



SAASROA Newsletter August 2024

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Editor's Note:

If you receive SAASROA notices and newsletters by email, please check your Spam / Junk folder as sometimes emails sent from the 'All Members' group address default to spam.

We don't want you miss out on important information e.g. monthly reminders for Lunch & Coffee.

Also, please check in on our website saasroa.org.au regularly to keep up to date with current activities and information. Don't click on saroa.com.au by mistake. You might end up owning a racehorse.

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SAASROA Presidents Report

Jun – July 2024

I trust everyone is fit and well and coping with the extreme inclement weather. Winter is nearly over and we can look forward those warmer days of Spring and Summer.

Appointment of SAASROA Patron

Robert Elliott, CEO SA Ambulance Service has kindly accepted my offer to be our Patron following the passing of Dr John (Fred) Gilligan. Ratification of Robert Elliott as Patron of SAASROA will be conducted at our next Management Committee meeting.

Appointment of Welfare Officer

Chris McGrath has kindly offered to fill the vacant position of Welfare Officer due to the resignation of Graeme Harding. Ratification of Chris McGrath as Welfare Officer will be conducted at our next Management Committee meeting.

VALE Maurice (Morrie) Denham

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness I have to report the death of Maurice (Morrie) Denham on the 30Jul24. His funeral will be conducted as a private ceremony and a memorial service will be held at a later date. On behalf of the SAASROA Management Committee and Members our sincere condolences are extended to Raelene, family and friends. Another SAAS legend taken too soon, may he rest in peace.

Meeting with SAAS CEO

I had a quick meeting with SAAS CEO Robert Elliott at the SAASROA Driver's lunch on the 19Jul24. Matters discussed were as follows:

- Coffee Break allowance for SAASROA Drivers after four hours continuous driving SAAS fleet vehicles.

It was verbally agreed that this allowance at reasonable cost be accepted

- SAAS insignia allowed to be used by SAASROA on badges, letterheads etc.

It was verbally agreed that SAASROA has authorisation to use the SAAS insignia on badges, letterheads etc.

These agreements will be active only after receiving written confirmation from Robert Elliott, CEO SAAS.

SAASROA Drivers Group Lunch

The SAAROA Drivers Group lunch was held on the 19Jul24 at the Coopers Ale House, Pirie St, City which was sponsored by SAAS.

It was attended by most of the current drivers along with the SAAS CEO Robert Elliott and Operations Manager Adam Librandi. It was very enjoyable and amicable event with many friendships renewed.

SAAS thanked the drivers and presented them with gifts for their valued volunteer service throughout the year.

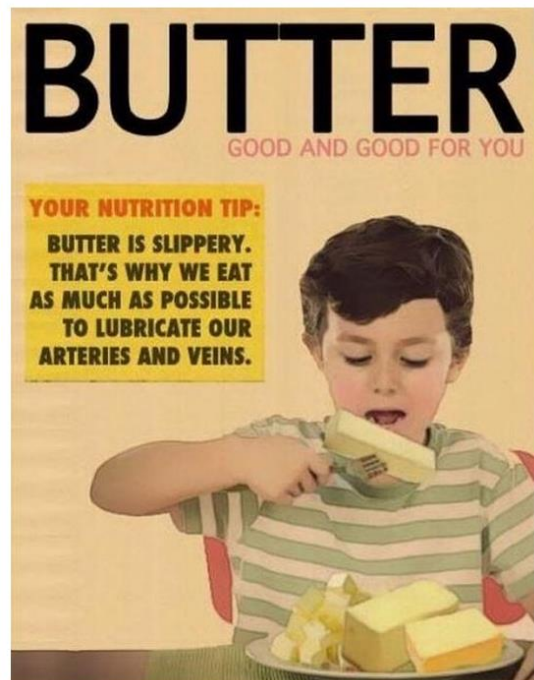
Cliff PINKARD
President
SAASROA
11Aug24

SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

Wireless Sets For Ambulance Vehicles

The first wireless transmitting set for road vehicles in South Australia has just been completed by Mr. C. Hoffmeyer, brigade engineer of the South Australian Ambulance Transport, who has been assisted by Messrs. A. Usher and W. Lloyd. It will be used for keeping in touch with the ambulance vehicles while on the road.

The set is now being tested, and when it has been proved satisfactory, receiving sets will be installed on the ambulances, so that they can be immediately sent to road accidents. The transmitting set is similar to those used by the Victorian and New South Wales police. The only cost to the brigade will be the price of instruments and materials used.



