



OVER *the* HILL



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The July winter hillclimb hibernation is with us again so there won't be an event this month, but Sunday 1 August will see hillclimbing start again. Five events are scheduled for the second half of the year, including another two lapper, and if the strong interest from competitors in the first half of the year continues for the rest of 2021, we will have a busy time.

A major event for the club will be hosting the final round of the NSW HillClimb Championship over the October Labour Day long weekend. The state championship has a long history in its present, multi-round format, going back to 1949, and the Canberra round is always exciting and competitive. It will be the ninth and last event in this year's championship, and the likelihood of a close finish in many classes should mean that we will have a strong field of competitors from across NSW and Victoria. The event will be open to club members, offering the opportunity to compete against some of the quickest cars and drivers from our two neighbouring states.

Staging the State Round is a big undertaking for the club, as we offer practice on the Saturday afternoon and the large field on Sunday means we need a strong contingent of officials for both days. We will be asking for lots of help on Saturday and Sunday, so if you're not planning to be out of Canberra for that weekend - and you're not intending to enter - can you think about lending a hand on either Saturday afternoon or Sunday.

Looking ahead on another front, the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Sunday 19 September at the Pit Stop Café. There's more detail about the AGM

elsewhere in this *Over The Hill*, so can I ask members to definitely put the date in the diary. It's not quite the same as a hillclimb, but it is important for the club's future that we get a good attendance, so please try to attend.

Over the next few months we hope to finish the fitout of the new Event Administration Centre in the two new 40 foot containers that have been installed. Getting the job done will be greatly helped if we could have the long term loan of some key bits of equipment we're going to need. If you have any of the items below and can spare them for the next 12 months or so, the club will give them a very good (temporary) home and store them very safely and securely.

- Gasless MIG welder, about 180 amps
- Mid to larger size good quality angle grinder
- Workmate

If you can help, please e-mail Col Merz at collie@velocitynet.com.au.

All our plans are subject, of course, to events beyond our control, principally at the moment sudden, tighter COVID restrictions in both the ACT and NSW. SDMA has been fortunate this year that, so far, we have been able to run all of our scheduled events and we fervently hope this continues. But the speed with which the best laid plans can be disrupted has demonstrated again the importance of the club following both Motorsport Australia and ACT Government COVID rules to ensure that every aspect of our sport is kept as safe as we can possibly keep it. Let's hope the current outbreaks are brought under control quickly and we can soon get back to "normal".

John

TWO REMINDERS FOR COMPETITORS

The 6 June hillclimb raised two points which competitors need to remember.

The first is that the requirement for **a driver's cotton clothing to come down to the driver's wrist** means just that: **it must reach the wrist** – not stop near the elbow or 10 or 15 centimetres above the wrist. There are obvious safety issues behind this requirement so please follow the rules.

The second is that **once an event has started, competition cars are not permitted to leave the hillclimb without the expressed, prior permission of the Clerk of Course**. If permission is granted, which will only be in rare circumstances, the car must be taken to the Chief Scrutineer for re-checking immediately on return to the circuit.

- Associated with this issue, the wording of the Supplementary Regulations will be changed to make clear that competitors cannot compete in two events on the same day i.e. they cannot alternate between the hillclimb and another nearby event.

SOCIAL MEDIA HELPER(S) STILL NEEDED



In the April *Over the Hill* we called out for people to help SDMA's social media team. We were looking for a budding social media or marketing coordinator to assist with the planning and scheduling of our Facebook and Instagram posts.

We weren't overwhelmed with replies and since then need has become more urgent, because our main social media operator, Celeste Oringo, has stepped up to become one of the club's Motorsport Australia-endorsed Event Secretaries, which has added substantially to Celeste's workload.

So we're again asking for someone to volunteer to help out. The social media assistant would help schedule photos and infographics to be posted; field or pass on enquiries that come through Facebook and Instagram; and help create and curate content and marketing strategies for the club.

No previous experience required, we only ask that you are comfortable with using Facebook and Instagram and are keen to learn to use scheduling tools.

If you are interested please email sdmamedia@gmail.com



As advised in the June issue of *Over The Hill*, this year's AGM will be on SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER at 2.00 pm in the PIT STOP CAFÉ at the track.

Please put the date in your diary now. Drinks and light refreshments are provided.

The AGM is important: It's your chance to have a say about the running of your club. It's the forum to hear members' views and opinions on what's important to them.

It's also when the committee is elected, when the club's audited financial statements are presented and it's when we have the opportunity to talk about the future direction and management of the club.

**What do members want SDMA to do in the next 12 months?
What changes do members want in the way we run events?
What improvements would members like to see at the track?**

So please come and play a part in the running of your club!

