

Brisbane Regional Register News

Cat Chat!

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Thank you to our guest speakers Margaret and Brian Hine

20 members attended the General Meeting on the 13th March at the Yeronga Services Club and guest speakers were Brian and Margaret Hine. Margaret presented a very interesting and detailed talk with photos of their 2016 experiences walking the full length of "The Camino de Santiago" from France across the top of Spain taking over 6 weeks and close to 800kms. They explained the purpose of their walk as a "spiritual adventure" and Margaret described many of the highs and lows experienced along the way. Pilgrims have been walking this trail for over 1000 years. Many questions were generated and responded to but they had to be curtailed as Brian had the story of his Mark 2 to tell!



Brian has a very detailed history of his beautiful Mark 2 including its past history of conservation and upgrades over a number of years. Like a number of purchases, there were a couple of items needing attention in the first year or so of ownership, but like a true Jaguar owner, this didn't deter him. He is a very proud owner especially as he has Concours D'état Gold medal from the 2017 Jaguar National Rally in his display cabinet.



Date Claimers



- 🐾 **Sun 8th April**—St Helena Cruise rescheduled last year due weather. See pg 2 & 3 Mon
- 🐾 **9th April**—JDCQ meeting at Col Galleys 7.30 - 153A Kirby Rd Aspley
- 🐾 **Sun 15th April** -Euro Day—Q'land Raceway—more info Jim Bowden See pg 3
- 🐾 **Wed 18th April** - Day drive to Eumundi Markets See pg 3
- 🐾 **Tues 24th April**— E Pace viewing with short meeting. See pg 2
- 🐾 **Tues 15th May**— Glorious Pie Run more info. See pg 2 & 4
- 🐾 **26th May**—Kooralybn display day and sleep over. See pg 2 & 6
- 🐾 **Sun 27th May** Macleans Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival at Qld Rifle Assoc Belmont range. See pg2 & 4
- 🐾 **Sun 3rd June** Angelhurst Classic Car display and picnic. See pg 2
- 🐾 **Fri Sat Sun 8th 9th & 10th June** Bunya/Kingaroy— Drive/Walk/Observatory/History Price will be approx. \$330pp but will include everything except 1 dinner. See pg 2 & 7
- 🐾 **Tues 26th June** Moore Gallery and lunch See pg 6 & 7.
- 🐾 **Sun 21st 22nd July Jumpers and Jazz**—overnight Warwick- Fully booked—See page 2



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We welcome all members (not just committee) to organise a drive or day outing. Please contact Ian or Joy with details

Upcoming events

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Cruise to St Helena

Sunday 8th April \$65—includes lunch on board.

This trip was originally postponed due to weather so fortunately you have a 2nd chance to enjoy a cruise down Brisbane River into beautiful Moreton Bay then on to St Helena to view the ruins of the penal settlement. To join us go online to "Brisbane Cruises" and pay, then email Ruth & Phil—(phil.ruthb@gmail.com) to advise you will be there. More info—Ruth 0418188090 details on page 3



E Pace viewing at Brisbane City Jaguar and short general meeting

Tuesday 24th April

41 Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead —park behind in Creswell St (info Allan Hilless) start time 7.00pm



Glorious Pie Run

15th May A mid week day run over Beautiful Mt Glorious to the famous Fernvale Pie Shop. See pg 4

Kooralbyn— Car Display and Sleepover

Saturday 26th May Overnight trip with entertainment See pg 6 or contact Jim Bowden



Macleans Bridge Sports and Classic Car Festival

Sun 27th May

Annual Car Show with Trade displays. Old Rifle Assoc, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont. See pg 4

Angelhurst Classic Car Display and Picnic

Sun 3rd June An inter-club charity challenge for Invited clubs (including the Brisbane Regional Register) Entry \$30 Sunday 3rd June from 9am. 2 Pendennis Road Tamborine. Fine food and drinks on site or bring your own picnic. Low key concours judged and trophies by Shannons. * **We need two Jaguars to participate in this concours, so please contact any Committee member if you would like to show off your Jaguar and represent the Register.**

Three-day drive – Kingaroy and the Bunya Mountains Drive/Walk/observatory/History

8th, 9th 10th June 2018

fri/sat/sun - 8th,9th 10th June—These dates have been chosen in consultation with the Astronomer. Good for viewing the Milky Way, Jupiter and Saturn. Lots of interesting things planned. Time for you to register 6 rooms already taken. Phone Phil & Ruth 0418188090 or phil.ruthb@gmail.com See page 7



Moore Gallery and Lunch

Tues 26th June - come for Lunch and to hear the bush poet. See pg 6&7



Jumpers and Jazz

Sat Sun 21st to 22nd July - why not join us for an overnight run to Warwick to enjoy being part of the annual Jumpers and Jazz Festival. Accommodation at McNevins Motel. This event was sold out instantly at the last AGM but we will take names for the waitlist. Email phil.ruthb@gmail.com or 0418188090



Come cruise to St Helena

8th April.



