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Welcome to Our New President Di Cooper



Meet Life Member Di Cooper, JDCQ President for 2022. The first female president, she has a long history of involvement with Jaguar in Queensland. From running motels in Mt Isa and Charters Towers she attained management experience and a bit of flairsometimes picking up guests from the airport in the Jag which was thereby requested on subsequent visits. Her Gold Coast comrades know her for her inclusivity, organising regular mid-week runs, her lead foot and her casual acquaintance with the traffic police. A wealth of knowledge about Jags, you can ask her anything. If she doesn't know the answer

she'll at least have a story. Thank you Gold Coast Register. She belongs to all of us now.

...and a debt of gratitude to outgoing president Jim Reid.

After four years in the top job and several years before that as secretary, we say thanks but not farewell to Jim and Maureen Reid. Jim's legacy will be a well structured JDCQ committee that equally represents all registers and works cohesively. One of Jim's many skills is constitution writing and implementation which he has applied



particularly over the past twelve months on our behalf. When asked what he would like to say to the club, it is his committee he acknowledges, without them he wouldn't have been able to achieve a successful restructure. He would also like you to know that despite what you may hear, his parents were married.

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A warm welcome to new members Geoffery Ryan Angelo & Pina Busato Noel & Ellen Meagher Steve & Lindsay Paulin Peter Boardman



Forthcoming Events

Jan 18 Theatre Outing see flyer

Jan 26 Australia Day at Chris and Carol Lok's Marburg property

Feb 8 Brisbane Register AGM. Your Committee Needs You! You're encouraged to contact Joy or any committee member if you can help out or want more information.



This year city meets country in a joint Australia Day Drive Out including Darling Downs and Brisbane Registers. Chris and Carol Lok's beautiful Marburg property, with recently acquired water views, will be our destination.

OR

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

381 Haigslea Malabar Rd, Marburg.

A scenic drive of about 90 mins, 100km from Brisbane.

BYO lunch and drinks. BBQ onsite.

RSVP by 18 January joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au

DRIVE IN CONVOY

Meet at Bunnings Oxley Car Park at 10am

Captain's choice route.

BYO lunch and drinks. BBQ onsite.

RSVP by 18 January joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au

Please communicate your intention to travel in convoy.



GWB Entertainment, The Australian Ballet and Stuart Oken Van Kaplan Roy Furman

By special arrangement with

Elephant Eye Theatrical & Pittsburgh CLO and Théâtre du Châtelet

present

An American in Paris

A New Musical

Music and Lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin Don't forget your vaccine passport

THEATRE EVENING

GROUP BOOKING

18 January 2022, 6.30pm

Lyric Theatre, QPAC

RSVP jeanettelind@bigpond.com

\$95 due 17 December 2021

Pay Brisbane Register BSB 484799 ACC 506117953

Bratwurst, Beer, Bogies, Bullocks and Boars

Did you know - in the 1900s Warwick was a junction point for 5 railway lines and up to 60 trains would arrive and depart every

day? - but now I am jumping ahead as I need to talk about our weekend drive to Warwick .

On Saturday 13th November, 26 Brisbane Register members became adventurists in the pursuit of rail history.

Our run started at the well-known gathering point -Jubilee Park at Beaudesert and arrivals were greeted with homemade lemon poppyseed cake and jam drops. "Beau desserts indeed"! The weather after a week of heavy rains was dry, sunny but a tad windy and fortunately driving through the countryside on this day was a treat. The land was lush and green, and the hills looked crisp and sharp, and the cattle fat.



Mt French lookout—hang onto your hats!

Just south of Boonah the group turned right at the historic Dungandan pub and then climbed up to Mt French lookout. A magic view over the plains and town of Kalbar. The fresh breeze threatened hats & caps.

Continuing south the group headed for Mount Alford and The Scenic Rim Brewery for a German themed luncheon.



After lunch the plan was to travel south on a little used twisty road locally called The Head Road but unfortunately the recent heavy rain had damaged the road and caused washouts so to look after our precious machinery we made our way to Warwick via Moogerah Dam and that "dammed" Cunningham Highway.

A triple shuttle by a Maxi Taxi took us the short distance from the motel to the Warwick Railway Station. Volunteers run the Southern Downs Steam Railway and they looked after us very well indeed. As it was spot on 5pm (happy hour) the train pulled out and the bar was open for a coldie.

No steam this evening? Well steam is not used on evening trips as not only does it take 3 hours to warm the engine, it

Bratwurst and Kransky for lunch. also takes 3 hours to cool it down and that would mean not going home until after midnight for the train engineers so our train that evening was pulled by a venerable historic diesel.



Emma & Andrew with Betty our chatty train guard



Notice Phil has a good possie—so as not to miss out on the beer descriptions

Our destination was the Irish bar for dinner in Clifton. The menu was a little limited but those who took the Irish Stew option fared the best. The gentle rocking of the train journey home even helped some eyelids to close.

