



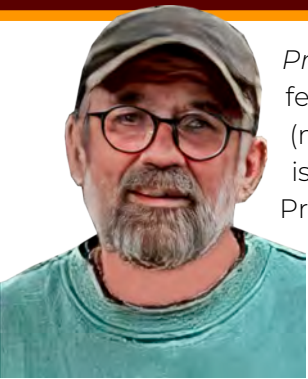
# OVER *the* HILL



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## Vice-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*President John* headed to Britain a few days before the Coronation (make of that what you will), so here is the first of a limited run of (Not the) President's Report for *Over The Hill!*

The May event ran incredibly smoothly considering the weather gods appearing to have travelled with John to Britain and left us exposed to rain and hail – see the full event report elsewhere in this issue. The event was looking in danger of not running due to a lack of volunteer officials to safely run the day but, following a request from the Clerk of the Course, volunteer numbers increased and all official posts were covered. Many thanks to those new volunteers – you had a baptism of fire with the weather (particular the new chocks).

Earlier this year **Motorsport Australia** released a revised **“Motorsport Passenger Ride Activity policy”**. The Committee has been reviewing the policy to see how we can implement it at our events in the future. Obviously such activity will require paperwork and any such rides must be conducted below competitive speeds. There is much to do before the first rides can be held but it on it's way, so watch *OTH* for further updates.

Over the past few months many hours have been spent cleaning up the infield of the track to improve the ability to see all the tack from the spectator area. Lots of mowing and pruning has been done but now **we need a volunteer with a chainsaw to cut up some larger logs** (many the result of the pruning by electricity company contractors) so *if you can help please give me a call on 0408481506*.

Also **does anyone have access to a chipper** - something with a capacity of around 75 to 100mm. *The Committee is looking at buying one and it would be terrific to road test one* to clarify the ideal size to suit the club's needs.

*Geoff*

Vice President

# EVENT REPORT

## 2023 ACT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - 7 MAY

There was rain, sleet, hail, strong winds and it was **GOLD!**, but in amongst it all was a hillclimb!

A hardy group of 51 competitors (from 58 entries) rolled up for Round Four, getting four runs in challenging conditions before the rain became too heavy. We had water running across the track, making it too dangerous to continue safely.

There were large fields in some of the classes, 10 in *Class A Road – 2WD Level 1 1601-2000cc*, 11 in *Class B Road – 2WD Level 2 Over 3000cc* and 9 in *Class D Road – AWD Level 2 Over 3000cc*. One car didn't get much time to cool down – the triple-entered Peugeot 206 GTi being run by Anita and Adam Jorritsma as well as Tom Ballard. It ran quickly all day, with Adam taking fastest time in the class in the hard-working Peugeot.

Only one new record was set, unsurprisingly in a class with no previous record! Matt Kayess in his PRB Clubman set the record in *Class E Road – SV Level 1 0-1600cc*, with a time of 61.18 on his very first run on the day. *Congratulations Matt!*

**Fastest Time of the Day (45.84 seconds) was set by Paul Stringfellow** in his rapid VW Golf R running in *Class D Road - AWD Level 2 Over 3000cc*. Second fastest was Jeff Nichols with a 46.71 second run in the Westfield SE Clubman competing in *Class F Track – Sports Sedan 0-1600cc*.

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

- Class A Road 2WD Level 1 0-1600cc .....Jamie Ericson (Suzuki Swift) .....54.18sec
- Class A Road 2WD Level 1 1601-2000cc .....Adam Jorritsma (Peugeot 206 GTi) ..... 52.14sec
- Class A Road 2WD Level 1 2001-3000cc .....Matteo Belladonna (Renault Clio RS) .....55.77sec
- Class A Road - 2WD Level 1 Over 3000cc .....David Deaves (HSV GenF GTS) ..... 49.75sec
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2 0-1600cc .....Joseph Zmood (Subaru Impreza) ..... 61.52sec
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2 2001-3000cc ..... Todd Wilson (Mazda RX7) .....52.66sec
- Class B Road - 2WD Level 2 Over 3000cc .....Sean Martin (Mazda MX5) ..... 48.95sec
- Class C Road - AWD Level 1 2001-3000cc ..... Barry Faux (Toyota Yaris) .....52.32sec
- Class C Road - AWD Level 1 Over 3000cc .....Brett Jorgensen (VW Golf R) .....48.64sec





- Class D Road - AWD Level 2 Over 3000cc..... Paul Stringfellow (VW Golf R)..... 45.84sec
- Class E Road - SV Level 1 0-1600cc ..... Matt Kayess (PRB Clubman)..... 61.18sec\*
- Class E Road - SV Level 1 Over 3000cc..... Toby Findlay (BMW F30 335i)..... 49.21sec
- Class F Track - Sports Sedan 0-1600cc..... Jeff Nichols (Westfield SE Clubman) ..... 46.71sec
- Class H Track - Open Wheeler 0-750cc..... Glen McMahon (BRM Honda CR500) ..... 61.42sec
- Class H Track - Open Wheeler 1301-2000cc..... Peter McDonald (Kestrel KE2-3)..... 54.30sec

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.

