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Historic Leyburn Sprints; Lakeside Raceway

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.11 pm): I rise to talk about something other than music for a change. I will talk about another passion of mine—motorsports. At the outset, I thank the minister for once again asking me to represent him at the running of the Historic Leyburn Sprints—the 26th running. It is becoming a bit of a tradition for me to go out there and represent the minister. I really enjoy it.

For anyone who does not know about the Leyburn Sprints and what they are about, they are in the electorate of Southern Downs. I often meet the member for Southern Downs out there—

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr KING: Sadly, I no longer have a GT, member; I have other cars. Leyburn Sprints commemorates the running of the 1949 Australian Grand Prix at the nearby airstrip. It is an amazing event in this small town. They bring in concrete barriers and hay bales and it is a race against the clock around the town. There are lots of other attractions. I sound like a tourist guide; I love it that much. Everyone should go and check it out. There are historic campers and vans. There is the Leyburn pub that was formerly owned by Shane Webcke.

It is a motoring enthusiasts mecca. People can see an old GTR Torana. The next car will be a family car. Then there will be an open wheel formula 1 style car. Then there will be a GT Falcon, as mentioned by the member. There are all sorts of cars.

An opposition member interjected.

Mr KING: I take that interjection. There were BMWs too, and some quite quick ones. Dean Amos was the winner again. It was his seventh title in his British built Gould GR55B V8—an impressive car. What is more impressive about his story is that he saved the car when he lost his home and his business in the Lismore floods. I understand the priority. Poor Dean! He still won. That is seven years in a row. Good on him.

I thank Trish Chant and the committee for all the hard work they do to put this event on. It has been a difficult few years with COVID stopping it and postponing it. Trish not only organises the event but also competes with a Ford V8. This year there were over 200 entrants. It was bigger than ever. There were thousands of people there. Next year maybe we will see some other faces from here out there. I will be there. It is an amazing time.

I cannot talk about motorsports without mentioning Lakeside raceway. If anyone is looking for something to do on Father's Day, it is the all Aussie day out there. If anyone has an Aussie car, head out to Lakeside. For \$150 people can cruise this classic racetrack—with their family because it is Father's Day. What better thing to do on Father's Day. I will probably be out there. I recommend it. I thank John Tetley and the crew for what they do to keep this track so people are not just spectators but can enjoy it and drive it themselves.