Come and explore Queensland's first penal settlement St Helena which is only 6km SE of the Brisbane river mouth. A tour guide will take you back in time with a gentle 2km walk as we visit the 100 year old ruins of the gaol. The cruise includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea and costs \$65.

7 hours in total and departs from Newstead House at 9am and returns at 4pm.

Although members of the Jag club will be on board we will not have sole use of the boat.

Step 1: Book your spot through the Brisbane Cruises website or phone them 36302666

Step 2: RSVP to Phil and Ruth
phil.ruthb@gmail.com 0418188090



To Book and pay go online to Brisbane Cruises.

<https://www.brisbanecruises.com.au/st-helena-island.html>

Or phone (07) 36302666 or email Brisbane Cruises info@brisbanecruises.com.au

Please send your ideas and contributions to this newsletter to phil.ruthb@gmail.com



Wednesday 18th April—Mid week Drive

Enjoy a drive to Eumundi Markets led by Ian Lind.

Meet at the BP McDonalds (northern end)

Morayfield at 10am further information phone Ian on 0438 629598



First Thursday of every month

Some Western Suburbs members of JDCQ Chassis Based Register and friends got together for lunch at Karalee Tavern on March 1.

It was decided to make this a regular and official event at the same venue on the first Thursday of every month. All Jaguar Drivers Club members and friends are invited to join us.

Next lunch is mid-day, Thursday April 5. Enquiries to Lloyd Andersen on 32948960.

Queensland Raceways

We have a number of members that enjoy a day on the track.

One of our members is Keith Lewis, General manager of Queensland Raceways.

They are staging a Euro Day event on Sunday 15 April, see url: <https://qldraceways.com.au/enthusiasts/theme-days/euro-day>

Please advise Jim Bowden 0412991747 if you are interested. bowden8hotkey.net.au

Please - remember to keep your contact details postal address and email address up to date and advise of change of cars to both the secretary Joy Cooper joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au and also please update your personal details on the website directly.

You may be interested to know that Sirromet winery often have a casual event that encourages cars and enthusiasts to drive up to the Mt Cotton Winery and enjoy breakfast or coffee with muffins/cakes. The next cars and coffee will be on Sunday 20th May. See the Sirromet web page <https://www.sirromet.com/>

GEAR

Do you want to spend some time with people passionate about classic sports and racing cars? Why not drive your Jaguar to a GEAR meeting at either Lakeside



or Qld Raceway Willowbank? There is no cost for spectators and no restrictions on access to the pits where you can inspect the cars and talk to the owners. JDCQ members from Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs and Gold Coast can often be found socializing. Food and drinks are available at reasonable prices. Competing sports, sedan and open wheeler cars range from the likes of Fiat 600, Mini Cooper S, early Holdens, Lotus, Jaguars of course and many more. Check out the GEAR website at <http://www.gear.org.au/> for more information including the calendar of events. The December newsletter features a lovely photo of three Brisbane Register members enjoying the day. Four



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Mac's Bridge

Members with an email address can expect an email from Tony Nelson in April to register for the upcoming Macleans Bridge, Macs Bridge or the Sports and Classic Car Festival, whatever you wish to call it, on Sunday 27th May at the Belmont Rifle Range. In the invitation Tony, as well as advising the progress the Triumph Club have made in making this a better event each year, will give you a link, so you can register and pay your admittance fee, before the event. This way on the day you will have express entry. Once you have registered, Tony will ask you to email him with the car you will display and names of people attending for our Historian, as just too hard to do on the day.

GLORIOUS PIE RUN

Tuesday 15th May

A great run up Mt Nebo, over Mount Glorious, down through picturesque Somerset and finish for lunch at the famous Fernvale Bakery for your choice of over 100 varieties of pies!!



