

2018 09 26 GIPPSLAND CAR CLUB - AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

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HEADING: Australian Hillclimb Championship heading for Gippsland

The Australian Hillclimb Championship was first held in 1938 and has since been won in the past by such stars as Jack Brabham, Lex Davidson and Greg Cusack. The Gippsland Car Club is hosting this event once again over the 26-28 October weekend.

This competition promises to be the most exciting in years with over 100 cars in multiple classes competing for the pinnacle of Australian hillclimb motorsport. It will be tight at the top with local, Brett Hayward, going head to head with Malcolm Oastler who, between the two of them, have won the title six times out of the last nine years. Hayward is a local engineer with a business in Leongatha, and Oastler is an ex-Formula 1 car designer and Technical Director. Both are talented racers who build their own cars and name them after themselves in the same way that Jack Brabham attained his fame. Another exciting rising star is Greg Ackland, also from Leongatha, who will be keeping the big kids honest.

The event leadup starts on Saturday 6 October, with a car display at Bunning's Morwell. Come and see the cars and meet the drivers who will be competing in this great event. There will be further displays at Supercheap Autos in Warragul on the 13th and Traralgon on the 20th.

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PUBLISHERS NOTE: This will be the first in a series of releases - one before each preliminary event (so weekly for the next 4 weeks) then a race report on Friday/Saturday/Sunday night of the 26-28 Oct event. Photos available for use will be provided. Video may also be available for upload to websites etc.

Please call me (below) if you wish to do any additional reporting e.g. Interviews with drivers, more quotes etc and we will arrange what you want.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CLUB AND THE SPORT OF HILLCLIMBING - USE AS NEEDED



The 2018 Australian Hillclimb Championships will be run at the Gippsland Car Club from the 25th to the 28th of October. Gippsland Car Club is located on Bill Schulz Road Yallourn in Victoria's Latrobe Valley. The event is expected to attract approximately 140 competitors and grid spots are filling very quickly. This is the fourth time that the Australian Hillclimb Championship has been held at Bryant Park.

A hillclimb is defined as a single car speed event along a track or a course of more than 200 metres in length. A track normally has a variety of gradients and corners. Drivers compete against the clock, with the competitor recording the lowest time for the course being the winner of the event. This year's championship will be conducted on a track format that covers approximately 1300 metres.

The current race track was opened in 2008. It is a figure eight construction with a total circuit distance of approximately 1800 metres. By constructing the circuit in this manner, it enables the club to run numerous track configurations. This lends itself to presenting ever changing driving challenges to our regular competitors. The Bryant Park facility is arguably the best purpose built Hillclimb track in Australia.

Entry is open to a vast array of cars. We have entries from competitors wanting to test out their road registered cars all the way through to purpose built high end open wheel race cars. The racing should be close and exciting across the various classes with a number of national class record holders competing at the event. This includes the current and two former Australian Hillclimb Champions.

Spectator entry to the event is free of charge. Most areas of the track and pits are accessible to spectators. This gives spectators a great opportunity to have a good look at the vehicles and have a chat with the drivers and their pit crews.

The event will be well catered, with a number of food and coffee vans attending, The food vans will be complemented by our regular canteen, which provides an excellent selection of food and drinks.

More information regarding the 2018 Australian Hillclimb Championship and the club's regular calendar of events, can be found on our Facebook Page (@gippslandcarclubbryantpark) or Webpage <https://gippslandcarclub.com.au>

Competitor information and entry details are available on the CAMS Entry Portal or for those who don't have computer access, entries can be arranged through the club secretary - Mick McGinn