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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After all the stresses and strains of the last three years, it was very moving to be part of the fun and excitement of the HeartKids

Hillclimb on 6 November. The COVID lockdowns and restrictions affected everyone, but their impacts were felt disproportionately by people with serious medical conditions such as the HeartKids cohort. It was wonderful to see them so obviously enjoying themselves and it was very satisfying for the club to be able to help HeartKids in such a special and financially rewarding way.

The day after the event, Adele Jurd, the HeartKids ACT Community Development Coordinator, sent the club the following message:

*For everyone involved with the HeartKids Hillclimb 2022*

*I want to say a huge thank you to SDMA for the HeartKids Hillclimb yesterday. It was my first time attending the event and I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the club members and the enthusiasm that you all had in supporting HeartKids. I was really touched by the kindness of multiple club members who made anonymous donations or purchased merchandise and told us to keep the change. Thank you also to the other members who came and donated to HeartKids directly at the stall; if anyone didn't receive their receipt emailed*

*today please ask them to contact me and I will sort it out for them.*

*The volunteers and I had a really wonderful time and were thrilled to enjoy rides in the race cars and meet so many wonderful people. Thank you all again for your generosity and kindness.*

*Warm regards*

*Adele*

The club looks forward to many more HeartKids Hillclimbs in the future. For any members not familiar with the background of the event and how SDMA became involved with HeartKids, Daniel Cummins wrote a very personal article in last month's *Over The Hill* describing the genesis of this annual commemoration ([https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/s/OTH\\_October\\_2022\\_web.pdf](https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/s/OTH_October_2022_web.pdf)). It is a poignant read.

The club Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 23 October – but only just. The necessary quorum was reached with one member to spare and it's sad that such a critical occasion in the life the club attracts so little interest from members. A list of the new committee and office bearers is included in this issue of *Over The Hill*.

Also in this issue are details of two significant decisions endorsed by the AGM: a revised Type and Class Structure and a reduction in the acceptable noise limit at club events from 87 dBA to 85 dBA. Both changes take effect on 1 January next year.

# Thanks to everyone who came along on the day and made

# HeartKids hillclimb so enjoyable!



**HeartKids**

The 2023 club calendar is in this issue. There will be nine single lap rounds of the ACT HillClimb Championship (up from eight rounds this year) and there will be two-lap non-championship events in June and November. The calendar will be posted to the club website shortly and will be published in every issue of *Over The Hill*. There may be changes during the year if circumstances alter so please check the calendar each month when *OTH* is published.

The club will not host a round of the NSW HillClimb Championship (NSWHCC) in 2023. The low attendance of NSWHCC registered competitors at this year's round, which was the last in the championship, made it uneconomic for the club. We made suggestions to the NSW HillClimb Panel (which oversees the championship) to increase registered competitor entries at the last round, but

unfortunately none of our ideas were adopted. The upside for members is that we are able to run the extra ACT HillClimb Championship event open to all SDMA members, and include a practice afternoon the day before.

To finish on a cheerful note, the club Christmas Party and Awards Presentation is on Sunday 4 December at the *Pit Stop Café*. Details are in this issue of *Over The Hill*. The committee looks forward to welcoming many club members and their families to a relaxing and enjoyable gathering to celebrate the end of another successful hillclimbing year.

*John*



## **SDMA Flag Flies at Australian Hill Climb Championship**

**The 76th Australian Hill Climb Championship was run at the Mount Cotton circuit, south of Brisbane, over the weekend of 20 - 23 October 2022.**

**SDMA member John Engisch** took his Mazda MX5 to the event and had a successful time, winning his class (2B/2F Production Sports 2001-2000cc) with a best run time of 50.77 seconds.

Even though the event was shortened because of heavy rain on the Sunday, John managed to keep a persistent Porsche at bay to prevail.

**Congratulations John!**



## **SDMA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**The SDMA Christmas Party and Awards Presentation will be on SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER at the Pit Stop Café.**

It's the time to relax and celebrate another year of fun motorsport and to congratulate the winners in the 2022 ACT Hill Climb Championship and the winners of the club perpetual trophies.

