



OVER *the* HILL



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Firstly, an apology for this issue of *Over The Hill* being late. We try to get it distributed early in each month, preferably soon after the hillclimb, but a number of problems delayed production this time.

The 2 April one-lapper was very successful, with 53 competitors

lining up after some very last minute withdrawals (COVID hasn't completely gone away). As usual, there's a full event report in this *Over The Hill*, but looking at the three events since the introduction at the beginning of the year of the new Class structure and the lower noise limit, it seems that members and competitors have navigated the changes really well. So many thanks to everyone - drivers, officials, volunteers and pit crews - for that. We had fields of 59 and 55 in February and March and April, so we are still experiencing good demand for places. A reminder that results from events are loaded on the club website (www.sdmahillclimb.com.au) within a few days of each hillclimb. These are the official times for each event.

The next event (a one-lapper which will be Round 4 of The ACT HillClimb Championship) is on Sunday 7 May. Entries opened on Saturday night (22 April) and at the time of writing is almost full. Which means there may still be a place or two available (if you include reserves) so get in quickly if you'd like a good day's motorsport and haven't hit the On-Line Entry System yet.

A reminder that the June hillclimb is the first of the two lap events for the year so if you are planning to enter watch your emails and the club Facebook page closely for the 24 hour advance warning messages letting you know when entries will open. There is a field limit of 40 cars for a two lap event (compared with 60 cars for a single lap event) so competition for a place will be strong.

June is the end of the club's operating year (we run on a financial year), which means that positions on the club executive and committee will be open for election at the **Annual General Meeting** which will happen after that. With COVID restrictions having virtually disappeared we will probably get back into the pre-pandemic pattern of the AGM being sometime in late September so this is an early reminder that the club is only as strong as its members make it. Please try to attend the AGM and to also seriously consider being part of the running of the club, whether by standing for the executive or the committee or by becoming a *Motorsport Australia* official and helping run events.

I'm looking ahead a bit because I will be overseas from the beginning of May until mid-June and this has concentrated my mind on how quickly the year is passing. **Geoff Bassingthwaight** will do a great job keeping SDMA on the straight and narrow and running very successful hillclimbs in May and June. Enjoy!!

John



When the new SDMA classes were introduced this year, one of the reclassifications was Class E Road – SV Level 1.



This class was introduced to cover what are considered special vehicles (hence SV), but what exactly is special in this context?

This can include:

- **Low volume Exotic** (as defined by *Motorsport Australia*) production cars (e.g., Ferrari, McLaren, Lotus, some Audis, some Nissans etc)
- **Kit cars** (e.g., Ultima, AC Cobra replica, Locost, Clubman etc), and
- other special compliance cars (**including individually engineered**).

Vehicles must be either road registered or of an essentially equivalent standard and use commercially available treaded road type tyres.

Permitted Modifications:

- Any
- Capacity Classes*:
 - 0 to 1600cc
 - 1601 to 2000cc
 - 2001 to 3000cc
 - Over 3000cc

How does Motorsport Australia define a 'low volume exotic'? For that, you have to find Attachment A of the *Speed Event Appendix, National Speed Event Championship Classes* in the 2023 *Motorsport Australia* manual.

In that Appendix, it states:

Exotic means any Automobile that has or had a Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price that exceeds the Exotic Indexed Price for that Automobile. For the purposes of this definition, Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price will not include what are commonly called On Road Costs, including, without limitation, Stamp Duty, Registration Fees, premiums paid or payable for any Compulsory Third Party Insurances and any Dealer Delivery Fees.

Exotic Indexed Price means the applicable Indexed Price as at the Year of Automobile Manufacture as shown in the following list:

Year of Automobile Manufacture	Indexed Price
• Any year prior to 2005	\$75,000.00
• 2005	\$76,800.00
• 2006	\$79,900.00
• 2007	\$81,600.00
• 2008	\$85,200.00
• 2009	\$86,400.00
• 2010	\$89,100.00
• 2011	\$92,300.00
• 2012	\$93,400.00
• 2013	\$95,600.00
• 2014	\$98,500.00
• 2015	\$100,000.00
• Any year after 2015	\$101,500.00

For the purpose of this definition, the year of Automobile manufacture will be the year of manufacture shown on the Identification Plate (formerly known as a Compliance Plate) attached to the Automobile.

