see you all trackside soon!

Brad Morrison
T&CC Chairperson on behalf of the committee

More names are needed for various upcoming events, if you're available please either put your name on the database or contact the relevant Chief flag

Blue Flags

Hi everyone, as you know the T&CC will be doing a range of short modular training sessions and one of them will be on Flagging. This will cover flag meanings and when to use them.

With that in mind it came as a timely reminder recently, that the use of Blue Flags seems to be a lost art. So briefly, here what you as a Blue Flag person and as a team member need to be aware of.

Who's the leader and who's the backmarker that will get lapped?

Not a tough question really, because you would be aware of who is in the lead often by the end of lap 1 or 2 if it's very close and competitive. If you're not sure who is in the lead, ask the others at your post for clarification or even Race Control.

It's not silly to seek clarification.

Often and depending on the number of laps, vehicle parity etc, we may not even see lapping occur, but once you notice the leader is catching up to those at the back start thinking about how many more laps it will take before the leader is on their tail and if needed, discuss it with your team.

What do you think...?? Next time around...??

Remember, the Blue Flag is an ADVISORY FLAG telling the driver you have someone faster coming up behind you so be prepared to be overtaken. Drivers should be spatially aware and know they're being caught but it's our job to give them a hint by waving the flag AND operating the lights. Many an incident has occurred because no signal was provided by a flag post and the driver not being aware, which resulted in contact and further issues occurring.

Often you will also get a reminder from Race Control that lapping is about to occur, so stay focussed, listen out for the radio call and be ready.

Happy Flagging.



Upcoming Events Calendar

Below is the current schedule of events for 2025. Please check your dairies and place your name on the database or contact the chief flag directly if you're interested in attending. Chief Flags for the events have been finalised for the first 6 months.

2025 SAMROA Motorsport Event Calendar					
Event Dates	No. Days	Event details	Location	CF	ACF
11-13/04/2025	3	SCCSA All Historics	Mallala	Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111	Cathy Sinton Ph 0401 125 700
4/05/2025	1	6 hour Peter Hall Memorial	Mallala	Peter Steven Ph 0431 510 192	
24-25/05/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 3 with National categories (TBA) - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park - International Track	The Bend (Int)	Cathy Sinton Ph 0401 125 700	Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348

		https://btrr.im/427i1			
14-15/06/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 4 Including Modern Regularity	Mallala	Alec Donnon Ph 0402 608 366	Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348

Calendar correct at time of printing but please keep an eye on the database and future newsletters for any changes.

Event registrations for SAMRC events are completed via the "Better Impact" app (My Impact). If you are having difficulties with the app, please contact someone from the committee.

New Members Report

For those who have been trackside at the last few events, you would have noticed several new faces popping up. The new member team has been busy working with several enquiries from potential new members as a result of the SAMRS rounds at Mallala and Tailem Bend as well as the Adelaide Motorsport Festival.

The final Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting at Mallala as well as the All Historics will again see a number of fresh and keen faces, registered for the event and eager to learn from the best in the business. If you see anyone, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. If you have the opportunity to work with them on a post, please provide as much support as you can and show them why becoming a motorsport official is so rewarding.

Also If you know anyone that is keen to join the party, please let us know and the team will be happy to help point them in the right direction.

Finally a friendly reminder to all members, If you are unsure or having issues accessing the SAMROA database or Better Impact, please feel free to reach out to a committee member who will assist you. We are currently working on some guides, which we hope will assist in clearing up any queries people have, when it comes to registering for events.

Thanks

Paul

Birthdays



Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in

April

Peter Miller 3rd
Grant Sims 5th
John Silverblade 6th
Matthew Meegan 14th

May

Scott Chamings 5th
David Avery 7th
Paul Karamanov 25th

Motorsport Australia Working With Children (WWC) Checks

For those who have not completed WWC checks, these are required by 31 May 2025.

Members will have recently received an email from Motorsport Australia regarding requirements for all volunteers to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC):

What's the current requirement?

The current Motorsport Australia licence structure only requires Officials in Victoria to obtain a Working with Children Check, in accordance with Victorian Government standards.

What's changing?

From 2025, Motorsport Australia will extend this requirement to all States and Territories, excluding Western Australia (WA) where the legislation actively prohibits requesting a WWCC where not required.

In Summary

Motorsport Australia assumes an organisational obligation to ensure that officials have been cleared to safely work with children and young people at Motorsport Australia sanctioned events and will implement a requirement for officials to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) or Working with Vulnerable People Check (WWVP) in the states and territories where legally entitled (NSW, ACT, SA, NT, TAS, QLD and VIC).

Frequently Asked Questions

Why?

Motorsport Australia is a signatory to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy which forms part of the National Integrity Framework (NIF) of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). Children under 18 are present at every motorsport event, including as officials, crew members or spectators, and these standards represent best practice in protecting everyone at a Motorsport Australia sanctioned event. It brings the standard in line with other national sports like AFL and Tennis, reflecting excellent governance.

Why change?

Motorsport Australia aims to follow best practice standards in protecting its members, officials, volunteers, staff and broader motorsport community. It's reasonable to expect that any individual at a Motorsport Australia event will come into contact, whether directly or indirectly, with children. Enforcing one rule for everyone creates clear and consistent expectations for all.

What do I need to do?

As part of the licence renewal process for individuals, Motorsport Australia will implement mandatory WWCC and WWVP checks as an Official's Licence requirement in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania and Queensland, in line with the existing process in Victoria.

There is no extra administration for clubs and event organisers in these States and Territories, noting that event organisers have their own obligations to ensure any officials working directly with children are eligible to do so.

When do I need to do it?

To comply, licence holders must provide evidence via email of a valid WWCC or WWVP to Motorsport Australia Member Services at info@motorsport.org.au by **31 May, 2025**.

What does it cost?

WWCC are valid for between two to five years, depending on the State or Territory, with an application fee in Northern Territory and Tasmania only \$8 and \$22.44 respectively.

How do I do it?

Please click on the button for your respective state or territory and follow the instructions:

[SA.GOV.AU - Working with Children Checks](https://sa.gov.au/Working-with-Children-Checks)

[SA.GOV.AU - Apply for a screening check](https://sa.gov.au/Apply-for-a-screening-check)

What if I have more questions?

Please contact:

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Our members out and about at recent events





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20-22/06/2025	3	Darwin - Supercars	Darwin NT	Not a SAMROA run event	
12-13/07/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 5 with National categories (TBA) - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – West Track	The Bend		
10/08/2025	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala		

23-24/08/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 6 with National categories (TBA) - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – International Track	The Bend		
5-7/09/2025	3	SRO (Tentative)		Not a SAMROA run event	
12-14/09/2025	3	The Bend Enduro Supercars	The Bend	Not a SAMROA run event	
20-21/09/2025	2	SCCSA Invitational – Shell V-Power Motorsport Park	The Bend		
28/09/2025	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala		
9/11/2025	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala		
22-23/11/2025	2	Homecoming Mallala National Event	Mallala		
27-30/11/2025	4	VAILO Adelaide 500	Adelaide Parklands	Not a SAMROA run event	

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