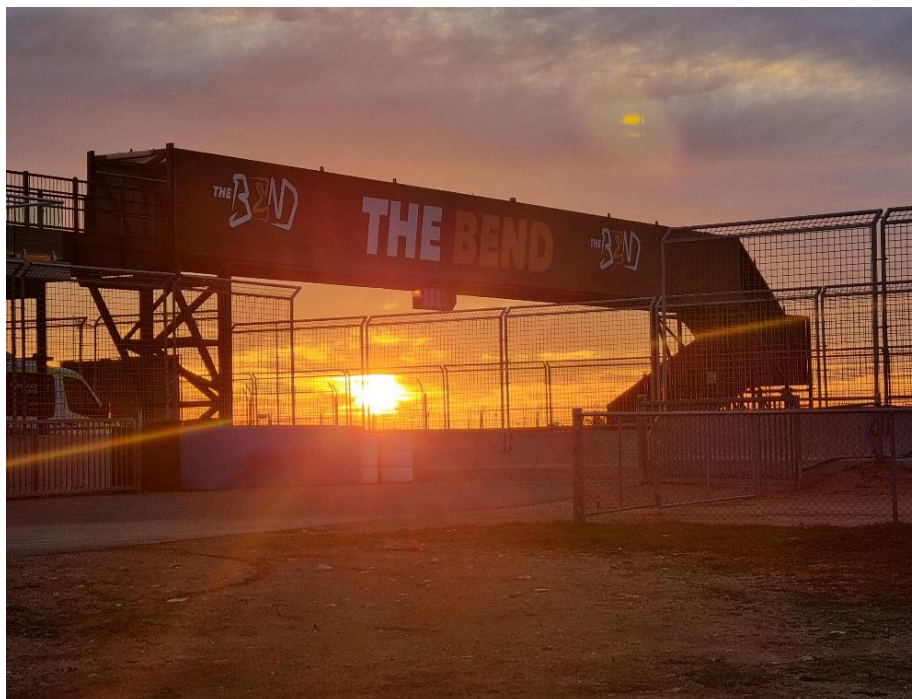




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**Next General Meeting incorporating Annual General Meeting:**

**Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Upstairs meeting room**

**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  
Meeting starts 7:30pm  
Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.**

**Front cover picture:  
A beautiful morning sunrise at The Bend SAMRC Round 5 July 23, 2025**

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# **MARSHALS MUMBLINGS**

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## President's Prattle

### *Welcome to the August Newsletter*



Hi All,

It's hard to believe we're in August already. I hope that everybody has enjoyed the winter break and those that travelled to Darwin enjoyed the sun and good racing. This time of year is a good time to refresh and reset before a hectic September and onwards, with SRO Speed Series, The Bend 500 and a couple more SAMRC rounds to keep us all busy.

August is that time of year where we will all come together to celebrate the year at the Annual Dinner. This year the event will be held at the Coopers Ale House in the city. Please RSVP soon as numbers are limited, it promises to be an excellent evening with a guest speaker and an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of everybody as a club.

This time of year, is also AGM season. On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank you for your support over the past 12 months. It has been a good year for the club, and the committee has been able to progress the club forward into the future after the feedback provided earlier this year. From the survey results this year the committee can report the following:

- Developed a recruitment process that has seen several new members being welcomed to the club
- Will be providing members with member packs that will include a number of important items to be included in your "track" bags.
- With the assistance of the T&CC, continued the development and training of members.
- Identified more social events to bring members together outside the circuit; more information will be communicated following the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the committee and have your say in the direction of the club, please feel free to nominate for a position via the secretary.

Thank you to Brad Morrison, The T&CC and Peter Stevens for the work put into arranging the practical fire and vehicle training on the 9th of August. I highly encourage people to attend this highly informative day, it has been a number of years since SAMROA has conducted a fire training and in the middle of winter, I can't think of a better way to keep warm than having some fire training.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming events and the annual dinner.

Look forward to seeing you trackside soon.

Owen "Ollie" Smith





## T&CC Report

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the new financial year of SAMROA. This means a new year of training that will be coming and held by members of the T&CC. This training consists of understanding the chief and assistant chief flag roles, report writing, communication and other various roles. The main training that will start off our season is our Fire training and vehicle information day that will be held on Saturday 9th of August 2025, to be held at Ocean View College, Taperoo. The day will start at 10am and conclude at approximately 3pm. The fire training will take approximately 2-3 hours, and the remainder of the day will consist of viewing and understanding the vehicles that we see when we are trackside. We will have a range of cars to look at and their drivers who we can talk to and ask questions. One of the drivers will be the current Aussie Race Car Champion, Joel Heinrich. Lunch will be provided on the day as a BBQ. This training is only open to financial members, so if you wish to attend this event, please ensure you pay your fees prior to attending. If you would like to attend, please register via our SAMROA database. The date for cut off for this event will be 4th of August. If you wish to attend, please add your name by then as we need to know the final numbers for catering purposes. We require a minimum of 20 attendees to make it worthwhile for the drivers to donate their time and cars for us and pass on their knowledge. If we fail to get the numbers we require, this event will have to be cancelled and all the hard work and effort of our T&CC members and Peter Stevens in organising a place to hold this event will go to

waste. There will be plenty of extinguishers for us to use so we will be able to put them to good use by emptying them all!

