

**Lakeside Introductory Racemeeting 1 (LIR 1)**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**Special Notes**

Welcome to the opportunity to race in the first Race meeting to be held at Lakeside since the venue was closed in 2002. It may also be the last one on the old circuit depending on a court decision in late April. Due to weather and the legal holdups it has been decided to run events between now and the end of September if we can. We then expect to close the gates again for about 5 months whilst we get the major civil works done, which includes the alterations to the track layout to make it safer. The situation is quite complex so we will not bore you with all the details.

Firstly we apologise that we do not have all the facilities you are used to at QR but we believe we have enough to meet the essentials of life – and racing. Some other things will have to be different too – including the traffic patterns etc.

**About the meeting:**

This is a small introductory meeting to ensure we have the time to test and modify the actual running of the race meeting. We are closing the books at 60 Competitors (if that many enter) and they will be sorted into 4 or 5 groups so we expect a group will be a maximum of 15 vehicles.

As promised, the first preference will be given to the people who entered the QRDC 1 meeting which we had to cancel. Second preference will go to other entries that will help to make good fields for those supporters car groups so MX5s and Sedans have a definite advantage if there are any left in one piece after Bathurst.

Because we will not have a full PA system at Lakeside the old racing pits will now become a combined Pit and paddock area. This is OK because we have removed the dividing fences and Armco so that you can park your trailer on the grass beside the back straight and have direct access to it from the combined Pit & Paddock area where your race car will be. We have no shade for you so feel free to bring along a shade structure although you will need weights to hold it down on the bitumen.

The lakeside Rd gates will be opened at 09:00 and will close at 09:30, they will be re-opened for lunch at 13:00 and closed at 13:30 until end of day expected to be at 16:00. In this time we expect to have given everyone a 15 minute practice, 10 minute qualifying and a minimum of 3 x 6 lap races. We are not inviting spectators to this meeting as we do not have any facilities for them – please do not invite friends along unless they are willing to stay in the infield until 13:00 or the end of day.

The Driver's briefing will be at 09:30 to be immediately followed by a 15 minute practice session. At about 13:00 we will hold a crew and driver's feedback session during which we will be looking for suggestions on how to improve the safety and noise minimization of this and future meetings.

### **Licence Requirements:**

You will need an AASA National Licence to compete at this meeting as we do not have a CAMS track licence for Lakeside Park.

### **Rolling Starts and Pit Entry:**

To minimize noise generation we will be using rolling starts in exactly the same way as we do for the TopGear meetings and we will cover this in detail during the 09:30 driver's briefing when explanatory sheets will be handed out.

Cars will exit from the racing pits near the Tower and form up in their starting order during the warm up lap – there is NO DUMMY grid but that's OK because we don't expect to have dummies racing at Lakeside anyway. AS at QR, Pole car will have the responsibility of forming up the group and allowed two attempts to get a good bunch up before a 30 second penalty applies.

After receiving the Chequered flag cars will re-enter the pits via the entry at Hungry Corner whilst the next group exits via the break in the Armco at the Tower.

Don't worry you'll get explanatory maps etc at the driver's briefing.

### **Sound Testing:**

Your car will have to pass two sound tests; one static and one active. The static test will be carried out by the Scrutineers in a specified area and will require the engine to be taken to 5000 RPM and held for 5 seconds. A measurement with a calibrated sound level meter will be taken 8 metres behind the car and the reading MUST be under 92.2 dB(A). Data logging Sound meters will be moved around the track to gather data at various places so we can refine our noise management plan.

Any vehicle which shows a significant discrepancy between its static result and its on-track measurement will have to return to the pits until the problem has been rectified. There will be NO REFUNDS or CREDITS for cars which fail to meet the Noise restrictions during the active sound measurements taken from the trackside. Static measurement testing can be made available at either QR or at Lakeside up until the Saturday afternoon before the event.

Please do not complain about the strict measures being undertaken to keep the noise levels down as they are essential to the ongoing availability of Lakeside to motorsport. It is a case of a quieter Lakeside or no Lakeside so, unfortunately, we will have to be absolutely draconian about enforcing this limit until we have sufficient real world data to establish if this is the correct and acceptable level for future operations. Previous tests and computer modelling indicates this sound level with up to 20 cars will keep activities within the current EPA industrial limits so by keeping the fields to fifteen we believe we have a safety margin.

## **Safety:**

As every one who has raced there will tell you - Lakeside is a DANGEROUS place. Do not interpret this as a dare. Many people have come to grief at Lakeside and some of them terminally. It is NOT a place to take unnecessary risks when racing because it will bite you and hard!