**The party is open to all members and families.  
We'll get together at 12.00 noon and lunch will be from 12.30.**

**The club provides lunch of turkey breast roll, sliced leg ham, BBQ chicken and salads, along with Christmas pudding and custard for dessert.**

**We ask members to bring their own picnic gear (plates, cutlery etc) and their own drinks.**

To help with catering, please e-mail [sdmamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sdmamedia@gmail.com) to let us know who is coming. We need the member's name and the number of people who will be coming with them.

**We need that information by c.o.b Tuesday 29 November.**

We'll put up a number of gazebos around the Pit Stop but it will still be a good idea to bring hats and sunscreen as not all of the tables might be in shaded areas.

**Santa and his helpers (also known as the club committee) look forward to welcoming lots of club members and their families.**



**From 87dBA  
to 85dBA**

## **That's what's happening to the noise limits for events in 2023 and beyond.**

**From Round 1 of the club championship in 2023 the maximum noise limit (as measured at the SDMA noise meter) will reduce from 87 dBA to 85 dBA.**

The change was recommended by the committee and endorsed at the recent AGM.

How well we manage noise created at the track is critical to the club's future. **As has previously been explained 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 measuring at the track 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, with noise currently limited to 87dBA at the measuring point having been determined to ensure the noise at the compliance site doesn't exceed 50dBA (as allowed for by the use of 1 noise credit).

The Committee believed it would be prudent for SDMA to show the club's commitment to managing noise from the track by reducing the maximum noise allowed to 85dBA at each club event commencing on 1 January 2023.

This will not affect many competitors but it will mean that a few will need to modify their vehicles between the last round in 2022 and the first round in 2023.

**If you think you may be affected you should make the necessary changes as soon as you can. There will NOT be any allowances in the Supplementary Regulations for excessive noise in events in 2023. If you exceed 85dba 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's it for the day.***

# CHANGES TO SDMA TYPES AND CLASSES

## SDMA's vehicle Type and Class structure will change from the beginning of 2023.

The new arrangements will better suit the types of cars that are competing in SDMA events and are more broadly consistent with *Motorsport Australia* classifications and categories.

**We will no longer have Types and Classes**, which were often confusing. **From 1 January 2023 we will have only Classes**, split into *Road Classes*, for primarily road registered or road registerable vehicles, or *Track Classes*, for purpose built race cars or vehicles so heavily modified as to not be able to be road registered.

There will be **five Road Classes** (*Class A to Class E*) and **three Track Classes** (*Class F to Class H*). **Each Class will have four engine capacity-determined subclasses.**

The new structure is set out in the table below. The final column in the table shows which current Types each new Class replaces.

Full explanations of the new Classes will be loaded to the club website by 1 December, **after** this weekend's one lap event.

Class	Capacity (Note 1)				Replaces
<b>Class A Road - 2WD Level 1</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types 1 & 2
<b>Class B Road - 2WD Level 2</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type 3
<b>Class C Road - AWD Level 1</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types AWD - 1 & 2
<b>Class D Road - AWD Level 2</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type AWD - 3
<b>Class E Road - SV Level 1</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types SV 1, 2 & 3
<b>Class F Track - Sports Sedan</b>	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type 4
<b>Class G Track - Sports Racing</b>	0 - 750	751 - 1300	1301 - 2000	Over 2000	Type 6
<b>Class H Track - Open Wheeler</b>	0 - 750	751 - 1300	1301 - 2000	Over 2000	Type 5

Some important things to note

### 1. Engine capacity calculations

Multipliers apply to rotary engines and turbo/supercharged engines to calculate effective capacity for classification purposes:

- Petrol turbo/supercharged have the engine capacity multiplied by 1.7
- Diesel turbo/supercharged have the engine capacity multiplied by 1.5

## CHANGES TO SDMA TYPES AND CLASSES (continued)

- Rotaries have the engine capacity multiplied by 1.8.
- Turbo/supercharged rotaries have the engine capacity multiplied by 1.8 then 1.7 (net multiplier equals 3.06)

Examples:

