



# OVER *the* HILL

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, we're back: a two lapper this Sunday and a one lapper on Sunday 21st. After losing September and October to lockdown it will be good to finish the year on a positive note.

We'd all hoped 2021 would be less affected by COVID than 2020 but that isn't how it turned out. It's been another year of constantly keeping an eye on what was happening with

COVID restrictions imposed by the ACT and NSW governments and Motorsport Australia and managing events to comply with them. The club is very lucky to have officials who work extremely hard to keep events happening and to keep them safe for competitors, officials and spectators. That's not been easy when the rules have changed with frustrating frequency. But we've done it.

The lockdown further postponed **the AGM, which will now be held on the same day as the club Christmas Party – Sunday 12 December.** It's a new approach, forced on us in part by lockdowns, but which the Committee hopes will be attractive to members. The AGM starts at 11 o'clock and the Christmas Party will begin after the AGM finishes, which will probably be around 12.30. It would be wonderful to see a big turnout for both events.

The AGM is very important for the club. It's a formal opportunity for members to ask questions and make suggestions about how the club is run and it's the time when the committee reports on how it has managed the club over the last year, including providing the audited financial statements. So if you can make it to the AGM, please come along and play a part in running your club.

The main outcome of the AGM is the election of the Committee for the next year. Can I, again, ask members to think about nominating for a Committee position? We have a very good committee which works together really well and has done a lot for SDMA. But we would love to welcome new members with new ideas and new perspectives on managing the club. Every organisation benefits from renewal and change. If you would like to contribute we would love to have you join the team. Details of the roles and responsibilities of Committee members are included in this *Over The Hill*, as are nomination forms.

We should have the 2022 events program by the end of this month. Working out the calendar is complicated because the ACT Government imposes tough conditions on the whole Fairbairn Park complex. To meet them, all the Fairbairn Park clubs (the go-karts, the trail bikes, the circuit bikes and SDMA) have to co-ordinate events to make sure each club gets maximum use of its facilities despite the limits imposed on us. It's time consuming and tedious, but we have to go through it.

We continue to make progress on the new Event Administration Centre, lockdown notwithstanding. The roof across the scrutineering area should be finished this month and we will then start the internal fit-out of the two containers to provide upgraded space for the Event Secretaries and Scrutineers, better secure storage for club equipment and a workshop area. When the fit-out is completed, the club will have much improved facilities to manage both events and assets.

Just a final plug for the AGM and for people to stand for the committee: it's your club so please consider being part of how it's run..

*John*



## **CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AND CHRISTMAS PARTY)**

The COVID lockdown upset a lot of plans, including the date for the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which has had to be postponed twice.

**The AGM will now be held at  
the Pit Stop Café on  
Sunday 12 December,  
before the Christmas Party.**

**The AGM will start at 11.00 am and the  
Christmas Party will start at around 12.30pm to 12.45pm.**

**The Committee would love to see as  
many members as possible at both!**

**Ho Ho Ho!!**

## TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR COMPETITORS

- Drivers must wear natural fibre clothing (the most common natural fibre being cotton) which covers the driver from ankle to neck to wrist.

The requirement that clothing must 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, principally fire related, for this requirement so please follow the rules.



- Once an event has started, competition cars are not permitted to leave the hillclimb without the express, 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.
  - The Supplementary Regulations have been revised to make this clear. Para 29 now says: Competition vehicles must not leave the event venue without the express prior permission of the Clerk of Course. If permission is granted, the vehicle must be presented to the Chief Scrutineer for re-scrutiny immediately upon return to the event.
- Competitors should only compete in one event a day. Entering in both a hillclimb and another nearby event means having to frequently leave the hillclimb to alternate between the two events, which raises a number of issues for both.

## Another Hillclimb Record Set...

*Geoff Bassingthwaighe, Vice President*

### **Records and hillclimbs go together, don't they?**

**Everyone wants one but some are less popular than others.**

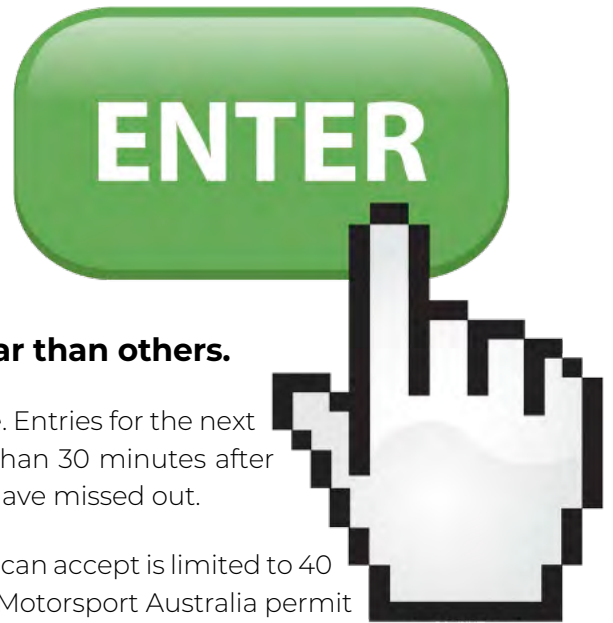
The latest record we set is one of those unpopular ones for some. Entries for the next event – the two lapper this weekend – filled up in little more than 30 minutes after they opened on Wednesday 20 October! And some members have missed out.

