

# Brisbane Regional Register News

## Cat Chat



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## JDCQ Australia Day Picnic

**Crikey Mate! It was a scorcher!** And we are not referring to the sausages on the BBQ.

62 diehard JDCQ members representing 4 registers braved the heat and arrived at picturesque Cormorant Bay for our annual JDCQ Australia Day BBQ. It was a super successful event and the Brisbane Register would like to thank the JDCQ for supplying such delicacies as the gourmet sausages, tender rump steak with onions and coleslaw, this together with limping Jim Reid being classy by passing around chilled bubbles. Jim Bowden, Lucy Saunders and Terry Whitehouse deserve much credit for sourcing and cooking the delicious lunch. Also an unexpected treat from June Whitehouse for making 62 tiny Australian Flag bags full of lollies ready for munching on the trip back home. The only Australian icons missing from the day—mercifully—were the Dingos, Kangaroos, Crocodiles and blowflies which failed to materialize.



*OMG—I hope the chef is not drinking a beer on Australia Day—a big thanks to Jim and Lucy*



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More pics from that picnic.....



*A few recognizable faces*



*The chefs at work*



*The Gold Coast contingent looking comfortable.*

## JDCQ Chassis Based Register

Invite all Queensland Jaguar Drivers Club members and friends to join us for lunch at Karalee Tavern on the first Thursday of each month—none this month—next Feb 7th - Enquiries **Lloyd Andersen 32948960**

# Upcoming events

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### Date Claimers

- 🐾 **Thurs 7th Feb—Chassis Based Register Meet** at Karalee Tavern—See page 2
- 🐾 **Tues 12th Mar** General Meeting Yeronga Services Club
- 🐾 **Fri Sat Sun 29th Mar to 1st Apr—Jaguar National Rally 2019**—Albury Wodonga Vic. —see website-  
<https://www.jaguarnationalrally.org.au/>
- 🐾 **Mon to Sat 1st to 6th April - Post Rally Tour**, Echuca and Yarrowonga <https://www.jaguarnationalrally.org.au/>
- 🐾 **Sun 26th May - Mac's Bridge** at Belmont. More info to come
- 🐾 **Fri Sat Sun 27th July** —2 nights in Dalby to see the **Opera at Jimbour** —more info to come or to register now to re-serve limited accommodation—Contact Ian Lind. See page 3
- 🐾 **Sun 25th Aug - Peak Crossing Charity Car Event** More info to come.
- 🐾 *Note: More drives will be organised once the new committee gets a chance to meet.*

### Opera at Jimbour —July

**Invitation to Brisbane Register Members** to enjoy another Jaguar Run to Jimbour Station and a performance by the Queensland Opera Company.

Twelve double rooms have been booked at the 'Midtown Motel' Dalby for the nights of Friday 26th , Saturday 27th departing Sunday 28th

July for return home. The motel has undercover parking for your Jaguar and reasonable rates, plus there are usually two free buses from Dalby to Jimbour Station for the Opera-goers. Confirmation and payment of your motel room to the Treasurer of the Brisbane Register by 30th April will ensure your accommodation. Price of the room per night is expected to be approximately \$140. Start your planning today.

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 "Jimbour" on the reverse then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ , c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm



### Cat Chat Compiler needed.

Make this fine publication your own and at the same time learn new skills. This is a job you can do at home in your own time whenever you have spare minutes in the day. Tuition will be given if necessary. More info from Ruth Bodey 0418188090



# Brisbane Regional Register AGM

Tuesday 22nd of January 2019 - Yeronga Services Club

Our 2018 Chairman Ian Lind opened the meeting by thanking all the outgoing committee members—most of whom are staying on in 2019. Ian pointed out that 2018 saw a bumper year of activities and drives—even more than 2017. A special thank you was given to Carl Brown who is joining the committee.

Thank you to Rob Dolley our guest speaker from “Car Care Products” who treated those present to a very informative talk on car care and detailing. Just when you thought you knew everything about washing, cleaning and drying the car we found out a lot more. In case you have any more questions you can contact Rob on 1300006007 or call in to see him at 4/61 Metroplex Ave, Murarrie. (under the Gateway Bridge) - Their website can be viewed a [www.carcareproducts.com.au](http://www.carcareproducts.com.au)



## 2018 - Oh What a year!!

Many good memories.....

- Australia Day picnic—Jan 2018
- Day run to Boonah and Lockyer Valley—Feb 2018
- Theatre evenings for Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror, Priscilla—Feb & Oct 2018
- Cruise to St Helena—Apr 2018
- Kooralbyn Show n Shine—Apr 2018
- Glorious Pie Run—May 2018
- Macs Bridge JDCQ —May 2018
- Bunya/Kingaroy 3 day drive— June 2018
- Angelhurst—June 2018
- Old Church Gallery Moore—June 2018
- Jumpers and Jazz 2 day drive—July 2018
- Day drive Robotic Dairy & Boonah—July 2018
- Day drive Ocean View Winery—Aug 2018
- Peak Crossing—Aug 2018
- All British Day—Aug 2018
- Past Chairman’s Run—Sept 2018
- Kenilworth Hotel & Cheese Factory—Oct 2018
- Christmas Party—Nov 2018
- I Pace viewing at Springwood—Dec 2018
- Lloyd’s monthly meetings for the Chassis group—monthly
- General meetings in Nov, Sept July.
- Welcome get together over coffee for new members .



