



OVER the HILL



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our third hillclimb for the year is this Sunday and it's competing with a lot of other motorsport in the region. One event, the *National Capital Rally* organised by the Brindabella Motor Sport Club, will be literally on our doorstep with the Sunday stages in Kowen Forest and the service park in the driver training centre next door to us. So Sutton Road will be pretty busy on Sunday.

It's great that motorsport is recovering from the effects of COVID restrictions and lockdowns, but it underlines how lucky SDMA was to be able to run most of our scheduled events while the pandemic continued through 2020 and 2021. We held more than 70 per cent of our scheduled events in those two years, a success ratio many, many motorsport clubs are very envious of.

COVID hasn't gone away though, and everyone who comes to the track for an event is still required to sign in using Check In CBR. That's because we are not a 'ticketed' event, which simply means spectators, pit crew and supporters are free to come and go without any form of prior registration. So please keep checking in: it's a very minor task and it allows the club to meet its obligations to the community.

With life getting back to something that more resembles what normal used to be, the club will once again be focussing on the improvements we want to make to the track and the facilities.

In particular, the pace of work fitting out the two new containers which comprise the new Event Management Centre will pick up and the committee hopes a number of other improvements will happen over the coming months.

As well, we will continue to investigate options to reconfigure the track to enable us to accept more entries for one lap events and to offer more runs at those events.

None of this will be possible without support from members, so when special working bees are announced please make an effort to come out and help. As has been said many times before, it's your club and what we achieve can only be done as result of the active contributions of club members.

John

HEAVY TRAFFIC EXPECTED NEAR THE TRACK ON SUNDAY



Traffic on Sutton Road and Pialligo Avenue will be heavier, possibly much heavier, than normal on Sunday because day two of the National Capital Rally will held in and around the area next to the hillclimb track.

Competition stages for the Rally will be in Kowen Forest and the Service Park will be in the driver training centre next door to the track. The spectator zones in Kowen Forest open at 8.30 so peak traffic is expected to be around that time. The Service Park opens well before then so there will be a lot of traffic around it from early Sunday morning.

Please plan your travel and be very careful.

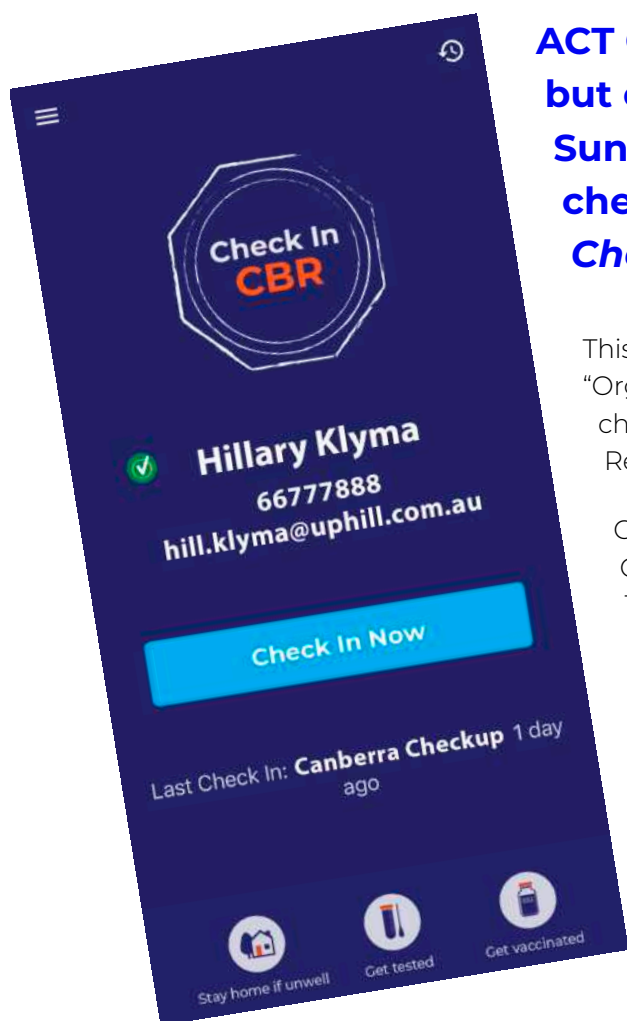
The National Capital Rally is Round One of the Australian Rally Championship.

