

Brisbane Regional Register News

Cat Chat

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Brisbane Register Christmas Party 2018

words by Ian Lind

This year we again shared Christmas festivities with our members and friends from the Brisbane Register and visitors from other Registers at the Bundamba Turf Club's function Room. This year we had 11 cars parked in front of the function room, a much greater number than the 3 we had last year. This was probably due to the fact that people were now familiar with the venue, and that it was a much cooler and cloudy day. However there were a few malingerers who parked their cars under the shade sails further away from the function. As their cars were so immaculate I suppose we can forgive them for their indiscretions.



Life Members awardees —Lloyd and Lorraine Andersen.

Fifty-four people were present. One apology was from 'Springwood Jaguar' a sponsor who has provided us with three weekend cars for member's prizes at recent events. The luncheon tables were beautifully presented as usual with the centre piece of each table being one of Lloyd's 1:18 scale models of Jaguars. Each person received a gift of a small Christmas pudding. Two pre-luncheon drink tickets were available for each member whilst tasty Hors d'oeuvres were served by the caterers. We spent an hour of re-establishing old friendships, greeting familiar faces and sharing stories social and Jaguar.

The MC Lloyd Andersen requested all to be seated and called on the Chairman to welcome all present. It was time to sit down to our Christmas Luncheon. All tastes were catered for



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**New Committee required .
Please advise Joy Cooper
you will accept nomination
before AGM 22nd Jan**

I myself had a delicious steak with a touch of pink - 'just the way I like it'.

During the break between main course and dessert, the MC asked the Chairman to present 10, 20 and 30 year membership badges. These were presented to Tony Herald (30year badge)- the only person present on the day. Others not present were Rod and Gabrielle Wood, Bryson and Leone Talamini, Mike and Pam Tyquin, Geoff Blake, Hugh Bristow, David Grantham, Allan Hillless and John Scott (all 10 year badges).

The Chairman then called on Jim Reid the President of JDCQ to present JDCQ awards and trophies.

The first award presented was for 'Life Membership'. Lloyd and Lorraine Andersen were the deserving recipients.

The second award was 'Member of the Year.' And once again this was awarded to Lloyd for his numerous attendances at club events in 2018.

The third award was to Lorraine Andersen for 'Club Woman of the Year.'

The fourth award was for 'New Member of the Year'. Which was awarded to Peter Christou an enthusiastic new member.

The fifth award was "The Past Presidents Badges " (new in 2018). Unfortunately of course, some are no longer with us, but those able to receive their badges on the day were John Tupicoff, Graham Hein, Ron Rumble Lloyd Andersen, Tony Herald.

The sixth award was 'The Merit Award' presented to Phil Sperry and Ruth Bodey for the effort they put into club activities including monthly Cat Chat.

After the awards presentation a delicious dessert was served . Our MC Lloyd then called upon Neil Summerson to hold his ladies and gents quizzes, with the prizes given to us by our other sponsor 'Brisbane City Jaguar'. The quiz covered some very little-known data about Jaguars. The three quizzes were enthusiastically embraced with the winners awarded prizes for their expert knowledge.

Finally Ian and Jeanette Lind and Phil Sperry presented the 'Chairman's in-house Awards.' These consisted of bottles of 'Bubbly' , some chocolates and some Christmas Puddings.

Last was the raffle draw for the 'Jaguar for the Weekend'. It was drawn by a member of the catering staff and won by Don Milner who will no doubt be accompanied by his wife Sandy on their planned drive to another Register Christmas Party.

Lloyd our MC then thanked the caterers for their excellent service and asked the Chairman Ian Lind to close. We then all enjoyed further conversation for another thirty minutes before dispersing to our homes.

The Committee wish you a Happy New Year and safe driving in 2019.



Just a few of the cars on show



Awards given to some of the past presidents.

