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

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



GEAR SELECTOR NEWSLETTERS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER EACH TRACK DAY!

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IN GEAR....

JUNE MEET

(NOT) THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 22 JUNE 2023

WITH THE PRESIDENT TOURING IN THE CHILLY SOUTHERN LATITUDES IT WAS LEFT TO THE COMMITTEE TO MANAGE THE DAY, AND WHAT A DAY IT WAS AT LAKESIDE PARK ON 22 JUNE WITH SUNNY SKIES AND PERFECT TRACK CONDITIONS. MORNING TEMPERATURES WERE APPROACHING ZERO AND HENCE A SLOW START WAS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, IT WAS A SURPRISE TO FIND THE PITS VERY BUSY BY 7.30AM. A QUEUE SOON DEVELOPED AT THE SIGN-ON DESK WHERE WE REGISTERED 85 ENTRANTS FOR THE DAY, INCLUDING 17 FROM THE INVITED CLUBS. THERE WAS A GREAT TURN OUT ACROSS ALL THE GROUPS AND IT WAS PLEASING TO SEE A WELL ATTENDED OPEN WHEEL COHORT WILLING TO TAKE IN THE BRISK MORNING AIR.

THE DRIVER BRIEFING PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY AND THEN DAN, OUR CLERK OF THE COURSE, EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME ALONG WITH SOME WISE WORDS AND THE NECESSARY CAUTIONS. CLEARLY THESE WORDS FELL ON ATTENTIVE EARS AS ALL THE SESSIONS RAN VERY SMOOTHLY WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS.

THE DAY WARMED UP, MANY VISITORS ROLLED IN WITH THEIR CLASSIC CARS AND THE CANTEEN WAS SOON DOING A BRISK TRADE. WALLETS WERE ALSO OPENED BY SOME TO PAY THE 2023/24 MEMBERSHIP FEE. A GENTLE REMINDER THAT OUR ANNUAL FEE IS NOW \$30, FOR THOSE PAYING BEFORE 31 JULY. PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEPOSIT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

WE HAD A QUICK DE-BRIEF WITH DAN AFTER THE FINAL SESSION AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD MAINTAINED AN EAGLE EYE FROM THE CONTROL TOWER HE OBSERVED NOTHING OF GREAT CONCERN. HE WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY ON DRIVER BEHAVIOUR AND OVERALL ADHERENCE TO OUR DRIVER'S CODE OF CONDUCT.

LATER IN THE DAY, AS THE TRAILERS WERE LOADED AND TOOLS STASHED AWAY, THERE WERE SMILES AND HAPPY FACES ACROSS THE PITS. IT WAS VERY GRATIFYING TO RECEIVE SO MANY COMPLIMENTS ON A VERY ENJOYABLE DAY. FEEDBACK, ESPECIALLY OF A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE KIND, IS ALWAYS MOST WELCOME!

LOOKING AHEAD, GEAR IS BACK AT LAKESIDE PARK ON JULY 27TH FOR MORE FUN IN THE WINTER SUN. THE COMMITTEE HAS EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO THE WESTFIELD, LOTUS AND MX5 CLUBS TO MAKE UP THE 'INVITED GROUP' AT OUR REMAINING LAKESIDE PARK MEETINGS IN 2023. WE ARE THEN OFF TO MORGAN PARK, WARWICK ON AUGUST 23RD JOINING THE PRACTICE DAY FOR OUR FIRST FULL TILT AT THIS EXCITING VENUE.

ALSO, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) WILL BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 28TH. AS WE HAVE DONE IN RECENT YEARS, TO ENABLE AN EFFICIENT MEETING THE FORMAL DOCUMENTS WILL BE CIRCULATED WELL AHEAD OF THE AGM. MORE ON THIS NEARER THE DATE!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING THE PRESIDENT ON HIS RETURN, AND MEANWHILE WISH YOU HAPPY TIMES IN THE WORKSHOP AS YOU PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR THE NEXT GEAR DAY.