### **What to do if you are running late.**

It is important to be on time to race meeting events, so if you know that you are going to be running late, or your circumstances change, can you please notify someone as soon as you can, namely the chief/assistant chief. The reason that it is important to be on time, especially for the morning officials briefing, is because this is where vital information is passed on to all trackside officials before going to their allocated positions for the day. There will also be a post specific briefing at your allocated spot where there will also be vital information given to you by your post chief. If you miss out on these briefings, it makes it hard for you to know what is going on and to understand your duties. Being late, or not showing up, makes it hard for the chief/assistant chief to do their placings, especially when there are minimal people trackside. This can lead to marshals needing to work on their own or posts to be shut down. This then causes safety issues for all involved and makes the job harder for the marshals working on their own. If you are unsure how to contact the chief/assistant chief, their phone number is always on emails that are sent out, or you can contact the race secretary or a member of the SAMROA committees.

Also coming up is our AGM where nominations will open for the next T&CC committee. A reminder that you must hold a bronze license to be a part of this committee. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out a nomination form on the night.

Cheers,

Kim Morrison

## **SAMROA Fire Training & Vehicle Awareness Day**



The much asked for and long anticipated fire training day is officially happening **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. We will be running this combined with a Vehicle Information session, at Ocean View College, Taperoo. As a financial member of SAMROA you are invited to attend the long awaited and highly expected fire training and vehicle information session. The day will comprise of two parts.



**Part 1 - Morning session** - Fire training. This will include practical use of fire extinguishers under the guidance of Brad & Andrew. If you have never used an extinguisher before, or haven't for a long time, this will be a good opportunity to "set one off" in a controlled environment, get to know how to use an extinguisher, what it feels like to use one, and gain confidence in handling and using an extinguisher. We have a number of extinguishers to use so there won't be any holding back.



**Lunch** - The club will be providing a BBQ lunch 😊



**Part 2 - Afternoon session** - We will have a number and variety of race cars including Aussie car, Excel, HQ Holden, Formula Vee and possibly a couple more the T&CC are working on at the moment. This will be a great opportunity for you to get up close to these race cars and speak with the drivers. The session will provide you with an overview of safety features on the vehicles including location of electric kill switches, activating firebombs, tow point locations, how to release seat belts/harness, Hahns device for helmets etc. Drivers will be happy to explain to everyone how to assist them, some of the dos and don'ts of their vehicles and be happy to answer those questions everyone has to ask.



There will be a requirement to complete an online training session (Theory) on Wednesday 6th August from 7:30pm – this will be a theory based session and will go for approximately 1 hr. – this will enable you to spend more time doing the practical on the Saturday 9th.

Registrations are now open on the member database – this is required so we can send you a meeting invite for the theory session and for catering purposes on the day.

We encourage everyone to come along and be part of this training day. We have a significant number of fire extinguishers that need to be expelled so there won't be any holding back on the day!!

There is a requirement for a minimum of 20 people for attendance, so if you're thinking about it please put your name down on the SAMROA database today – Cut off for names is 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**Big thanks to Peter Stevens for securing the venue for this fun day of learning and socialising.**

## **Coming Events**

We have the following events coming up and require more names, please check your availability.

**9 August Fire Training & Vehicle familiarisation day - Oceanview College 47 Gedville Rd, Taperoo**  
There will be a compulsory pre-event theory online course prior  
**Register on the SAMROA Member database - ASAP**

**12 August SAMROA Annual General Meeting**  
Kent Hotel - 72-76 RUNDLE Street, KENT TOWN  
Meeting starts 7:30pm – Upstairs function room

**16 August SAMROA Annual change over Dinner**  
**Coopers Alehouse**  
**316 Pulteney St, Adelaide - Upstairs**

**23-24 August SAMRC Grand Final with National categories - National**  
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – International Track.  
Chief Flag: Peter Stevens Ph 0431 510 192  
Assistant Chief Flag: Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111  
Register Via Better Impact link: <https://bttr.im/fummy>

**5-7 September SRO (Speed series) -**  
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – Not a SAMROA event  
Register via Better Impact link: TBA

**12-14 September The Bend Enduro - Supercars**  
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – Not a SAMROA event  
Register via Better Impact link: <https://bttr.im/2sqgw>

**20-21 September The Bend Nationals**  
Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – Not a SAMROA event  
Register via Better Impact link: <https://bttr.im/wu1er>

**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**

Further in the newsletter 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.

