

Member Newsletter October 2025

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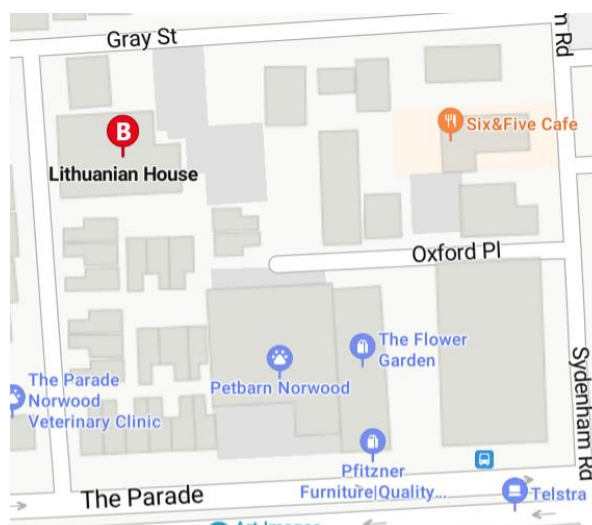
SA Ambulance Service Retired Officers' Association Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025, 11.30AM
LITHUANIAN HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
6-10 Eastry Street Norwood (please note car park entry below)

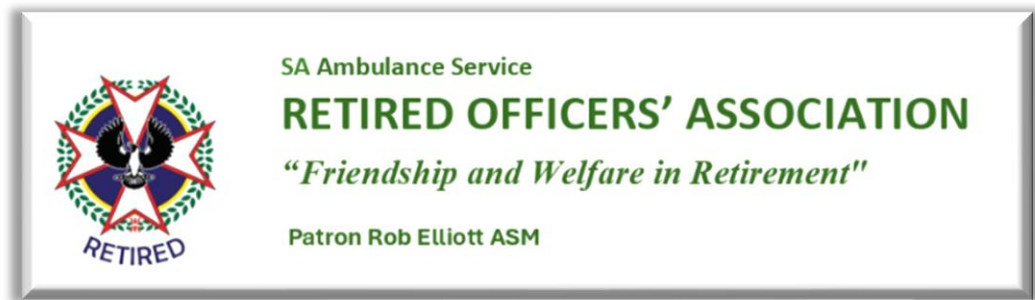
NOTICE OF MEETING

- The 2025 Annual General Meeting will be held in a large private function room commencing at 11.30am. (Member registrations from 11.00am).
- A catered lunch of 'Grazing Platters' will be provided at no cost to members after the meeting. Soft drinks, coffee and tea will be available.
- For catering purposes, if attending the AGM and lunch, **please RSVP to the Secretary by text message or email by Monday 3rd November**. Also advise if you have any special dietary requirements.
- A large onsite parking area is available at the rear of the Centre, **entry via Oxford Place**, Norwood. If transport assistance is required to attend the meeting, please contact the Secretary to arrange.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Colin Beames
Secretary
15th September 2025
0429 379 679
secretary@saasroa.org.au





SAASROA Presidents Report

Sept – Oct 2025

Retirement of President and Committee Member of SAASROA

This President's report is my last report as President and Committee Member of SAASROA prior to my retirement.

I feel now is a critical time to introduce new blood into the Association to enable it to prosper and go forward through different eyes. This will enable the introduction of new ideas and be more reflective to the needs of the younger members.

I have enjoyed my time as President and Committee Member, made very much easier to navigate with the assistance of the great team behind me and it is my hope that I have made a difference and leave the Association improved and following the ideals and continuing the work of my predecessor.

SAASROA Executive Committee Meeting (Authored by Colin Beames)

The SAASROA Executive Committee met on Wednesday, 9 September 2025 at The Cremorne Hotel. Unley. Attendees were Colin Beames, Wayne Jackson, Barry Wright, Chris McGrath, and me.

Matters discussed and resolutions are:

- **SAASROA Car Stickers** - 100 printed stickers are now for sale to members. New members will receive a lapel badge and car sticker in their Welcome Pack when they join. Additional stickers are available for purchase by members at \$2.00 each. Retired non-members (ex SAAS) may purchase stickers for \$5.00 each, including postage, and handling.

