



OVER *the* HILL



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SEPTEMBER 12 HILLCLIMB

CANCELLED

First the bad news.....

Because of the extension of the ACT lockdown, **the club one lap hillclimb scheduled for Sunday 12 September has been cancelled.**

The event was originally scheduled for Sunday 5 September, but in a burst of optimism the club postponed it until 12 September. Unfortunately, our optimism was misplaced.

Now some better news.....

A replacement one lap event will be held on Sunday 21 November, so please put that date in your calendar.

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND HILLCLIMB

The **October long weekend hillclimb IS STILL ON**. But it has changed.

The event was meant to be a round of the NSW HillClimb Championship, so we would have seen some of the best hillclimb drivers and vehicles from across the state. But the lockdowns in Greater Sydney and regional NSW have made trying to hold a state-wide event almost impossible.

The event will now be a club single lap hillclimb on Sunday 3 October.

Entries will open when the Motorsport Australia event permit is received. Members will be advised by a general club e-mail and a post on the club Facebook page.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The uncertainty and disruption created by the continuing COVID lockdowns in the ACT, NSW and Victoria are affecting SDMA along with the rest of the community.

As explained elsewhere in this *Over The Hill* the main immediate impacts on the club are:

- The 12 September one lap event (which had already been postponed from 5 September because of the lockdown) has been cancelled and replaced with a single lap event on Sunday 21 November.
- The Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Sunday 19 September, has been postponed to Sunday 24 October.
- The State Round event on the October long weekend (Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 October) will now be solely a club hillclimb on Sunday 3 October, rather than a round of the NSW HillClimb Championship.

It means that October and November will be very busy for the club. Running four events in two months means our officials and volunteers will be stretched **really stretched**.

So there will be appeals for club members to work as flag marshals, general officials, chocks and in many other ways. If you can help out, either by coming out for a day or half a day or, if you're competing, by stepping in between runs, please do so. We will need as many people as possible.

Please keep checking the website and the club Facebook page for updates to what is happening.

A less visible impact of the lockdown has been our inability to keep working on the new Event Administration Centre, which is a great disappointment. When we can safely hold working bees for the Event Administration Centre project and other tasks around the circuit there will be shout outs for help using club e-mails, the Facebook page and the website. Please keep an eye out for them and, if you can help, please come on out.

When we start events again in October, COVID won't have gone away. So following COVID protocols such as social distancing and using hand sanitiser will continue to be very important at the track, as well as observing the legal requirement to sign in with the *Check In CBR* app.

I look forward to seeing a big turnout at the October and November events. In the meantime, I hope everyone stays very safe.

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.



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 POSTPONED

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, will now be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 24 October 2021.**

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.

**Put the new date in your diary now!
SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER AT 2.00 PM**

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@home.com.au .**

Nomination forms for all committee positions [President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and general member] are on page 7 of 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 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.



Southern District Motorsports Association

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

Chief Scrutineer's Report

Round Five - One Lap Hillclimb - Sunday 1 August 2021

The scrutineering team – and SDMA generally - welcomes back Norm Sutton, who has returned to Canberra after living on the Gold Coast for some years. Norm is a keen driver having previously competed in numerous SDMA events in vehicles such as a Porsche 911, Nissan GT-R, Evo 10 and a Golf R.

Twelve vehicles were inspected by the scrutineering team, the checks being carried out under the club's 'Managed Scrutineering' system introduced in March this year, which checks first time entrants (both cars and drivers) and around 10 per cent of other competitors' vehicles.

The vehicle safety standard was good, with the scrutineered 'vehicle of choice' for the day going to Jeffery Camm in his developed Nissan Sylvia.



One issue which arose during the day was vehicle noise, with three competitors having runs disallowed because their vehicle exceeded the circuit noise limit. **Competitors are reminded that the maximum noise level for SDMA club events is 87dBa.**

Vehicles competing in club events at the Canberra HillClimb must be below 87dBa. SDMA is legally obliged to be able to demonstrate compliance, at every event, with the ACT Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) noise management regulations for the Fairbairn Park motorsport precinct.

The club's vehicle noise management processes are:

- If a vehicle exceeds the noise limit during a competition run, that run is disallowed.
- The vehicle cannot compete in further runs on the day until modifications have been made to reduce the noise to below the allowable limits and those modifications are approved by the Chief Scrutineer and Clerk of Course.
- If, on a subsequent run, the vehicle still exceeds the noise limit, the vehicle is excluded from the remainder of that day's event.
- If the vehicle is entered for a subsequent event, the entry will be accepted **subject to the vehicle being inspected on the day and the competitor providing evidence of substantial and permanent work to rectify the noise problem.**
- SDMA reserves the right **not to accept an entry** from a competitor proposing to use a vehicle which has been the subject of noise compliance issues at previous events.

These processes are in place to protect the club and to protect the ability of all members to be able to compete in club level motorsport.

Vehicles with anti-lag devices that emit bangs on throttle lift-off are not encouraged, and vehicles emitting inadequately muffled bangs will be advised to remedy the issue.



EVENT REPORT - ONE LAP HILLCLIMB SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021: ROUND 5 OF THE ACT HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of the day, the general feeling was: "We had a much better day than we expected at 9 o'clock this morning." After a very unpromising start to the day - wet, cold and windy - the club's first event for two months got better and better as the day went on and the track, drivers and spectators all warmed up. We even had a new class record set.

