



Golden Era Auto Racing Club Qld Inc.
Incorporated Association IA 32402

**President's Report for the Year Ending
30 June 2023**

Hello Members,

Our wonderful Club has hosted another full and successful event program. We conducted 11 of the 12 scheduled track days, only losing one due to bad weather. Over the 11 meetings we averaged 50 entrants. This figure is down 6 on the previous year. The Lakeside track continues to be the favourite, averaging 60 entrants over the 7 meetings. QR averaged 35 over 3 meetings, and for our first meeting at Morgan Park we had 26.

Thanks to the 179 members who entered at least one meeting, and the 119 members who entered at least two meetings throughout the year; and a special acknowledgement to the 90 odd members who make up the solid core of our entrants.

Our club membership reached 365 by 30 June, an increase of 11 over the previous year. This is a healthy number, but the Club is still challenged to meet its obligation to turn up with sufficient entrants for the hosting track operators to run a profitable day. The Management Committee trialled inviting other car clubs to make up an extra track group. This trial has proven successful. It is hoped that changing the Vehicle Eligibility Guidelines will be the next initiative to increase track day participation.

The Committee predicts that there will be pressure to increase the track fees, and our best argument against this is good, consistent roll ups. We need to average 80 at Lakeside and 50 at Morgan Park to keep hosting full days, and 50 at QR for half days.

The track operators provide all the staff to run our meetings. The Clerks of Course, Pit Lane Controllers, Observers, and Ambulance Officers have served us well. They have kept our events flowing along smoothly and safely. On behalf of the Club, I thank them for their professional service.

The Management Committee and the track operators have been very satisfied with standard of driving, and 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.

I would like to thank the 2022/23 Management Committee for their efforts, enthusiasm and willingness to accept responsibility over the last year. It has been a top team... particularly Colin Jacobson who puts in many hours acting as the first point of contact for the Club, as well as handling the duties of Club Secretary, Membership Registrar and Spreadsheet Czar, and Ian Wakely, our diligent and competent Treasurer. Committee members Ross Johnson, Jim Andrews, John Partington (who is retiring after faithfully serving us for over 5 years) willingly gave their wisdom and support. Many thanks also to Neil Sivyler (Website Master) and to Karly Miller (Newsletter Editor) for their great work.

In conclusion, our Club is thriving, and if returned at the AGM we will continue to deal with the challenges next year to keep it that way. I encourage you to make every effort to participate in the track days in 2024. If you cannot drive, come for a coffee, stay for lunch, and spend a few hours enjoying the carnival atmosphere with fellow members and their cars.

Cheers,
David Chilton