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RETURN OF CHAMPIONSHIP RACING MARKS OFFICIAL OPENING OF LAKESIDE PARK

Championship racing makes its return to the legendary Lakeside Park motor racing circuit when the *Queensland Racing Drivers Championship* fires into action over two weekends on July 4/5 and July 11/12.

With Queensland's only Formula One Grand Prix racing circuit once again abuzz with the exhilarating sights, sounds and smells of championship racing, after an absence of seven years, Queensland Raceways CEO John Tetley will officially declare the revitalised track re-opened at 12.30pm on Saturday, July 4.

Split over two weekends, due to the unprecedented interest of race drivers from around the nation, this stop on the *Queensland Racing Drivers Championship* will run as Round 3 on July 4 & 5 and Round 3A on July 11 & 12. Drivers from as far afield as Cronulla in the south and Mackay in the north will pack the grid on both weekends.

The feature race of QRDC Round 3 is the *Alfa Romeo East Coast Challenge*. Now in its third year, this motorsport event saw the largest field of Alfa Romeos in our state's history fill the grid at Queensland Raceways' Ipswich circuit back in September 2007.

With NSW taking all 2007 podium spots, the 2008 East Coast Challenge was held at Wakefield Park, Goulburn, where the blue boys once again dominated. One year down the track, however, the gloves are off and the Queenslanders are looking to restore a little state pride.

The Alfa Romeo East Coast Challenge includes cars from a variety of race categories, including historic group Sc, group N, under 2l sports sedans and marque sports. These beautifully prepared Italian machines range in vintage from 1966 to 1990, with most sporting the venerable double overhead cam 2l engine.

Other categories making up the bill for round three of the QRDC include Formula Ford, Sports Cars, Race Cars and the consistently entertaining Queensland Hire Karts Gemini Challenge.

Round 3A will feature the Australian Trans-Am Championship, HQ Ironfarmers Championship, Formula Vee, Future Racers and those ultimate daredevils the Queensland Sidecars.

"This is the first ever round of championship racing to be held at Lakeside under the AASA banner," enthused Queensland Raceways CEO John Tetley. "It's a great opportunity for Australia's latest generation of motor racers to compete on a track steeped in racing history – young guys negotiating the same corners as greats from Brabham to Brock."

Queensland Racing Drivers Championship – Round 3

Queensland Raceways, Lakeside Park – Lakeside Drive, Dakabin

Saturday, July 4 & Sunday July 5, 9am – 4pm

Saturday features morning qualifying and afternoon racing

Sunday features racing all day

Entry is \$10 on both days, payable at the gate

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