Sticker Orders: Email membership@saasroa.org.au

Payment: BSB 805 005 Account No. 100065453.

Please ensure that you include your name with your payment

- **Brochure Photos** – Recommendations for the cover page of the SAASROA brochure included members retired from SAAS Operations, Volunteer, and Support staff. The Committee will follow up with recently retired members.

- **The Annual General Meeting** is scheduled to take place at the Lithuanian Home Community Centre in Norwood on Monday, 17th November 2025, commencing at 11:30 am. The Committee confirmed that 'Grazing in the Valley' will provide catering at no cost to members. A guest speaker and a raffle are planned.
- **Members Retiring at AGM** – Wayne Jackson, Ken Jenkins and Robert Dale have advised they are prepared to stand for re-election for a further two year term. Cliff Pinkard confirmed his retirement from the Committee at the AGM.
- **Chris Howie** resigned from SAAS on 17th September to join CFS as an Executive. Cliff has sent Chris a letter thanking him for his past support to SAASROA and wishing him well in his new position.
- **Fundraising for Michael Cook** – it was RESOLVED that the Executive recommend to the Committee of Management that \$1000.00 be donated to the Berri Rotary Club fundraiser and that Members of SAASROA be encouraged to donate to the project to purchase a purpose built access vehicle to provide Michael with transport to medical appointments and social outings.
(The donation was confirmed by the Committee on 8th October 2025.)
- **Promoting SAASROA:** Agencies linked to SAAS could be engaged to build public and internal support for SAASROA's retirement objectives.

Facebook Comments Reflecting on SAAS/SAASROA

It has been reported to the Executive Committee via SAAS that a complaint from the public on a comment made on the SAAS Facebook page reflected badly on SAAS/SAASROA. Please be aware that in your Facebook personal history your association with SAAS/SAASROA can reflect the public's perception of the culture within our Organisations.



Cliff PINKARD
President
SAASROA
08Oct25

Metro Nov/Dec Catch-Ups



AGM and LUNCH – 11.30am

Monday 17th November 2025

Lithuanian House Community Centre

6-10 Eastry Street Norwood (car park entry Oxford Place)

RSVP secretary@saasroa.org.au or text 0429 379 679 by 3rd November

LUNCH

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Coopers Ale House Gepps Cross

560 Main North Blair Athol

COFFEE MORNINGS – 10am

Thursday 20th November 2025

Watershed Cafe 665 Salisbury Highway Mawson Lakes

Thursday 18th December 2025

Sfizio Cucina e Caffè

89 The Parade Norwood (opposite Enjoy Bakery)

Please text RSVP coffee morning numbers to Linda Scheurich [0419848678](tel:0419848678)

Riverland Catch Ups

COFFEE MORNING – 10am

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2025

lillalangi Gourmet Foods 4 Penaluna Road Waikerie

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 1200 hrs

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2025

on the MURRAY RIVER QUEEN Loxton River Front Grant Schubert Drive Loxton

RSVP by 20th November 2025

Overnight accommodation is available on board the vessel

Accommodation Bookings direct with [The Murray River Queen | Accommodation | Restaurants](#)

Please text RSVP to Sue McDonald [0429 091 842](tel:0429091842)