ELECTRONIC CHECK-IN STILL REQUIRED AT SUNDAY'S HILLCLIMB

ACT COVID restrictions have eased, but everyone attending this Sunday's hillclimb will still have to check in electronically using the *Check In CBR* app.

This is because the hillclimb falls under the category of "Organised events that are not ticketed or pre-registered" and check-in is still mandatory under the remaining Core Restrictions.

Competitors, pit crew and officials entering by the Competitors' Entrance will be asked to check in on arrival. There will be the usual spectator check-in point on the path from the Spectator Car Park.





EVENT REPORT: ROUND TWO 2 OF THE 2022 ACT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 6 MARCH

As the weather forecasts became more dire in the week before the event, the number of starters fell away. The constant predictions of torrential rain all day Sunday clearly had an effect, with the field dropping from an initial 57 to a final line up of 47 on the day.

In the end, the optimism (faith?) of the 'Magnificent 47' was rewarded with a completely dry day, and although it was overcast in the morning the sun broke through by the afternoon. The sunnier skies had an immediate effect on the track, which showed up in times for the later runs and the smaller field meant that seven runs were possible. So, all in all, the day turned out to be much more fun than initially expected.

Two new class records were set: Zac Le Lievre lowered the mark for Type AWD/SV 4 up to 1600cc from 41.13 seconds to 41.05 seconds, which gave him Fastest Time of Day.

The second new record was for **Type 4 1601-2000cc. Bryan Fitzpatrick beat the previous mark of 46.81 seconds four times in a row in runs four, five, six and seven, setting the new record of 45.62** in his final run. To say Bryan was stoked with his results would be a remarkable understatement: he was literally dancing with delight.

Fastest Female Driver was McKelvy Reed, who took her Impreza WRX STi around in 49.95 seconds.

The full list of class winner is:

Type 1/2 Up to 1600cc	Martin Crombie (Holden Gemini)	52.39 sec
Type 1/2 1601-2000cc	Steven French (Mazda MX5)	50.37 sec
Type 1/2 2001-3000cc	Alex Finch (Mitsubishi Lancer)	51.66 sec
Type 1/2 Over 3000cc	Jason Perkins (Lotus Evora GT 410 Sport)	46.43 sec
Type 3 Up to 1600cc	Paul Finch (Honda Civic)	53.23 sec
Type 3 1601-2000cc	Jon Harrison (Renault Clio)	50.33 sec
Type 3 2001-3000cc	Todd Wilson (Mazda RX7)	50.11 sec





Type 3 Over 3000cc	David Leaney (Lotus Evora 410)	46.89 sec
Type 4 1601-2000cc	Bryan Fitzpatrick (Renault Clio)	45.62 sec
Type 4 2001-3000cc	Tony de Vries (Toyota XT)	51.69 sec
Type 4 Over 3000cc	Darren Hush (Datsun 1600)	53.67 sec
Type 5 1301-2000cc	Bohun Martin (BMR Genesis-R)	45.20 sec
Type 6 1301-2000cc	Pedro Hietanen (TBC2C Supersport)	45.55 sec
Type AWD1/2 2001-3000cc	Iain Chandler (Toyota GR Yaris)	47.07 sec
Type AWD1/2 Over 3000cc	Christopher d'Este (VW Golf Type R)	48.51sec
Type AWD/SV3 2001-3000cc	Warren Spires (Toyota GR Yaris)	48.40 sec
Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc	Paul Stringfellow (VW Golf Type R)	46.07 sec
Type AWD/SV4 Up to 1600cc	Zac Le Lievre (Westfield Megabusa)	41.05 sec

All results are available on the club website, accessible through the 'Results' tab at the top of the home page. They are generally posted within a day or two of each event and show all class winners and times for every run by every competitor.

