



## **GOLDEN ERA AUTO RACING CLUB (QLD)**

**Inc. IA32402**

### **President's Report for the 2024/25 AGM.**

Hello Members,

All the scheduled track days for 2024/25 were conducted completing another active and busy GEAR calendar. Our events are consistently drawing interested visitors and spectators who come to see the machinery, socialise, and just enjoy the atmosphere at the race track.

Our club membership has remained stable at 365 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 54 entrants over the 6 meetings; the revamped Queensland Raceway averaged 43 over 3 meetings, and Morgan Park averaging 39, over 2 meetings. Over the eleven meetings, our track days attracted a totally of 615 entries.

Two notable successful initiatives introduced this year were GEAR's first ever night meeting held at QR in February, and the introduction of club name badges to encourage members to more comfortably interact and make new connections.

The "Invited Clubs" initiative is now well accepted by members and a success, increasing our entries by around 14%, but down from 25% from the previous year as we strive to meet track owner's expectations. This decrease has been addressed by inviting more clubs to participate each meeting. Also, 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.

The rolling 30-year date in the Vehicle Eligibility Guidelines introduced two years ago to attract new members and increase track day participation has not caused any unforeseen issues.

Vehicle eligibility has been a constant issue throughout the years, and I expect will remain so as we adjust and adapt to keep the Club relevant to the motoring community.

Safety is the cornerstone 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 members have embraced the spirit of the Code, and this has made our track days very safe, very relaxed, and allowed all entrants to enjoy driving their cars on a racetrack.

The GEAR club Committee enjoys a strong and healthy relationship with all the 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.

I would like to thank the 2024/25 Management Committee for their hard and constant 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 Sivyver (Webmaster) and our creative GEAR Selector editor Karly Miller 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 and enjoyable days on a race track.

Cheers,

David Chilton