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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:
Club members kart mania social karting event January 2025**

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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the February Newsletter



Hello all

Happy New Year (even though its February already), I hope everybody enjoyed the break and festive period. It's hard to think that we are fast approaching a new year of motorsport and an exciting one at that.

Over the past couple of months, the committee and T&CC have both been busy behind the scenes getting ready for a new season. Last week our Member Survey was published through the database. Thank you to Matt Avery for putting this together. If you can spare 5 minutes, please take time to complete the survey. This will give the committee direct feedback on several important topics, such as the direction of the club, your own personal motorsport development and areas for improvement as we grow.

In January, we held our annual karting event at Kartmania Gepps Cross. A lot of fun was had with some close and not so clean racing taking place. What could possibly go wrong when you put a group of 11 officials on a circuit. Congratulations to Shaun Croci for once again taking out the trophy, for the second year in a row. Thank you to Josh Young for again organising a good social outing to kick off the year with some laughs. This year we'll be looking at holding another social event outside of the annual dinner. Watch this space for further updates.

The club has now taken delivery of our new flags for use at Mallala, with the T&CC beginning the crossover to the new set during their annual shed clean up. Thank you to previous committee member Jackie Schlein for arranging the initial quote for the flags and to Matt for continuing with the delivery of them. Over the next few months, we hope to upgrade more of our existing equipment which is starting to show signs of wear.

Early in the year, the committee and T&CC came together for lunch together as one. Each year both committees come together to discuss the year ahead and how both committees can work together for the benefit of the members. A few new initiatives were discussed. Carpooling was identified as an important starting point to assist with people getting trackside at either Mallala or Taillem Bend. Josh Young has created a messaging group linked to the SAMROA social media page. Please chat with Josh if you can either assist with being a driver or if you wish to be a passenger.

To those that attended the Bathurst 12 Hour, I hope you had an enjoyable event. It looked fantastic on TV, and it was great to see several of our members making the trip over.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the February general meeting, or at one of the events at Mallala in February.

Owen "Ollie" Smith



T&CC Report

Hello members and friends, and welcome to a new year of motorsport in 2025 from SAMROA's T&CC. It looks like a big year ahead for South Australia, with events across Mallala and the multiple circuits at Tailem Bend. The calendar is full of events with National and International categories coming to our great state to race.

Our first event, unfortunately, was postponed due to excessive heat and increased fire danger. This makes our first event the SCCSA Twilight trophy sprint on the 15th of February at Mallala. Peter Stevens is the Chief Flag for this event. More names are needed ASAP for this event, so please, if you're available or having withdrawal symptoms, put your name on the database or contact Chief flag, Peter Stevens. Just a week later our second event for the year will be SAMRC event 1 on the 22nd of February also at Mallala; Leslie Atkinson is the Chief Flag.

T&CC are still heavily focused on training and that won't change come 2025. With so many new members coming on board, the T&CC have acknowledged that some of the newer post seniors might have been pushed into the role a bit early. To counteract this, we will try to focus the training towards improving the necessary skills that every senior should have. This will not only help SAMROA have more experienced people trackside but also put members in good stead if they officiate at interstate events.

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

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

Upcoming Events Calendar

The 2025 calendar has been finalised and further in this newsletter is the full calendar as it was published December 2024. However, as always, it is subject to change.

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
2/02/2025	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity - Cancelled due to heat	Mallala	Alec Donnon Ph 0402 608 366	
15/02/2025	1	SCCSA Twilight Trophy Sprint	Mallala	Peter Steven Ph 0431 510 192	
22/02/2025	1	SAMRC Event 1 https://btrr.im/k8wsh	Mallala	Leslie Atkins Ph 0414 804 028	
8-9/03/2025	2	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park	Not a SAMROA run event	

22-23/03/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 2 with National categories (TBA) - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park - International Track https://bttr.im/ihglk	The Bend (Int)	Cathy Sinton Ph 0401 125 700	Peter Steven Ph 0431 510 192
6/04/2025	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson Ph 0414 804 028	
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 https://bttr.im/427i1	The Bend (Int)	Cathy Sinton Ph 0401 125 700	Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348
14-15/06/2025	2	SAMRC Rnd 4 Including Modern Regularity	Mallala	Alec Donnon Ph 0402 608 366	Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348
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 Adealide 500	Adelaide Parklands	Not a SAMROA run event	

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

Towards the end of 2024, SAMROA received a number of enquiries and expressions of interest to join us trackside. As the new season begins, we can expect to see more new faces join us at upcoming events, both at

Mallala and Tailem Bend. Experience levels amongst the potential new members are varied which will be an asset to SAMROA. Please feel free to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

The new members team is also continuing to work on improvements and streamlining the process of onboarding new members for the future. If you know of anyone who is interested in kicking off their motorsport journey as an official, please feel free to pass on their details to newmembers@samroa.org.au. We will be more than happy to reach out and assist them in becoming part of the team.

