

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: Not this month, but I will be back!

President David is swanning around the globe so the Committee assumed the task of running the Lakeside event for May.

68 attendees enjoyed a perfect autumn day and ideal track conditions. The open wheeler cohort was again well represented. The invited group provided a useful addition to ensure GEAR is a viable client for Lakeside.

Mr. Lakeside, John Tetley was overheard saying that the record for a GEAR event was 95 entries. The current Committee sees that as a challenge and aims for 100 Lakeside entries on 18 June.

Following Jim's Clerk-of-Course briefing the event proceeded as planned, apart from a few minor incidents, and each group had four sessions on track.

A couple of reminders:

- Lakeside has a policy of 'no trailers in the pit area'. In addition to the safety issue, unloading on arrival can block others from accessing pit bays. Please adhere to this policy. Also show consideration when loading your trailer prior to the event concluding. The eastern end of the pit area gets quite congested with drivers entering and departing for each session and they need clear access around the pits.
- Fluid spills remain a concern, so please check fittings and filters before heading for the track.

Great to see that the 'Girls on Track' drivers' team are gaining in confidence.

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A few passenger laps were squeezed in as the event wrapped up.

With the club now offering a selection of GEAR T-shirts (\$25) and Polos (\$35) our Treasurer was doing a lively trade, requiring a further order from our supplier for specific sizes. According to Stevie Wonder, black is a slimming colour!

GEAR Members, let's aim to crack the 100 entries for Lakeside at the first winter meeting for 2026 on 18 June.

Your GEAR Committee on behalf of the President

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

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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

Editorial

Greetings Fellow Members,

57 GEAR Members were joined by 11 members of the invited Westfield, Lotus and MX5 clubs on a perfect day at Lakeside.

There were several off-track excursions in the first few sessions that fortunately didn't result in any significant damage to anything other than pride. Probably the result of tyres requiring more time to gain heat with the autumn weather cooling the track early on.

With President David being away, Treasurer Ian provided the drivers' briefing. He did the job efficiently and without sounding like an accountant or Federal Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers i.e. neither boring nor careless with the truth.

A new batch of GEAR shirts was on sale and were very popular with Members. They are now available as either t-shirts or polos. In response to a request, the Committee will be investigating the availability of long sleeve shirts which would be a good winter wardrobe addition and as a track driving shirt.

Ross Johnson has returned from his trip to Goodwood and is back behind the wheel of his BRG Brick and with his team of cameras snapping great photographic evidence of the day's activities.

Our next gathering on 18 June will be at Lakeside, again, but it is never boring at this great track. We look forward to having your company there.





GEAR Drivers List – Lakeside Park May 2026

Green Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Gordon Ross	949	Ford	GT40 Replica	2008	Yellow/Red Stripe
Greg Osborne	1086	Mini	Cooper S	1970	Blue/White
Roger Bennetts	972	Jaguar	XJ6	1974	White
Leigh Stone	1150	MG	B GT	1974	Red
Greg Graham	1132	Morris	Mini Cooper	1967	Red
Peter Mac	931	Bolwell	Mk 7	1966	Blue
Ray Retchless	588	Morris	Mini Cooper	1962	Blue
Ross Johnson	509	Morris	Mini	1965	BRG/White
Nick Cole	1051	MG	Midget	1969	Red/White
Lance Boucaut	319	Holden	Buchanan Special	1959	Blue
Howard Moss	921	MG	B	1967	Red
Denis Thomas	598	MG	B V8	1978	Yellow
Stephen Corrigan	1145	BMW	E36	1996	Black
Mark Schumacher	1138	Ford	Mustang	1965	Orange
Max Parnell	206	Jaguar	Mk 3	1957	White
Neil Cope	1148	Peugeot	205 GTi	1989	White
Steve Denby	865	Morris	Mini	1969	Blue/White
Gregory Houghton	343	Jaguar	XJ 6	1975	Red
David Overington	961	Alfa Romeo	GTV	1969	Red
Haydn-Lea Maguire	1127	MG	F	1995	BRG
Olivia Doyle	1128	MG	F	1995	BRG