Many thanks to the officials and volunteers who gave up all or part of their Sunday to come out to do the jobs that are essential to staging a hillclimb. Without them we couldn't run an event:

- Clerk of Course: Rohan Thatcher;
- Event Secretary: Celeste Oringo;
- Assistant Event Secretary and COVID Checker: Dave Peisley;
- Pit Stop Café: Julie Merz, Liz Hilhorst and Pamela Master;
- Chief Scrutineer: Anthony Hyde;
- Timekeepers: Dave King and David Deaves;
- Fire and Recovery: Henry Hilhorst;
- Chocks: Col Merz and Bob Wootten;
- Flag Marshals: John Courtney, David Yates, Lyall Reid, Morris Lonnie and Ross Samuelson; and
- Announcer: John Templeton (trainee).

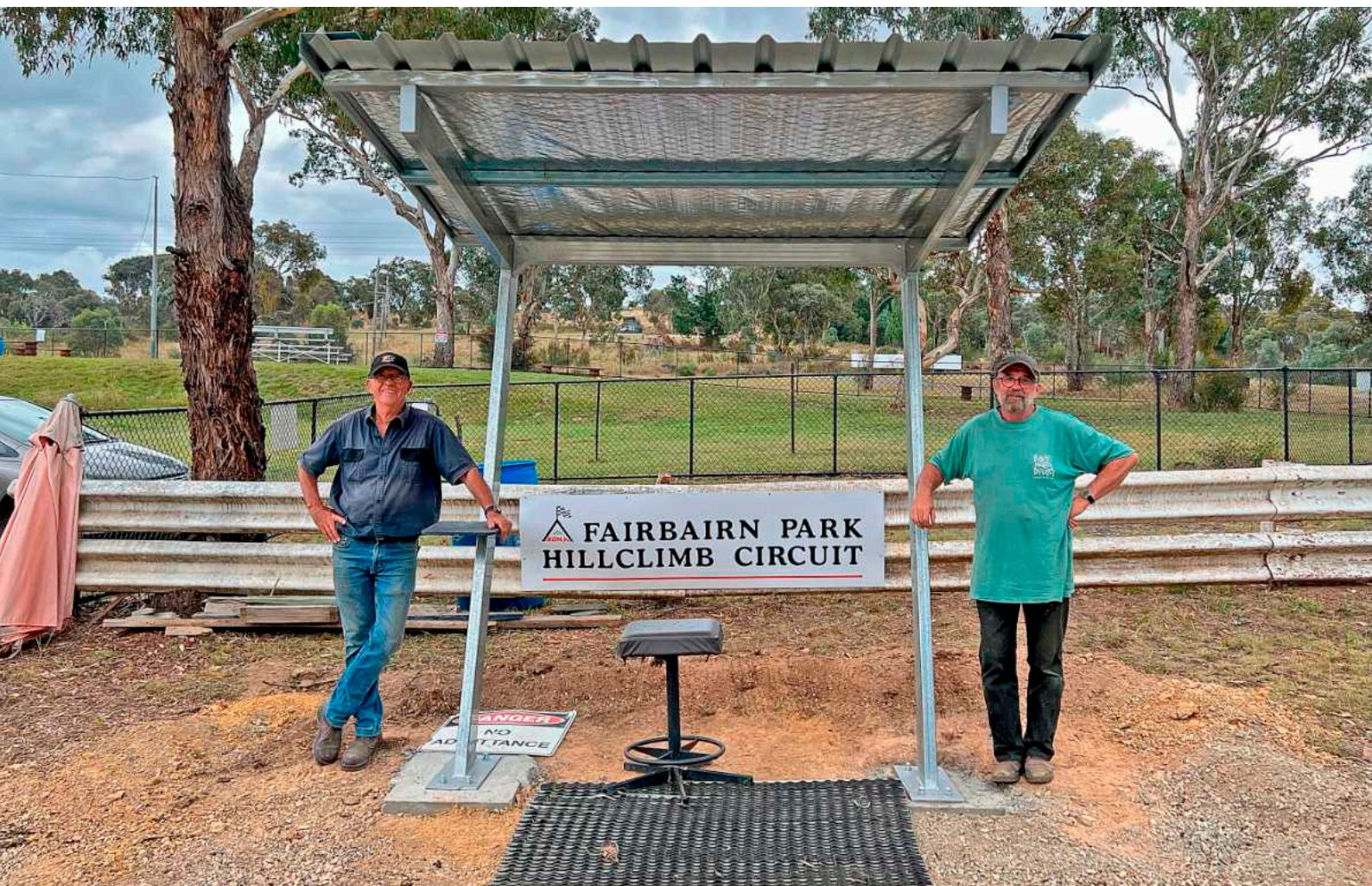


SUNSHINE, ON MY SHOULDERS...

Our hard working, indispensable chocks will now be getting considerably less sunshine on their shoulders (and the rest of them) while keeping cars moving across the start pad.