- 2 litre petrol motor with a turbo/supercharger is  $2000\text{cc} \times 1.7 = 3400\text{cc}$ .
- 13B rotary is  $1308\text{cc} \times 1.8 = 2354.4\text{cc}$
- 13B rotary with a turbo/supercharger is  $1308\text{cc} \times 1.8 \times 1.7 = 4002.48\text{cc}$

### **2. Classes A - E road registered/road registerable vehicles must use road tyres.**

“Road tyres” must be commercially available and do NOT include Racing tyres (including slicks or wets) specifically marked as being illegal or unsafe/unsuitable for road use, such as: “For Racing Only” or “Not for Highway Use”. It should be noted that Nitto uses a term “Recommended for competition use only”. This is not considered by SDMA to be a specific exclusion from road use.

### **3. Vehicles classed as “Exotic” under the Motorsport Australia definition (ie purchase price) are not eligible for Classes A –D.**

### **4. Classes E and F may be AWD.**

### **5. Vehicles must be entered in the first class that they comply with.**

If a car complies with Class A requirements it must be entered as Class A and cannot be entered in Class B, C, D, E, F, G or H.

**As mentioned above, full details of the new Classes will be available on the club website by 1 December, *after* this weekend’s one lap event.**

# 2023 SDMA CALENDAR

**The calendar for next year 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.**

We are not hosting a round of the NSW HillClimb Championship so that means **there will be nine rounds of the ACT HillClimb Championship.**

The first event is Sunday 5 February and the last is Sunday 19 November. There is no event in July.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Over The Hill* there are important stories which affect all events next year:

- The noise limit for club events has been reduced from 87 dB to 85 dB;
- 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; and
- We will no longer be awarding prizes at events for the Fastest Female Competitor and the Fastest Junior Competitor. Instead there will be an award for the Fastest New Competitor at each event, new competitors being defined as members who have taken part in fewer than five events.

These changes all come into effect from the first round next year.

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

**As at 13 November 2022, the 2023 calendar is on the next page.**

## SDMA 2023 CALENDAR at 13 November 2022

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

MONTH	EVENT(S)	TRACK PREPARATION	NOTES
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th	Committee meeting Tuesday 31st January
<b>MARCH</b>	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th	Committee meeting Tuesday 15th <b>Canberra Day 13th</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	Sunday 2nd (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 1st	Committee meeting Tuesday 11th <b>Easter 7th - 10th</b> <b>Anzac Day 25th</b>
<b>MAY</b>	Sunday 7th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 6th	Committee meeting Tuesday 9th <b>Reconciliation Day 29th</b>
<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)		





## 2022 SDMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OUTCOMES

**The 2022 AGM was held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 23 October in the *Pit Stop Café*, as advised to members in the August, September and October issues of *Over The Hill* and by flyer at the hillclimb on 16 October. The Agenda and related papers were circulated to members by e-mail in the week before the AGM.**

The draft Minutes from the meeting will be posted to the club website in coming weeks. The Minutes are draft until they are considered and adopted at the next AGM, due in September-October next year.

Thirteen members attended which met the quorum requirement of the club constitution (Clause 27.7)

The main outcomes of the AGM were:

- The adoption of the President's Report for 2021-2022
- The adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for 2021-2022
- Appointment of the club's independent auditor:
  - Canberra Accountancy & Audit Pty Ltd was re-engaged
- The election of a new club committee, including the executive:
  - A list of committee members is at the end of this article
- Setting membership fees and event entry fees for the coming year:
  - Membership fees are unchanged from 2021-2022
  - Event entry fees are unchanged from 2021-2022
- Endorsement of a revised Type and Class structure to take effect from 1 January 2023:
  - This is explained in a separate article in this issue of *Over The Hill*
- Agreement to lower the noise limit for SDMA club events from 87 dBA to 85 dBA with effect from 1 January 2023:
  - This is explained in a separate article in this issue of *Over The Hill*
- The club introduce 'mentoring/buddy' arrangements to help new competitors become familiar with event procedures and driving techniques needed for the track
  - These could include attaching a link to a video simulation of a lap of the track to entry confirmation e-mails, discussing with our regular Clerks of Course reinstating a 'sighting' lap for genuine first time competitors, promotion of the driver skills briefings given before each event by Morgan McBride and developing a more detailed drivers' briefing for first time competitors.
  - These arrangements to start from the first event in 2023

