

## Rob Roy Hillclimb History.

At the time of its construction, Rob Roy was one of only three bitumen surfaced purpose built Hillclimbs in the world, the other two being **Shelsley Walsh** and **Prescott** (UK).

Its origins go back to 1935, when representatives from the then [Light Car Club of Australia](#) inspected the property known as **Clinton's Pleasure Grounds** with a view to establishing a suitable venue for the Hillclimb meetings.

The actual track commences on a slight incline, proceeds through a sharp right turn which originally passed a rusty iron shed (whose memory is perpetuated by the name **Tin Shed Corner**), down a slight incline to a level stretch along the top of an embankment holding back a half acre dam, then rears up a one-in-three gradient. The track then winds its way uphill through a series of left turns to the finish line. The start and finish lines are 760 yards (695 meters) apart.

The first meeting was run on 1st February 1937, and the track fully bitumenised in 1939. Many meetings were conducted over succeeding years by the Light Car Club, including nine Australian Hillclimb Championships, the very first of which in 1938 was won by Peter Whitehead in his ERA. In 1962 the area was ravaged by bushfires and the track unfortunately fell into disuse.

An inspection of the names of Outright and Class record holders over these years reveal that eight of these drivers have been Australian Grand Prix winners and one a triple F1 World Champion (Jack Brabham).