



OVER the HILL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



There isn't a great deal to report from the last month. Like the rest of the ACT, SDMA has been well and truly locked down, which meant the event scheduled for Sunday 5 September had to be postponed until next month (Sunday 21 November to be precise) while we held our breath about future events.

We now have the path out of lockdown, and unfortunately it means the events scheduled for October - the State Round on Sunday 3 October and the already postponed one lap event on 24 October - have both also had to be cancelled and the Annual General Meeting further postponed.

On the bright side, we will have two events in November - a two lapper on Sunday 7 and a one lapper (which will be the final event in the 2021 ACT Hill Climb Championship) on Sunday 21.

SDMA started 2021 with a calendar of 10 events: if November goes according to plan we will finish the year having run 8. Not as good as a 100 per cent success rate, but still better than 2020 and better than what might have happened, and did happen to our north and south in NSW and Victoria.

The Committee hasn't decided the date for the postponed AGM but will do so at its meeting on Tuesday 12 and members will be advised immediately after that.

From 15 October, the government's 'Pathway Forward' allows up to 25 people to gather outdoors

and the club wants to take advantage of that to run working bees at the track.

Regular tasks such as mowing and track preparation need to be done but there's now a backlog of maintenance jobs such as painting ripple strips, the *Pit Stop Café* and toilet blocks and improving drainage around the track and the pit area. As well, we need to re-start work on building the roof over the new Event Administration Centre and fitting out the two containers with storage and workshop facilities and areas for the Event Secretaries and Scrutineers.

We want to have both mid-week working bees and weekend working bees in the second half of this month. The dates of each, and the jobs to be done, will be posted to the club Facebook page and members will be notified by e-mail.

Because there will still be COVID restrictions in place, mainly the 25 person site limit, each working bee will need to be more formally organised than normal pre-event ones. We will need to know in advance who is coming and for how long. So when you see the Facebook posts and the e-mails arrive, please see if you can make time to come out and help maintain and improve the track and the facilities and then let us know. Apart from anything else, it will be a good social occasion.

Make sure to underline the 7 November two lapper and the 21 November single lapper in your diary so that 2021 can finish with some competitive, good fun motorsport.

John

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.

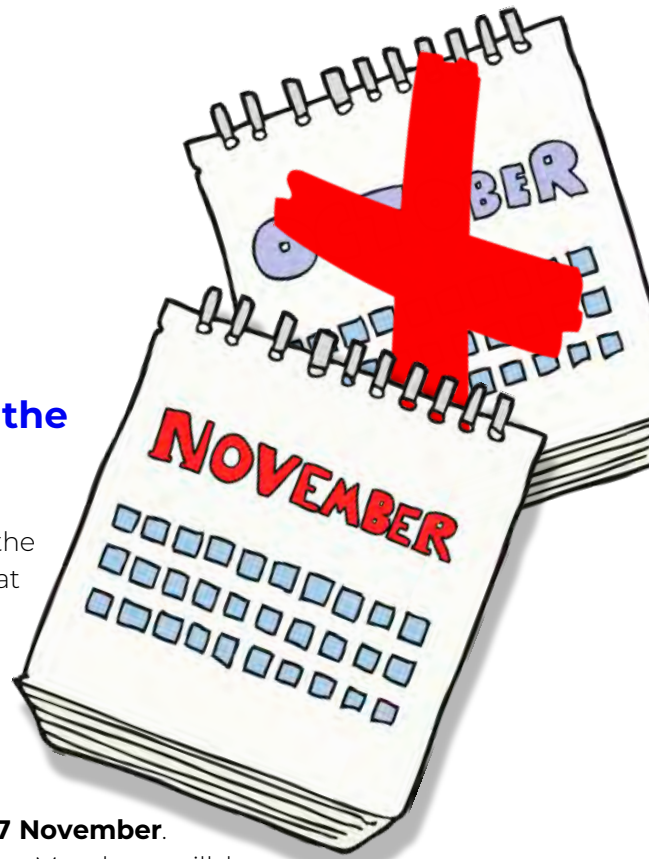


- **Once an event has started, competition cars are not permitted to leave the hillclimb without the express, prior permission of the Clerk of Course.** If permission is granted, which will only be in rare circumstances, the car must be taken to the Chief Scrutineer for re-checking immediately on return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

REVISED 2021 CALENDAR

Because of lockdown and other COVID restrictions, the calendar for the rest of the year has changed.

1. The continuing restrictions on community sport and the limits on the number of people allowed on sites mean that **there will be NO EVENTS IN OCTOBER.**
2. The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** scheduled for late October has been **postponed to a DATE TO BE FIXED.** Members will be advised when the new date is set.
3. There will be a **TWO LAP CLUB HILLCLIMB** on **Sunday 7 November.** *Because of COVID, this will not be a Heart Kids event.* Members will be advised by e-mail and the club Facebook page when entries are open. **Just a reminder: two lap events do not count towards the ACT Hill Climb Championship point score.**
4. There will be a **ONE LAP CLUB HILLCLIMB** on **Sunday 21 November.** This will be *the final event in the 2021 ACT HillClimb Championship.* Members will be advised by e-mail and the club Facebook page when entries are open.
5. The club **CHRISTMAS PARTY** and **CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATIONS** will be held at the Pit Stop Café at the track on **Sunday 12 December.**



Hopefully there will be no more changes!!

