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Join us from 6pm onwards for a meal



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Kent Town Hotel
72-76 RUNDLE Street, KENT TOWN South Australia
Meeting starts 7:30pm
Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.**

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Robinson, recipient of Motorsport Official of the
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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the June Newsletter



Hi All,

June; I might start sounding like a broken record here, but the year is flying by.

It's been a busy period of motorsport and for the club. As has been mentioned previously, the committee has begun actioning a lot of the feedback gathered from the member survey; once again thank you to those that took the time to provide feedback. I'm happy to update you that the committee has approved the purchase of member packs. We are in the process of ordering the stock and will then begin the process of distributing these to all members. As a committee we are currently reviewing what members get for their membership to, not only reward our existing members but to also help entice new members to SAMROA. It was identified that we need to look at rewarding our members, promoting new members and training.

Congratulations to Brad and the T&CC, as in August we are FINALLY getting practical fire training off the ground. I won't go into too much detail and steal the thunder from the T&CC, but we are all very excited about the opportunity.

Regarding training, on the 22nd of June (yes, I know its Darwin Supercars), Motorsport Australia will be conducting a Silver Theory Module. If you are interested in attending, please go to the Motorsport Australia site to fill in an expression of interest.

As many of you know, unfortunately on the 6th of April the final Superkart and Modern Regularity Event as we know it was held at Mallala. These events were where a lot of us "cut our teeth", got hands on experience and explored new roles, as they were a great training ground for our members. We have had a deep association with TTM and the Adelaide Superkart Club over the years and were saddened that the April round was their final round.

Over Easter, it was pleasing to see so many SAMROA members attend the Bathurst 6hr. I think we were kept on our toes the whole event with some quality racing and large fields. SAMROA members were represented well across the Sector, Flag, Pit Lane, Fire & Rescue, Administration, Starter and Race Control teams. For many years we have been held in high regard across the country and our representation at the 6hr certainly confirms this. For those who have not attended a 6hr before, I strongly recommend giving it some consideration.

To those members who are making the yearly trek to sunny Darwin, safe travels and watch out for those Crocoducks. SAMROA will once again have a large contingent travelling to the event.

Over the past couple of months, Paul and the New Members team have been doing a mountain of work with updating our member handbook so that it includes information regarding Better Impact and some simple education steps. The team have also been working towards a structured onboarding of new members. It's pleasing to see several new members come onboard over the past couple of months. Please welcome to the club the following people

- Joshua Speaight
- Hamish Miller-Frost
- Rebecca Lawton

- Shaan Polra
- Taryn Kopania
- Michael McDonald

We are fast approaching the SAMROA AGM, with nominations for all positions opening from our June meeting. If you are interested in providing your input into the future of your club, please do not hesitate to nominate for a position. As always, if you have any questions regarding roles, are unsure and just wish to chat, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Look forward to seeing you trackside soon.

Owen "Ollie" Smith



Shaan Polra



Joshua Speaight



Hamish Miller-Frost



Rebecca Lawton

T&CC Report

Hello SAMROA!

Fire Training Day is on! – 10 August

The much asked for and long anticipated fire training day is officially happening this year.

We will be running this combined with a Vehicle Information session, at Ocean View College, Taperoo on Sunday 10 August.

The morning will involve training on how to use a fire extinguisher, how to identify the kinds of fires each type of extinguisher should be used for, the best way to help control a fire until help arrives, and more.

After a BBQ lunch, we are arranging for several state championship racers to bring along their cars and go through some of the important things to know to help a driver in the case of an incident. Topics such as how to locate engine cut-off switches, battery, in-car extinguishers and firebombs, undoing harnesses, window nets & steering wheels. Good things to keep in mind when you have to attend a car that's been involved in a smash.

There will also be a required online training session run in the week before the event, so stay tuned for an announcement on that.

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

Recent Event Feedback

We have noticed recently some Incident Reports are not being completely filled-in. Particulars of the incident have been good, but some have been missing the basic details such as the event number, category or the date. If you are unsure how to fill one in, ask the Chief Flag to go over it when you see them at your next event.

Other business

If you signed up for an event and will be unable to make it at late notice (within the last day or so), please get in touch with the Chief Flag to let them know. This is not just so we know to not place you on track, but also so we

know you haven't been involved in an accident on the way to the track! We understand that life gets in the way sometimes, and no one is going to bark at you for having to pull out on the day.

As we are having fewer events at Mallala, feedback forms are now being implemented for events at The Bend. All members on post with at least one other marshal are asked to complete a feedback form. This is the main method we have for knowing how people's skills are tracking, so we ask you all to take the 10 minutes before the end of the day to fill one in. If your folder is missing them, report it to Race Control and Chief Flag will remedy.

Winter – brrrr!

As we start to get into winter, now is the time to check over all of your warm clothing and wets. Get everything out, give it a good look over and a clean – just make sure to repack it all!

Many outdoor shops and even places like Aldi can have some good deals on cold weather clothing if you are in need of extra. Just remember, layers are the key to regulating your body temperature - start with a good quality base layer (thermal underwear is also fantastic), add a mid-layer such as a polar fleece or puffer jacket, then a hard-shell jacket to keep the wind out. Even a relatively thin set of wets will still help with wind. Topping it off with a beanie and gloves should keep most nice and toasty on those cold mornings.