Yellow Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Joe Gehrke	1005	Toyota	Celica GT-4	1990	Red
Laurie Densley	1060	Mercury	Cougar	1970	Orange
Wayne Aherne	912	Nissan	Bluebird	1976	White
Nathan Kay	868	Jaguar	XJ 6	1977	Maroon
James Petty	1068	Porsche	911 SC	1979	Red
Jim Goulden	604	Ford	Anglia	1963	Grey
Barry Evans	472	MG	B GT V8	1975	Green
Jon Kendall	789	Holden	Torana SS	1976	Black
David Christy	202	BMW	E30 M3	1988	Silver
Stephen Hodge	1120	Ford	Fairmont	1978	Yellow
Liam Pelly	863	Chevrolet	Camaro	1967	Yellow
Larry Bazarnik	875	Chevrolet	Camaro	1967	Maroon
Glenn Zagami	1101	Toyota	Celica GT-4	1990	Grey
Gary Yates	990	Bolwell	Mk 7	1966	Blue
Stephen Ziu	800	Ford	Escort Mk1 1300	1972	Blue
Paul Tilley	767	Ford	Falcon GT	1969	Silver Fox
Richard Blundell	405	BMW	E 21 323	1978	White
Mark Davies	399	Porsche	911	1975	White
Ian Oxborrow	937	Mazda	RX7 S3	1984	Red
Stephen Callaghan	435	Alfa Romeo	GTV	1973	Red
Michael Davis	1021	MG	F	1995	BRG
Mick Walsh	965	Alfa Romeo	GTV V6	1984	Red
Peter Walsh	134	Mazda	MX5	1991	Green
Bill Blackmore	922	Lotus	Elan +2	1968	Red

	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Stan Benbrook	1018	Cooper	Imp	1995	BRG
Jim Andrews	653	Elfin	600B	1971	Silver/Black
Brian Aldred	977	Centaur	Clubman Mk 3A	1965	Black
Scott Aldred	1140	Centaur	Clubman Mk 3A	1965	Black
Mark Higginbotham	1017	Manta	Formula Vee	1985	Yellow
Lindsay Harris	1102	Volkswagen	Formula Vee	2001	Red
Barry Wise	413	March	Formula Atlantic	1981	Red/Silver
Edwin Brady	833	PDR Elfin NG Replica	Formula Vee	1990	Red/White
Rodney Duffield	926	Nimbus	Formula Vee	1976	Maroon
David Morgan	1004	Lola	T590	1980	Blue
Peter Bartolo	1015	Westfield	SE	1994	Orange
Randall Spice	470	Lola	T 320 Super Vee	1973	Red





Col was about to put the boot into Ross's Mini till he saw the cameraman.



US vs Japan



Germany vs Italy



Peter is impressed that Max's Jag isn't using oil, but Max isn't impressed with the fuel economy.

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 achieved 60 second lap of Lakeside Park.
EOI and sensible offers for this
2006 Toyota 2ZZS LOTUS!

contact David on 3841 2730

Ford Lotus 18 Formula Junior



Built on an original chassis jig alongside an original car, was built as a Spare chassis. No chassis number so not logbooked to MA requirements. Highly suitable for GEAR days or Supersprints 109e 1100cc engine with Steel Crank, Rods and Bearing caps, revs to 8000rpm.

Gearbox is Renault Dauphine converted to 4 speed as in period.

Absolutely period correct in every detail and simply the most fun car I have ever driven.

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Jaguar 3.8 Manual/Overdrive 1961



Coombs lookalike with cutaway rear spats and louvred bonnet. Black with Beige trim and Chrome wires. Engine is genuine 3.8 with Side Port Head, High compression pistons and camshaft. Triple 48mm Dellortos and Competition Extractors. All Synchro/Overdrive Gearbox. Vented Discs with new Booster etc. Lowered suspension.

Fast but non fussy engine, plenty of power for track or road.

Super looking car that could double as a GEAR Car.

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1973 MK4 Cheetah - Historic Formula 3



A well-known and actively campaigned Australian Historic Formula 3 car with excellent provenance.

First owned by Neil Neilson Holden and driven by Peter Roach, the car was purchased by Hugh Gartley in 1974 and then raced, maintained and developed by him for more than 46 years. I purchased the car directly from Hugh in 2021 and am only the third owner since new.

The car comes with its current CAMS / Motorsport Australia logbook and Certificate of Description, along with the original green CAMS logbooks.

It is fitted with a Holinger 5-speed gearbox and comes with spare ratios. Very low-use Hugh Gartley-built 1298cc Corolla engine, described by Hugh as having “all the good bits”. Also included are a spare set of wheels, nosecone, and various odd spares and parts.

I am simply consolidating the collection down to a more manageable and usable size. As they say, you can’t drive them all.

Located in South East Queensland.

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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.



2026 HSRCA Sydney Classic
Sydney Motorsport Park

**THANKS TO HSRCA, GEAR CAN RUN ON THE
FULL LENGTH GARDNER CIRCUIT**

Friday 5th June – Practice Day

**NO LOG BOOK OR MA LICENCE REQUIRED
4 RUNS – GEAR STYLE GROUPS**

\$250 ENTRY

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