Thanks to David Yates, capably aided by Col Merz and Geoff Bassingthwaighte, we now have a permanent shelter (see below) for the chocks, to give them protection from sun and rain.

Designing the structure was a challenge: keeping the chocks dry and shielding them from sun and wind while still giving them maximum sightlines to the dummy grid and the track were almost mutually exclusive. But David's design has squared the circle and will go a long way to making conditions for the chocks more comfortable. David, Col and Geoff installed the shelter last week and, like all SDMA constructions, it's built to last!

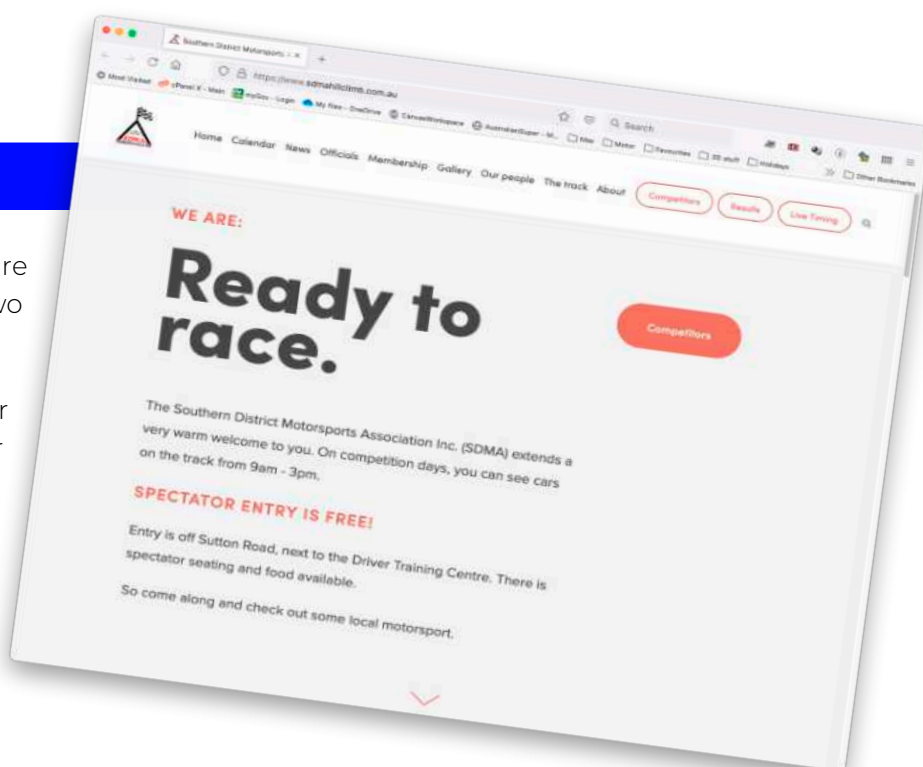


FINDING YOUR RESULTS

The official results from each event are posted on the club website one or two days after the event.

