

GEAR SELECTOR



The Newsletter of the GOLDEN ERA AUTO RACING CLUB QUEENSLAND INC. PO Box 5280, Kenmore East. 4069 www.gearqld.org

The Golden Era Auto Racing Club promotes the preservation of racing & sports cars of the golden age of Australian motor sport.

GEAR organises non-competitive Drive Days for the pleasurable use & enjoyment of cars in a safe, regulated, affordable and social motoring environment.

In Gear

*News, views and updates from the President,
David Chilton:*

GEAR MEMBERS: -

Hello Members

An enthusiastic band of drivers turned up under cloudy skies for our first meeting back at Lakeside for 2026.

We were informed that our GEAR track day was a very special event for Lakeside. It was 65 years, to the day, since the first ever race was held at this iconic track.

Our first group out started on a dry track at 9am. Although dry, all drivers were warned at the driver's briefing to be cautious as a lot of oil had been dropped on the track at the previous weekend meeting.

In the second round, a GEAR car added some more oil to the bitumen and driving was delayed while the clean up was attended to. Oil spills are becoming a recurring cause of delays, so please check filters, hoses and sump plugs before your next outing.

The delay was extended for a short time as a downpour passed over the venue.

Eventually all 62 entrants got their four rounds, with some of the later rounds time-shortened by a few minutes so the track time was equally shared between the four groups.

Unfortunately, we did have one incident later in the morning. An Invited Club car left the track and hit a barrier coming on to the straight. The driver was checked over by the paramedic and his car sustained serious damage.

Once again, it is a reminder that driving on a race track, even at a non-competitive meeting like GEAR, still involves managing risks that accompany motorsports.

If you haven't been before, please consider driving out to Morgan Park for our April 23rd track day. This venue is growing in popularity with members, with many arriving on Wednesday afternoon. Cars can be left for the night in the

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covered pits, and there is generally a social gathering for dinner. Camping is available for the hardy members.

You can expect plenty of track time, so the day is even more relaxed than a normal GEAR event. It may be a little bit further to travel for some, but I have found it well worth the effort.

If you can't enter, come out anyway and see what you are missing out on! Make a day out of it, enjoy a country drive, the fresh air, and join us for a coffee, morning tea, or even lunch.

Cheers

David

There are a couple of mandatory requirements to enter GEAR Track Day Events.

All GEAR participants must be financial members

- 1. Current membership card is Lemon with a date of 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026**
- 2. All cars entered in the event must be prior approved to run at GEAR Track Events.**

If you have any doubts regarding either of these requirements, please contact the Secretary.

GEAR Committee

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Col being reprimanded by Maz for bringing the bad weather.



Editorial

Greetings Fellow Members,

Our first Lakeside gathering for 2026, 19 March, fortuitously occurred on the 65th anniversary of the 1961 opening of the circuit.

Despite the rain, it was a special day indeed with Lakeside being held in such high regard by every GEAR member.

We are thankful that John Tetley has had the single mindedness to keep this historic circuit in such great shape for grass roots motor sport such as ours. This is despite concerted bureaucratic attempts to close it. Thank you, John.

After some years with no increase, this year the entry cost for members has risen. However, members would have to agree it is still good value given the great time we have at this historic venue plus the safe and efficient way it is operated by John's able and friendly team. The coffee is excellent so too is the food selection.

Looking forward to seeing you at Morgan Park on 23 April.

GEAR QLD DATES 2026

Thursday	26/02/2026	Qld Raceway Night
Thursday	19/03/2026	Lakeside Park
Thursday	23/04/2026	Morgan Park
Thursday	21/05/2026	Lakeside Park
Thursday	18/06/2026	Lakeside Park
Thursday	23/07/2026	Lakeside Park
Thursday	27/08/2026	Morgan Park
Thursday	24/09/2026	Lakeside Park
Thursday	08/10/2026	Morgan Park
Thursday	12/11/2026	Qld Raceway
Thursday	03 /12/2026	Lakeside Park

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24/09/22 Lakeside Park
CHRISTMAS LUNCH 03/12/2026 Lakeside Park



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More photos online: <https://rossjohnsonphotography.zenfolio.com/p940482338>

GEAR Drivers List – Lakeside Park March 2026

Green Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Greg Osbourne	1086	Morris	Cooper S	1970	Blue/White
Leon Ackermann	1110	Morris	Mini Deluxe	1967	White
Ian Wakely	558	Leyland	Mini Special	1976	Red/White
Steve Denby	865	Morris	Mini	1969	Blue/White
Duncan Miller	591	Holden	FJ	1954	Cream/Maroon
Stephen Rzepka	973	Morris	Mini	1967	BRG/White
Peter Mac	931	Bolwell	Mk 7	1966	Blue
Gregory Houghton	343	Jaguar	XJ6	1975	Red
Gordon Ross	949	Ford	GT40 Replica	2008	Yellow/Red Stripe
Nick Cole	1051	MG	Midget	1969	Red/White
Brendon Allis	1144	Ford	Cortina	1968	Red/Gold
Mark Schumacher	1138	Ford	Mustang	1965	Orange
Lance Boucaut	319	Holden	Buchanan Spl	1973	Blue
Jamie Diggles	1142	Nissan	S12 SRX	1985	Silver
Michael Davis	1021	MG	B Mk 11	1971	BRG
Haydn-Lee Maguire	1127	MG	B Mk 11	1971	BRG
Olivia Doyle	1128	MG	B Mk 11	1971	BRG
David Overington	961	Alfa	GTV	1969	Red

