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## LONG AWAITED DEBUT FOR LOTUS GT3 IN AUSTRALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP AT QUEENSLAND

The long awaited debut of the Lotus Exige GT3 will come to fruition at Round 4 of the Australian GT Championship at Queensland Raceway May 26-27 in the hands of Angelo Lazaris.

The car has been developed by Lotus Sport, the performance arm of Lotus Cars, and is a derivative of the standard Lotus Exige S coupé model. Weighing in at approximately 750 kg, it stays true to the 'performance through light weight' core Lotus philosophy.

The Lotus uses the latest motorsport techniques and procedures to produce a lightweight yet strong carbon-fibre bodywork structure around the standard road-going Lotus Exige aluminium extruded and bonded chassis that features a fully adjustable suspension system with double wishbones all round. Power is provided by race tuned version of the Exige S road car engine linked to a sequential six-speed gearbox.

The car was campaigned successfully in last year's British GT series, with the UK team using it as a development platform to finalise its ultimate specification for impending GT3 homologation in 2008. This particular example, (Chassis No 1) was the first customer car delivered and is the first and only example of the model to be campaigned outside of the UK.

The Lotus will line up against an exotic field of thoroughbreds including Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini, and Aston Martin for Round 4 of the Australian GT Championship.

**Driver Biography:** Angelo Lazaris. Age 38. Profession: Cosmetic Dentist. Motor Sport experience: Targa Tasmania 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and various tarmac rallies. Production Sports 2005

### **Australian GT Championship Round 4 Queensland Raceway schedule**

#### **Saturday May 26**

**Practice 1: 10.30 (20 minutes)**

**Practice 2: 12.40 (20 minutes)**

**Qualifying: 14.15 (20 minutes)**

#### **Sunday May 27**

**Race 1: 9.55 (15 laps)**

**Race 2: 12.20 (15 laps)**

**Race 3: 14.50 (15 laps)**

**2007 Australian GT Championship Points Standing (After 3 of 8 rounds)**

**Allan Simonsen – Ferrari 360 GT (309)**

**Bryce Washington – Lamborghini Gallardo (273)**

**David Wall – Porsche GT3 RSR (265)**

**Damien Flack – Porsche GT3 Cup Car (162)**

**Peter Lucas – Lotus Elise (146.5)**

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