Don't forget that *the cost of factory extras need to be included in the indexed price of a car. The cost of extras may bump a vehicle over the indexed price limit for the year of manufacture.*

From the *Motorsport Australia 2023 Speed Event Appendix, National Speed Event Championship Classes:*

- **Factory Extra** means any optional extra available for purchase at the time of the sale of the original Automobile but only if such optional extra was manufactured by or on behalf of the manufacturer of the Automobile and offered for sale by the seller of the new Automobile.



JUST A REMINDER: **85dBA NOISE LIMITS NOW IN FORCE**

Remember: the maximum vehicle noise limit (as measured at the noise meter at the track) is now 85dBA.

The first events of the year run under the lower noise limit have been excellent, so well done everyone so far!

*If you do exceed 85dBA on the day you will have to make a physical change to your vehicle and obtain the approval of the Chief Scrutineer and the Clerk of the Course before you can run again. **If you are still over the limit unfortunately that will be it for the day.***

How well we manage the noise created at the track is critical to the club's future. As has previously been explained many times in *Over The Hill*, SDMA operates under an ACT Government noise management authorisation that covers the whole Fairbairn Park motorsport precinct. The authorisation limits the amount of noise that can be generated, how often events can be held and for how long. It is the foundation of all our planning.

Calculating the amount and impact of the noise generated is complex and is more than just the data produced by the sound meter at the track. It involves our measurements and further measurement and impact monitoring at a compliance site in Queanbeyan, about a kilometre to the east of the track. The two sets of data establish a relationship which determines the overall impact of the noise that has been created.

SDMA monitors noise at each event and noise will be limited to 85dBA at the sound meter to ensure the noise at the compliance site doesn't exceed 50dBA (as allowed for by the use of 1 noise credit).

EVENT REPORT ROUND 3



2023 ACT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - 2 APRIL

The third event of the year (and third round of the ACT Championship) produced another good day of hillclimbing with 53 competitors in 17 classes showing their skills. And after the last of the five runs was completed, nine new class records had been set, two of them being first-time records for a new class.

This was the third event run with the new class structure adopted at the beginning of the year and the 17 classes contested split into 11 Road classes and 6 Track classes, similar to the figures for February (17 classes, 11 Road and 6 Track) and March (16 classes, 12 Road and 4 Track).

Fastest Time of the Day of 44.14 seconds was set by **Jeff Nichols** in the Westfield SE Clubman in Class F Track - Sports Sedan 0 - 1600cc, which was also one of the two first-time class records established. It was good to Jeff and the consistent Westfield back at the track.

Second fastest was Damian Lomax in his Lancer Evo running in Class D Road - AWD Level 2 Over 3000cc, with a time of 45.51 seconds and third was Paul Stringfellow, also running his Golf R in Class D Road - AWD Level 2 Over 3000cc, with a time of 45.58 seconds.

The full list of class winners is (* indicates new record):

- Class A Road - 2WD Level 1: 0 - 1600cc..... Andrew Ericson (Suzuki Swift) 51.72 sec
- Class A Road - 2WD Level 1: 1601 - 2000cc Steven French (Mazda MX5)..... 49.56 sec*
- Class A Road - 2WD Level 1: 2001 - 3000cc..... Jordan McHugh (Mini R53 Cooper S)..... 54.78 sec
- Class A Road - 2WD Level 1: Over 3000cc..... David Deaves (HSV GenF GTS)..... 47.55 sec*
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2: 1601-2000cc..... Nicholas Capogreco (Mazda MX-5)..... 48.94 sec
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2: 2001 - 3000cc Toby Wilson (Mazda RX7) 48.63 sec*
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2: Over 3000cc..... Sean Martin (Mazda MX5) 46.68 sec*
- Class C Road - AWD Level 1: 2001 - 3000cc Barry Faux (Toyota Yaris) 49.41 sec
- Class C Road - AWD Level 1: Over 3000cc Brett Jorgensen (VW Golf R)..... 46.21 sec*
- Class D Road - AWD Level 2: Over 3000cc..... Damian Lomax (Lancer Evo) 45.41 sec
- Class E Road - SV Level 1: Over 3000cc..... Toby Findlay (BMW F30 335i)..... 47.77 sec