The AGM is when members can put themselves forward to join the SDMA committee. We have around 300 members in the club and in that big group we have very talented and skilled people. It would be great to see more put up their hands to help run the club and to help run events.

Set out on the next page are the committee positions which have to be filled, along with the roles and responsibilities of each position. Every job is important to the smooth running of SDMA and to making sure that the club grows and improves.

All the existing committee members would love new people to join the committee because it's important that the way the club is run continues to reflect the ideas and priorities of club members. To achieve that we need people to invest some time and energy to put something back into the club.

Being on the committee is enjoyable and isn't a huge burden (one meeting a month on the evening of the second Tuesday). And it's satisfying because you get the pleasure of being part of a team that organises good events and maintains and improves a circuit that is recognised across NSW as one of the best club motorsport facilities in the State.

Roles and Responsibilities of SDMA Committee Members

President—coordinates the management of the club, chairs committee meetings and is SDMA's main representative when dealing with outside bodies (e.g. Motorsport Australia, ACT Government)

Vice President—assists the President and, if the President is absent or incapacitated, acts as President.

Secretary—manages general business including receiving and sending correspondence; issues notices of meetings, writes the minutes of committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer—manages the club's finances and maintains the club's financial records. At each committee meeting, the Treasurer submits a financial report on the position of the club, including payments and receipts since the previous committee meeting. The Treasurer provides the club's external Auditor with all information necessary to enable the Auditor to prepare Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June, which are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership Secretary— maintains the Membership Register and processes membership renewals and new membership requests.

Club Captain— in conjunction with the Official Timekeeper, maintains the Drivers' Championship point score and track records for Fairbairn Park Hillclimb so that accurate records are available online and in hard copy; works with the Pre-Event Secretary to arrange officials for events.

Pre-Event Secretary— in advance of scheduled events, prepares and submits applications to Motorsport Australia (MA) for MA event permits, nominating key event officials including Event Secretary, Clerk of Course, Stewards and Chief Scrutineer.

Public Officer— responsible for liaison with the ACT Government Office of the Regulatory Services including lodging SDMA's Annual Return; ensures SDMA complies with the *Incorporated Associations Act*; must be an ACT resident.

Assistant Secretary—assists the Secretary in taking and preparing Minutes of proceedings and resolutions passed at Committee meetings.

Magazine Editor—prepares Over The Hill for publication each month and works with the club's social media team to ensure information for members available in print and on-line is consistent and timely.

Publicity Officer—undertakes public relations and liaises with electronic and print media about club activities, particularly advance publicity for events.

General Committee Members—work with the executive office bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and can chair sub-committees formed by the Committee. Can have continuing or ad hoc 'portfolio' roles e.g. Facilities Manager; SDMA representatives on the Fairbairn Park Control Council; maintaining and developing SDMA's social media presence; and raising sponsorship for key events such as SDMA's annual round of the NSW HillClimb Championship.



Event Report: Two Lapper Sunday 6 June

Someone up above likes SDMA, because we were blessed yet again with almost perfect weather for the 6 June hillclimb. After very ordinary conditions in the days before (and the days after), Sunday was a lovely Canberra winter day. And with a more than full field of 42 starters, the weather made the first two lap event of the year memorable.

Five runs were completed, an excellent result for a two lapper. Thanks to our officials for another well run event.

Two class records fell: Sean Doyle took his Golf Type R around the track in commanding style to take two seconds off the previous Type AWD 1/2 over 3000cc mark of 83.45 seconds, dropping it to 81.42.

And it wouldn't be a 2021 SDMA hillclimb without a Type AWD 1/2 2001-3000cc record being smashed by a GR Yaris – this time Iain Chandler at the wheel. Iain cut the two lap mark by more than 20 seconds – from 101.42 second to 80.76 seconds.



Fastest Time of the Day went to Jeff Nichols in the Type AWD/SV4 up to 1600cc class, who took the Westfield Clubman around the track in 78.71 seconds.

Fastest Female Driver was Rebecca de Vries who, with her father Tony and brother Ryan, made a welcome family return to the hillclimb. Rebecca took the family Toyota XT, running in Type 4 2001-3000cc, around in 95.34 seconds.