## New Members Report

On behalf of the new members team at SAMROA, it's been a great pleasure over the last year in welcoming a number of new, bright and enthusiastic 'motorsport nuts' to our club.

Thank you to our new and current members in dedicating your time and efforts into helping our club grow and continue to be an important part of the Australian motorsport community.

Along the way this year our committee has also established and documented procedures and practices in how we onboard new members, which will help our club continue to grow into the future. Thank you everyone for your support.

We would encourage anyone who has a passion for motorsport and would like to be a part of a team that guides our club forward to put your hand up to join our committee. You're also welcome to become a regular part of our general meetings every other month. This will give you an opportunity to make your voice heard and help shape our club's direction.

Finally, if you know anyone that loves motorsport and wants to be a part of an amazing team that makes racing possible for our drivers, please contact our new members team. We can help them get started along their journey. Our contact details are available by going to our website at [www.samroa.org.au](http://www.samroa.org.au)

Thanks All

Paul

## Birthdays



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

### *August*

Chris Paproth 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Barry Hughes 26<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Croci 31<sup>st</sup>

### *September*



## WHS Report

Welcome to August, I hope everyone has managed not to get too water-logged over the last couple of weeks. It has been nice not to be out in it too much and be able to spend time relaxing.

I am still working on trying to get a number of issues that have been raised recently regarding marshal posts at The Bend addressed, all I can say is it's work in progress!!

It's been good to see a good turnout of people at recent events, especially considering how cold it has been. I would like to send a thank you to the kitchen/restaurant from The Bend for providing soup to all the marshals at the recent SAMRC round at Then Bend, it was greatly appreciated and well received considering how cold it was. Thank you.

Talking of food, it has been raised by various people lately the supply of meals (Lunch/dinner breakfast) at events has not met their standards or requirements. Meals are provided as part of the thank you from the organising committee and/or promoter of an event. They do their best to try and cater for everyone's requirements. It is requested when you are registering to attend an event you include your food allergies etc on the application form, this will enable caterers to be aware of requirements. If they are not aware of any issue, it will not be catered for. In some circumstances or if you have a particular requirement or specific food allergy, it may not be catered for. Therefore, you should ensure you supply suitable food yourself. Everyone is advised although caterers try to provide for everyone, but at times this may not be possible. It is always recommended to bring extra food/snacks/drinks with you to all race meetings to ensure you have plenty to keep you fuelled up for the day.

For everyone attending the fire training and vehicle information day, please remember to bring your gloves, safety glasses, hat and sunscreen. It's looking to be a great day. I hope everyone enjoys and learns heaps from the day.

Stay safe and see you all soon

Cheers

Cathy.

## SAMROA Executive and Committee Elections 2025/26

The August meeting is also the club Annual General Meeting. This is your opportunity 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 called for nominations for all committee positions. If you, or someone you know, have the interest and/or skills to fill any of our committee positions, have a chat with them and nominate them prior to the AGM.

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

President      Vice-President      Treasurer      Secretary      Assistant Secretary

Plus: four (4) general committee members.

## Current nominations

President: Owen Smith Brad Morrison  
Vice President: Brad Morrison Cathy Sinton  
Treasurer:  
Secretary: Julie Finn  
Assistant Secretary: Kim Morrison  
General Committee x 4 Peter Stevens

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.

