

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:

Hello Members,

The first GEAR event in 2026 program was a well-supported meeting with over 50 attendees on the evening. It was GEAR's second time holding a twilight/evening track day. The Open Wheeler Group showed their delight, being the largest of our four Groups.

Running in the cooler, latter part of a summer's day was appreciated by all of us, entrants and spectators alike. The track remained dry for the whole event. The novelty of participating under lights makes for a different experience both in the pits and out on the track. We will be back at QR to repeat this format in November where we hope to avoid the sun and heat again and enjoy our cars under the cooler atmosphere.

Those Open Wheeler's without lights, fitted front and rear LED's so they could be more easily seen, and in the other Groups the vehicles used their lights from the second round on as twilight descended. This arrangement worked well and was a general safety upgrade from our '25 evening event.

The four Groups all got four rounds, and there was sufficient time for a combined fifth round for the dedicated few that still had the energy, despite a significant oil spill earlier in the afternoon and a few tow-ins throughout the event. We had a more than usual number of red lights, but the red light for the rabbit running across the track and then up pit lane was probably a first for a GEAR meeting! One member was 'black flagged' for inoperable tail lights and, much chastened, commented that it is difficult to see a black flag at night! Something to work on in November.

The QR crew managed us well and were very efficient, giving all entrants as much track time as possible, despite the red-light incidents.

Tony Quinn, the QR owner, is still investing heavily in the facilities and he clearly sees a bright future for Motorsport here in SEQ.

Our '26 GEAR season is off to a solid start, please mark your calendar and join in at our next meeting at Lakeside Park on **Thursday 19 March**, (on track, 9am to 1pm, \$125 plus need a RACERS licence).

Cheers

David

NEWSLETTER EDITIONS FOR 2026....

We require a Gear Selector Newsletter editor.
Until then Editions will be after every 2 track days or thereabouts.

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GEAR MEMBERS: -

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

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

If you have any doubts to either of these requirements contact the Secretary Registrar



The new improved Pits



Track Entry



Oops, Wrong direction!

Editorial

Hi Members,

It was good to see so many members who attended QR and obviously survived the festive season and were looking forward to running their treasured car during 2026. The club needs active participation of members whenever possible. If you are unable to bring your car, come along and support those who are active on the track.

Our first track day for the year at QR was held on the evening of the 26th February. QR provided track lighting and entrants were asked to have visible lights front and back on their vehicle to ensure safety for the on-track activities. This appears to be a great safety improvement from last year's event.

Lakeside is our next date on the calendar on the 19th March, so please come along and join us for a day of action.

Until next edition.....keep safe and ensure your car is ready to go!

Col Jacobson – Acting Editor

Newsletter Editor Required!

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

Drivers List – GEAR Qld Raceway February 2026

Name	Member #	Car	Colour	Year	Group
Ian Wakely	558	Leyland	Mini Special	1976	Green
Steve Denby	865	Morris	Mini	1969	Green
Hadyn-Lea Maguire	1127	MG	F	1990	Green
Olivia Doyle	1128	MG	F	1990	Green
Howard Moss	921	MG	B	1969	Green
Michael Grice	1076	MG	B GT	1971	Green
Leon Ackermann	1110	Morris	Mini Deluxe	1967	Green
David Overington	961	Alfa Romeo	GTV	1969	Green
Greg Graham	1132	Morris	Mini Cooper	1967	Green
Michael Paine	775	Leyland	Mini 'S'	1978	Green
Rhet Silkstone	854	Morris	Cooper S	1969	Green
Rod Robertson	1049	Ford	Cortina	1964	Green
Chris Bool	993	Nissan	280ZX	1980	Green
Stephen Rzepka	973	Morris	Mini	1967	Green



Name	Member #	Car	Colour	Year	Group
Michael Halasz	852	Alfa Romeo	Alfetta GT	1978	Yellow
Stephen Hodge	1120	Ford	Fairmont	1978	Yellow
Mel Cason	721	Alfa Romeo	GTV 2000	1972	Yellow
Ian Oxborrow	937	Mazda	RX7 S3	1984	Yellow
Greg McKinnon	900	Ford	Mustang Edelbrock	1965	Yellow
Barry Evans	472	MG	B GT V8	1975	Yellow
David Godwin	982	MG	MGB V8	1966	Yellow
Mark Davies	399	Porsche	911	1975	Yellow
Daniel Bolous	665	Datsun	1600	1970	Yellow
Wayne Aherne	912	Nissan	Bluebird	1976	Yellow
Chris Ryan	1139	Pontiac	Firebird	1967	Yellow
Mick Walsh	965	Alfa Romeo	GTV	1984	Yellow



Name	Member #	Car	Colour	Year	Group
Stan Benbrook	1018	Westfield	Locost	2005	Blue/Red
Phil Charles	355	Lotus	Super Seven	1963	Blue/Red
Brian Aldred	977	Centaur	Clubman Mk3A	1965	Blue/Red
Neil Sivyer	605	Elfin	500 FV	1967	Blue/Red
Brian Wild	997	Mallock	MK31	1997	Blue/Red
Scott Aldred	1140	Centaur	Clubman 3A	1965	Blue/Red
Mark Higginbotham	1017	Toyota	MR2	1985	Blue/Red
Robert Townsend	956	Tiga	GT285	1985	Blue/Red
Kim Wells	1088	Bowin	FF P6F-73	1973	Blue/Red
Rodney Duffield	926	Nimbus	Formula Vee	1976	Blue/Red
Peter Bartolo	1015	Westfield	SE	1994	Blue/Red
Matt Cragg	1050	Nissan	Saurus	1993	Blue/Red
Lindsay Harris	1102	Volkswagen	Formula Vee	2001	Blue/Red
Malcom Douglas	1130	Ginetta	G4	2023	Blue/Red
Tony Galletly	706	Lotus	11	1957	Blue/Red
Max Parnell	206	Jaguar	MK3 3.4	1957	Blue/Red





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



GEAR Committee

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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

CLASSIFIEDS – Wanted/Lost

Wanted, Desperate: -

I'm hunting down a Laycock overdrive speedometer mechanism - the drive gear and whole mechanism- all my usual "go to's are a hard no, can anyone in the club assist? More than happy to pay in full.

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LOST: -

Left at Lakeside Park at the September meeting, a Shuberth Carbon Fibre helmet in a black BELL bag. If you know of its whereabouts, can you please

Contact : - Grant 0436258888



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 the safe condition as required for a GEAR event.