**Executive and Committee members for 2022-2023 are:**

<b>Executive:</b>	<b>John Templeton (President);</b> <b>Geoff Bassingthwaighte (Vice-President);</b> <b>Dave Peisley (Secretary);</b> <b>Treasurer position is vacant.</b>
<b>Committee members:</b>	<b>Daniel Cummins,</b> <b>Col Merz,</b> <b>David Yates,</b> <b>Zac Le Lievre,</b> <b>Celeste Oringo,</b> <b>Harry Katsanevas,</b> <b>Ross Samuelson,</b> <b>Anthony Hyde,</b> <b>Warren Spires,</b> <b>Henry Hilhorst,</b> <b>McKelvey Reed,</b> <b>Matthew Brown,</b> <b>Martin Crombie,</b> <b>Rohan Thatcher</b>

## **BIG SHOES TO FILL**

**Because of work commitments, SDMA's Treasurer for the last five years, Alex Hitch, didn't stand for re-election at the AGM.**

***SO THE CLUB NEEDS A NEW TREASURER!***

Alex has done a great job for the club and will be greatly missed. But we realise his situation and we thank him very much for his contribution to SDMA.

The job is important — *very important*. But our financial management processes have improved greatly in recent years, so it isn't as time consuming as it once was.

The Treasurer's general responsibilities are to manage the club's finances (including ensuring payments are made for bills the club has received) and to maintain the club's financial records.

Specific responsibilities include:

- preparing a report on the club's financial position for each (monthly) committee meeting, including payments and receipts since the previous meeting; and
- providing 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 then presented at the Annual General Meeting.

**While the job involves a good financial understanding, you don't have to be an accountant or high flying mathematical whiz kid. It requires someone with attention to detail and the ability to work collaboratively with fellow committee members.**

We need someone who is committed to the club and cares about doing a job properly and carefully. If that sounds like you and you'd like to make a contribution to SDMA please contact John Templeton ([president@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:president@sdmahillclimb.com)). If you would like more information about the job please contact Alex ([treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com)).



# TRACK REFRESH - HELP NEEDED!

**Please Help Us Improve Our Track Facilities!**

**SDMA has been very lucky this year: despite all the rain, we've had good weather for our hillclimbs so far (fingers crossed).**

But the constant rain has disrupted our track/facility maintenance and improvement programs.

So over the next few weeks and months we hope to have some special mid-week and weekend working bees (weather permitting!!) to make up some of the lost time. We'd really like to have our pride and joy looking fresh for 2023!

***For a start, we have a lot of painting to do.*** *The Pit Stop Cafe*, the main toilet block, the armco at the starting pad, the flag point shelters and the ripple strips on the track all need more than a lick of paint.

And there are other jobs as well.

**So if you see an e-mail or Facebook post about a working bee, please try to help out. Even if it's only for an hour or two, every pair of hands will make a difference.**





## EVENT REPORT – HEARTKIDS HILLCLIMB SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2022

A great day for a great event as the HeartKids HillClimb returned. The track was bustling with competitors, HeartKids workers, SDMA officials, spectators and, most importantly, the HeartKids themselves. It was a fun-filled, happy day, enjoyed by all.

The two lap hillclimb itself was a great success: four runs, three new class records and plenty of parade laps when competitors could take the HeartKids on low speed (controlled low speed!!) laps of the track to share the experience of being in a hillclimb car.

The enthusiasm for the HeartKids event is palpable: it starts when the On-Line Entry System fills up in about 30 minutes and continues as competitors keenly order their special *HeartKids HillClimb 2022 shirts* and other merchandise. It comes to a head on the day with long lines of competition cars waiting to take our special visitors on the parade laps.

It's still a serious event though, with drivers putting in maximum effort. The new class records were set by:

- Bryan Fitzpatrick in his Renault Clio, who lowered the mark for Type 3 1601-2000cc from 82.35 seconds to 80.51 seconds;
- Iain Chandler in his Toyota GR Yaris, who lowered the mark for Type AWD/SV3 2001-3000cc from 81.53 seconds to 80.81 seconds; and
- Matthew Brown in his Audi RS4 wagon, who lowered the mark for Type AWD/SV3 over 3000cc from 77.25 seconds to 76.39 seconds.

