



# OVER *the* HILL



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## President's Report

February 2020



Hill climbing for 2020 is about to start, with our first event this coming Sunday, 2 February. Fortunately, the track and facilities are in good condition, having not been affected either by the bushfire which burned through Oaks Estate, Pialligo and West Queanbeyan last week or the extraordinary hail storm which hit a few days earlier.

Given what so many people across Australia have experienced this summer, we have been very fortunate.

We have ten events programmed for the year: eight club hill climbs, the annual Heart Kids Hill Climb and a round of the NSW Hill Climb Championship. Three of the events (including Heart Kids) are two lappers, which are always exceptionally popular. The revised calendar is included in this *Over The Hill*. Please note that the dates for the Heart Kids event (now 5 April) and August club one lapper (now 9 August) have changed from the provisional calendar issued in November. Based on last year, I expect we will again have full fields and close racing, which will guarantee great events for both competitors and spectators.

SDMA's Round of the NSW Hill Climb Championship (NSW HCC) will be in October and it will be the last NSW HCC event for 2020. If the Championship is very close at that stage, it could mean that we will have some extremely serious and exciting competition on offer. SDMA club members will have the opportunity to enter so there so the chance to compete against quite different competition.

The success of all our events will depend on how well we manage ourselves as a club. We have a fantastic facility with an excellent track and first rate amenities. But to conduct events to the high standard we

expect of ourselves and to continue to be able to provide really good community based motorsport, we need more people to share the load of running the club. If you've read this before, I apologise for having to re-state the obvious: events don't run themselves. We need to increase the number of people who are prepared to contribute to the club by helping out with the work which needs to be done.

This Saturday we will have the first working bee of the year to prepare the track for Sunday. Over the next few months there will be extra working bees, at weekends and during the week, to build the new infrastructure which we have to get in place. When the notifications for those working bees go up on our Facebook page, or arrive by email or text, please make a conscious effort to put some time aside to help out. It's your club and you will benefit from the improvements we make.

Urgently, the club has an immediate need for someone to take over as Membership Secretary, which is a critical position. No-one nominated for the position at the AGM in September so Henry and Liz Hilhorst, who had done the job for many years but are no longer available to do it full time, have continued to do it part-time since the AGM. But we now are at a crunch point as they will be away from this month and we need someone urgently. It's an important job which requires patience and attention to detail. You need to be able to operate a spreadsheet, be cheerful, patient and helpful to your fellow (and potential) club members when they need to renew their memberships and to liaise with the Event Secretary before each hill climb to make sure that people who have entered are financial club members. Can someone please put their hand up to either me or Dave Peisley, the Club Secretary? If anyone would like to talk to Henry about the work involved, he would be very happy to discuss.

I mentioned in the last edition of *Over The Hill* that our social media team has been doing a great job lifting our profile on Facebook with scheduling software installed and more people reached and new followers. Over the next few months the team will be putting more information up, focussing on providing easy to follow advice on how to get involved in our sport and publicising upcoming events. Celeste, Mark and Kimberley have done a great job in making more people aware of SDMA and what we do.

A related priority for 2020 is to upgrade our web page. In the next few weeks we will be asking members to tell us what they would like on a revamped site with the intention of doing a staged upgrade.

Have an enjoyable and successful hill climbing year.

*John Templeton*

## CHANGE TO SDMA COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

The Club Committee has changed its meeting date.

From February, the committee will meet on the **SECOND** Tuesday of each month, still at the 7.30 pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Previously it met on the first Tuesday of the month at the same time and venue.

### **Pitstop Cafe:**

**We don't sell 'virtual' sausage sandwiches, so *please* pay CASH!!**

The Pit Stop café is the hub of the track. Since time immemorial (well since 2001 actually) everyone who's anyone has lined up to buy sausage sandwiches, egg and bacon rolls, coffee and life's other essentials (i.e. Freddo frogs).

And they've paid **CASH**. Yes, good old coins and notes. That cash has helped the club improve facilities and resurface the track, so it's been very worthwhile.

Because the Pit Stop is run by volunteers (*extremely* dedicated volunteers) and we only operate 9 or 10 times a year, the Pit Stop will continue to be **CASH ONLY**.

The cost of introducing PayWave and similar technology is not justified by the scale of our operation and the time involved in processing and reconciling bank transfers for two sausage sandwiches and two Cokes can't be justified either.

So can everyone please remember that the **Pit Stop is a CASH ONLY operation**, so bring coins and small notes with you (and no \$50 notes early in the morning please!!).

## FRONTAL HEAD RESTRAINTS (FHRs), ALSO KNOWN AS HANS (Head and Neck Support) devices

From the beginning of 2020, **CAMS require drivers of cars that have a CAMS logbook to use a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)** when competing in Speed Events (which includes hill climbs).

