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Historic Lakeside Race Meeting 9th & 10th September

The Historic Racing Car Club of Queensland returns to Lakeside Park (formerly Lakeside International Raceway) to re-live the glory days of motor racing in Queensland.

The oldest car running is 1925 Austin 7 Super Sports in the Regularity category. Regularity Trials test the skill of the driver. He nominates a lap time then tries to match it during the Trial. Points are accumulated for each lap faster or slower than the nominated time. The driver with least points lost is the winner of the Regularity Trials for the weekend. Not as easy as it sounds if you are also trying to go quick; there is a minimum lap time allowed of 65seconds.

The next oldest car entered is a 1948 MG TC Special, car number 73, this is a beautifully presented race car of the 50's era. It will be interesting to how the MG Special performs with Formula Fords and Vee's from the 60's. The Formula Fords entered cover the whole time period from Greg Bray's 1969 Lotus 61, which was one of the earlier Formula Fords manufactured, to Geoff Karger's 1989 Reynard, which is at the end of the historic period. Although many design changes occurred over the 20 years, performance is not necessarily just about the age of the cars. The changes are such that some of the older cars can lap just as quickly as the younger cars. Driver performance is critical. There should be some close racing across the whole Formula Fords and Vee's.

The biggest field for the weekend will be the very popular Historic Touring Cars, 19 in all (Group N formerly Appendix J). Group N presents a wide range of touring cars from Mini Cooper S to Ford Escort and Cortinas through to the big muscle cars Mustangs, Falcons and a Chev Camaro. The cars to watch challenge for first place would be in order the orange Torana car number 147 of Peter Baguley, Marty White's Falcon Rallye Sprint, car number 64, or Graeme Wakefield White XW Falcon car number 50, the outsider could be Mustang number 20 Graeme Wrobel or all the way from Victoria, David Moran in his number 53 Mustang. Looking across the Grid there will be at least 4 tightly contested groups. The front runners, followed by Muscle cars and British/ European high flyers in 2.0 to 3.0 litre class, plenty of on track action thru the Pack.

Open wheeler Racing Cars will be on display and on the track to thrill you with their speed around the flowing Lakeside Circuit. Cars like the Mildren-Waggot (#5) known as the Yellow Submarine, Max Pearson's Brabham BT29 (#6) presented in Yellow livery, and Bill Norman's Ralt RT4, car No.13; this is historic machinery at its best, being driven as they were in their day. The Sports/Racing Car group will be running with these open wheel cars including several of the popular '80s American Sports 2000s, these will provide plenty of close racing with a Lotus 23B – Flintstone special giving the Sportscar Group a bit of British stick.

More Sports car action: The Production Sports Cars from the 60's and 70's feature Stan Adler's very quick Porsche 911 Carrera 3.0 to lead the Porsche field, a number of Alfa GTV's along with Trevor Bassett's beautifully prepared replica of a Ferrari Daytona Group4. These will mix it with a couple of lesser known cars, the Australian built Bowell Mk7 of Barry Campbell and Peter Richard's quick English Marcos 3.0 litre, and just to keep them all on their toes, Michael McKelliget's Datsun 260Z will round out the Grid.

This is a fine sample of Australian Motor Racing History on Display and in Action on the Track. The drivers and owners appreciate your interest in these cars.

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ADMISSION FREE for this event... so come and enjoy real Historic Motorsport!