**Congratulations Bryan, Iain and Matt!**





**Matt took out Fastest Time of the Day** with his record breaking time on his second run of the day and the **Fastest Female Driver was McKelvey Reed** running in her Subaru WRX STi, also in Type AWD/SV3 over 3000cc, with a run of 88.31 seconds. **Fastest Junior Driver of the Day was Andrew Ericson** in the Toyota MR2 competing in Type 1/2 1601-2000cc, with a time of 92.55 seconds.

The full list of class winners for the day is

- Type 1/2 up to 1600cc Peter Nagle (Suzuki Swift GTi) .....91.55 seconds
- Type 1/2 1601-2000cc Stephen French (Mazda MX5) .....86.40 seconds
- Type 1/2 over 3000cc David Deaves (HSV GenF GTS) .....83.95 seconds
- Type 3 up to 1600cc Michael Primrose (Toyota MR2) .....89.61 seconds
- Type 3 1601-2000cc Bryan Fitzpatrick (Renault Clio).....80.51 seconds
- Type 3 2001-3000cc Toby Wilson (Mazda RX7) .....86.45 seconds
- Type 3 over 3000cc Sean Martin (Mazda MX5) .....81.82 seconds
- Type 4 over 3000cc Daniel Cummins (Mitsubishi Ralliart Magna).....82.27 seconds
- Type AWD 1/2 2001-3000cc Colin Chandler (Toyota GR Yaris).....83.43 seconds
- Type AWD 1/2 over 3000cc Stewart Wiegand (Ford Focus RS) .....82.63 seconds
- Type AWD/SV3 2001-3000cc Iain Chandler (Toyota GR Yaris).....80.81 seconds
- Type AWD/SV3 over 3000cc Matthew Brown (Audi RS4).....76.39 seconds
- Type AWD/SV4 up to 1600cc Jeff Nichols (Westfield Clubman) .....78.94 seconds

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





**Many thanks to the SDMA officials who supported the HeartKids team to make the day such a success:**

- **Stewards:** Helen and Mick Nicholls
- **Clerk of Course:** Martin Holberton
- **Pre-event Secretary:** Daniel Cummins
- **Event Secretaries:** Celeste Oringo and Barbara Bennett
- **Chief Scrutineer:** Anthony Hyde
- **Scrutineer:** Ed Goncalves
- **Fire and Recovery:** Henry Hilhorst
- **Flag Marshals:** Michael Mann, Shaun Crain and John Courtney
- **Timing:** Dave King, David Deaves and Gavin Longmuir
- **Chocks:** Col Merz, John Engisch and Ross Samuelson
- **Announcer:** Terry Bennett and Gavin Longmuir

## Chief Scrutineer's Report - HeartKids Hillclimb

The HeartKids two lapper is always one to look forward to as Daniel Cummins arranges a few special entrants for the event, and brought along two race cars himself.

Ten vehicles were inspected out of the 40 entrants, and the standard was very good.

The SDMA scrutineering team of Ed and Anthony welcomed **Julian Besestri** and **David Wicks from Cooma Car Club**. Many SDMA members will remember Julian, who was a regular scrutineer at SDMA events along with Alan Greenough who retired a few years ago. It was very good to welcome Julian again.

David was being assessed during the day for an upgrade to his MA scrutineering licence. David has a significant claim to fame: he owns a replica of a Watson Indianapolis Roadster from the USA, fitted with a Holden six cylinder engine. It's the only one road registered in the world.

After a trouble free scrutineering process, the event went smoothly, the kids were happy and the sun shone bright and warm all day.