We know many members enjoy reading “Did You Know”. I am afraid there will only be one more due to lack of article contributions.

Please feel free to submit your few paras and or photos on your favourite car topic for all to enjoy. It doesn't have to be about Jaguars!

Ruth, Cat Chat  
Compiler



**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](mailto:joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au) and also please update your personal details on the website directly.



It is the database held with the editor of the website that is used for mailing out the club magazine and email correspondence such as membership renewals.

### **Please Note:**

A reminder from Lloyd Andersen as JDCQ concessional registrations officer.

Members with cars on special interest concessional registration are reminded that it is essential to maintain Club membership in order to retain the cheaper registration. If you do not renew your membership the Department of Transport and Main Roads must be advised and will require that you pay full registration.

## Did You Know..... Words by Phil Sperryn

### What's in a Name!

Did you know that in 1886 Karl Benz took out a patent for the world's first motor car? At about the same time his nearish neighbour Gottlieb Daimler was designing horizontal petrol engines. In 1885 the new Daimler engine was built upright which suited transport applications. This engine was first fitted to a two wheel device thus becoming the very first motor cycle. The engine was also fitted to a boat and coach. Eventually in 1889, Daimler and his partner Wilhelm Maybach sold their first car, not built in Germany but licensed to and built in France. To fund expansion Daimler sought finance from 3 main benefactors but they soon won board control. They set the policy to concentrate on light engine production where as Daimler and Maybach wanted to pursue automobile production.

Rivalries, board coups, financial dealing and vengeful in-fighting led to Daimler's designs and patents being sold to entities in France, United States, Austria and the UK. Daimler became a manufacturer in the UK in 1896. Coincidentally 1896 was also the year of the first British built car, "THE LANCHESTER". Dr. Frederick Lanchester (1868-1946) was a prolific engineer who tackled motor engine and automobile design with a unique perspective. He was also a pioneer in aerodynamics and published many volumes featuring very advanced aerodynamic theories.

His first car was a single cylinder 5 hp model. Cars 2 & 3 were twin cylinders to even out some of the vibrations associated with a single cylinder. A later version of car no 3 took a gold medal in the Richmond Trials of 1899.

By 1901 the car went into full production and was offered in 10,12,14,16 & 18 hp versions. The design and construction of early Lanchesters was exceptional and very advanced. The two cylinders had their own crankshaft and fly wheel counter

rotating. Each piston had 3 con rods, 2 attached to one crank and the 3rd to the opposing crank. The whole engine thus remained perfectly and smoothly in step.



Early model—note tiller steering and weather guard.

When production resumed after the WWI Lanchester re-introduced its prewar "Forty" car with 6.2 ltr. overhead cam engine. It was very expensive, more than the Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. The company had to introduce a smaller, less expensive model the "Twenty One" with a 3.1 litre six cylinder engine. In 1927 Lanchester even produced a one off Electric/Petrol Hybrid which today is in a Birmingham museum.

A familiar story now evolves. A luxury car maker introduces its biggest and grandest model just as the Great Depression looms on the horizon. For Lanchester it was a 4.5 litre straight eight. Only 126 were produced. Their bank eventually called in the company's loan of £38,000 and a sale or liquidation were the two options.



Dr. Frederick Lanchester



Driver operating tiller

The steering was a tiller (not steering wheel). The driver's right arm rested comfortably in the tiller effortlessly turning right and left. The car was wide and with the engine placed amidships there was no forward bonnet. The driver and passenger tucked up snugly with a leather protection cape! An epicyclic gear box kept the engine at correct revs. In 1902 came the addition of front wheel disc brakes.

What of Daimler UK? Remember Daimler production had started in England in 1896 and life for Daimler had not been a bed of roses. A financial re-organization occurred in 1904 and by 1910 the company had been purchased by BSA. In 1930 the Daimler factory was almost next door to the Lanchester factory in Coventry and so in a sort of marriage of convenience, BSA bought Lanchester at a virtual give away price of £26,000. Lanchester production shifted to the Daimler factory, both now under the ownership of BSA.

Daimler, however, was also struggling. Too many expensive models in a time of great austerity. To meet the new "economy" BSA used the Lanchester Badge on down market Daimler cars and smaller cars in general.

1954 and the last Lanchester produced was a very humble "Lanchester 14" with a 2 litre 4 cylinder engine. How the mighty had sunk to humiliation!

In 1960 BSA sold Daimler to Jaguar and along with Daimler came the name Lanchester. Even today listed as a non trading subsidiary of Jaguar/Land Rover we find "THE LANCHESTER MOTOR COMPANY" Perhaps just waiting?

Ps. In researching this piece I noticed that Dr Federick Lanchester is listed as an engineer and polymath.— (A person whose expertise spans a significant number of subject areas, known to draw on complex bodies of knowledge to solve specific problems). I realise I am not one. ....Phil Sperryn



1950's Lanchester 10



1930 Straight 8