Upcoming Events

With the sad demise of the Superkarts & Track Time Regularity series, we now have only have the three state rounds between now and when things get busy in September. We encourage all to come out to as many of these as you can to keep your skills up and get more time behind the flags, to be ready for the Shannon's Speed Series & Supercars Bend 500 national events.

Event Four: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412&ApplicationFormNumber=1>

Event Five: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=ce5b2597-0931-431d-a957-c77daed14dc0&ApplicationFormNumber=2>

And remember, the T&CC is here to help you improve your skills and experience. Please get in touch if you have anything you think we might be able to assist you with.

See you at the racetrack!

Alec Donnon

On behalf of the Training & Competition 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



Fire Training & Vehicle Awareness Day

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 and 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 fire bombs, 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.

We encourage everyone to come along and be part of this training day.



Coming Events

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

14 June SAMRC Event 4 (including SuperSprint) - Mallala
Chief flag: Alec Donnon Ph 0402 608 366

Better Impact link: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412&ApplicationFormNumber=1>

12-13 June SAMRC Event 5 - National Shell V-Power Motorsport Park – West Track
Chief flag: Kim Morrison Ph 0437 388 111
Assistant Chief flag: Matt Avery Ph 0402 412 348

Better Impact link: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=ce5b2597-0931-431d-a957-c77daed14dc0&ApplicationFormNumber=2>

10 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 SMAROA Member database

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

Get your name down and come out and enjoy some fun and enjoyment trackside with some racing to thrill you.

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

First and foremost, SAMROA would like to welcome our new members who have officially joined our great club recently. We wish you all well on what will be a fantastic journey as a motorsport official. This is an exciting time and we hope you will build many strong friendships and long lasting memories along the way. As a team, we are all here to support each other so please feel free to reach out at any time if you need anything.

Over the last few race meetings, we continue to see a mixture of new and returning guests trackside, of various age groups and experience. We have had very positive feedback on how they performed along the way and we look forward to welcoming more new members in the coming months.

As always if you see any new faces around, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Please also spread the word to everyone on how awesome it is to be a motorsport official with SAMROA and to get in contact with us via newmembers@samroa.org.au. The team will be glad to assist anyone looking to becoming involved.

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.

Regards

Paul

Birthdays



Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in

June

Sarah Kenyon 7th
Kathryn Page 7th
Bronwen Williamson 12th
Gerry Bourke 24th

July

Colin Leaker 2nd
Andrew Robinson 11th
Peter Ruth 15th
Leslie Atkinson 20th
Alan Candy 25th
Paul Curtis 27th
Elise Westin 31st

WHS Report

SAMROA members and indemnity insurance - As you are aware as a member of Motorsport Australia you are covered by indemnity insurance when you are performing duties as an official at MA permitted events, including state rounds, club meetings, supercar events at both The Bend & Mallala. This insurance is to assist you in the event of an injury you may receive as a result of acting as an official. When you arrive at a race meeting, and prior to going trackside, you must "Sign on" - sign the indemnity form. This is to ensure you are covered by insurance. If anyone has taken the time, (and we all should) to read the indemnity policy, you will be aware that by signing the form you are stating you are fit and capable of carrying out our required duties. This means you do not have any

personal or medical issues that will affect you in performing the duties you are signing on to do at the event. This does not mean if you have an injury, you cannot go trackside, it is referring to the duties you are signing on for.

Something that has come up lately is people attending events with personal injuries and not notifying either race secretary/chief flag or your senior marshal prior to the event or at all. This is required so we can ensure if you do have a personal injury, we are not putting you in a position that will exacerbate the injury or one where you cannot perform your duties due to the injury. It may be that you cannot go trackside, but we may be able to find an alternative role for you at the event. If you have a work-related injury or motor vehicle injury, we suggest you advise prior to the event and consider your position trackside, as you may risk any claim you may be entitled to with Return To Work SA (RTWSA) or insurance claim. Or, at least speak with your case worker prior to attending an event.

We understand people are keen to come out and help, and we love having people trackside. We need you all. However, if you have any personal injuries or work-related injuries, please contact either a T&CC member or chief flag prior to attending the event to discuss what position best suits you and we look after you in the best possible way.

Vale Dieter Von-Zeiden

Dieter Von-Zeiden was a long-standing member of the SAMROA family. Sadly, he received his last chequered flag in April following a long battle with health issues.



Dieter was a much loved and respected member of SAMROA who regularly attended events from 2007 until 2023 when he announced his retirement due to health issues. Dieter had many roles during his time and I'm sure we all have a lot of fond memories of working with Dieter over the years.

In 2021 Dieter was presented with a Motorsport Australia Service award as recognition to his many years of service and dedication to the sport.



On behalf of everyone at SAMROA, our condolences go out to his family and friends.



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 will be calling for nominations for all committee positions. If you, or someone you know, has the interest and/or skills to fill any of our committee positions, have a chat with them and nominate them at the June meeting.

Positions to be voted in are:

President Vice-President Secretary Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Plus four (4) general committee members.

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

All historics April 2025



SAMROA at the Bathurst

6 Hr event



2025 SAMROA Motorsport Events Calendar

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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	Training Day -Fire training and vehicle familiarisation day	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](#)

A big thank you to all our sponsors and businesses that support the club. If you or your business would like to sponsor our fabulous club, please contact a member of our committee to discuss opportunities, we are always looking for sponsors to assist us continue to support this great club and sport.



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