**Anthony Hyde**

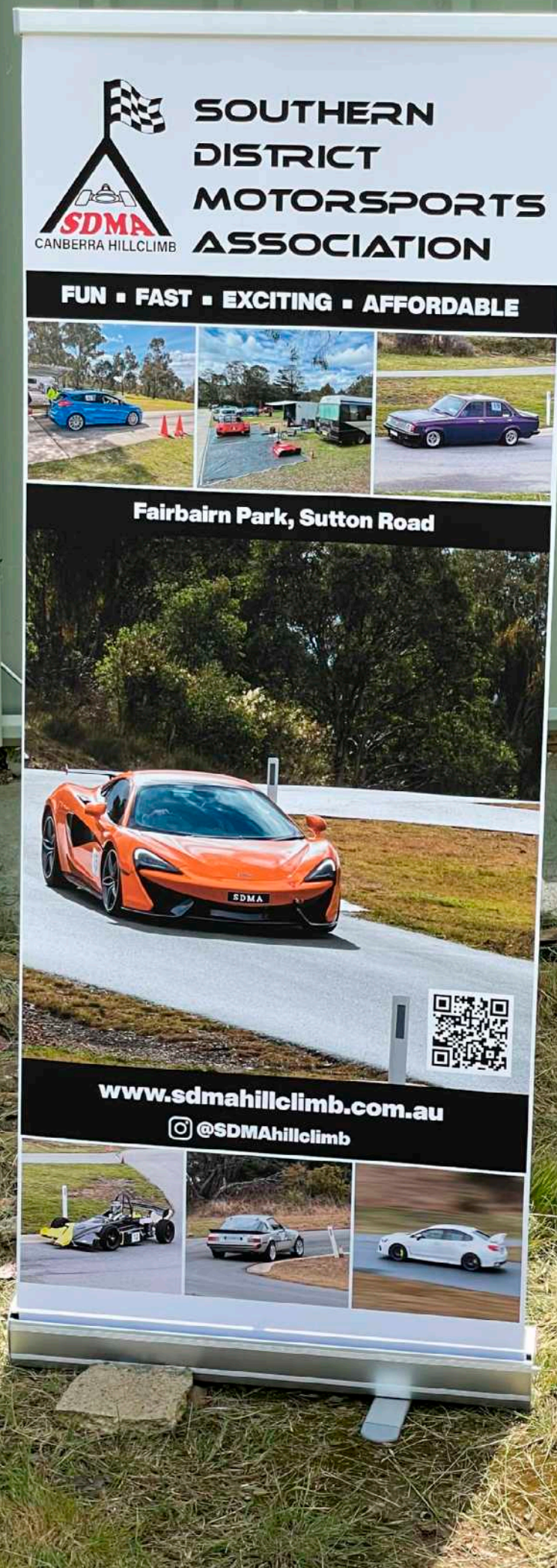
## SPREADING THE WORD!

### The club now has a 1.5 metre pull up banner promoting hillclimbing and SDMA.

Members' cars on track and details of the circuit and club contacts are featured.

It premiered at the HeartKids HillClimb and is available to club members who may be displaying their vehicle at car shows or similar motorsport related events.

Many thanks to Colin Chandler for the design and production work that went into it.