Fastest Junior Driver was Toby Wilson, sharing the Mazda RX 7 with father Todd in Type 3 2001-3000cc. Toby pipped Todd by 0.01 seconds, with a result of 88.70 seconds

Other class winners were

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| • Martin Crombie | Type 1/2 up to 1600cc | 89.94 seconds |
| • Reece McIntosh | Type 1/2 1601-2000cc | 86.54 seconds |
| • Brent Hayes | Type 1/2 2001-3000cc | 104.37 seconds |
| • David Deaves | Type 1/2 Over 3000cc | 82.39 seconds |
| • Mark Wyatt | Type 3 1601-2000cc | 82.57 seconds |





- David Leaney Type 3 over 3000cc 81.71 seconds
- Tony de Vries Type 4 2001-3000cc 92.30 seconds
- Daniel Burton Type 4 over 3000cc 79.55 seconds
- Matthew Brown Type AWD/SV3 over 3000cc 79.85 seconds

Commiserations to John Engisch who unfortunately put his lovely MX 5 into the tyre wall at the Esses on the first run of the day – a stark illustration that although the winter sun was shining there was still no real heat in either the track or John’s tyres. Fortunately John was unhurt although the MX5, which had only recently come back from some major body work, looked a bit sorry for itself.

As mentioned earlier, many thanks to the officials who made the day possible : CoC Rohan Thatcher; Event Secretaries Dave Peisley and Celeste Oringo; Stewards Mick and Helen Nicholls; Pre-Event Secretary Daniel Cummins; Scrutineer Mark Wyatt, assisted by Sam Hyland; Col Merz, Lyall Reid and Ross Samuelson on the chock; Kim Le Lievre doing COVID checking in the morning; Mike O’Connor , Henry Hillhorst and Patrick Reid on Fire and Recovery; Michael Mann, John Courtney, Sean Polson, Melody Wyatt and Sam Hyland on flags; Julie Merz, Pamela Masterton and Liz Hilhorst in the Pit Stop Café; Dave King and David Deaves doing timing and Terry Bennett working the microphone.

Thanks to L.W. Photography for the use of some of their photographs





MAKING SURE YOUR ENTRY IS CORRECT

Most competitors know which Type and sub-class their car should be entered in at an event, but sometimes mistakes happen. New drivers aren't sure, an established driver gets a new car or someone hits the wrong key when filling in their on-line entry form.

We've had a few mistakes lately so, on the principle of it's better to be safe than sorry, ***please check your entry carefully before pressing the submit button.***

An important point is that SDMA refers to generic competition classes as Types. So in general terms Type = competition class. Engine capacity then determines the subclasses of a Type.

If you're unsure about your car's Type, the first port of call is the club website.

Go to **Competitor Information**, click on the "**Vehicle Types and Classes**" tab on the right hand side of the page and it will open a page headed "**What Hillclimb Class am I in?**" This gives a good step by step summary of the considerations which determine the Type for your car.

For a more detailed explanation, click on the "**Full Types and Classes**" tab on the right hand side of the page.

If you are still unsure, get in touch with the Event Secretary whose contact details are listed in both the Event Supplementary Regulations (the "Supp Regs" you hear everyone talking about and which you are required to read before each event) and the online entry form, both of which are part of the Online Entry System.

**And if, after all this, you still have questions,
feel free to ask the Event Secretary or the Chief Scrutineer
on the day, BUT BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS.**

COVID CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

When you enter the track, either at the competitors' gate or the spectator footpath, you'll now see this large sign setting out the conditions on which the club grants entry to the circuit.

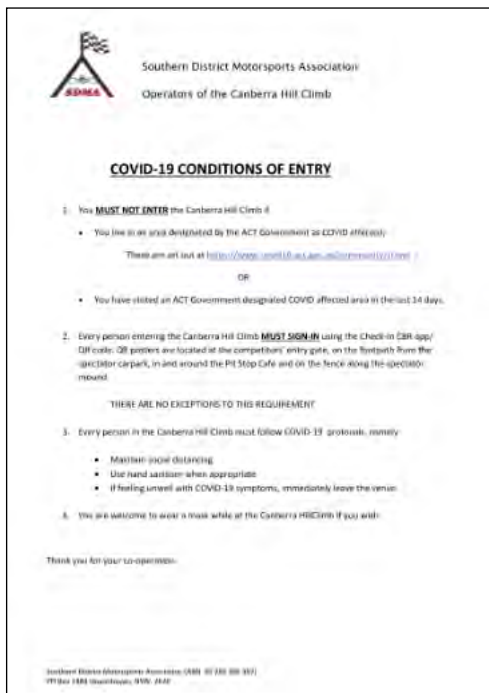
It's pretty straight forward. Everyone coming into the venue must register using the **Check-in CBR** QR app.

We are required by the ACT Government to keep a record of everyone who visits the hillclimb during an event.

So please make sure you sign in, and make sure your friends, pit crew or visitors have signed in, too.