They give every competitor's time for every run and show the results for the day in each class. They are the holy writ in terms of how everyone went on the day.

Go to www.sdmahillclimb.com.au and click on the Results tab at the top right hand side of the home page.



Scroll down to 2022 Round Results and click on the date of the event you're looking for. The results are set out by class, with the places in each class and overall places. New records are shown, as are the Fastest Time of the Day, the Fastest Female Driver and the Fastest Junior Driver.

Immediately above the Round Results tab is a tab for the 2022 Championship Point Score, which gives the cumulative point score for every driver who has entered an event during the year and also the points earned by drivers at the most recent event. Again, it is set out by class and shows if a record was broken at the most recent event and also the leading contenders for the Fastest Female Driver and Fastest Junior Driver awards. We don't identify who is leading the championship overall because, particularly this early in the year, there is generally quite a number of drivers on the same top point score (at the moment there are 10 drivers each on 20 points).

Further up the page you will find the current One Lap and Two lap records, which again are updated after each event. So the One Lap records include the new times set by Zac Le Lievre and Bryan Fitzpatrick at the last event on 6 March.

Also on the page are archived club event results back to 2014 and the Fairbairn Park Open/State records, which give results from rounds of the CAMS/Motorsport Australia NSW HillClimb Championship run at Fairbairn Park.

SDMA 2022 CALENDAR:

The calendar may change. Check the club website (www.sdmahillclimb.com.au) and keep up with latest club news in *Over The Hill* and on the club *Facebook* page.

EVENTS	TRACK MAINTENANCE	NOTES
April SUNDAY 3 April (1st Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 2 April	Committee meeting Tuesday 12 April Easter 15-18 April
May SUNDAY 1 May (1st Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 30 April	Committee meeting Tuesday 10 May
June SUNDAY 5 June (1st Sunday) TWO LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 4 June	Committee meeting Tuesday 14 June Queen's Birthday 13 June
August SUNDAY 7 August (1st Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 6 August	Committee meeting Tuesday 9 August
September SUNDAY 4 September (1st Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 3 September	Committee meeting Tuesday 13 September
October SATURDAY 1 October Practice NSW Hillclimb Championship Round 9, 12pm-4pm SUNDAY 2 October (1st Sunday) NSW Hillclimb Championship, Round 9 SUNDAY 16 October (3rd Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October Saturday 15 October	Committee meeting Tuesday 11 October Labour Day 3 October
November SUNDAY 6 November (1st Sunday) TWO LAP HILL CLIMB SUNDAY 21 November (3rd Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB	Saturday 5 November Saturday 19 November	Committee Meeting: Tuesday 8 November
December * SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER Christmas Party		

SDMA SCRUTINEERING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Before COVID-19, SDMA practice was that every car was scrutineered before every event.
2. Motorsport Australia's 'Return To Race' COVID management policies stopped physical scrutineering of vehicles at events. Instead competitors are required to complete an on-line self-scrutiny declaration when submitting an event entry.
 - Because of concerns about the time between a competitor completing the on-line self-scrutiny form at time of entry and their vehicle lining up at an event, SDMA developed the SDMA Statement of Vehicle Compliance, which competitors must hand in on arrival at the track on the day of the event. It requires the competitor to confirm that they have examined their vehicle in the 72 hours before the event and certify that it still meets the standards set out in the on-line self-scrutiny declaration.
3. COVID restrictions have eased but not been abolished. SDMA has not returned to an 'every car, every event' approach. Instead, SDMA has adopted the following scrutineering policy:

On-Line Entry

- (1). Only on-line entries are accepted. This is no change from pre-COVID.
- (2). Competitors are required to complete the **Motorsport Australia on-line self-scrutiny declaration** when submitting an entry.
- (3). Competitors are required to complete the **SDMA Statement of Vehicle Compliance** and hand it in when arriving at the track on the day of the event.