IAN & COL



Editorial

Hey Racers

Was a nice fresh start to GEAR in June.....but it sure warmed up during the day for yet another fun day at Lakeside! Looking forward to our next meet at Lakeside, it's always great to see everyone out and about!

As we have new members joining our club regularly, a fun way to find out a little more about each other, I'm going to feature a GEAR members response to the 15 Fast Facts. So get yourself familiar with the questions as I could be coming around and asking you!! The questions are featured in this months newsletter.

Please remember to renew your annual GEAR membership - I have included a link to the interactive form which you can complete online and email to GEAR. This form is also available on the GEAR website.

Once again, please remember, if there is anything you want me to add to our newsletter, please reach out, as I would love to hear your ideas.

I have removed all the classifieds (except for the new add only added this edition). If you are interested in selling your car, please just send me an email with the particulars, cost and some photos (and of course your contact information including phone number/email) and I will include it in the classifieds section.

I'm also interested in featuring stories about your cars and their history as they all have their own unique stories which we would love to hear. So, please if you have any ideas for a good story, please contact me as I would love to add your article in our GEAR newsletter.



Karly Miller – Editor

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Eat—Sleep—Race—Repeat!



Upcoming car events ...

- Sat 29 July - Nambour Swap Meet
- Sun 30 July, Mopar Sunday, Willowbank Raceway
- Sun 30 July - Corvette Classic 2023, Sandstone Point Hotel, Bribie Island
- 4-6 August - GreazeFest 2023, Redland Showgrounds
- Sat 19 August - Mopar Mayhem 2023, Lakeside
- Sat 19 August - Annual Kooralbyn Car and Motorcycle Show
- Sat 26 August - Peninsula Motorfest, Pelican Park, Clontarf

If you know of any upcoming car meets in your areas, let me know!



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GEAR QLD DATES FOR 2023

| | | |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| THURSDAY | 27 JULY | LAKESIDE PARK |
| WEDNESDAY | 23 AUGUST | MORGAN PARK |
| THURSDAY | 28 SEPTEMBER | LAKESIDE / AGM |
| THURSDAY | 12 OCTOBER | QLD RACEWAY |
| THURSDAY | 23 NOVEMBER | LAKESIDE PARK |
| THURSDAY | 7 DECEMBER | LAKESIDE PARK |

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL ALSO BE ON 7 DECEMBER

EVENT TIMES

LAKESIDE PARK 9.00AM – 4.00PM

MORGAN PARK 9.00AM – 1.00PM

QLD RACEWAY 8.30AM – 12.30PM

ALSO PUBLISHED ON [HTTPS://GEAR.ORG.AU/CALENDAR/](https://gear.org.au/calendar/)



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MEMBERSHIP

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DONT FORGET THAT OUR GEAR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023 - 24 IS NOW DUE.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BY THE 31ST JULY FOR SINGLE RENEWAL IS \$30 DUAL \$50 AND AFTER THAT CUTOFF DATE OF 31ST JULY SINGLE RENEWAL WILL BE \$40 AND DOUBLE RENEWAL \$60.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM](#) FORM COMPLETION

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DRIVERS LIST – GREEN GROUP

Lakeside Park (22 June 2023)