This is also a timely reminder to everyone, as the new season kicks off, to check your access to Better Impact and the SAMROA members database. All financial members should have access to the SAMROA members database, however if you are experiencing issues logging in, please feel free to reach out to a committee member who can assist you further. This will ensure your sign up experience for events is a positive one.

Thanks

Paul

Baby News

Congratulations to Tom and Elisa on the birth of their son, Luca born 23rd January 2025



Birthdays



Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in

February

Andre Alexandrov 2nd
Scott Allen 5th
Steve Clift 6th
Lisette Hutchins 7th
Kristopher Bailey 9th
Shaun Halliday 13th
Nick Papanikolaou 20th
Peter Stevens 22nd
Bradley Morrison 22nd

March

Shaun Croci 9th
Deborah Squires 15th
Janelle Orrock 21st
Naomi Maltby 24th
Joshua Young 26th

Member Code of Conduct

There has been a number of concerns raised to the club in regards to people's behaviour at race events both prior, during and post event. Some of these have involved poor behaviour either towards members of the public, including The Big 4 caravan park at the bend, drivers/pit crews, and towards other officials. As we are about to start a new season this is a good time to remind everyone who is representing Motorsport Australia (MA) and SAMROA of the MA Code of Conduct policy. Refer to MA website for a copy.

MA Code of conduct - There is a policy, guidelines and expectations of MA concerning behaviour and conduct of officials and volunteers.

This policy applies to all our members representing both MA and SAMROA at any time or in any place including:

- An MA motorsport or other event such as social or sponsorship event;
- While travelling to or from those places;
- At all other times at which individuals are wearing club apparel or uniforms;
- Including when making any accommodation or other request.

The policy also relates to when members are booking accommodation for race meetings and advising they are a race official. Therefore representing MA and/or SAMROA, they should not make unreasonable requests/expectations of the provider, or be demanding of their requirements, and speak with respect to individuals they are dealing with either in person or via phone/email.

Positive attitudes and conduct make sport enjoyable for everyone. Some people can ruin the experience with poor behaviour. This can include things like undue pressure, abuse, and foul language. It can be verbal, written, physical or emotional.

Poor behaviour can occur in many places - during play, on the sidelines, at training, in the clubhouse, or outside the sporting arena.

It can be officials, volunteers, drivers, pit crews, spectators, or administrators that behave poorly. Any one of these people, children or adults, can be the victim of poor conduct too.

Poor behaviour stems from a lack of respect. Showing respect is so important, particularly for young people. It's important to teach respect for teammates, officials and anyone else involved in your motorsport event.

All officials/members have a responsibility to ensure their conduct is respectful and promotes a positive environment. Members play a major part in setting team and club culture. Fortunately, there are many simple things members can do to promote positive culture and environments.

As an MA and SAMROA member we must, at all times:

- Act as good role models and ambassadors for our club at all times;
- Always welcome new officials and members of other clubs etc to the club and events;
- Never use offensive language or behaviour;
- Treat everyone with respect regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion; this includes any member of the public you may need to interact with;
- Display consistently high standards of good sporting behaviour including respecting the official's decisions;
- Adhere to and support the Club policies and decisions;
- Be trustworthy and friendly at all times.

If you display, or you observe any member displaying, behaviour or conduct that is not in line with MA policy, please feel free to raise the issue and discuss it immediately with the Chief flag at an event, with any member of any of the committees, or when you are made aware of an issue.

Motorsport Australia Working With Children Checks

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://www.sa.gov.au/Working-with-Children-Checks)

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

What if I have more questions?

Please contact:

Aidan Siegel

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Our members out and about at recent events

With no race meetings on the calendar, it was a good opportunity for our members to enjoy some relaxation, and for others a chance to see why we are flaggies, not race drivers, with the annual kart mania go kart racing event at Kart Mania Gepps Cross. A big thank you to Josh Young for organising. The night started with dinner at Coopers Ale House then the action began. It was a good fun event, attended by a number of members with lots of interesting manoeuvres and overtaking. The eventual winner, again, was the lightweight Shaun Croci, followed by club president Owen Smith and, rounding out the podium, Josh Young. I'm sure if you speak to any of the competitors, they will all have a fun story to tell. Here are some action shots from the night.



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



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