The new rules apply only to cars which have CAMS log books and then only to those cars which are equipped to accept them.

**The new rule does not apply to road registered cars or to cars which do not have CAMS log books,** meaning it doesn't affect most of the cars that compete in our events.

The rationale for the new rule is safety, given that FHRs are now used in most other forms of motorsport and that they provide a significant safety improvement.

The new rules are explained in detail on the CAMS website.



## SUNDAY'S HILLCLIMB

The first event for the year is this Sunday, 2 February. We have a full field of entries and it looks like it will be a very competitive start to 2020.

A few reminders:

- **Frontal Head Restraints (FHRs).** If your car has a CAMS log book and you present the log book at scrutineering, you must have and use a CAMS compliant FHR, previously known as a HANS device. This rule came into effect on 1 January this year. There is no requirement to have or use a FHR if you are competing in a road registered car or an unregistered vehicle which does not have a CAMS log book. The CAMS rationale for the new rule is safety, given that FHRs are now required in most other forms of motorsport.
- **Fire safety.** When vehicles are being refuelled in the pits, please exercise extreme care. The whole pit area is a no smoking zone at all times and even without the tragic bushfire season which Australia has experienced, we all have to be very mindful of potential fire hazards.
- **Refreshments at the presentations.** The club will, as usual, provide light refreshments (beer, wine, cheese and bikkies) at the presentations after the competition runs. Everyone is very welcome to stay and relax with opponents and friends (sometimes they are one and the same) and to wind down after a serious day's fun.

## Amended 2020 Calendar

Events	Track Maintenance	Notes
January NO EVENT		Committee meeting: Tuesday 21 Jan
February SUNDAY 02 FEBRUARY (One lap)	Saturday 01 February	Committee meeting: Tuesday 11 Feb
March SUNDAY 01 MARCH (One lap)	Saturday 29 February	Committee meeting: Tuesday 10 March CANBERRA DAY: Monday 9 March
April SUNDAY 05 APRIL (HeartKids – two laps)	Saturday 04 April	Committee meeting: Tuesday 14 April EASTER: Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April ANZAC DAY: Saturday 25 April
May SUNDAY 3 MAY (One lap)	Saturday 02 May	Committee meeting: Tuesday 12 May MOTHERS' DAY: Sunday 10 May
June SUNDAY 7 JUNE (Two laps)	Saturday 6 June	Committee meeting: Tuesday 09 June RECONCILIATION DAY: Monday 01 June QUEEN'S B'DAY: Monday 8 June
July NO EVENT		Committee meeting: Tuesday 14 July
August SUNDAY 9 AUGUST (One lap)	Saturday 8 August	Committee meeting: Tuesday 11 August
September SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER (One lap)	Saturday 12 September	Committee meeting: Tuesday 08 Sept FATHERS' DAY: Sunday 6 Sept
October Round 8: NSW Hill Climb Championship SATURDAY 03 OCTOBER (Practice: Noon-4.00) SUNDAY 04 OCTOBER (Competition)  Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER (Two laps)	Friday 02 October  Saturday 03 October    Saturday 17 October	Committee meeting: Tuesday 13 October    BATHURST 1000: Thursday 08 Oct to Sunday 11 Oct
November SUNDAY 08 NOV (One lap)	Saturday 07 Nov	Committee meeting: Tuesday 10 November
December SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER Christmas Party		Committee meeting: Tuesday 08 December

The SDMA 2020 calendar has been amended from the version released in November last year.

We had to change because the ACT Government's noise rules mean that the Fairbairn Park clubs have to coordinate events to make best use of the 18 'noise credits' allocated to Fairbairn Park each calendar year. One club could not get approval from its national body for a previously agreed date.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 WINNERS!

The **2019 ACT Hill Climb Championship Outright Champion** was **Jeff Nichols**, one of the clubs most enthusiastic and consistent competitors who rarely misses an event. His win was well earned and very popular.

The **ACT Hill Climb Championship Fastest Female Driver** was won by **Grace Nichols**, ensuring that the Nichols family was exceptionally well represented in 2019.

The **ACT Hill Climb Championship Fastest Junior Driver** was won by **Tom Donahue**, who has been a very welcome new member of the club.

The **SDMA Club Member of the Year Award** was shared between **Henry and Liz Hilhorst**, who have been individual and collective towers of strength for the club for many years. They have carried out the Membership Secretary and Magazine Editor roles for many years and have always been among the first to put their hands up for tasks that needed to be done.

The **Beb Fox Memorial Trophy for Engineering Excellence** was won by **John Stewart** for what some would regard as the sacrilege of putting a conventional V8 into an RX 7. It may have raised the eyebrows of the purists on both sides of the divide, but our scrutineering team judged the effort to be of the highest order.