| Member # | Name | Car | Colour |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 865 | Steve Denby | Morris Mini | Blue/White |
| 949 | Gordon Ross | Ford GT40 Replica | Yellow/Red Stripe |
| 972 | Roger Bennetts | Jaguar XJ6 | White |
| 792 | Gordon Morrison | Ford Cortina | Red/Gold |
| 714 | Paul Cuthbert | Sprite Mk1 | Green/red stripe |
| 812 | Peter Lefrancke | MG B LE | Black |
| 670 | Rod Zaverdinos | GSM Dart | Red |
| 676 | Doug Rath | Ford Cortina | Yellow |
| 662 | Paul Ritchie | Sunbeam Alpine | Orange |
| 472 | Barry Evans | MG B GT V8 | Green |
| 1021 | Michael Davis | MG B Mk11 | British Racing Green |
| 734 | Raymond Hammond | Ford XYGT | Blue/White |
| 735 | David Blyth | Ford XYGT | White/Blue |
| 1031 | Alan Gehrke | Ford Mustang | Red |
| 649 | David Symons | Porsche 914 | Orange |
| 588 | Ray Retchless | Morris Mini Cooper | Blue |
| 775 | Michael Paine | Leyland, Mini | Red/white |
| 591 | Duncan Miller | Holden FJ | Cream/ Maroon |
| 1032 | Pena Manuel | Alfa Romeo GTV | Red |
| 931 | Peter Mac | Bolwell Mk7 | Orange |
| 1029 | Hallinan Chris | Ford Escort Mk1 | White |
| 343 | Gregory Houghton | Jaguar XJ6 | Red |
| 893 | Karly Miller | Mazda RX7 SII | Gold |
| 975 | Chris Rath | Ford Cortina Mk1 | White/Blue |
| 863 | Liam Pelly | Chevrolet Camaro | Yellow |
| 875 | Larry Bazarnik | Chevrolet Camaro | Maroon |
| 990 | Gary Yates | Bolwell Mk7 | White/Orange |
| 672 | Colin Jacobson | Ford Escort Mk2 | Red |
| 558 | Ian Wakely | Leyland Mini Special | Red/ white |



DRIVERS LIST – YELLOW GROUP

Lakeside Park (22 June 2023)

| Membership # | Name | Car | Colour |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 338 | Philip Boekenstein | Rover 3500S | Silver |
| 905 | Andrew Wilson | Alfa 1750 | Silver/Black |
| 484 | Robin Fleming | Morris Cooper S | BR Green |
| 501 | Perry Dayas | Porsche 911 Carrera | White |
| 1005 | Joe Gehrke | Ford Mustang | Red |
| 600 | Stan Adler | Porsche 911 | Blue/Yellow |
| 900 | Greg McKinnon | Ford Mustang Edelbrock | White/Red/Blue |
| 1017 | Mark Higginbotham | Toyota MR2 | Yellow |
| 269 | Campbell Anderson | lotus exige | Jaffaa |
| 456 | Nathan Kelly | Datsun 1600 | Blue/Silver |
| 319 | Lance Boucaut | Datsun 260Z | Red |
| 970 | Phil Walters | Ford Mustang | Red |
| 969 | Stuart Watson | Ford Falcon XY | Maroon |
| 114 | Norm Singleton | Alfa Romeo 1750 GTV | Green/Red |
| 756 | Paul Young | Alfa Romeo GTV | White/Orange |
| 468 | Bob Bear | MG B GT | Green |
| 405 | Richard Blundell | BMW E21 323 | White |
| 965 | Mick Walsh | Triumph TR7 Sprint | Red/Gold |
| 795 | John Gillingwater | BMW 1602 | Orange |
| 1011 | John McLennan | BMW 2002 | Yellow |
| 953 | Philip Larsson | Porsche 944 Turbo | White |
| 435 | Stephen Callaghan | Alfa Romeo GTV 2000 | Red |



DRIVERS LIST – RED GROUP

Lakeside Park (22 June 2023)

| Membership # | Name | Car | Colour |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 467 | Thomas Lane | Ferrari Rec 500F2 | red |
| 653 | Jim Andrews | Elfin 600B | Silver/Black |
| 943 | Kevin Powerlett | Zink Z11 | Yellow |
| 908 | Neal Bolam | Formula Vee Bee Ceee | White/Stars |
| 507 | Colin Berneville-Claye | Fraser Clubman | Black |
| 926 | Rodney Duffield | Nimbus Formula Vee | Maroon |
| 1026 | Grant Wales | Ford Echo Replica Echo | Blue |
| 1018 | Stan Benbrook | Elfin 623 | Red |
| 470 | Randall Spice | Westfield Locost | White/Black stripe |
| 361 | John Barram | Cheetah Mk 5-F3 | Blue |
| 845 | David Crocker | Elfin 623 | Red |
| 605 | Neil Sivyer | Elfin 500 | Green |
| 833 | Edwin Brady | Elfin NG Replica Formula Vee | Red/white |











MORE PHOTOS ONLINE: SEE [ROSSJOHNSONPHOTOGRAPHY.ZENFOLIO.COM/GEAR_2023S](https://rossjohnsonphotography.zenfolio.com/gear_2023s)

LAKESIDE HISTORY.....