All 2025 Social events are listed on our website calendar: saasroa.org.au

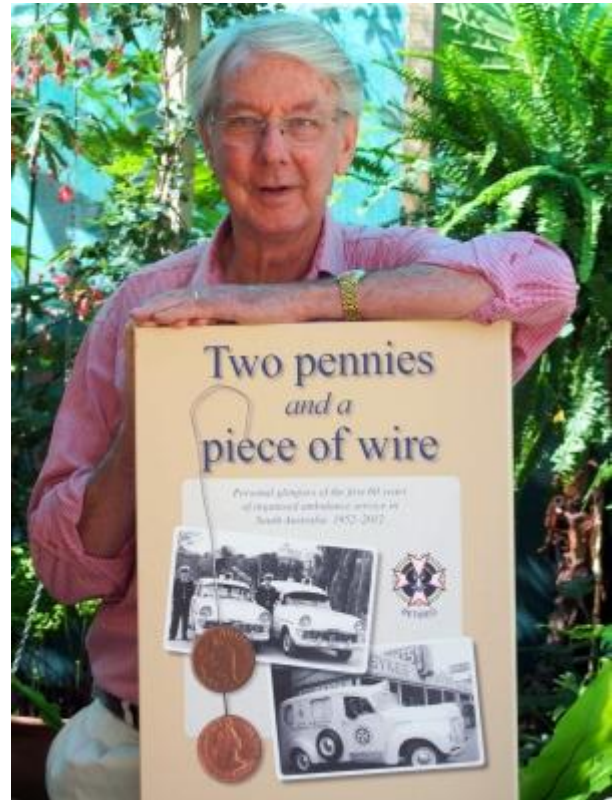
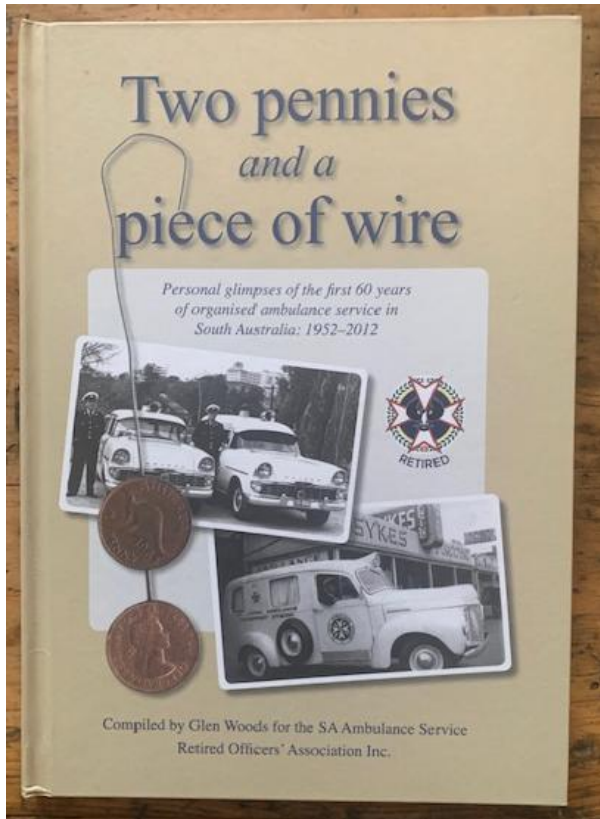
NEW SA AMBULANCE HEADQUARTERS AND ADELAIDE STATION



Artist Impression <https://www.premier.sa.gov.au/media-releases/news-archive/grand-design-revealed-for-new-sa-ambulance-headquarters-and-adelaide-station>

The new Emergency Operations Centre inclusive of the new Ambulance Station at 71 Richmond Road Mile End opening is Sunday 9th of November 2025

'SNIPPETS FROM OUR PAST'



Compiled by Glen Woods for the SA Ambulance Service Retired Officers Association Inc.

Two Pennies and a Piece of Wire was launched in 2012. It is a compilation of the personal experiences of former employees, in which they describe what it was like being an ambulance officer from 1952 onwards. Copies of the book are available in many community libraries throughout the State





November

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December



3	John Rawes
3	Barry Manning
4	John Cahill
8	Gwen Parbs
9	Wendy Harding
15	Peter Wearne
15	Steven Bigg
17	Graeme Aistroke
17	Craig Garrett
19	Colin Beames
21	Steven Wright
24	Pam Pinkard
24	Wayne Simpson
25	Cheryl Aistroke
26	Marg Crosby
26	Ken Jenkins

1	Rod Pearson
2	Jennifer Sutton
3	John Looker
3	Pauline Furst
7	Barbara Hartley
8	Marlene Copley
12	Trevor Bowden
19	Gloria Pohl
22	Karen Kesby
25	John Pohl
25	Maureen Keating

SAASROA Getaway Group 2026

The Getaway Group undertake a number of trips each year.

All trips are organised at Caravan Parks that include Cabins.

There are no membership fees to be part of this group.

Various activities and tours of the local areas are organised and there is no pressure on anyone to participate. How you spend your time is up to you.

Members suggestions for next year are invited now to prepare a program of trips

If you have a suggestion, please email the secretary@saasroa.org.au and I will forward to the Getaway Group.