The **John Philip Memorial Trophy for Best Presented Vehicle**, as judged by the SDMA scrutineering team, was won by **Matthew Brown**, for a consistently preparing his lovely white Skoda Octavia to a very high standard over the course of the year.

The full list of 2019 class winners:

Outright.....	Jeff Nichols .....	Westfield SE clubman
Type 1/2 up to 1600cc.....	Tom Ballard .....	Mazda MX5
Type 1/2 1601-2000cc.....	Paul Stringfellow.....	Peugeot 206 Gti 180
Type 1/2 over 3000cc.....	Paul Welch .....	Porsche Carrera (T)
Type 3 up to 1600cc.....	Michael Primrose.....	Toyota MR2
Type 3 1601-2000cc.....	Mark Wyatt.....	Toyota Celica
Type 3 2001-3000cc.....	Todd Wilson .....	Mazda RX7
Type 3 over 3000cc.....	Matthew Brown.....	Skoda Octavia
Type 4 1601-2000cc.....	Bryan Fitzpatrick.....	Renault Clio
Type 4 2001-3000cc.....	John Engisch.....	Mazda MX5
Type 5 1301-2000cc.....	Bob Wootton.....	Rennmax Bn3 F2
Type 6 over 2000cc.....	Robert Gregg .....	Ford model A
Type AWD 1/2 over 3000cc.....	Colin Chandler .....	Volkswagen Golf
Type AWD/SV3 up to 1600cc .....	Jeff Nichols .....	Westfield SE clubman
Type AWD/SV3 over 3000cc.....	Harry Katsanevas.....	Ford Focus
Ladies class.....	Grace Nichols.....	Suzuki Swift Gti
Junior class.....	Tom Donohue .....	Combined classes

## Drones at SDMA events

Both the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and CAMS have rules on the operation of drones which apply to SDMA.

- The CASA rules, which have the force of law under civil aviation legislation, apply because the track is within 3 nautical miles of Canberra Airport and is directly under the approach path of the East West (12/30) runway
- The CAMS rules apply because CAMS endorsement of SDMA events provides the legal, safety and insurance frameworks which allow us to conduct an event

CASA requires anyone proposing to operate a drone under the flight path to submit a six page Remotely Piloted Aircraft Flight Authorisation application well in advance of the planned operations. CASA will then assess the proposed operation. It also requires all the operators of the drone to be licenced and to pay fees to CASA.

CAMS requires that drones are only flown by an operator who

- is certified by CASA;
- carries their own public liability insurance; and
- provides the necessary information to SDMA to enable SDMA to meet all the relevant parts of CAMS safety rules

CAMS requires SDMA to closely manage any drone operations during the event, including the number of drones flying, how close they are flying to competitors, spectators, medical and recovery vehicles and personnel, and the need to keep them away from the track. This would require extra event officials to be dedicated solely to managing drone operations.

Given all these complexities, plus the very significant potential costs should there be an accident involving a drone being used during an event, the club has decided that drones will not be allowed at SDMA events.



## FOR SALE :

### 2013 TOYOTA 86 GT

One owner. Only 35,000 km. Full dealer service history and stamped books. Extra 'between service' oil changes carried out.

Never been repaired as it has never been damaged.

Although this car has competed in hill climbs and supersprints, it has been driven very respectfully and with a great deal of vehicle sympathy.

The purchase will include 3 additional sets of wheels.

- 1 set factory GT 16 x 6.5 bare.
- 1 set factory GTS 17 x 7.0 with Hankook TD221 Soft compound semi slicks
- 1 set factory GTS 17 x 7.0 with Hankook TD221 Medium compound semi slicks
- 1 Subaru space saver spare in the boot.
- Numerous standard brake rotors, pads and brake lines.

The Type 1-2 allowable modifications include:

- DBA slotted rotors front and rear.
- DS2500 competition pads front and rear. High temp brake fluid.
- Braided brake lines.
- Exhaust headers with overpipe from Neal Bates. The rear of the exhaust system is left standard to keep the car civilised and very drivable on longer trips.
- TRW oil sump baffle.
- Master cylinder firewall bracing bracket.
- Strut tower brace.
- Whiteline front camber adjuster kit.
- Whiteline rear gearbox mount flex eliminator.
- K&N Hi Flow performance air filter.
- Whiteline rear stabiliser bar kit. (Brand new, not fitted)

This car is the current SDMA record holder for both 1 lap and 2 lap events in Type 1-2 1600-2000cc.