Yellow Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Ash Lowe	1121	JMW	Clubman Sport 1300	1992	Yellow/Blue
Mel Cason	721	Alfa	GTV 2000	1972	Red
Nathan Kay	868	Jaguar	XJ6	1977	Maroon
Darryl Worth	952	Ford	Cortina	1968	Grey/White
Wayne Aherne	912	Nissan	Bluebird	1976	White
Joe Gerke	1005	Toyota	Celica GT4	1990	Red
Laurie Densley	1060	Ford	Mustang	1967	Yellow
Paul Ritchie	662	Ford	Escort	1978	Yellow
Rod Zaverdinos	670	GSM	Dart	1963	Red
Dale Heard	768	Valiant	RV1	1962	White
Ken Loomes	1027	Alfa	33	1990	Green
Mark Davies	399	Porsche	911	1975	White
David Christy	202	Westfield	Sei	2000	Red
Jon Kendall	789	Holden	Torana SS	1976	Black
Ben Diggles	1141	Nissan	S12 SRX	1984	Silver
Trevor Bassett	836	Alfa	GTV 2000	1974	Blue
Stephen Corrigan	1145	BMW	E36	1996	Black
Mick Walsh	965	Alfa	GTV6	1984	Red
Peter Walsh	134	Mazda	MX5	1991	Green

Blue Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Phil Charles	355	GRD Nota	Formula Libre	1977	Blue
Brian Wild	997	Mallock	Mk31	1997	Blue/Silver
Jim Andrews	653	Elfin	600B	1971	Silver/Black
Stan Benbrook	1018	Cooper	Climax Imp	1955	BRG
Neil Sivyer	605	Elfin	500FV	1967	Green
Mark Higginbotham	1017	Manta	Formula Vee	1985	Yellow
Kim Wells	1088	Bowin	FF P6F-73	1973	Blue/Orange
Rodney Duffield	926	Nimbus	Formula Vee	1976	Black
Edwin Brady	833	PDR Elfin NG Replica	Formula Vee	1990	Red/White
Randall Spice	470	Lola	T330 Super Vee	1973	Red
John Barram	361	Cheetah	Mk 5-F3	1973	Blue
Barry Forth	996	Mallock	U2	1968	Alloy/Yellow
Neville McKay	829	Mallock	U2	2001	Alloy/Yellow/Black
Lindsay Harris	1102	Volkswagen	Formula Vee	2001	Red
Peter Bartolo	1015	Westfield	SE	1994	Orange
Grant Craft	1124	Sharp Holden	Sharp	1965	Blue

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CLASSIFIEDS – CARS FOR SALE





1982 Corvette Collector's Edition. Immaculate paint and stunning interior. Runs well with Green Group. \$47,000. Gary Lucas 0448631490 gplucasglobal@gmail.com

ELFIN FORMULA 3

EX VERN HAMILTON



RED number 65 F3 1300cc Holbay Ford engine
Comes with historic log book
Expression Of Interest and offers for this classical race car

contact David on 3841 2730

2006 LOTUS EXIGE



Lotus Exige with many, many add Ons, has achieve 60 second lap of Lakeside Park.
EOI and sensible offers for this
2006 Toyota 2ZZS LOTUS!

contact David on 3841 2730

GEAR SCRUTINEERING CHECK SHEET



Drivers take full responsibility for the safety and roadworthiness of their vehicle. Please check the following items and sign the statement below.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	YES	NO	N/A
Brake lights working			
Firm brake pedal			
Brake fluid level- DOT 4 or better			
Flexible brake lines- not cracked			
Pad / lining thickness OK			
Battery secure			
Catch/overflow container fitted			
Fuel cap secure			
Bonnet secure (2 independent systems)			
Throttle springs – 2 fitted			
Fire extinguisher fitted			
Wheel nuts secure			
Tyre inflation correct			
All four tyres above wear marker			
Wheel bearings secure			
Wheel centre caps removed			
Seat and seat belt secure			
No loose objects inside vehicle			
Lamp glass protected (Tape)			
No oil or fluid leaks evident			
Rear vision mirrors effective			
Tail shaft restraint fitted			

I have inspected my vehicle as per the above checklist and I present my vehicle in safe condition as required for a GEAR event.