

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,

"Superb GEAR day at Morgan Park today." This was from a member's email that greeted me on my return from Warwick. It looks like I was not the only one who thought our August track day was a delight. In fact, I know it was because so many entrants came up to me and other Committee members to tell us so during the day.

So why did it work so well for so many? Well, you could put it down to the beautiful clear skies and the country air, but there is more. The track was in pristine condition, as was the venue; the very welcoming staff looked after us, but I would suggest it was largely the attitude and conduct of the participating members.

Thanks for following not just the guidance in our Driver's Code of Conduct, but also the spirit of its content. We had one of the best all round GEAR track days one could hope for. It reminded me of the GEAR I enjoyed when I first joined the club, twenty years ago. Another contributor to that feeling is the slightly slower, relaxed pace of the day given our short lunchtime break and mid-day passenger runs.

The now regular Wednesday evening in Warwick social gathering was also well attended, as overnighting members took in Warwick's hospitality.

The event had the usual four groups, many enjoying five rounds, although some had run out of energy or fuel before the 3pm close.

Congratulations to all involved.

We were honoured to have John and Kerry Rowe (our latest life Members) visit us from their home in Toowoomba. John has just celebrated his 80th birthday. Thanks John and Kerry for all that you did to help make our Club what it is today.

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Please join us at Lakeside Park for our September 24th track day and Annual General Meeting (AGM). All the information for the AGM will be published on the GEAR website well in advance of the meeting. Please direct any questions and/or queries to the Secretary via email, BEFORE the meeting. This will allow our AGM to be very efficient, as in previous years, and sorted out well before the Driver's Safety Briefing.

I am looking forward to it already!

Cheers

David

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 Orange with a date of 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027**
2. **All cars entered in the event must be prior approved to run at GEAR Track Events.**
3. **If you have any doubts regarding either of these requirements, please contact the Secretary.**



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REMAINING 2026 GEAR QLD DATES

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,

Despite a temperature of 5 degrees at sunrise, Warwick provided a taste of spring as action got underway at Morgan Park with clear blue skies and no wind.

The 38 GEAR Members were usefully supported by 9 members from the invited Westfield, Lotus and MX 5 Clubs.

Over a dozen GEAR Members arrived on Wednesday to stay at various motels in Warwick, thus allowing them a sleep-in and a civilized hour to start the day. The Horse and Jockey Hotel provided a great place for Members to enjoy food, drink and convivial atmosphere where motor racing lies could be exchanged with no sense of shame. A bit like a fishing club gathering.

At the track briefing, President David invited two of the more attractive GEAR Members to elegantly showcase the Club shirts. Sadly, no pictures are available of these catwalk cuties strutting their stuff but be assured, in line with GEAR's high moral standards, no man-boobs were in evidence. Treasurer Ian can supply you with the GEAR shirts in your choice of either T-shirts or polos (short or long sleeve). Contact Ian (treasurer@gearqld.org) to select your preferred style or one of each. Collect them at Lakeside next month.

CLUB NAME BADGES Orders for GEAR name badges are being taken. Like one? Act now, don't delay! Deposit \$10 into the Club's bank account. In the description, write your name as you would like it to appear on your badge. Contact Secretary Col (secretary@gearqld.org). Too easy!

The Committee is keen to see you all for the next track meeting on Thursday 24 September at Lakeside when the AGM will be held. President David is hoping to beat the Guinness Book of Records for the shortest AGM time. That will be worth seeing.

TO SEE MORE PHOTOS GO TO ROSS JOHNSON PHOTOGRAPHY.

PLEASE NOTE – MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2026/27 ARE NOW DUE.



More useful information from Tim Binns

The Eyes Have It

Our physiology is ancient. Under stress, we naturally lock our eyes onto a target: a threat to escape from or something to chase. That instinct served us well long before cars existed, but on track it can work against us. We are not naturally wired to look for open space and find the gap; we have to train ourselves to do it.

A classic example is the oversteer tail slide. There may be one tree in an otherwise empty paddock, but what usually gets hit? The tree — because that is what the driver looked at. Hint: look for the open space not the hazard.