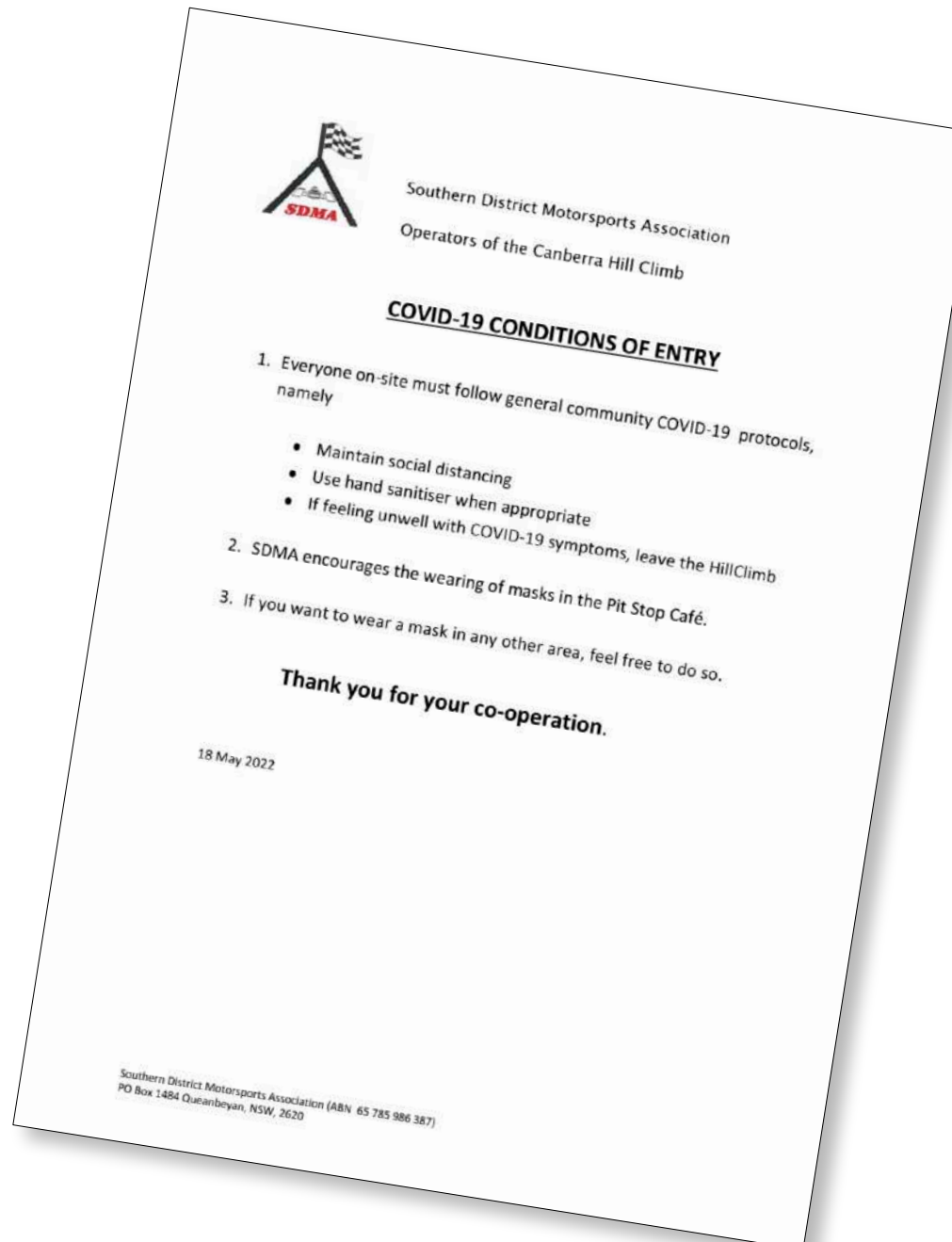


## EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

The ACT Government eased COVID restrictions so it is no longer mandatory for people coming to hillclimbs (drivers, pit crews, officials or spectators) to check in electronically using the *Check In CBR* app and QR code.

However the government wishes organisations to continue to display the *Check in CBR* QR code for voluntary use by members of the community. So the posters with the SDMA QR symbol remain around the track.

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 2022 CALENDAR:

The calendar may change - check the club website ([www.sdmahillclimb.com.au](http://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
<b>SUNDAY 20 November (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) ONE LAP HILLCLIMB</b>	Saturday 19 November	
<b>December * SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER Christmas Party</b>		

# 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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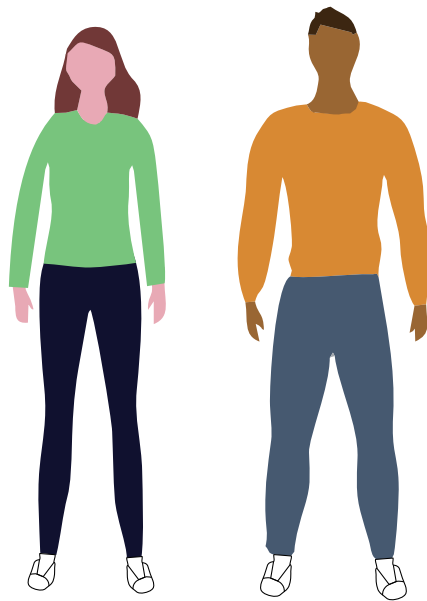
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## REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **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.

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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](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!