Historically two lappers fill very quickly as the number of cars we can accept is limited to 40 competitors (the limits are imposed by the track licencing and Motorsport Australia permit conditions) rather than the 60 for a one lap event and this Sunday's event has been no exception. Perhaps the lockdown has had club members chafing at the bit to get out there.

There have been a number of approaches to the Committee to see what can be done to alleviate this problem. Unfortunately, it's a complex matter, as the club is bound by various issues such as strict noise credit restrictions, safety protocols and licencing requirements, recent COVID restrictions, and the availability of volunteers.

So what are these issues and restrictions?

- **COVID** – yep, no events while in lockdown, nothing the Committee can do about that.
- **Licencing** – Every event legally requires a permit from Motorsport Australia, and with COVID every application has had to be individualised to meet the changing regulations from Federal, NSW and ACT Governments and Motorsport Australia's "Ready to Race Policy".
- **Safety** – As part of the Permit we have to identify and engage the officials such as Stewards and be able to have the Ambulance available – both of these are a limited resource and require plenty of notice to ensure availability.
- **Noise** – The whole Fairbairn Park motorsport complex (not just the hillclimb track) operates under the ACT Government "Motor Sports Noise Environment Protection Policy". The key restrictions in this policy are:
  - The level of noise (a maximum of 45 decibels at the monitoring location) which is why the limit in the Supp Regs is there (and of course you all read them before you enter each event don't you – you sign to say you have);
  - The number of events each year, which is controlled by 'noise credits' issued by the ACT Government. The 18 noise credits for each year have to be shared by the four clubs that operate at Fairbairn Park. All events have to be co-ordinated across the whole year so the clubs can maximise the number of events that can be held in a year;
  - The time during which the events take place – 9am to 5pm;
  - The spread of the events over the year: no more than three days in a row, no more than two weekends in row, no more than two events in a month; and



- The amount of public notice that has to be provided to residents about upcoming events (3 months required).
- **Volunteers** – To prepare the track and general facilities for an event and then run the event requires a significant volunteer presence – no volunteers, no event.

So increasing the number of participants or events is currently not an option.

### **What can we change to make it an option?**

As explained in the August *Over The Hill*, the Committee is investigating ways to extend or alter the track layout to allow two cars on the track at the same time. This would allow us to accept more entries and, we hope, offer more runs.

But it's not a quick fix and there is no guarantee that it will be technically possible or financially feasible for the club to do. We have to design the track changes, work out the cost and then Motorsport Australia will have to agree that the new layout is safe so that it would continue to licence the track (which is essential for our competitor and public risk insurance coverage). It's a big job, with potentially big rewards, but it has to be done properly and will take time.

### **We could reduce the number of runs at each event so we could have more entrants?**

### **We could reduce the number of two lap events?**

**We could ??????????**  
**Any suggestions are very welcome.**



## **SDMA CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021**

**Santa will be coming to the track on Sunday 12 December to help SDMA members and their families celebrate the festive season among friends and mark the end of another incredible year.**



But before he unpacks all his Christmas goodies, Santa will go to the AGM, which starts at 11.00 am.

So the Christmas party will start at around 12.30 to 12.45 o'clock.

It will be a time to relax and to reflect on what the club was able to do in 2021, despite continuing COVID difficulties, and to congratulate all the winners in the ACT Hill Climb Championship.

The club provides a lovely lunch of turkey breast roll, sliced leg ham, BBQ chicken and salads, along with Christmas pudding and custard for dessert.

We ask members and their guests to bring their own picnic gear, plates, cutlery etc, and their own drinks.

**To keep COVID safe, we will be spread out a bit so it will be a good idea to bring hats and sunscreen as some of the tables may not be able to be in shaded areas.**

**To help with catering, please e-mail [sdmamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sdmamedia@gmail.com) to let us know who is coming. We need the member's name and the number of people who will be coming with them.**

**We need that information by Tuesday 7 December.**

**Santa and his helpers (also known as the club committee) look forward to welcoming lots of club members and their families.**



**Club Annual General Meeting  
(and Christmas Party!)  
11am on 12 DECEMBER**

**Every financial member of SDMA is entitled to  
come to the AGM... and is very, very welcome!!!**

The rescheduled AGM will be held just before this year's Christmas party. After the meeting there are drinks and refreshments and the opportunity to catch up with other club members.

