



## Motoring buffs have grand time

HUNDREDS of motoring enthusiasts turned back the clock in Goulburn over the weekend to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the First Australian Grand Prix.

A delighted Golden Era Auto Racing (GEAR) Club event secretary Lisa Tobin-Smith said the three-day event was a monumental success.

"We had 70 entries all up including six historic side cars, 10 bikes, classic racing and sports cars and historic racing cars," she said trackside from Wakefield Park yesterday.

"We've all had a terrific time. Goulburn and Wakefield Park have been very good to us."

The oldest vehicle that took part in the GEAR track event yesterday was a 1924 Amilcar.

Participants came from as far as Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland, with most staying in town for at least two nights.

**BACK IN TIME:** Australian Grand Prix legend John Goss (winner of the 1976 Grand Prix) and Mayor Geoff Kettle with 1927 fancy dress competition winners Lillian Dorman (Goulburn) and Jannah-May Warren (Bungonia) at the official launch of the Grand Prix anniversary on Friday. They are pictured with a 1926/29 Bugatti 37A Grand Prix. Photo: Teena Riley

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# A community oasis

## Transformation of former brickpit to wetlands rec area well underway

**A** VISION to transform an abandoned brickworks into a relaxing community space with environmental benefits is now becoming reality.

The Goulburn wetlands project will take around four years to complete and the plan includes bird hides, a viewing platform,

native plants, initiatives to enhance stormwater quality, walkways, cycle ways, fitness activities and picnic areas creating an attractive and safe green space for the local community and visitors alike.

Over recent months, three large rock berms have been completed

to direct water flow and a passionate team of volunteers are now working on completing a concrete causeway providing access to the western side.

Located at Eastgrove off May St, the 12 hectare (30 acre) site previously housed the Melbourne Place Brickworks and has been

abandoned since the 1950s.

Peter Mowle, as a former engineering director at Goulburn Mulwaree Council, is donating his time to manage the construction stage of the project.

As well as managing the initial stage, Mr Mowle can often be found on site contributing many

hours of hard work.

"It is a really exciting project and will now have three main purposes – a wetlands for flora and fauna particularly birds, a passive recreation area and will also improve water quality," Mr Mowle said.

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