## Our members out and about at recent events

### **SAMROA in Darwin!!**

Darwin Triple Crown Trip June 20205



Wow! What an awesome event to attend. If you have not yet been, or are considering attending, please do. It is a wonderful track and an even better experience trackside. There was a fantastic turn out from South Australians, and from our SAMROA members, which was incredible. The sunrise at the track is one of the best I have seen and is certainly a favourite among the tourists. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming from the locals, and the tourist attractions are mind blowing. Whilst there, we visited Crocodylus Park...Boy, are there some very big crocodiles with very interesting stories to tell? We also visited the RFDS (Royal Flying Doctors Service). This is a must visit as it gives you a real insight into the incredible work they do for people who live out in the country and have very limited access to doctors. The famous Humpty Doo Hotel is a place you must visit when in Darwin. The food is divine, the people are just incredible, and the beer is liquid gold! It truly gives you a real sense of the Outback in Australia. The Military Museum was a new place we visited this time; all I can say is this is another must go to if you are ever in Darwin. I was blown away at the history of this place and was in awe of what I learned whilst there. This is a place I would go to again. They have also built a new area dedicated to the Holocaust. I have no words about how I felt going into this area, but boy what an experience I had. This opened my eyes and took my breath away at the same time as it was so interesting yet heartbreaking at the same time. Another place that we visited for the first time was the Underground WWII Oil Storage Tunnels. If you get claustrophobic, I do not recommend you go to this place. Another place of learning, fascination and memories. The information that is displayed is unbelievable and so interesting. The number of tourists in the tunnel was incredible. Seeing young children with their parents looking intrigued and listening to what they were being taught was something I will remember for a very long time. The Museum & Art Gallery of NT is a great place. I could have spent a whole day there. The displays are just beautiful. You will find Sweetheart, the 5.1 metre crocodile here. She is one BIG croc weighing in at 780kg! You will also find a dedicated area to Cyclone Tracey. Still to this day I am in disbelief about the damage that was done and the stories that were told by the people that endured such a life-changing experience. Last of all was our credentials night at the Darwin Ski Club. What a great night to catch up with your teammates for the weekend and fellow travellers who have now become your friends. A big congratulations to both Paul and Nick Papanikolaou for receiving their 5-year pins for their dedication to the trackside team in Darwin.

What an experience, many more memories made and many new friends who have become family!

Signing off for now, Kim Morrison



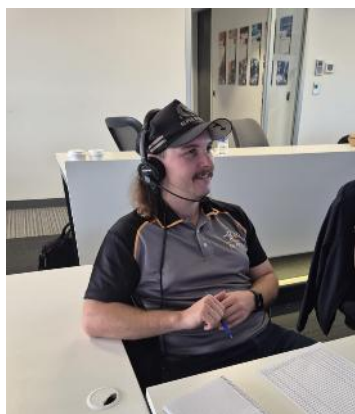


## **SAMRC Round 4 – Mallala June 2025 – Very cold and wet**



## **SAMRC Round 5 – The Bend**





## 2025 SAMROA Motorsport Events Calendar

2025 SAMROA Motorsport Event Calendar					
Event Dates	No. Days	Event details	Location	CF	ACF
14/06/2025	1	SAMRC Event 4	Mallala	Alec Donnon Ph 0402 608 366	N/A
20-22/06/25	3	Darwin - Supercars	Darwin NT	Not a SAMROA run event	
12-13/07/25	2	SAMRC Event 5 with National categories (TBA) - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – West Track	The Bend (West)	Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111	Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348
10/08/25	1	<b>Training Day -Fire training and vehicle familiarisation day</b>	Oceanview College	47 Gedville Rd, Taperoo SA	Register on member database
23-24/08/25	2	SAMRC Grand Final with National categories Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – International Track	The Bend (Int)	Peter Stevens Ph 0431 510 192	Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111
5-7/09/25	3	SRO - Shell V-Power Motorsport Park - Taillem Bend	The Bend	Not a SAMROA run event	
12-14/09/25	3	The Bend Enduro Supercars (including TCR's)	The Bend	Not a SAMROA run event	



20-21/09/25	2	The Bend Nationals – Shell V-Power Motorsport Park Nationals (including saloon car nationals)	The Bend (Int)	Leslie Atkinson Ph 0414 804 028	Cathy Sinton Ph 0104 125 700
9-12/10/25	4	Repco Bathurst 1000	Bathurst, NSW	Not a SAMROA run event	
25/10/25	2	The Bend Classic	The Bend (Int)	Alec Donnon Ph: 0402 608 366	Leslie Atkinson Ph 0414 804 028
15/11/25	1	Excel Enduro	The Bend (West)	Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111	Alec Donnon Ph: 0402 608 366
22-23/11/25	2	Homecoming Mallala National Event	Mallala	Brad Morrison Ph 0412 846 669	Peter Stevens Ph 0431 510 192
27-30/11/25	4	VAILO Adelaide 500	Adelaide Parklands	Not a SAMROA run event	

*Calendar is 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.*

### **Thank you to these businesses who have supported SAMROA**

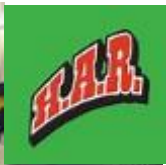
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Hampstead Auto Repairs is a specialist mechanic located in Klemzig, SA. Their services include brake repairs, clutch and gearbox repairs, air con re-gas and repairs, exhaust repair, power steering alignment, wheel alignment, new car & logbook servicing, 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.

*If know any business who is interested in promoting their product/business with SAMROA's help via sponsorship[, please feel free to get in touch with the committee and we would welcome any discussions.*