



**GOLDEN ERA AUTO RACING CLUB QLD
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Hello Members,

All the track days for 2025/26 on our club calendar were conducted completing another active and successful year.

Our club membership has remained stable at 321 members. Even with such significant membership, attracting enough mid-week entries is still a challenge. Lakeside Raceway continues to be the favourite with our members, averaging 59 entrants over the 7 meetings; the revamped Queensland Raceway averaged 42 for 1 meeting, and Morgan Park averaging 38 over 2 meetings. (not including the raining day which had 18). Over the eleven meetings, our track days attracted a totally of 503 entries.

A notable successful initiative introduced this year was GEAR's first ever club T-shirts and Polo shirts. These items have been popular, and the club is keeping stock on hand making the shirts available for sale at our track meetings.

The "Invited Clubs" initiative has been expanded by inviting more clubs to participate in an attempt to fill this Group at every meeting as we strive to meet track owner's expectations. We have consistently been able to run a fifth combined round for those who still have the energy and fuel at the end of day. This 'last run' has proved popular; it is a nice reward for an incident free day and adds more value for the effort and cost of coming to the track for the day.

Safety is the top priority of a successful GEAR event; both the Management Committee and the track operators have expressed satisfaction with the adherence to the Club's Driver's Code of Conduct. Our Drivers' Safety Briefings emphasise the need for all entrants to adhere to the Code and embraced the spirit of the Code. GEAR events need to be safe, relaxed, and social to allow all entrants to enjoy driving their cars on a racetrack.

Our events are consistently drawing interested visitors and spectators who come to see the machinery, socialise, and just enjoy the atmosphere at the racetrack.

The GEAR club Committee enjoys a strong and healthy relationship with all three track operators. All of them are very keen to make our track days safe and fun for all. The track operators provide all the staff to run our meetings. The Track Manager, Pit Lane Controllers, Observers and Ambulance Officers have provided great support through the year. They have kept our events flowing along smoothly and safely. Accordingly, on behalf of the Club, I thank all the track management and their staff for their professional conduct and patience with us.

I would like to thank the 2025/26 Management Committee for their consistent hard work, initiative and enthusiasm over the 12 months. It is a top team, particularly Colin Jacobson (Club Secretary/Registrar) who constantly commits many hours between meetings as the administrator and first point of contact for the Club. Committee members Ian Wakely, (Treasurer), Ross Johnson, Jim Andrews, Neil Sivyer (Webmaster) and our new GEAR Selector editor, David Christy, have each cheerfully done all that is asked of them with supporting the running of the Club. I am pleased to report that these good people are willing to continue in their respective roles for a further year, should the members wish them to.

In my view our Club is thriving. With our track days now firmly established at three different venues, still holding a total eleven meetings a year, the club offers plenty of variety and opportunity for its members and future members to enjoy bringing their cars to rewarding, social and enjoyable days on a racetrack.

Cheers

David Chilton