Before the Event starts

- (1). Any **vehicle** entered for the first time will be scrutineered in the Scrutineering Bay before the event starts. This applies even if the driver has competed previously.
- (2). Any **driver** competing for the first time must take their vehicle to the Scrutineering Bay to be scrutineered before the event starts. This applies even if the vehicle has competed at the hillclimb before.
Before an event, the Event Secretary and Chief Scrutineer will identify the vehicles to be scrutineered under (1) and (2).
- (3). In addition to vehicles checked under (1) and (2) above, 10 per cent of total entries will be scrutineered before the event starts. The aim is that every regularly entered car will be physically scrutineered at least once a year.

Before an event, the Chief Scrutineer will decide the vehicles to scrutineered under (3).

Drivers whose vehicles are to be scrutineered will be told on arrival at the track.

At scrutineering, drivers will be responsible for opening doors, bonnets, boots etc.

PPE (principally, but not only, disposable gloves and masks) will be provided for scrutineers.

During the Event

- (1). Any vehicle which activates the noise meter must be physically scrutineered before being allowed to compete again.
- (2). The Clerk of Course or the Chief Scrutineer (or the Chief Scrutineer's delegate) can require any vehicle to be physically scrutineered.
- (3). Random checks of driver apparel (principally helmets) can be done at any time.

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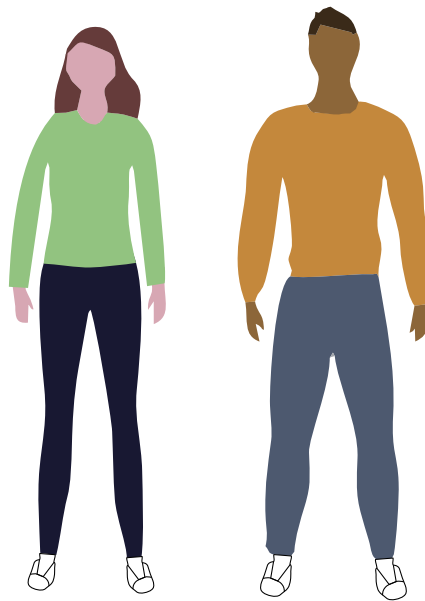
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REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **You must be a *current* financial member of SDMA to compete.** If your membership has expired please contact the Membership Secretary, Ross Samuelson, at sdmamembership20@gmail.com. For 2022, membership is \$55 for individuals and \$75 for families.
- **You must have a *current* Motorsport Australia (MA) Speed licence** to compete.
- **You must have, and use, a Motorsport Australia approved safety helmet** (see the “Competitors’ Information” section of the club website <https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/competitors> for details of approved types).
- **Your vehicle must be roadworthy and safe to compete** and meet the safety requirements set out in the “Competitors’ Information” section of the club website <https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/competitors>.
- **Drivers must wear long trousers (no shorts) and long sleeved shirts made from a natural fibre such as cotton (no tee shirts), and enclosed footwear.** Any clothing, including footwear, made of flammable synthetic material, such as nylon for example, is not acceptable.



- **If your car has a Motorsport Australia logbook you must have, and must use, a Motorsport Australia compliant frontal head restraint (FHR),** previously known as a HANS device.
 - *There is no requirement to have or use a FHR if you are driving a road registered car or an unregistered vehicle which does not have a Motorsport Australia logbook.*
- **You will need to provide your own COVID personal protective equipment** such as hand sanitiser, disposable gloves and face masks (if you want to wear one). There are hand sanitising stations around the track..

SDMA 2021-2022 COMMITTEE

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General Members

- o Colin Merz,
- o David Yates,
- o Henry Hillhorst,
- o Harry Katsanevas,
- o Warren Spires,
- o David King,
- o Celeste Oringo,
- o Daniel Cummins,
- o Zac Le Lievre,
- o Anthony Hyde,
- o Rohan Thatcher,
- o McKelvy Reed,
- o Martin Crombie,
- o Matt Brown,
- o Paul Welch.

Some general committee members have specific roles:

- o Col Merz is the Facility Manager for the track;
- o Celeste Oringo is the social media person;
- 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.

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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!