The AGM is an important event for the club. It's where

- the committee formally reports to members on how the club performed in the 2020-2021 financial year (organisationally and financially);
- the audited financial statements, prepared by the independent External Auditor, are provided to members;
- general business matters raised by members are discussed; and
- the club committee for the year is elected, with all positions open for election.

**Come along and be a part  
of the running of your club!**

If you wish to stand for election to the committee, you need to be nominated by an SDMA financial member and your nomination seconded by an SDMA financial member.

**Completed nomination forms should be sent to the Club Secretary,  
Dave Peisley at [d-p@homemail.com.au](mailto:d-p@homemail.com.au) .**

Nomination forms for all committee positions [President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and general member] are in this issue of *Over the Hill*.

## 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**—in association with the President, 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 online 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.





Southern District Motorsports Association

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## 2021 SDMA AGM NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ SDMA Membership number .....

for the position of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Proposer

Membership number .....

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Name of Secunder

Membership number .....

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Signature of Proposer

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Signature of Secunder

I accept nomination for the above position.

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Date ...../...../2021

## COVID RESTRICTIONS AT THE NEXT TWO EVENTS (7 AND 21 NOVEMBER)

Based on ACT Government rules in force from 1 November, the following arrangements will apply at the next two events:

- Everyone must sign in using the Check-In CBR app
- Everyone must carry a mask
- Everyone must practice social distancing by following the 1.5 metre rule
- Hand sanitiser should be used regularly
- NSW residents who live in, or have visited, one of the 9 NSW 'Geographical High Risk Areas' declared by the ACT Government on Monday 1 November, must apply online for an exemption to enter the ACT. Please see the instructions on the ACT Government web page <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/travel/travel-changes-1-november>).
- NSW residents who don't live in one of the high risk areas, and who haven't visited a high risk area in the previous 14 days, must be double vaccinated.

The Conditions of Entry to the track have been revised to take account of the revised restrictions. The new *Conditions of Entry* sign is attached.



Southern District Motorsports Association  
Operators of the Canberra Hill Climb

### **COVID-19 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. Everyone entering the Canberra Hill Climb **MUST SIGN-IN** using the *Check-in CBR* app. QR posters are at the competitors' entry gate, on the path from the spectator carpark, in and around the Pit Stop Café and on the fence along the spectator mound.  

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT
2. Everyone must follow COVID-19 protocols, namely
  - Maintain social distancing
  - Use hand sanitiser when appropriate
  - If feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, immediately leave the HillClimb
3. Everyone must carry a mask.
4. NSW residents who live in, or have visited, one of 9 NSW 'Geographical High Risk Areas' declared by the ACT Government on Monday 1 November must apply on-line for an exemption to enter the ACT. Please see the instructions on the ACT Government web page <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/travel/travel-changes-1-november>).
5. NSW residents who do not live in, and have not visited in the last 14 days, one of the 9 NSW 'Geographical High Risk Areas' must be double vaccinated.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

1 November 2021

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## SDMA 2021 CALENDAR

| EVENTS  | TRACK MAINTENANCE    | NOTES                                  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>November</b><br><b>TWO LAP HILL CLIMB</b><br><b>Sunday 7 November</b>                                    | Saturday 6 November  | Committee Meeting: Tuesday 9 November  |
| <b>Club Hill Climb</b><br><b>SUNDAY 21 November</b>   | Saturday 20 November |  |
| <b>December</b><br><b>SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER</b><br><b>Annual General Meeting</b><br><b>and Christmas Party</b> |                      | Committee Meeting: Tuesday 14 December |

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SDMA CALENDAR FOR 2021

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

[president@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:president@sdmahillclimb.com)

**Vice-President and Public Officer:**.....Geoff Bassingthwaighte

**Secretary:**.....Dave Peisley

[secretary@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:secretary@sdmahillclimb.com)

**Treasurer:**.....Alex Hitch

[treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com)

**Pre-Event Secretary:**.....Daniel Cummins

**Membership Secretary:**.....Ross Samuelson

[sdmamembership20@gmail.com](mailto:sdmamembership20@gmail.com)

**Editor** *Over The Hill:*.....Colin Chandler

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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.

## 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](mailto:sdmamedia@gmail.com)

## For Sale - Toyota 86 18" Enkei 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 extremely 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](mailto:ic@work.netspeed.com.au).



## 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](mailto: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](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.





# 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](http://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!

