



# Golden Era Auto Racing Club Incorporated

This is to introduce the Golden Era Auto Racing Club Inc which commenced formation following a lunchtime meeting of Country Gentlemen's Day competitors in February 1999 at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. The Meeting elected Graeme Snape and Jim Madden as the Steering Committee to formalise and incorporate the Club and to organise the Competition Programme for the Club's first event at Wakefield Park in May, 1999.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 8 December, 1999. The following Committee was elected:  
President – Jim Madden    Vice-President – Graeme Snape    Secretary – Robyn Snape  
Treasurer – Ian (Sam) Johnson    General Committee – Terry Harris

At the formation meeting of the Club, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that twelve Foundation Life Members would finance the formation costs of the Club and each founder member put up \$200.00.

It was agreed that the Club would be developed in two stages. The first stage being the staging of events like super sprints and regularities incorporating different approaches to events with an emphasis on safety and fun. Our first competitive Race Meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 under a Wakefield Park Permit with approximately 80 entrants.

GEAR has continued to run motor sport events focusing as much on the cars, as on the people and the history of our sport.

The GEAR format was also used to create two affiliated clubs, GEAR Queensland (running at Lakeside and Queensland Raceway) and Second GEAR. In late 2016 GEAR and Second GEAR formally amalgamated.

The aims and objectives of the Club, membership, vehicle guidelines information and details of proposed events are set out below. We look forward to your support and your participation in the Club's low-cost, safe and fun, motor sport activities.

## **AIMS**

GEAR Club Inc. has, as its principal aim, the preservation of the racing cars, sports racing cars, sports cars, saloon cars, formula cars and clubman as well as those cars with a history in Australian motor racing, from its formative years.

To achieve this goal, the Club will actively encourage and support the restoration, conservation and the pleasurable usage and enjoyment of the cars which have contributed to the history of Australian motorsport.

With respect to the founding principles of GEAR Club Inc., all pre 60's racing cars, sports racing cars, sports cars, saloon cars, formula cars and clubman, or true copies of those cars, will ALWAYS AND INDEFINITELY, have a class available to run in at GEAR Club Inc. events.

The Club will promote and organise gatherings, static and mobile displays and motoring events for members and their cars, to meet all of their varying and different needs in an affordable, safe, regulated and social motor sport environment. Safety requirements will be in conformity with established practice operating throughout Australia and with the Standards Association of Australia.

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GEAR will be by design a specialist Club concentrating its effort predominately for the cars within the club's guidelines of the "Golden Era of Australian Motor Sport", in order to provide its members with a range of events not normally or practically available within the more broadly based car clubs of the Historic Movement.

GEAR Club Inc. will be as much on the camaraderie and social aspects of meeting like enthusiasts, of discussing the history of racing cars and drivers of the eras, and of technical matters relating thereto, and for the display and use of the vehicles in organised and special events. A regular Newsletter will be sent to members to keep them fully informed of coming events, Club activities and historic motor sport chatter.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all with an interest in the preservation of the cars and history of the Golden Era of Australian Motor Sport and Australian Specials of the period. Particularly welcome are the owners and former owners of racing cars of the era, their families, pit crews and mechanics, loyal supporters and former spectators.

Membership fee is \$30.00, 1 July to 30 June annually.

## **LICENCES**

The centre of Club activities for both non-aggressive drive days and speed events will be the Wakefield Park Motor Racing Circuit, Braidwood Road, Goulburn, NSW, 2580, Australia.

Events will be conducted under the jurisdiction and regulations of the Club and as sanctioned by AASA. Applicants must be over the age of 17 years.

All members wishing to enter in an event must have a Club Comp Licences or hold a valid full racing licence as issued by any recognised Motor Sport Authority.

## **VEHICLE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES** (GI-1005-18-7-V1)

ALL vehicles that have participated in GEAR Club Inc. events prior to July 2017 and 2nd Gear Inc. events prior to January 2016, will remain as accepted vehicles for future GEAR Club Inc. events.

The purpose of these guidelines is to give members and prospective members an outline of the type/class of vehicle that is generally accepted at GEAR events.

An important aspect of GEAR events is member behaviour and attitude, both on and off track. This is as important as vehicle relevancy.