Trove Newspapers

The Advertiser SA : 1931 - 1954) Sat 27 Mar 1937 Page 14



Photos and commentary courtesy of Geoff (aka Choco) Fudge (aka Fudgie)

In Sydney we have a private vehicle restorer that loves doing Ambulances. Enclosed is his latest finish project, 1928 Austin. He is now working on a 1924 Austin. The white one is ex 1952 St John Ambulance from Albany WA (original actual vehicle). He has done about six vehicles up to this moment. He's never been an Ambo.



Riverland Coffee Morning 4th July 2024 Loxton



Left front: John & Sue Barrett, Dieter & Linda Scheurich (metro ring ins), David Ward, Head of Table Sue McDonald, Right side from top: Barb & Rod Pearson, Heather Oliver and Alan Battye. Gerry Oliver behind the camera.

UPCOMING RIVERLAND GATHERINGS

1st August Morning tea 10.00 River Jacks Café Berri

5th September Lunch 12.00 Berri Golf Club.

3rd October Morning tea 10.00 Cinnamon Grove Cafe Renmark.

7th November Morning tea 10.00 Lakes Bakery Barmera.

5th December Lunch 12.00 Waikerie Club.



Coffee Morning Balthazar Café 18th July



Lunch - 12 Noon		Coffee - 10am	
September		19th	Hub Fine Foods Cafe 5/130 - 150 Hub Drive Aberfoyle Park
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October	8th Largs Pier Hotel 198 Esplanade Largs Bay	17th	Cafe de Grove (@ Garden Grove) 1150 Golden Grove Road Golden Grove



September

2	Gerry Oliver
4	Alma Whimpress
4	Leanne Tossell
5	John Maybe
6	Mary Riddle
6	Jo Sperou
11	John McEvoy
12	Philip Kelsby
15	Helen Goodman
15	Rose Horsman
18	Aileen Bone
24	Rosemary Simpson
30	David Sutton
30	Bronwyn Battye

October

6	Ann Moore
7	Michael Victory
8	Helen Doyle
9	Lloyd Rogers
10	Jean Cook
10	Mike Galea
11	Don Crosby
12	Sandy Carter
12	Alan Lipschinski
15	Frances Sutton Reynolds
15	Hans Looft
19	Paul Whittenbury
22	Adrienne Wearne
25	Jill Doyle
27	David Norman
28	Don Leaver



Eddie Kilsby at the Black Powder Gun Club, Athelstone circa 1960's
Eddie was a St John Ambulance Service Career Officer back in the old days



Hindmarsh Station circa 1960's



In memory of
Lindsay Foscett
Former SJAS Station Officer, Mount Barker

Photos courtesy of Carol Jacob
(Lindsay's daughter)



05.12.1935 – 02.04.2024



Lunch Junction Hotel 11th June 2024



L -R: Peter Lorimer, Tony Cuzzacrea, Dieter Scheurich – Junction Hotel Lunch



Lunch Junction Hotel



Ray Nourse & Phil Clarke Morning Tea with the Getaway Group at Edithburgh May 2024



Patient was already in cardiac arrest before 'Big Jim' lifted the stretcher

SAASROA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Your Committee are keen to provide social activities that are in the best interests of the broader membership. Socialising and maintaining contact with former colleagues is an important objective of SAASROA.

Do you have a suggestion as to the type of activity that we can provide that you think would be enjoyed by our members? If so, please email secretary@saasroa.org.au

Vale Maurice 'Morrie' Clive Denham 1935 - 2024


We have been advised that the Memorial Service for Morrie is to be held on Friday 30th August 2024, 10am at Berry Funerals, 198 – 204 Magill Road, Norwood.

Please refer to <https://www.berryfunerals.com.au/> Upcoming funerals for more information.

**DENHAM, Maurice Clive
(Morrie)**
30 Jul 2024

Members of the SA Ambulance Service Retired Officers' Association are sad to note the passing of our esteemed member and colleague Morrie Denham. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Raelene and family.

Colin Beames
Secretary



DENHAM, Maurice Clive

Share

Publication: The Advertiser **Date Listed:** 3/8/2024 **Location:** Adelaide

Passed away July 30th, 2024, Aged 89 years

Husband of Raelene

Father and father-in-law of Tracey and Reed, Robyn and Michael

Poppy of Caitlin, Jessica, and James

Rest in Peace

Historic Vehicle Report August 2024

June 23 , arrived at the Port Station 0700 hours , put the trailer with the mini ambulance on fleet 321 only to find the phantom had struck again by taking the 2 new D bolts purchased only 7 days ago . The trip was slow due to road works along the way ,plus the trailer was bouncing with the mini ambulance . Upon arrival at Port Augusta we went straight to the new station ,unloaded the mini ambulance and parked fleet 321 and 322 in the bay . Both vehicles attracted a lot of interest and the mini ambulance was the main draw card with the kids and the parents wanting to take photos with their child sitting or standing inside. There was a very long line and Ken now has big muscles he did not know he had . The station is a first class station , large building with a big back yard . The ambos saying they tried to clean the floor in the garage of tyre marks on a nice white concrete floor without success . A big turnout by the locals with the CEO and the Minister of Health unveiling the plaque on the front of the building . Crews have been in the building for some 2 months prior to the official opening . The 7 Historic Vehicles have been washed and all started at least monthly and washed as required .