- Class F Track - Sports Sedan 0 - 1600cc.....Jeff Nichols (Westfield SE Clubman)..... 44.14sec*
- Class F Track - Sports Sedan 1600 - 2000cc..... Bryan Fitzpatrick (Renault Clio) 46.43sec*
- Class F Track - Sports Sedan Over 3000cc Aaron Domio (BMW 325i) 46.93sec*
- Class G Track- Sports Racing 750 -1301..... Darren Bradley (Ford 34) 49.23sec*
- Class H Track - Open Wheeler 0 - 750cc..... Glen McMahon (Honda CR500) 48.41 sec
- Class H Track - Open Wheeler 1301 - 2000cc Bohun Martin (BMR Genesis-R)..... 46.96 sec

Special kudos to Steve French, David Deaves, Toby Wilson, Sean Martin and Brett Jorgensen, for breaking the Class Records for the classes which they set in February and March.

Complete final results are available on the club website, through the Results tab at the top of the homepage. Results shown are the official times for the event.

Our officials and volunteers again made big efforts to ensure the whole day was a success. The club thanks each and every one.

- Clerk of Course: Chris Hardy
- Stewards: Helen Nichols and Mick Nichols
- Event Secretary: Celeste Oringo
- Pre-Event Secretary: Dave Peisley
- Chief Scrutineer: Anthony Hyde; Scrutineer Ed Goncalves
- Fire and Recovery: Henry Hilhorst
- Flag marshals: Heidi Lodi and Ross Kelly/ John Courtney/Tyrie Starrs
- Chock: Col Merz, Ross Kelly and David Yates
- Pit Stop Café: Julie Merz/Liz Hilhorst/Pam Master/ Julie Yates
- Timing: David Deaves/Gavin Longmuir
- Announcer: Rohan Thatcher

Congratulations to Ed Goncalves who successfully completed his Motorsport Australia Bronze Scrutineer assessment at the event and is now 'fully ticketed' with MA. Many thanks, Ed.

Thanks to Tyrie Starrs for allowing us the use of some of his great pictures from the event!



2023 ACT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP: Calculation of Points

At each club one lap hillclimb, championship points will be allocated as follows:

- 1 point For each completed run on the day, to a maximum of 5 points
- 5 points For First in Class
- 3 points For Second in Class
- 1 point For Third in Class
- 1 point For breaking an existing Class Record. This will be awarded to the new record holder at the end of the event. Only one point for breaking an existing class record can be awarded for each class at each one lap club event.

A maximum of 11 points can be scored by a driver at a club one lap event.

All club one lap events count towards the championship point score. *Two lap events do not count to the championship point score.*

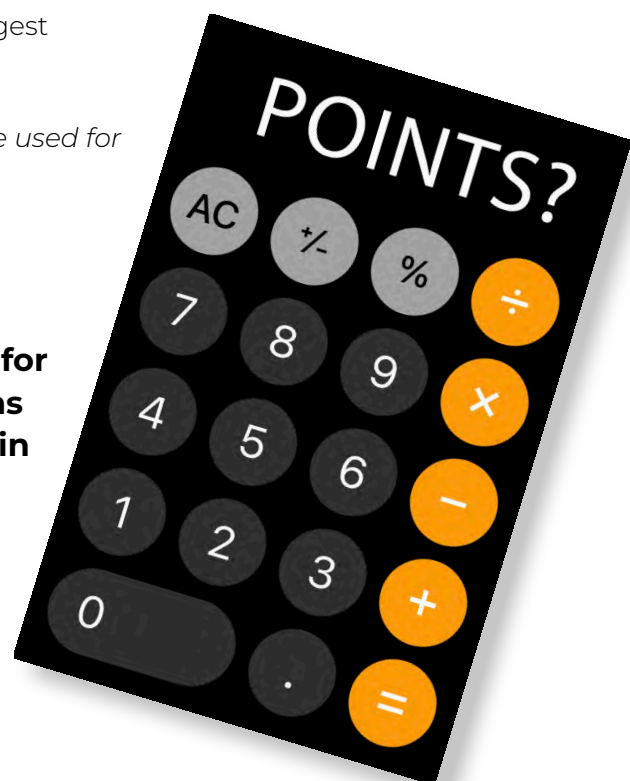
If a driver enters to compete in two vehicles, championship points and any records broken are **ONLY given to the vehicle that the driver nominates on the entry form as the 'nominated' vehicle** (the 'first entry' under the club's multiple entry policy).