The general aim of these guidelines is to maintain GEAR Club Inc. as an organisation whose purpose is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for historical, Australian and overseas racing cars to participate in on-track events organised by GEAR Club Inc.

Vehicles participating in events organised by GEAR Club Inc. will generally be recognized to be representational of entrants in previous events conducted by GEAR Club Inc and 2nd Gear Inc.

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AS A GENERAL GUIDELINE, open wheeled and clubman and racing cars will be primarily built of components manufactured before 1990 or in the original style of components manufactured before 1990.

Production sports cars and sedans will be manufactured before 1985.

Vehicles which have been built after these dates but are constructed in a manner that reflects the original period of the class or type of vehicle being built will be considered in the same manner as a pre date built car.

All vehicle entrants are subject to all reasonable safety considerations.

All decisions of GEAR Club Inc. Committee are final subject to the GEAR Constitution.

## **VEHICLE PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE** (GI-1006-18-7-V1)

GEAR Club Inc. is primarily a motorsport club whose aim is to support the history of Australian motorsport.

Members contemplating building a vehicle to run at GEAR Club Inc. events are encouraged to consult with the committee and to take advantage of the expertise in the Club to help ensure compliance with the Vehicle Participation Guidelines.

GEAR Club resources such as the Club Library and The Gearbox are available to members to help in any build project destined for GEAR Club Inc. events.

Prior to submitting an entry for a GEAR Club Inc. event, a member, or potential new member, must provide the committee of GEAR Club Inc. with a description of the vehicle, at least two photos and any other information that the applicant may consider appropriate.

This information must be sent to any member of the GEAR committee by email or post and at least one month prior to an event.

The committee will consider the information presented, consult, and inform the applicant of the outcome in a timely manner.

Alternatively, by prior arrangement, the vehicle may be brought to a regular GEAR Club Inc event for physical inspection.

The decision of the committee is final subject to the constitution of GEAR Club Inc.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT** (GI-1011-18-7-V1)

GEAR Club Inc is managed specifically to provide members with the opportunity for the sheer enjoyment and pleasure of their old racing and sports vehicles in a safe, affordable, regulated and social motor sport environment. It is therefore the personal responsibility of each and every member and participant to ensure that all of their fellow members share equally in the enjoyment of the day, regardless of the age and/or performance of their respective vehicles and/or the track skills and/or circuit experience of their fellow participants.

In order to encourage these important aims and noting that safety is our prime criteria, the Club has adopted, and will enforce, the following Participants' Code of Driving Behaviour:

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- At all times the safety and well-being of fellow participants and the preservation of their historic vehicles shall be the predominant consideration.
- Club Days will include a Participant Training Period with experienced observers offering advice and guidance to participants.
- If directed by the committee, or event secretary or Clerk of the Course acting on the committee's behalf, participants will undertake this training opportunity/
- Vehicles will be scrutineered for safety. A participant should only participate in an event if his/her vehicle is fully mechanically prepared and he/she is personally fit and of a sound temperament.
- Club Days are not race days. Overdriving or baulking will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- The Clerk of the Course has overall responsibility for the general conduct and control of an event in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations, Programme and Organising Permit. At GEAR events the Clerk of the Course is responsible for monitoring driver behaviour and ensuring sub-standard driving behaviour is adjusted by the driver.
- Participants should continually observe their mirrors for faster and overtaking vehicles. The faster vehicle must be permitted to pass in safety, with the participant of the slower vehicle signalling and moving to open the line for the faster vehicle. The participant of the faster vehicle should likewise then respond and acknowledge the gesture.
- Approaching a corner, the leading "on-line" vehicle shall have the right to that corner. The following vehicle shall not "dive under" into the corner; but must concede and wait until the exit before passing the slower vehicle.
- Any participant considered to be offending under the Code of Conduct may be immediately excluded from an event and may not be invited to future events.
- Unlike formal Race Meetings with paid Officials or otherwise, the running and success of our days depends entirely on the input of members and volunteers. To ensure the full enjoyment of all members, particularly those of the Committee who organise the event but also wish to drive their cars, it is incumbent on all participants to freely volunteer of their time for some period to assist in the manning of flag points, recovery vehicles, grid marshalling and similar.

**Do the right thing**

**Get into the spirit of GEAR**

**Enjoy the vehicles**

**Soak up the atmosphere**

**Relax and be social**

**Have a great day**

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