The gravel traps are much smaller than QR's, not as well positioned and the material does not have the same retardation properties as QR. Further, some of the tyre walls are in poor condition and whilst we have made a good effort to get them into shape they do not have the resilience of the tyre walls at QR because they have welded steel rods through them. If you don't go into them this won't worry you if you do they may separate prematurely, i.e. before the maximum amount of energy has been absorbed. We will be building new walls for you but will not have them all finished in time for the event.

## **Recovery & Rescue:**

We will have the QR Trauma unit and recovery trailer on site along with Paramedics and the recovery and rescue crews to ensure you have our usual excellent level of support. The tilt tray will be in attendance and 4WDs for flat tows. Please make sure they are idle all day and remember you are undertaking an "obvious risk" activity which means if it goes wrong – you might be on your own other than the AASA insurance policy.

## **Passenger Laps:**

Because we have a lot to get through and we are to some extent experimenting we may not be allowing passenger laps at the end of the day; however, if we are all done by 16:30 we will have 15 minutes of road registered cars lapping behind a pace car. The old track is still a thrill to go around with its close walls, narrow bitumen and up and down aspects complete with blind crests.

Everyone will need to be out by 17:00 so we can lock the gates so we will be having the trophy presentations 10 minutes after each group's last race of the day at the base of the Tower. So, as soon as you come in please head for the tower so we can award what will undoubtedly become very special trophies indeed!

The first trophies of the new era; and amongst the last on the old bitumen. Now, that's something to tell the grandkids about!

Despite all the dire warnings we really do want to see you at Lakeside enjoying the day and taking the car home in one piece with a hot sausage in your hand and a smile on your face.

Thanks for reading through all of the above and; as always, any questions just ring JT on 0418860444.

Yours in Racing, jt





## Conditions of Entry Please Read Them Fully

If you are a competitor the **ONLY** acceptable blood/alcohol reading is 0.00. The management and promoter may test any competitor at any time. Any positive BAC reading is automatic exclusion from driving for the rest of the event.

Consumption of alcohol or use of any substance capable of impairing good judgement may only be consumed within the designated spectator areas. Consumption or use in ANY competition, officials, marshalling or support paddock area is strictly prohibited before or during any activity.

The management and promoters have the right to expel any person from Lakeside Raceway that they consider to be acting in a manner which is dangerous or impedes other peoples' ability to enjoy the activities or causes them to bring a complaint to the management or promoters.

Clothing for drivers and crew must be appropriate for the activity of motorsport. This means crew at least enclosed footwear with full coverage from ankle to wrist to neck when working on the vehicle. Drivers the standard is a driving suit.

Drivers must wear helmets during any competition. Helmets must meet at least the AS1698 requirements.

Official's directions must be followed promptly and with full compliance. Officials are volunteers giving their time so you can enjoy your chosen activity and shall be treated with due respect. Any driver or crew that has a problem with a direction from an Official shall meet the Official's request and then raise the issue with the management or the promoter.

Vehicles must be driven **SLOWLY** at all times and in **ALL AREAS** until they are actually competing or participating in an event. **MAX SPEED IN PIT LANE IS 40 KPH and 10KPH IN ALL OTHER AREAS.** Drivers exceeding these limits should expect to be at least cautioned or not permitted to participate in further runs and potentially to be expelled from Lakeside Raceway.

Scrutineering and Vehicle preparation requires the vehicle to be adequately prepared for the event. This includes steering and brakes, especially pads and fluid and all safety equipment especially seat belts & roll over protection shall be in excellent working order.

Fire extinguishers, when fitted, must be secured in the passenger side foot well within reach of the driver with quick release fittings capable of holding the bottle in place at 20G.

Drivers must hold a Civil Licence and/or a Competition Licence issued by a recognised organisation that is appropriate to the level of the event being undertaken. Competitors should note.

No persons under the age of 14 are permitted inside the Pit Lane. Only persons 14 and older are permitted to use the gates in the fence which backs onto the Paddock area.

No animals are permitted in the grounds of Lakeside Raceway during an event unless they are part of the event and have written permission from the management to be on the premises.

Closing time for entries is the latest time an entry can be received and processed at the Lakeside Raceway office.

REMEMBER THE TOP GEAR CULTURE is about car racing with fun and fair value in all things.

Whilst the racing is full on, it is expected that you, as a Competitor, recognise the TopGear events are about having affordable fun by unleashing your wheels on a great variety of circuits.

There are no fines **BUT** people who behave dangerously are sent home. People who behave dangerously a second time are sent home and have to miss the next meeting too. People who behave dangerously a third time don't get invited to race with us again.

NO unregistered scooters, pit bikes etc. are to be ridden in the Paddock Area. The Police can fine people for not having a licence or wearing a crash helmet even though it is private property. We suggest its best to leave the bikes at home and let the kids get some exercise.

### **FIRST & LAST RULE:**

Make the day safe, sensible, smart and satisfying.