In the event of tied points at the end of the year, both the ACT Hillclimb Champion and Class Champions will be determined by count back. The method of count back is:

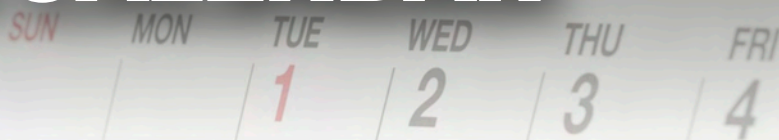
- *If neither driver has broken a class record*, the driver who has the time closest (in percentage terms) to the existing class record for their car will be the champion.
- *If only one driver has broken a class record*, then that driver will be the Champion.
- *If both drivers have broken a class record*, then the driver who breaks the existing class record at the time by the largest amount (in percentage terms) will be the Champion.

The most recent class record set by each driver will be used for this calculation.

Competitors are required to compete in a minimum of three events to win a Class Championship, as recorded in the final results for eligible events. In this context, 'compete' means having completed at least one valid timed run in each event.



2023 SDMA CALENDAR



The calendar for 2023 has 11 events (12 if you count the half day practice session the day before the 8 October one lapper), including two lap events in June and November.

The last event for the year will be on Sunday 19 November. There is no event in July.

- The noise limit for club events has been reduced to 85 dB; and
- The Type and Class structure has been revised to eliminate some incongruities and to bring our Types and Classes more closely in line with *MotorSport Australia* categories.

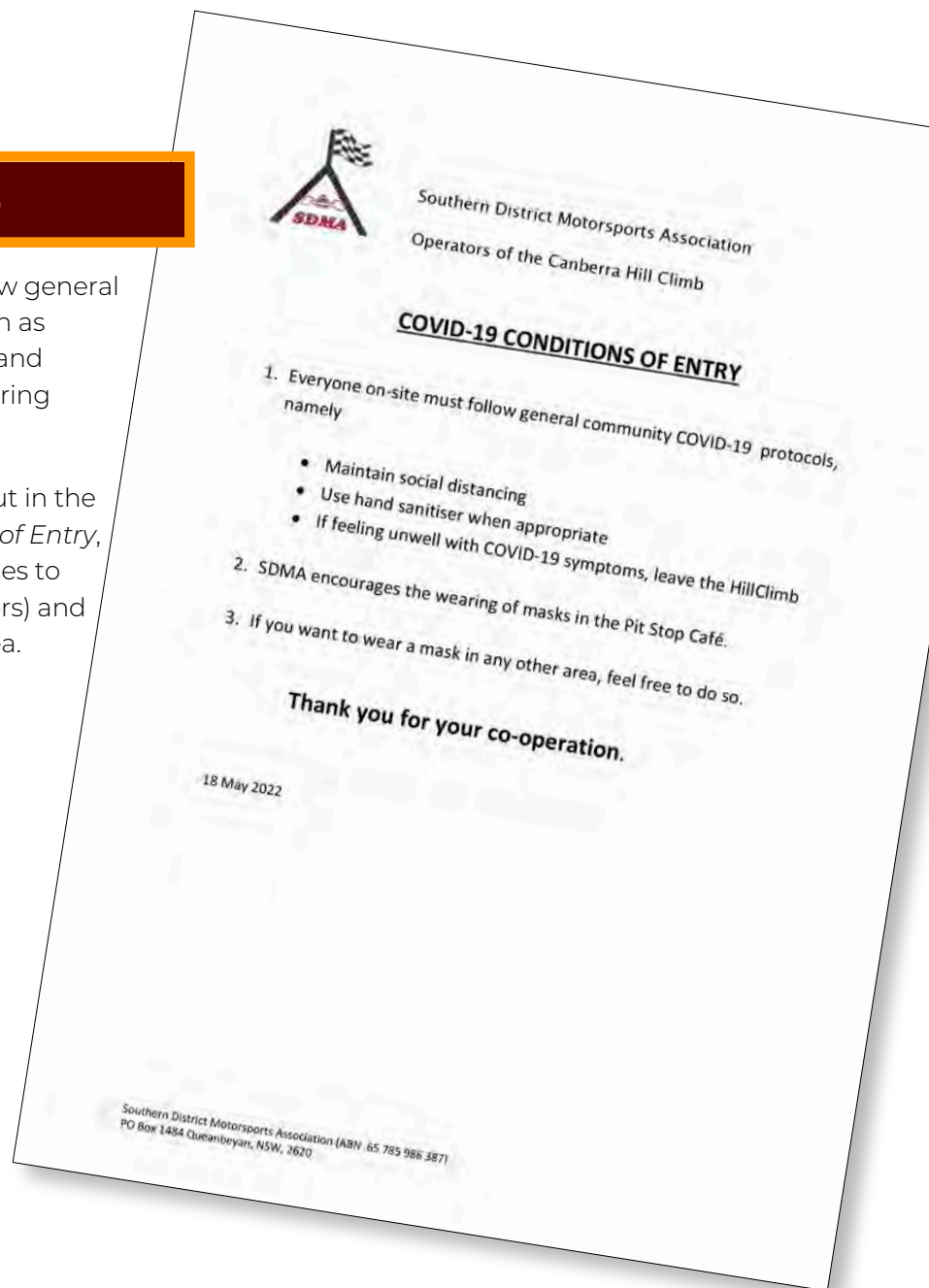
The calendar will be published in every issue of *Over The Hill* in 2023. There may be changes during the year if circumstances change. If there are alterations, the calendar will be updated in the next issue of *Over The Hill*. So please check the calendar each month when *OTH* is published.