July 28 Norwood Station was officially opened with a very large crowd and again Ken's mini ambulance was the most popular with the kids and a very long line up to clamber in and have their photo taken .

August 1 the floor at the Port Station was to be cleaned commencing at 1600 hours so all 7 historical vehicles were moved out 1130 onwards . I took a elderly lady to the Dentist 1400 and back 1530 hrs , sat around awaiting the contractors to arrive . SAAS Manager rang the contractor approx. 1645hours only to be told they did not have the time that day and could not fit in . I put all 7 vehicles back in garage leaving 1830 hours . A DAY WASTED !!

August 6 I was told the contractor was booked for august 8 starting 0900 hours , so I left home 0630 arriving 0740 . The station manager helped me move our vehicles out whilst I uncovered the 3 vehicles. Colin arrived in time to take the last one . Our area was cleaned first so as Colin and myself could bring our vehicles back in . Fleet 323 did not want to start , yet last Sunday I jump started , drove to Fulham for a wash and returned , did not cooperate today . Thank you Colin.

August 10 I returned to cover the 3 historic vehicles as on Thursday it started to rain so the vehicles were put to bed wet without their covers . I am waiting for the radio techs to hopefully put an obsolete radio in fleet 541 so as to complete the refurbishment of equipment as was in her day.

Robert Dale



SAASROA- EVENTS REPORT AUGUST 2024

The Port Augusta Station was opened. 2 SAAS Historical vehicles attended plus Ken's mini Ambulance . Thank you Robert and Ken for your efforts over the 2 days. Approximately 1540 km travelled, 48 hours in travel and display time by all.

Norwood Station opened also in recent weeks. Thanks to Jeff and Mary for taking 2 vehicles, the second unit requested at last minute notice, Thanks to Ken for taking and showing his mini Ambulance. A good day held by all.

The organiser from SAAS sent a great email back to us saying thank you to the SAASROA team for its participation. 290 kms travelled, 18 hrs in total inclusive of Ken's efforts to be there .

Coming up is the Edwardstown station opening on Sunday Sept 22. I received the official request last Friday. Helen and I will be attending. I have sent EOI to other drivers for a potential second crew. TBC. Also I am awaiting SAAS request for Ken's Mini Ambulance to attend if he is free.

The Bay to Birdwood has requested our HZ again. EOI has been sent to all. Colin Beames is yet to receive the official course pack.

In early November the Mawson Lakes show and shine has requested a vehicle again. As it is not endorsed by SAAS as an event. I will pass this onto Robert Dale to organise if he so wishes.

Kind Regards Chris and Helen McGrath



SAASROA – FINAL GETAWAY FOR 2024



Scheduled – In Friday October 18th

Out Friday October 25th

Location – Fort Courage Caravan Park NSW

Accommodation –

As foreshadowed, there is currently nil accommodation available. Anyone wishing to book at this stage will be reliant on any cancellations the park may have. Contact is via 03 5027 3097, or email admin@fortcouragecaravanpark.com Office hours are 08:30 -17:30 EST.

Some have expressed interest in a day/night visit (i.e. for the hotel meal and/or coffee, which will both be in Wentworth), and we suggest contacting the Visitor Information Centre to enquire about overnight accommodation -

Wentworth Visitor Information Centre

66 Darling Street
Wentworth NSW 2648
Phone: 03 5027 5080

Open Monday to Friday: 9am-4pm

Cheers

Gerry & Heather



First Getaway 2025 Port Broughton

Port Broughton Tourist Park Get away 28th Feb 2025 – 6th March 2025

Hi all, provisionally on hold till end of July 2024

2 Dog friendly cabins (have enclosed yards) U1 & U3 2bedroom \$135 per night

1 unit U8 - 2 bedrooms double bed & bunks \$135 per night

2units U9 & U10 - 2bedrooms Queen & bunks \$158 per night

Van sites 28ft+

2 drive through 67 & 99 \$48 per night

5 98 – 100 \$48 per night

All synthetic grass close to amenities etc They were ? uncooperative in extending booking times – as still in their “busy times , but no other dates available until end of March for 2 dog friendly cabins On hold under Retired Ambos contact Frances Reynolds.

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