**Many thanks again to our officials and volunteers who made the day such a success:**

- Clerk of Course: Rohan Thatcher
- Stewards: Helen Nichols and Mick Nichols
- Event Secretary: Celeste Oringo
- Chief Scrutineer: Anthony Hyde
- Fire and Recovery: Henry Hilhorst
- Flag marshals and Chocks: Lucas Anderson, Geoff Basingthwaite, Clause, John Courtney, Aaron Domio, Sean Doyle, Barry Faux, Jordan Hall, Michael Mann, Col Merz, Mike O'Connor and James Overend
- Pit Stop Café: Julie Merz/Liz Hilhorst/Pam Master/ Julie Yates
- Timing: David Deaves/Gavin Longmuir/Lyall Reed
- Announcer: Lyall Reed

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





# IS YOUR CAR MORE EXOTIC THAN YOU THINK?

**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

**So how do you know if your car is a low volume exotic? How does *Motorsport Australia* define that?** 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:

<b>Year of Automobile Manufacture</b>	<b>Indexed Price</b>
• 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.

**Don't forget -it's not just price that makes a car exotic. Special compliance cars (including those individually engineered but with registration plates) also fall into Class E Road.**

## 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.*

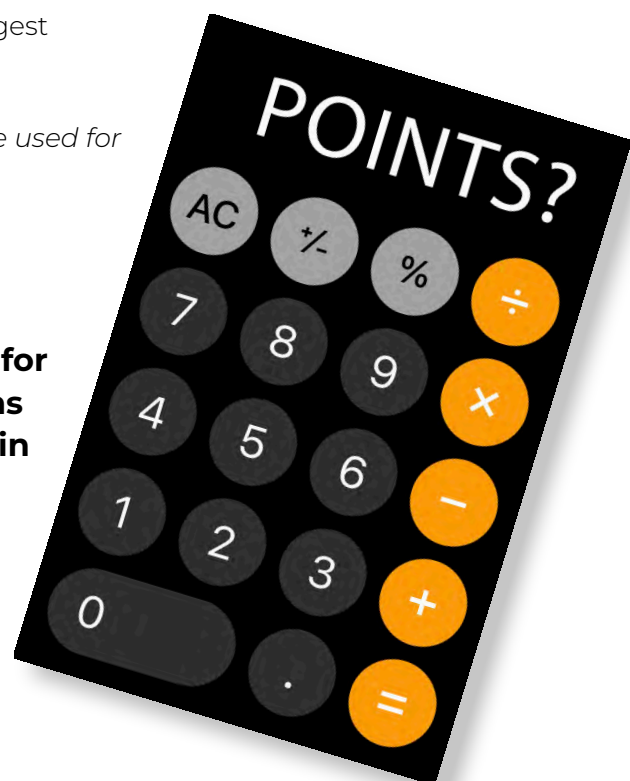
If a driver enters to compete in two vehicles, championship points and any records broken are **ONLY given to the vehicle that the driver nominates on the entry form as the 'nominated' vehicle** (the 'first entry' under the club's multiple entry policy).

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.