TRACK WORKING BEES

While we can't run events this month, we can get cracking on fixing and improving things around the track. From 15 October we're allowed to have up to 25 people on site and the suspended animation of lockdown means there are many jobs which need to be done.

The plan is to hold mid-week and Saturday working bees in the second half of the month.

There will be regular event preparation jobs such as mowing, track cleaning and getting the pits in order. And with lovely spring weather there's plenty of painting on offer: ripple strips, the Pit Stop Café, the toilet blocks. There's also drainage work around the track and in the pits.

As well, we want to re-start the work on the new Event Administration Centre, particularly the roof over the scrutineering bay and fitting out the two containers with storage and workshop facilities and areas for the event secretaries and scrutineers

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So when you the e-mails arrive and you see the Facebook posts, please plan to come out and then let us know. The e-mails and Facebook posts will include contact details for each date.

And don't forget to wear appropriate clothing and footwear (especially hats now that spring is in the air) and to bring work gloves.





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.**



SDMA Annual General Meeting RESCHEDULED AGAIN

Because of the extension of the ACT lockdown and uncertainty about what restrictions will still be in force after the lockdown ends, **the SDMA Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was to be held on Sunday 19 September at the Pit Stop Café, then Sunday 24 October 2021 has had to be rescheduled again.**

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

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.

So even though the date has changed, make a commitment to come along and be a part of the running of your club.

**Watch your email for the announcement
of the rescheduled AGM date!**

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 .**

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—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.



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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 Seconder

Membership number

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Signature of Proposer

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Signature of Seconder

I accept nomination for the above position.

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Date/...../2021

COVID CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

When you enter the track, either through the competitors' gate or the spectator footpath, there are laminated signs setting out the conditions on which the club grants entry to the circuit.

They're simple: **Everyone coming into the venue must register on arrival using the *Check-in CBR* QR app.** So there are SDMA specific QR symbols at both entrances and around the track.

Please use them and check in.

We are required by ACT Government Public Health Orders to ensure everyone at the hillclimb during an event - drivers, officials, pit crew and spectators- signs in using the app. There are no exceptions.

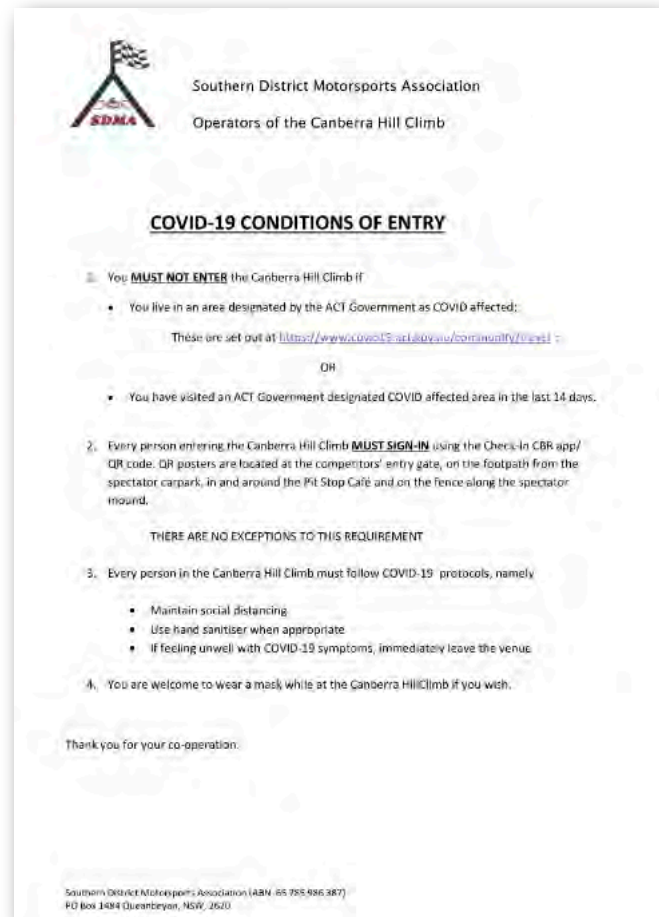
With what is happening now in Greater Sydney makes the reasons for compulsory signing are obvious.

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.

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 the event COVID checker.



SDMA 2021 CALENDAR

EVENTS	TRACK MAINTENANCE	NOTES
November TWO LAP HILL CLIMB Sunday 7 November Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 21 November	Saturday 6 November Saturday 20 November	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 9 November
December SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER Christmas Party		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

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

Secretary:.....Dave Peisley

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Treasurer:.....Alex Hitch

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

Membership Secretary:.....Ross Samuelson

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

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.



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.



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!