Over 50km of pretty mountain driving so be sure to pump up your tyres and check your radiators and brakes. Modern Jags get a chance to play with their paddles, and learn more about their intelligent sports transmissions.

Meet any time between 10am and 11am at Jim Jones Tea Rooms, 1 Fernlands Rd, Mt Nebo. To get there simply continue along Waterworks Rd onto Mt Nebo Rd, plenty of parking just off Mt Nebo Rd. Have a cuppa, feed the amazing birds, leave anytime for a staggered departure for Fernvale, as a convoy of 30 Jaguars might be a bit much for other road users. Be wary as speed traps are often in place on this great piece of driver's delight road.

Fernvale Bakery has a large parking area, undercover café and wide choice of tucker.

Please let Jim or Lucy know if you intend to come 0413130009.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

BRUCE AND LYN WIELAND XJS (RETURNING)

GREG DUCQUET XJ12 S3

Did you know.....

Austin Seven at Le Mans (story by Phil Sperryn)

Le Mans—Even the most non devotee will have put together the names Jaguar and Le Mans. Bentley motors started their run of dominance in the 1920s (plus a late win in 2003) to record 6 wins. Jaguar pipped that tally with 7 wins but “Did you know” that another unlikely British Car had a racing history at Le Mans? Herbert

Austin’s little Seven.

In 1935 the Austin company decided to enter 3 special “speedy” sports cars into the very popular Lands End’s Trials. The three cars differed little from the production “speedy” cars. The small engines had only two bearing cranks and as more and more power was eked out of the engine the crank was always susceptible to failure. The special Sevens had a very stylish radiator cowl and the instrument panel had a matching pair of 5 inch diameter speedo and rev counter.



120mph and 8,000 rpm—very *Lands End Trials* optimistic! The cars were nicknamed “Grasshoppers” inspired no doubt by the action of the Austin Seven clutch when starting from rest.

That the three cars were a success encouraged Austin to build another four for an improbable assault on the great Le Mans race. These four cars were registered on the 24th may 1935 with the number plates BOA 57, 58, 59 and 60. At Le Mans French authorities being typically French allocated the team competition numbers 59, 60, 61 and 62. Talk about confusion, which car was which!



Of the four cars entered two retired and the other two finished 27th and 28th. — 28 cars finished the race that year. Clutch problems plagued the surviving two cars but the team were determined they should last the 24 hours. Timber boards were taken up from the pit bench and used to form a ramp. When soaked with oil a very slippery ramp. When a car came in for a pit stop the re-start procedure was to the lift the back of the car and thus the rear wheels off the ground. The car was then started in gear then dropped onto the ramp, spinning the wheels and off out of the pits.

The French wine and food must have been good as despite the poor result 4 new cars were built for the 1936 Le Mans Race. The bodies remained very much the same except the doors were removed to save weight . To beef up the crankshaft a third centre bearing was added. This bearing had an oil supply provided via a special copper pipe, (repeat—“a special copper pipe”). The team had high hopes for some giant killing in the race but due to the industrial unrest in France the 1936 race was cancelled. The cars were mothballed to await a 1937 appearance .

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1937 and race day arrived. A team of three Austins had been entered. Disaster struck and all 3 retired when the special copper pipes supplying oil to the centre crank bearing fractured.

After that disappointment the engines were rebuilt and 3 cars were entered for a 12 hour endurance race at Donnington. The cars finished 2nd 3rd & 5th in their class covering 1800 miles between them. Along with the engines some pride had also been restored.



Survivors

It is amazing that of 12 Grasshoppers produced 7 of the cars survive!

Kooralbyn Show n Shine

Saturday 26th May 2018

Travel to picturesque Kooralbyn on the Scenic Rim.

11.00 a.m. Tour of Peninsula Jaguar Engine Centre by Murry Scoble, the Owner and enthusiast

<https://peninsulajag.com.au/>

"I live, love, breath, repair and race Jaguars" Murray Scoble

(Ladies may want to organize a spa, or massage etc thru Ramada, or relax and enjoy a cuppa with friends.)

1.00p.m. Lunch at the Pavillion Tavern Own cost.

After lunch – stroll and enjoy the Jaguars and other cars at the Show and Shine on the lawns outside the Tavern.

Stay and play – if you wish book into the modern **Ramada Kooralbyn Resort** – special rate of \$178.20 per couple Queen Room for the night has been negotiated. Bookings 07 55446688 Only 10 rooms reserved for the Jag Club so please be quick!