A big thanks to Richard Croston for sharing

Did you know....Lakeside was built on Sid Sakewski's farm using a lot of volunteer labour supplied by the young motor racing enthusiasts from QMSC (Queensland Motor Sport Club) around 1959/60.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL RACE MEETING WAS HELD ON 19TH MARCH 1961.

The entry list contained an interesting collection of cars including:

- the HWM Jaguar (J Hough)
- The Ferrari Super Squallo (Des Kelley)
- A 5 litre Cadillac Special driven by R D Mason and
- many other makes, MG, Holden, Triumph, and Volkswagen.

Sid entered two cars, the Plymouth Belvedere and the first Porsche Carrera to come to Queensland. The Belvedere was raced on Sundays and used for the school run among other duties during the week. Note the plastic cover on the windscreen of the Belvedere.





15 FAST FACTS

1. Name
2. Model of Car/s
3. How long have you been a member of GEAR?
4. Occupation?
5. Do you have any special skills/talent? eg juggling, magic tricks, fit 20 marshmallows in mouth etc
6. What is your dream car?
7. Race Track you would love to do a lap of
8. Beer Wine or Spirits
9. Cats or Dogs
10. Favourite Movie
11. Favourite Food
12. Favourite Music artist/Song
13. Biggest fear
14. If you could invite one person (dead or alive) to dinner who would it be?
15. One thing I cannot live without is?



ONE OF MY FAVS.....

Thanks Doug for letting me feature your fine piece of machinery

It's not just the awesome cars that drive around the track that we all love to see, but it's also the amazing cars that are parked around the track that makes GEAR such an enjoyable car meet and event.

I just had to feature one of my favourites, owned by Doug Matthews. What an astounding job, I just love this beast! Check out Doug's story below, it was also featured in the Cruzin magazine #263!

The hot rod is a 1940 Chev Truck cab that was made by HOLDEN's (yes it has an apostrophe S, check the tag on the firewall) and is mounted on an A model Ford Chassis....why you ask, because it seemed like a good idea at the time and also because that is what we had laying around. It did make for some interesting times for fabrication etc to get everything to fit and look normal.

Engine is a mild 350 Small block Chev, with twin 600 Holley carbs on an old school Edelbrock tunnel ram manifold. Gearbox is a Turbo 350 and the diff is from a '72 Camaro....wanted to keep it all as GM as I could. It goes ok, given the pickup only weighs about 800kgs and engine makes around 375HP....power to weight is a good thing sometimes. Fuel economy is average, gets 25 litres to 100 kilometres, but I didn't build it for economy.

I decided to keep the original paint and patina on the truck and that meant making the brand new tray match the 80 year old cab....after a bit of trial and error, I think we got the fake patina pretty good.

Interior remains fairly sparse, no carpet, simple bucket seats, bespoke one off handbrake lever that started life as an Al-Ko boat winch, shifter etc...Steering column is from a HX Holden and the centre console is a hand built one off that houses the radio.

Interior light is a Butlers rally light (sourced from regular GEAR spectator John Whelan) just to be different.

The Mobil logos are hand painted by myself and are a tribute to my grandfather who owned a Chev truck back in the '30's when he was a rep for Vacuum Oil Company, the forerunner to Mobil. His surname was Greasley, hence the name on the rear tailgate.

The artwork on the air vent is a tribute to my father who served in the Navy in WW2 and is credited with shooting down a Japanese Zero in the battle of the Coral Sea. The artwork is a copy of the artwork displayed on his patrol boat Fairmile ML825.

People ask what is it like to drive....I tell them it is loud, bumpy and hot.....and makes you smile every time you drive it.

If you see the pickup at a GEAR meet or out and about, feel free to come up and say giddyay and have a closer look.



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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 | | | |

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