No such sleepiness the following morning! Close to Maryvale we met our hosts Rohan and Fiona at their Gleneden Family Farm. Rohan spoke about his passion for treating the land and the animals with respect and

sustainability and then it was all aboard the hay cart pulled by his tractor to be transported around his

property, better to demonstrate his methodology. Finally to top the morning off we tucked into Billy Tea and camp oven cooked damper with golden syrup.

Thus fortified, it was time for thank you, farewell and a drift back to Brisbane or places further afield.

All in all, an interesting and fun trip! Words f

Words from Phil



That Rickety cart! - much fun! Thanks Rohan



Our transport to the Clifton pub-thanks for the photo Julio



All aboard! Tim, Margaret & Brian discussing all things-trainlike!



How cute are those tails?



Gleneden Farmer Rohan with mother pig and 8 piglets.



The bullocks that Rohan uses to pull the Bullock train



Thank you Ruth Bodey and Phil Sperryn for organising another fabulous Christmas Party. We all had a great time. The biggest one ever! It was all drinks and sparkles.

We all had a lot of fun but first we acknowledged contributions to the club. For most of us our knowledge of our club starts the day we join but some people have been Jaguar Club Members for a decades. We thank them for their loyalty and service. Some people have 10, 20, 30 and even 40 years behind them. And some people would just about bleed BRG.

Life Members 2021 from Ruth

Barry joined JDCQ in 1991. The Mackay Whitsunday Register was formed 1993 and officially chartered in 1994. Barry was inaugural Chairman. There had been a previous Jaguar Club in Mackay but this had lapsed some years before. Barry remained Chairman through to 1996 and a committee member until relocation to Brisbane in 2004. Joy was not on the committee in Mackay but of course participated in all events despite work pressures.

After moving to Brisbane they participated in many events including National Rallies and Jaguar June Jaunts. Barry served on JDCQ Committee as Regional Liaison and organised magazine packing until the function was outsourced.

When the Brisbane Register was formed in 2014 Joy took on the role of Treasurer until 2018. In 2017 and 2018 she was Secretary/Treasurer and has been Secretary since 2019

In the last 10 years that I have been quite active in the Brisbane Register Joy has been my right hand when organising events and drives and gave never ending efficient help with proof reading the Cat Chat and all written documents that I produced. Joy is a wealth of knowledge of all things Jag Club and is always there with helpful advice and is an amazing asset to the Club.





Barry Cooper

Sandra Lynch

Joy Cooper



Graham Hein Bronwyn Hein David Tanner

Les Hughes Bronwen Hughes









Bruce Thompson Irene Thompson Geoff Rowe Helen Rowe Kerry Huston Julio Machado Mary Ludwig

Tony Crane Shelley Crane

Pirouettes and Puddings

2021 Christmas Party—A record attendance

11 handsomely decorated tables for 8 people apiece conveyed the message that this Christmas Luncheon was witness to a record attendance. Be that the case due to Covid restriction weariness, the opportunity to catch up with old friends, the chance to witness a class act of Ballroom Dancing or the outstanding value for money? Well I suspect – all of the above!

After a round of welcome drinks and canapes our lively group set to with the Christmas themed main course. Words then from our Brisbane Register Chairman Lloyd who handed out name badges indicating 10, 20, 30 & 40 years of membership. Retiring JDCQ President Jim Reid handed over the President's Shield and welcomed new JDCQ President Di Cooper from the Gold Coast.

Barry and Joy Cooper (no relation to our new JDCQ President Di) were rewarded with Life Membership and there was a hearty Hear, hear! heard amongst the ranks. Well deserved! Barry and Joy.

Our MC Phil (me) introduced Pauline and Ian to the dancefloor for a spectacular and colourful show of dance and costumes. 5 different styles of dance were explained with their history and presentation. Later with a well-deserved glass of bubbly our artists were available at the bar for questions and discussion with members.

Dessert, tea & coffee and chocolates followed. With a take home Christmas Pudding it was reluctantly time to say goodbye. *Words from Phil*







Angelo, Pina, Graham, Bronwyn, Monica & John



Congratulations to our new JDCQ President Di Cooper













New Year's Resolution: Plan a Drive Out Day.

I'll share some ideas here because I hope that they will trigger more. The goal is an activity every month. If you like the sound of any of these and would like to be Captain, please step up. Any other ideas you have please email me and we'll take them to the committee.



New Farm Park

Local Councillor Vicki Howard has agreed to section off car spaces within the park that we may enjoy the use of either the BBQ facilities or sit by the river at Mary Mae's at the Powerhouse.



O'Reilly's Canungra Winery Weekend

Fireplace and port anyone?



Lyell Deer Sanctuary Picnic at Cedar Creek 40 mins from Brisbane Phone, text or email Emma 0415101206

goodasgolder@gmail.com

Or how about Sheraton Grand Mirage for a seafood buffet, strawberry picking at Oasis Farms Caboolture, a visit to Kalbar Sunflower Farm, Karoomba Vineyards and Lavender Farm? Lunch at Yatala Pies or the nearby pub, a Gold Coast canal cruise with lunch, a Brisbane River Cruise with lunch? Weekends away to festivals?