6.00pm Return to Pavillion Tavern for dinner, be entertained by pocket-rocket Luella Widt from 7.00p.m. Luella is a very popular performer and always draws a crowd, and we will have good seats if we dine there before the show starts. No cost other than your meals. Free courtesy bus from and to Ramada when you are ready to go.

Next day – Sunday 27th May - sleep in and explore the area, or maybe go straight to McLeans Bridge Car Show at Belmont. About an hour and a half travel.

Please advise Jim Bowden 0412 991 747 or bowden8@hotmail.net.au so that reservations for dinner and show can be made.

Moore Gallery and Lunch - Tuesday 26th June 2018

Meet at the Old Church Gallery at Moore, 35 Linville Road, Moore about 11.00am for a welcome cup of coffee or tea and a catch up chat before we eat—or wander across the road to see the old railway station.

A little less than 2 hours from Brisbane, just off the D'aguilar Highway at Moore. Sealed parking is available for our precious babies.

Plenty of time to look at the Gallery of Art and wildlife photographs and to sit in an admire the garden.

A special farm style dining lunch will be leisurely served from 12.30.

No menu—just great home cooked fresh local produce from an excellent home cook.

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A bush poet will entertain us and provide a lucky door prize.

Cost: \$20 for lunch and coffee. Bush Poet, \$15 person . So \$35 per person for the day.

The Brisbane register will kindly donate some wines for the event. Drink responsibly if driving.

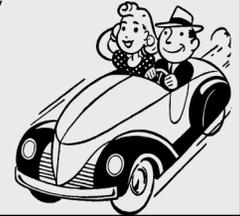
Other drinks and food can be purchased at own cost if desired.

The Gallery has a capacity of 26 people so the first members to commit will get the spots.

Please advise Jim Bowden on 0412 991 747



BRISBANE REGIONAL REGISTER INVITES YOU ON A HISTORICAL 3 DAY DRIVE TO THE SOUTH BURNETT VISITING THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS AND STAYING IN KINGAROY.



Why not Join us for this historical tour of the South Burnett region. Walk in the beautiful Bunya Mountains and admire the massive Bunya and Hoop Pines. Marvel at Jupiter and the rings of Saturn from the Kingaroy Observatory and stay in the historical farming town of Kingaroy all part of the South Burnett region Fri-Sun 8th,9th, 10th June.

Everything except one dinner will be included in the price of \$330 pp . (read inclusions opposite)

It is now time to register your interest in this 3 day drive .

Please reply to Ruth & Phil—preferably by email to phil.ruthb@gmail.com or phone 0418188090 or 0412187130



Please make payment to our treasurer—Joy Cooper

Payment by direct deposit: The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include surname as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 506117953 or cheques made Payable to “Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc” & write “Bunya” on the reverse then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ , c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q 4005

- * Two nights accommodation at the Burke and Wills Motel in the heart of Kingaroy— Queen, King or Twin beds.
- * Package includes accommodation, 3x lunches, 1 x 2 course early dinner at the renowned “Explorers” restaurant at the Burke and Wills Motel before moving on to the Observatory
- * 2 continental breakfasts plus 2 morning teas and 1 afternoon tea.
- * 3 Lunches—1 lunch will be at the pretty Malanah Gardens with beautiful views of the South Burnett and another lunch at Historical Ringsfield House a living museum complete with coach house and school at Nanango. 3rd Lunch to be in the Bunya Mts at “Elz” bistro.
- * Includes entry to the Kingaroy Observatory (a nine minute drive from Kingaroy) for star gazing with the host astronomer. Saturn and Jupiter will be in the sky. Of course weather permitting.!
- * 2 hour easy hike in the beautiful Bunya mountains to see the huge and magnificent Bunya and Hoop Pines. Can you tell the difference? A 45 min horse and cart ride for those not wishing to walk.
- * Includes a visit to “Bethany”, the Bjelke-Petersen home for over 100 years. Tour taken by John Bjelke-Peterson and sample Flo’s famous pumpkin scone recipe –cooked by Karyn Bjelke-Petersen (afternoon tea).
- * Includes a visit to heritage listed “Taabinga Homestead” built 1846 for a tour and morning tea. Taabinga Homestead is one of Queensland’s oldest surviving occupied homes.