One lap: 47.26 3rd May 2015

Two lap: 83.28 7th Dec 2014

Outright FTD out of 30 cars during a 2 lap event on the 5th June 2016

In it's current state this car has also lapped:

- Wakefield Park in 1:10.3.
- Winton (Aus S/Sprint Champs) 1:40.7
- SMP Brabham circuit in 2:16.5
- SMP Gardner GP circuit in 1:51.9
- SMP Druitt South circuit in 1:03.9 (which was quicker than Rick Bates, Harry Bates and several other Hot Shoe drivers in fully race spec'd Toyota 86 Racing Series cars at an official SMP South Circuit test day)

This car is very easy to drive, fast or slow. It easily doubles as a daily commuter as well as a competitive and fun weekend vehicle. It runs like a Toyota and has never ever failed to proceed. It's cheap to run and requires minimal maintenance.

The car also requires no trailering to events as it will comfortably carry 4 track wheels/tyres, the spare wheel, a floor jack, tools, air pump, race gear, spare fuel, and of course, your trophies on the way home. All in one compact package.

### Price \$22,500 neg.

For further information please contact: John Ribeiro 0408699386

(I am reluctantly selling my beloved 86 to allow me to refurbish and be able to compete in my other 'love' my 1978 PRB Clubman.)



**For sale**

## **Tilt Trailer**

Tandem Axle, Tilt Bed Trailer

Custom 2 ton car/bike trailer/frame/steel, safety chain

15" Holden stud pattern rims, mechanical brakes and bearings,

LED tail lights and wiring, front and side clearance lights,

Registration to Nov 2020,

2 TON leaf suspension, 40mm 97" axles,

Tow hitch 2 TON slide mechanical, handbrake cable and adjuster.

Floor size is 4850x1900

\$5800

Please email [kent.donally@gmail.com](mailto:kent.donally@gmail.com)





## For Sale

### Brand new RPM Mondial driving suit

Current FIA approval (8856-2000), never been worn. It is marked

'medium' but it is too big for me (174cm/74kg) so I think it is more like a 'large' size and it probably has the wrong tag sewn on it. It cost me \$625 but prepared to cut my losses and sell it for \$500. Give me a call if we can do a deal.

Contact: **Col Merz** on 0412 316 275



## For Sale

### Maxxis tyre (235/55 R18 100V) on CSA Savana rim.

Purchased to use as spare on 2010 Holden Captiva, but never used. Complete with wheel nuts: \$200

Contact **Henry** 0421 677 951 or in the pits.



## 2020 Club Calendar - upcoming events

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| ▪ <b>Saturday 1 February</b> | • Track maintenance |
| ▪ <b>Sunday 2 February</b>   | • 1 lap hillclimb   |

## For Sale

### Dunlop Direzza ZII\* semi-slicks.

Two sets 225/40 18 - one set still has all three tread indicator stripes clearly visible, other set still with two tread indicator stripes clear and visible, so both with tons of tread and life to go. Don't wear out your road tyres - semi slicks are the biggest improvement you can make to your lap times at the hillclimb and these Dunlops are a great way to learn how semi slicks work on your car!

Set one (least worn) - \$400 for the set; Set two - \$350 for the set or \$700 for all eight tyres.

Text or call **Colin** on 0408 271 296

Set One



Set Two






## SDMA committee

Position	Name/email	Telephone
President	<a href="#">John Templeton</a>	0409 624 895
Vice President	<a href="#">Geoff Bassingthwaighte</a>	0408 481 506
Secretary	<a href="#">David Peisley</a>	0409 000 028
Treasurer	<a href="#">Alex Hitch</a>	
Public Officer	<a href="#">Geoff Bassingthwaighte</a>	0408 481 506
Club Captain	Mark Wyatt	
Point Scores	Dave King	
<b>Pre-event Secretary</b> (Queries regarding event entry should be directed to the Event Secretary listed in the Supplementary Regulations on the Entry Forms page)	<a href="#">Daniel Cummins</a>	
Facility Management	<a href="#">Col Merz</a>	
Membership Secretary (Temporary)	<a href="#">Henry Hilhorst</a>	0421 677 951
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NSW CAMS Representative	<a href="#">Bob Wootton</a>	
Magazine Editor	<a href="#">Colin Chandler</a>	

## SDMA merchandise

To order any merchandise, contact a committee member or visit the Pit Stop Café on event days.

Hats (peak and bucket)	\$15.00	
SDMA cloth patches	\$5.00	
Number plate frames	\$8.00 (pair)	 <p>THE HILLCLIMB CAPITAL</p> <p>SDMA MERCHANDISE PRICES</p> <p>Number Plate Surrounds \$4 each (\$8 pair)</p> <p>SDMA Caps \$15    Club Badges \$5    T-SHIRTS \$40</p> <p><b>SDMA</b></p>

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