If you see someone walking in without checking in electronically, please ask them to check in straight away.

We can only have spectators if we manage our venue properly – and that means everyone has to follow the rules.



Please help us to ensure the club can keep running events. If you have any issues relating to this, or you think someone may have entered the venue without registering, please talk to Kim Le Lievre, the nominated COVID checker.

WE'RE BUILDING A TIMEKEEPING TEAM

Hillclimbing is overwhelmingly about time: If we don't have accurate run results to boast or complain about, it might be a bit pointless.

For many, many years, the club's legendary Dave King has been the keeper of time, measuring our performances to one thousandth of a second. But Dave is easing out of being the guardian of the timing system and David Deaves is stepping into his shoes. For which SDMA is very appreciative.

But the good Mr Deaves wants to keep competing, which means he will have to leave the timekeeper's chair in the tower at least five times every event to get behind the wheel of the mighty GTS. So we need some timing assistants to build a timing team to work with him to cover the whole event and give the club back-up for days when David isn't available.

We're looking for members with enthusiasm and patience to develop the skills of this essential role and who enjoy being at the centre of the action.

The advantages of working in the timekeeping tower include a great view of the whole course and the fact that all drivers treat you with great courtesy, respect and politeness! Plus it's a fascinating place from which to watch the different styles and techniques of drivers and the varying vehicle characteristics.

The remuneration package is great, too: free sausage sandwiches and soft drinks at lunchtime!

If you'd like to join the team please contact Dave King at timespan44@bigpond.com.



WEAR YOUR CLUB COLOURS ON YOUR SLEEVE, OR YOUR MUG, OR YOUR LAPTOP...

Let everyone know you're a proud SDMA member!

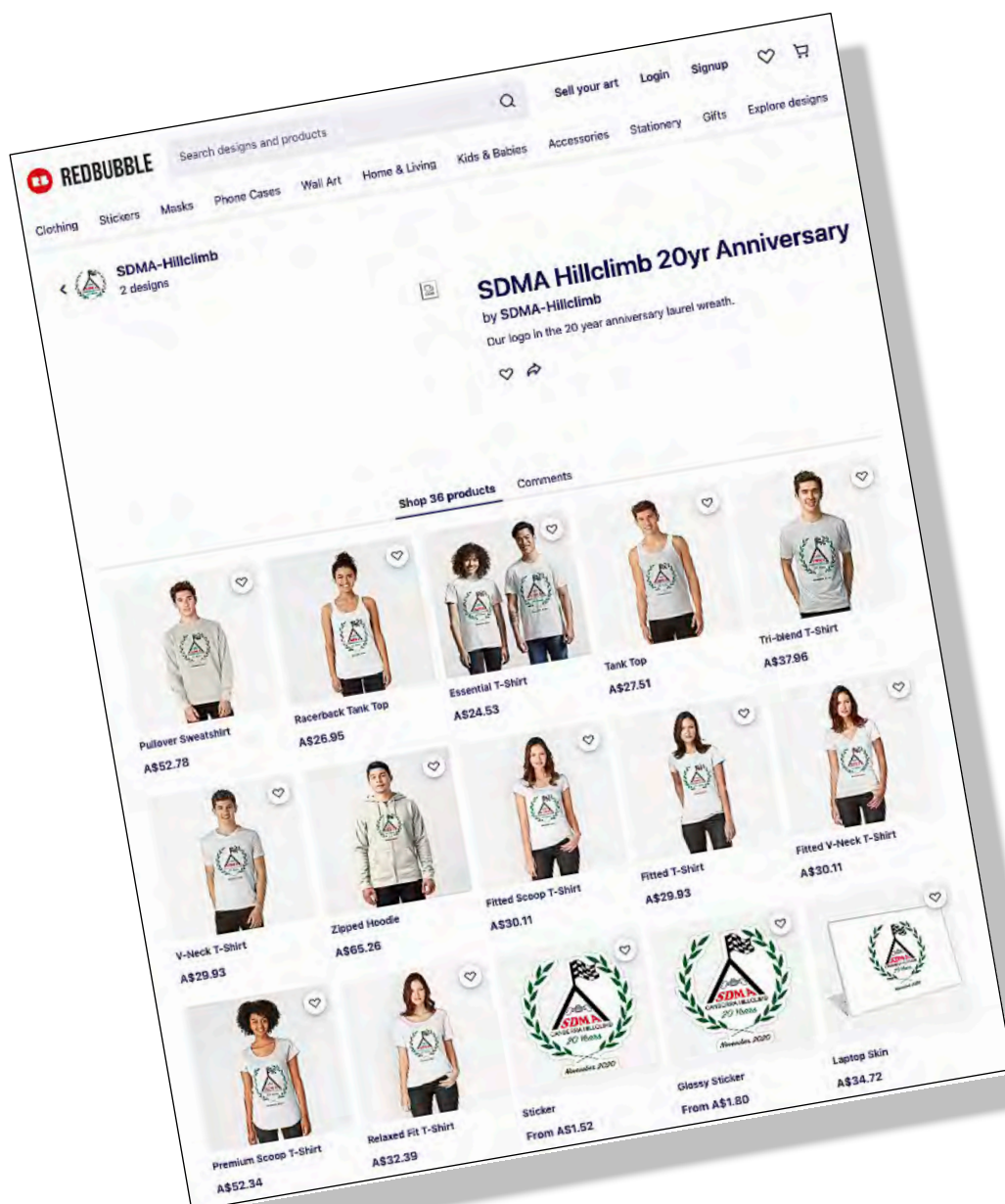
The club has partnered with Redbubble, a print on demand website which makes clothing and other merchandise in Australia, to offer a range of items branded with SDMA logos and insignia.