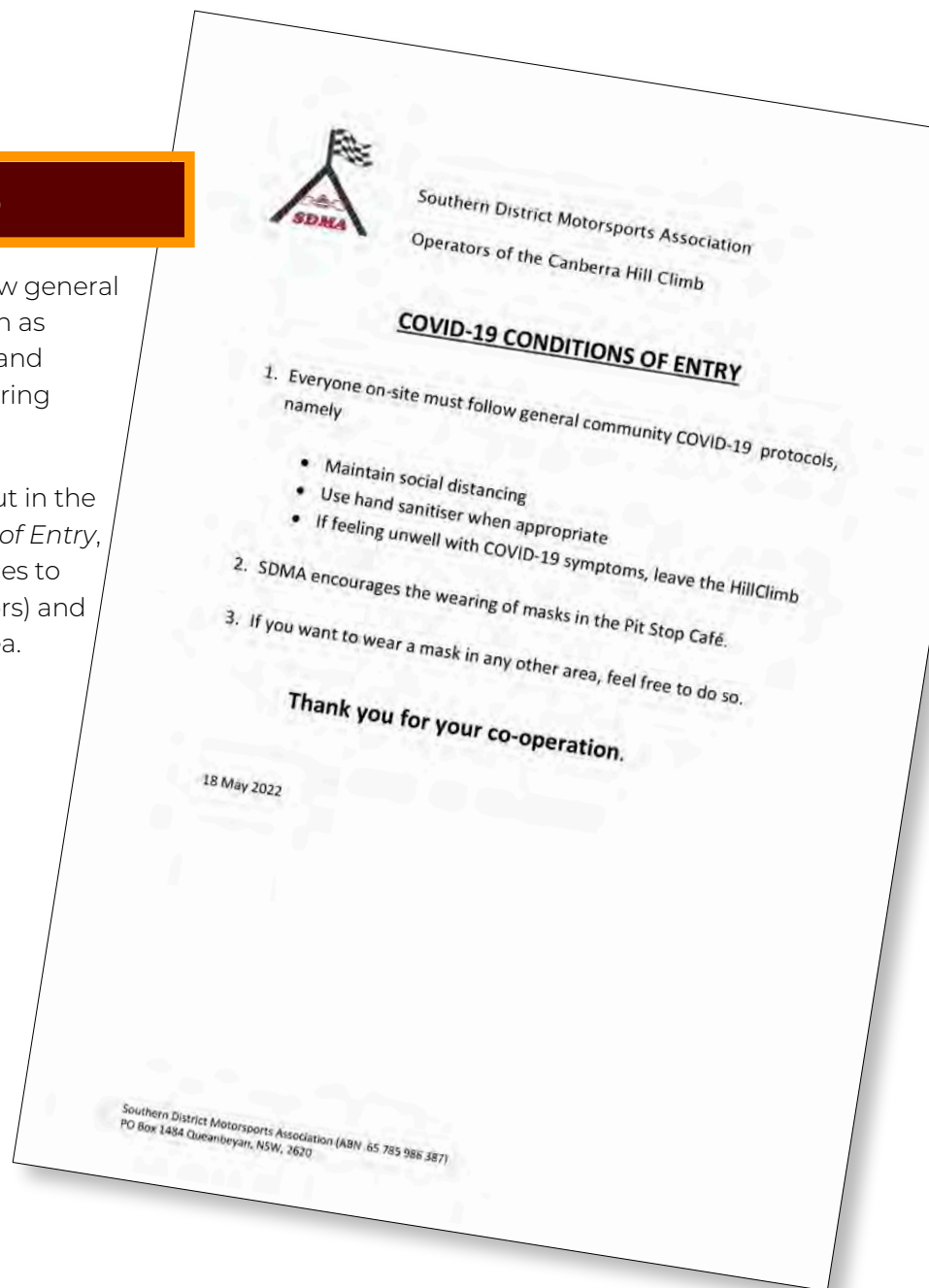
The calendar will be published in every issue of *Over The Hill* in 2023. There may be changes during the year if circumstances change. If there are alterations, the calendar will be updated in the next issue of *Over The Hill*. So please check the calendar each month when *OTH* is published.

MONTH	EVENT(S)	TRACK PREPARATION	NOTES
<b>JUNE</b>	Sunday 4th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb***	Saturday 3rd	Committee meeting Tuesday 13th <b>King's Birthday 12th</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	Sunday 6th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 5th	Committee meeting Tuesday 8th
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Sunday 10th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 9th	Committee meeting Tuesday 12th
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Saturday 7th Practice: 12pm – 4pm  Sunday 8th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb  Sunday 22nd (4th Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 7th (morning)   Saturday 21st	Committee meeting Tuesday 11th  <b>Labour Day Monday 2nd</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb***  Sunday 19th (3rd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th  Saturday 18th	Committee meeting Tuesday 14th
<b>DECEMBER</b>	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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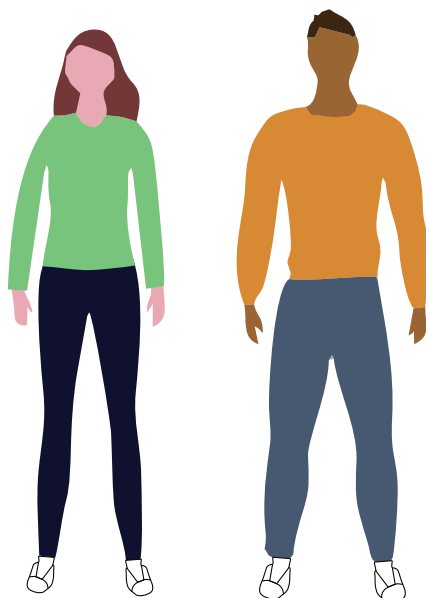
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## REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **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](mailto: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.

**Magazine Designer** *Over The Hill:*.....Colin Chandler

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## FOR SALE - LOCKING BOX TRAILER

**Resort box trailer - built 2005, heavy duty steel construction, capable of light off road duty if desired.**

Tray 1650mm x 1220mm x 480mm, with gas strut opening lockable lid (removable when needed). Front and rear tailgates both can be opened when lid has been removed.

Electrics all working perfectly.

215/70R16 Bridgestone Dueller A/V tyres on alloys wheels.

Tare weight: 240kg

GVM: 750kg

NSW rego until 8 April 2024.

Bought as a camping trailer, but no longer required.

# SOLD



## 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](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!