MONTH	EVENT(S)	TRACK PREPARATION	NOTES
MAY	Sunday 7th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 6th	Committee meeting Tuesday 9th Reconciliation Day 29th
JUNE	Sunday 4th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb***	Saturday 3rd	Committee meeting Tuesday 13th King's Birthday 12th
AUGUST	Sunday 6th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 5th	Committee meeting Tuesday 8th
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 10th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 9th	Committee meeting Tuesday 12th
OCTOBER	Saturday 7th Practice: 12pm – 4pm Sunday 8th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb Sunday 22nd (4th Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 7th (morning)	Committee meeting Tuesday 11th Labour Day Monday 2nd
NOVEMBER	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb*** Sunday 19th (3rd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th Saturday 18th	Committee meeting Tuesday 14th
DECEMBER	Sunday 3rd December Christmas Party and Awards Presentation (1st Sunday)		

COVID RESTRICTIONS

SDMA encourages everyone to follow general community COVID precautions such as observing social distancing, using hand sanitiser when appropriate and wearing masks if they wish.

These general precautions are set out in the revised *SDMA COVID-19 Conditions of Entry*, which are displayed at both entrances to the track (competitors and spectators) and around the central *Pit Stop Café* area.



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 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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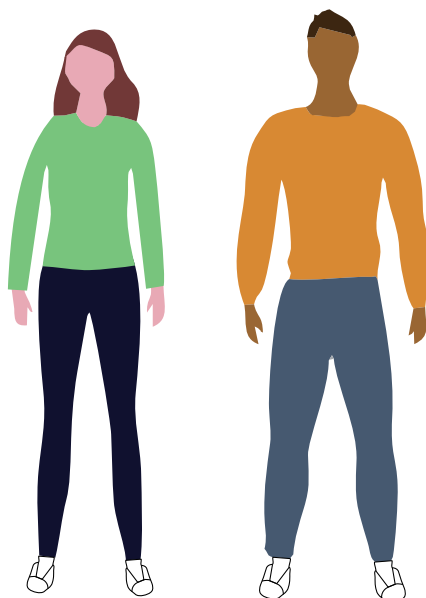
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REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **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 2022-2023 COMMITTEE

President:.....John Templeton

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General Members

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

Some general committee members have specific roles:

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

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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**

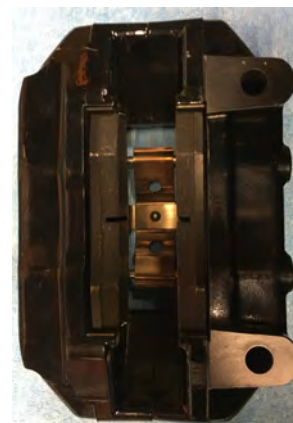
Contact **Henry** 0421 677 951 or in the pits.



For Sale - BREMBO Calipers - 4 piston

One pair, new and unused, radial mount style, pads fitted, suits a brake disc diameter of up to 357mm and 28mm thick. Pics are of the actual caliper. Seeking **\$1,600**.

Contact **Mark** on 0411 101 649



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!