60 competitors lined up in the rain and the first run in particular was taken carefully by everyone. The track was cold and slippery and the operative word was 'caution', with the run times reflecting that. Conditions improved throughout the morning and the times came down. By the last two runs in the afternoon (Run 4 and Run 5), the differences in times from the morning runs were very large, in many cases around the 8 to 10 second marks.

As the weather improved, so did everyone's spirits and competitive fire. One of the closest battles of the day was Type 1/2 up to 1600cc, with Martin Crombie in the Gemini chasing Jamie Ericson's Excel all day, with Martin pipping Jamie by 0.47 seconds on the last run to win the class with time of 53.34 seconds.



- Fastest Time of the Day was set by Matthew Brown in the Audi RS4, with a result of 44.87 seconds, which also gave him the class win for Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc.
- Fastest Female Driver was McKelvy Reed in her Subaru WRX STi, also in Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc, with a time of 51.83 seconds.





- Fastest Junior Driver was Tom Donohue in Type 4 1601-2000cc, who took the Toyota 86 he shared with younger brother Toby around in 49.46 seconds.

Type AWD 1/2 2001-3000cc (the 'Yaris class') produced the new class record, with Iain Chandler taking his GR around in 46.28 seconds, cutting his own record (which he only set in May this year) by 0.41 seconds. Watching Iain, Colin Chandler and Warren Spires in their identical pocket rockets is very entertaining but, at times, confusing given how similar the cars are in appearance.

The full results of the event are, as always, on the club website, accessible through the 'Results' tab at the top of the home page. The full and complete results are generally posted to the website within a day or two of each event.

Like any event the club runs, we couldn't have done it without a team of dedicated officials and volunteer. Many thanks to Clerk of Course Chris Hardy; Stewards Mick and Helen Nichols; Event Secretary and Deputy Event Secretary Dave Peisley and Celeste Oringo; Chief Scrutineer Anthony Hyde; Timekeepers Dave King and David Deaves; Announcers Alex Hitch and Rohan Thatcher; Fire and Recovery Mike O'Connor and Henry Hilhorst; Chocks Col Merz, Geoff Basingthwaighte and Ross Samuelson; Flag marshals Lyell and Patrick Reed, Michael Mann and Warwick Ellis; Pit Stop Café Julie Merz, Liz Hilhorst and Colleen Reeves; and COVID Checker Kim Le Lievre.



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.

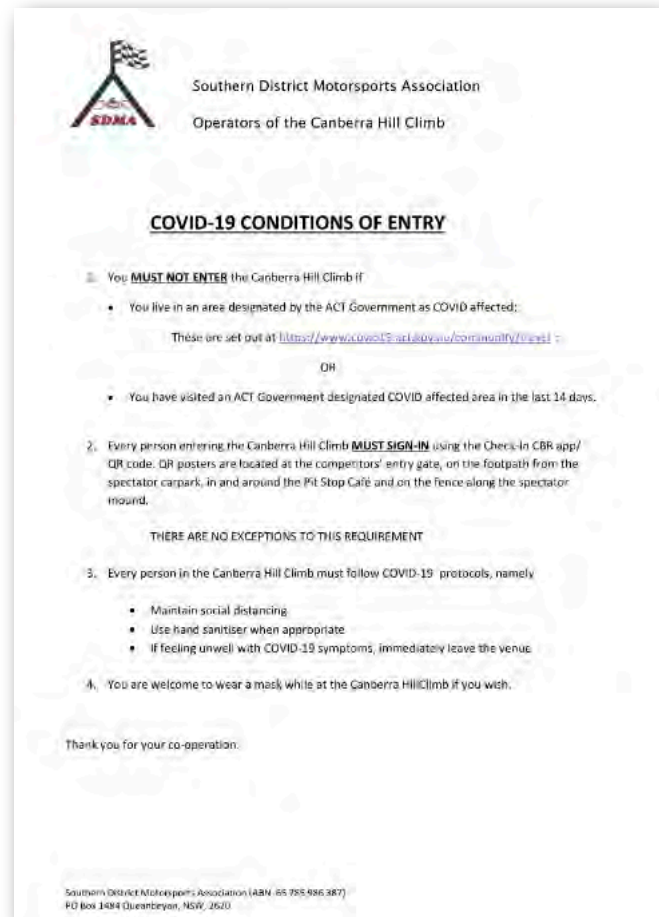
With what is happening now in Greater Sydney makes the reasons for compulsory signing are obvious.

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
October Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER	Saturday 2 October Saturday 16 October	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 12 October Labour Day: Monday 4 October
November TWO LAP HILL CLIMB Saturday 6 November (Practice: Noon- 4pm) Sunday 7 November (Competition) 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

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

president@sdmahillclimb.com

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

Secretary:.....Dave Peisley

secretary@sdmahillclimb.com

Treasurer:.....Alex Hitch

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Membership Secretary:.....Ross Samuelson

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General Members

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

Some general committee members have specific roles:

- Col Merz is the Facility Manager for the track;
- Celeste Oringo and Kim LeLievre are the social media team;
- Anthony Hyde and David Yates are SDMA representatives on the Fairbairn Park Control Council;
- 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 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.



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!

