

Mini Driven

Australian Drivers Trainer’s Association of South Australia Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement:

To promote and encourage “Safe Driving for Life” throughout the community by improving the competency and professionalism of all Driving Instructors while protecting their interests and representing them with an influential voice.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 69th Mini-Driven Newsletter.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy.....



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear valued members, especially our newbies,

We have just had membership renewals, which has increased yet again this year.

Attendee numbers, for our informative workshops/GMs, are also increasing.

Please remember, our workshops are a valuable event that the presenters have spent personal time preparing for you, our members. It is also very useful as a networking opportunity.

Our recent workshop, Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, evoked an animated, passionate discussion. This is what we'd hoped for. Discussion on technological advances for our industry is a steppingstone towards how we cater to these changes.

We hope to see more of you at these events.

It's refreshing to see new faces and hear differing views on industry situations.

Kind regards,

Linda Jackson ADTA-SA President

Life Member

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,

So far, this year has been quite uneventful in our industry. Apart from us all being very busy with training and testing learner drivers from all age groups we have heard nothing about the proposed reform agenda other than its sitting awaiting the Transport Ministers decision as to what to do about it. The association will continue to lobby the Minister to form a select committee to analyse the proposed reforms before any decisions on its contents or implementation are made.

In the meantime, at the industry meeting held on May 10 this year and based on recent feedback and emails received by the association we have requested the department to consider making it mandatory for all VORT and Task 30 assessments be only permitted in a vehicle with a dual brake system. We believe that the department has a duty of care to us as assessors performing an outsourced function on their behalf, their Auditors that come in the vehicle, the general public and even the student for that matter. Interestingly they mandate it when their staff do Medical and Validation Assessments so why not for the rest of us? Personally, in the past I have not felt it was truly necessary, however in the last 12 months or so I have increasingly felt vulnerable particularly in vehicles with electronically activated handbrakes. I have had so many close calls that could have cost me my life doing VORT's (and luckily I had a dual braked vehicle) that I have chosen personally since June 2023 to only test in vehicles with dual brakes. Interestingly the issues have come more so to the fore since the learners permit theory test was changed to an online

format. I have requested from the department a copy or link to the studies that they stated were used as evidence that online testing was a more beneficial way of learning and retaining the road law and hence its implementation. Unfortunately, us at the coal face doing the testing believe otherwise but the jury is still out. To date we have not received a copy of the studies or where to find them. We encourage you all to please give us feedback on this issue so we can relay it on to the department collectively, so no one is singled out.

In the Heavy Vehicle sector there are no changes at present to report.

Personally, I would like to welcome all the new members that have joined this past year and thank all those existing members that have remained loyal and committed to the association.

Remember collectively we can make a difference to our industry.

If we can assist members in anyway, please contact us and we will endeavour to try and meet your needs.

Kind Regards

Elio Pisaniello (Vice President)

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ADMINISTRATORS MESSAGE

Meetings

Hi Everyone,

I hope this email finds you all warm and well.

When receiving invitations to meetings and workshops etc, can ALL members please RSVP if they are planning on attending or are wishing to view via zoom. This will greatly assist with seating, catering and sending out zoom links. It also ensures we have booked the correct size room for all those attending and so everyone can be seated with adequate room. It allows everyone to be properly catered for also.

This would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Dear Get Home Safe Foundation Members.

Yes, that's right. As an ADTA Member your Board has negotiated a sponsorship deal that qualifies you as a Get Home Safe Foundation Member.

This means that you can attend our events at members' rates and can work with us to make our roads safer.

If any of you would like to be more involved with our Foundation please contact me on 0401629615 or darrendavis@gethomesafefoundation.org

We have now organised two Industry Workshops with plans to host at least two a year if possible.

The last workshop at Workzone Traffic Control was well attended and feedback from Instructors from both the ADTA and PDTA was extremely positive. I hope those who came got plenty from this workshop as we discussed how we train our Learners regarding road works zones.

We had experts from Workzone Traffic Control present to us and I know that many of you were pleased that they came to listen and learn.

I'll be announcing details of our next workshop very soon.

I would like to thank those of you who supported our Gala in May. This was a very special night as we celebrated the 5th anniversary of our launch.

Amongst the guests were the Minister for Road Safety Hon Joe Szakacs, the Chairman of the RAA Board, senior management of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, leaders of many high profile companies, representatives from some of our sponsors and about 250 people who had an absolute ball!!!

I'm hoping that many more of you will support our events in the future as we strive to raise awareness regarding road safety.

Our next event is the Women Against Road Toll High Tea. This will be at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg on Sunday the 12th of November. Look out for details on our website and social media pages. Maybe our ADTA members could arrange a table?

It really would be great to see more Driving Instructors support us at these events. This event is a fantastic way to socialise with fellow Instructors, support road safety, and enjoy the iconic Stamford Grand High Tea overlooking the ocean (by the way, men can come too).

I hope to see some of you around and possibly at our future events. In the meantime, please let Sharon know if you need more Dutch Reach stickers or if you would like our black Get Home Safe stickers for the back window of your cars. This message of "Get Home Safe" is gaining traction in the public domain and we are also starting to form partnerships with an increasing amount of road safety organisations and companies who want to show their support.

Kind regards

Darren Davis

Get Home Safe Foundation President.

Welcoming new members

The board of the ADTASA and I, would like to personally welcome ALL the new members who have recently joined our association.

New members include:

- Sandra Baker
- John Morrison
- Lisa Smith
- Samantha Tansell
- Simone Cranage
- Lorraine Irwin
- Musekiwa Mafara
- Brant Paynter
- Sunil Patel
- Sean Castellano

Advertisements

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Please note I am now available for VORT testing in Victor Harbour. Please contact me directly for more information.

Finance Report from the Treasurer-

We currently have \$98k in the bank and the expenses & budget are in line with what was forecasted at the beginning of the financial year.

Overall, we are in a very healthy financial position.

Gary Thompson (ADTASA treasurer)