There are 35 items on offer, ranging from Tee shirts, hoodies and sweaters to mugs, laptop sleeves, tote bags and aprons.

And they're all now available online at www.redbubble.com/people/SDMA-Hillclimb. Just click on the 'Shop all products' tab.

The club receives a percentage of all purchases made, so if you head over to the site the next time you're looking to update your wardrobe or thinking about gifts, you'll also be supporting SDMA.

The jumpers and long sleeve shirts are suitable for motorsport use so help yourself and the club at the same time!



SDMA 2021 CALENDAR

EVENTS	TRACK MAINTENANCE	NOTES
July: NO EVENT		Committee Meeting: Tuesday 13 July
August SUNDAY 1 AUGUST	Saturday 31 July	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 10 August
September SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	Saturday 4 September	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 14 September
October NSW Hill Climb Championship Round 9: SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER (Practice: Noon- 4 pm) SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER (Competition) Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER	Friday 1 October Saturday 2 October Saturday 16 October	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 12 October Labour Day: Monday 4 October Bathurst 1000 : Sunday 10 October
November TWO LAP HILL CLIMB Saturday 6 November (Practice: Noon- 4pm) Sunday 7 November (Competition)	Saturday 6 November	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 9 November
December SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER Christmas Party		Committee Meeting: Tuesday 14 December

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SDMA CALENDAR FOR 2021

The 2021 calendar has 10 events, starting in February and finishing in November. It includes two lap events in June and November and a round of the NSW Hill Climb Championship in October. Most events are early in the month.

Entry fees for 2021 will be the same as for 2020: \$85 for a single lap event (\$50 for juniors) and \$105 for a two lap event (\$50 for juniors).

SDMA 2020-2021 COMMITTEE

President:.....John Templeton

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General Members

- o Colin Merz,
- o Henry Hillhorst,
- o David Yates,
- o Celeste Oringo,
- o Anthony Hyde,
- o Zac Le Lievre,
- o Kim Le Lievre,
- o John Stewart,
- o Morrie Lonnie,
- o Warren Spires,
- o Rohan Thatcher,
- o Harry Katsanevas

Some general committee members have specific roles:

- o Col Merz is the Facility Manager for the track;
- o Celeste Oringo and Kim LeLievre are the social media team;
- o Anthony Hyde and David Yates are SDMA representatives on the Fairbairn Park Control Council;
- o Harry Katsanevas is the SDMA representative on the *Motorsport Australia* NSW Hill Climb Panel.

For Sale - Toyota 86 and VW Golf 18" alloy wheels



Enkei black 7.5" PF01 lightweight rims, 5x100 +45 offset, to suit Toyota 86 GT/GTS. Wheels are in excellent condition with only very minor marks. Clear coat has been recently redone Will also fit some older Subarus. **\$980 for the set or \$1380 fitted ready to use with Dunlop Sport Max 225/40 18" tyres**

Email **Iain** on ic@work.netspeed.com.au.



Set of **replica 18" x 8" Audi RS rims, to suit VW/Audi models, 5x112 +45 offset, colour silver.** Wheels are still very usable but do have some scrapes and marks, hence the price. Would be great for your track day tyres for example, or if you wanted to go up in size from smaller rims. \$240: Call **Colin** on 0408 271 296

For Sale - Toyota 86/Subaru BRZ Performance LSD Diff Centre

4.56 ratio LSD differential, Cusco final drive. Differential built by Neal Bates Automotive and is in excellent condition. **\$1800.** email **Iain** at ic@work.netspeed.com.au

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



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.