On track, especially under pressure, this instinct is something we must manage. That is why we work hard to practise lifting our eyes and keeping our focus up toward the horizon. Braking markers and apexes are essential references, but the real skill is looking through the corner and toward the exit.

Pit discussions often include a lot of detail about how another car left the track. We watch it, absorb it, and sometimes risk following the accident with one of our own. If we follow too closely behind an object, it becomes a threat. Lap by lap, our eyes begin to lock onto it.

When frustration — often called red mist — takes over, other unhelpful adrenaline responses can follow. We may tighten our grip on the wheel, make large and clumsy inputs, look down at the object instead of scanning the whole picture, or forget to check our mirrors. These habits work against smooth driving, increase risk, and spoil lap times.

At GEAR, we have the luxury — as the briefing reminds us — of not racing. That gives us the chance to remove the pressure. If the red mist rises, ease back for half a lap, create some clear track, reset your vision, and enjoy practising eyes up.



GEAR Drivers List - Morgan Park August 2026

Green Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Michael Grice	1076	MG	B GT	1971	Red
Ken Loomes	1027	Alfa Romeo	33	1990	Green
Leon Ackermann	1110	Morris	Mini Deluxe	1967	White
Michael Paine	775	Leyland	Mini 'S'	1978	Red/White
Geoffrey Messer	909	MG	B	1971	Camino Gold
Ian Wakely	558	Leyland	Mini Special	1976	Red/White
Denis Thomas	598	MG	B V8	1978	Yellow
Colin Jacobson	672	Triumph	GT6	1971	White
Chris Bool	993	Holden	Kingswood	1968	Green
Duncan Miller	591	Holden	FJ	1954	Cream/Maroon
Howard Moss	921	MG	B	1967	Red
Elliot Moss	1094	Toyota	Sprinter	1983	White

Yellow Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Gary Brown	998	Dodge	Dart	1968	Lime/Black
Mel Cason	721	Alfa Romeo	GTV 2000	1972	Red
David Christy	202	BMW	E30 M3	1988	Silver
Mark Davies	399	Porsche	944	1986	Black
David Chilton	230	Lotus	Elise	1998	BRG
Jon Kendall	789	Holden	Torana SS	1976	Black
Daniel Bolous	665	Datsun	1600	1970	Blue
Barry Evans	472	MG	B GT V8	1975	Green
Dale Heard	768	Plymouth	Valiant	1961	White
Wayne Ahearne	912	Nissan	Bluebird	1976	White
Bob Bear	468	Alfa Romeo	1750 GTV	1971	Red
Greg McKinnon	900	Ford	Mustang Edelbrock	1965	White/Red/Blue
Stephen Callaghan	435	Alfa Romeo	GTV 2000	1973	Red
Peter Walsh	134	Mazda	MX 5	1991	Green

Blue Group Entrants	Member Number	Car	Model	Year	Colour
Jim Andrews	653	Elfin	600B	1971	Silver/Black
David Keel	1105	Renault	Special	1965	Blue
Brian Aldred	977	Centaur	Clubman Mk 3A	1965	Black
Kerry Lyall	1151	Spirit	Formula Vee	1996	Yellow/White
Rodney Duffield	926	Nimbus	Formula Vee	1976	Maroon
Douglas Anderson	872	Elfin	600	1969	Red
Gordon Ross	949	MRC	Mk 2 Replica	1968	Light Blue/Blue stripe
Leslie Endres	846	Dulon	FF MP21	1979	Blue
Stan Benbrook	1018	Cooper	Climax Imp	1955	BRG
Keven Johnson	1162	Kajera	Mk ! Sports 1300	1998	Red/Yellow
John Partington	781	Holden	Special	1972	Yellow
Fred Frech	765	March	77B	1977	Red











1982 Corvette Collector's Edition



Immaculate paint and stunning interior. Runs well with Green Group. \$47,000. Gary Lucas 0448 631 490 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.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND (contact secretary@gearqld.org)



LOST



Misplaced at Lakeside Park 23rd July 2026
Ryobi Impact Driver similar to this one.
If you have it or can shed some light on its whereabouts
can you please advise Steve Jeffs Ph: 0413889979



Lost at Morgan Park 27 August. Contact Gary Brown 0408 920 355

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