Upcoming events

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Date Claimers

- 🐾 **Tues 22nd Jan— Brisbane Register AGM**, Yeronga Services Club 7.30pm, 391 Fairfield Road Yeronga, guest speaker Rob Dolley TBC speaks on car detailing. Come earlier for dinner if you wish.
- 🐾 **Sat 26th Jan—JDCQ Australia Day Picnic** at Wivenhoe Dam. See details on page 6
- 🐾 **Thurs 7th Feb—Chassis Based Register Meet** at Karalee Tavern—See page 5
- 🐾 **Tues 12th Feb** - Evening visit to Dutton Garage, Albion More info next edition Allan Hilless, Joy Cooper
- 🐾 **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/>
- 🐾 **1st May** – Book of Mormon—Sorry theatre visit cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 🐾 **Sun 26th May - Mac's Bridge** at Belmont. More info to come
- 🐾 **27th July**—2 nights in Dalby to see the **Opera at Jimbour**—more info to come or to register now to reserve limited accommodation—Contact Ian Lind. See page 5
- 🐾 **Sun 25th Aug - Peak Crossing Charity Car Event** More info to come.

Note: More drives will be advised once a new committee is in place. New committee takes over 22nd Jan.—please volunteer.

Brisbane Regional Committee needs you!

Why not make your opinion mean something? Have your say into how to run the Register and decide its activities.

On the 22nd January at the Brisbane Regional Register AGM all Committee positions will be declared vacant. We need your contribution. Please volunteer to take a place on the Brisbane Register Committee.

To register early or for more information please phone Ian Lind 0438629598 or Joy Cooper 0419732091 now.



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 22nd January —come and have your say!

7.30pm Yeronga Services Club. Come earlier for dinner.

Guest Speaker Rod Dolley talks about car detailing. For more information speak to Ian Lind.



Members Look to the Future at Springwood Jaguar *Phil Sperryn*

One Saturday in December saw 27 Jaguars take the highway south. Their destination -NOT - the sandy beaches of the Gold Coast but the Jaguar dealership at Springwood. The idea was hatched up between Jim Bowden and Springwood Jaguar that the lawn in front of the dealership would be a fine setting to display some of our cars, enjoying a morning coffee and pastry courtesy of Springwood Jaguar. Was there a need for there to be a reason for this friendly gathering? Well that was provided by the introduction of Jaguar's new I-Pace. Silently the car arrived and parked centre stage. This is certainly a new type of Jaguar. First it looks good - very stylish! and the interior space is beautifully appointed. The underfloor area is all battery ensuring not only a low C of G but also room for great cargo space. One electric motor powers the front wheels and another the rear wheels. 0 to 100 in just over 4 seconds, top speed somewhere near 200kph. Claimed range 480kms. We shall see! Rather nice for the Brisbane Register to have this viewing. Thank you Springwood Jaguar! I hope they enjoyed seeing our collection of old and not so old Jaguars as much as we enjoyed a glimpse into the future. We shall see if the new I-Pace is the road to follow but, did I mention - it does look good?



No engine in there! The new I-Pace



Members inspect the new I-Pace

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.

John Weekes Memorial Drive

We remembered John Weekes and his wonderful convivial company during our Canungra Memorial Drive on 22 November. The weather was slightly sombre, but the mood was upbeat as we tucked into breakfast and passed around photos taken during happier times. John would have enjoyed this drive as he and his primrose roadster did on many occasions. Rest in peace. *Clive Arnold*



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.

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 send your articles and contributions to Cat Chat to phil.ruthb@gmail.com

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 Secretary of the Brisbane Register by 30th April will assure your accommodation. Price of the room per night is expected to be approximately \$140. Start your planning today.



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**

JAGUAR DRIVER'S CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

FREE - GOURMET SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ALL REGIONS COMBINED - AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 January 2019

*FREE GOURMET BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SAUCES AND RELISHES,
FREE SALAD, BREAD AND ROLLS AND DRINK*

New members, kids and family especially welcome

Date: Australia Day - Saturday 26th January 2019

Venue: Cormorant Bay Park at Wivenhoe Dam.

Cormorant Bay offers very pleasant picnic amenities with wonderful views of Wivenhoe Dam. There is plenty of shade with ample tables and seating benches. Drinking water is on site, as are electric BBQ facilities. There is a café at Cormorant Bay which is open on public holidays.

Who can attend? This event is for all JDCQ regions club members and their guests, however we certainly extend a warm invitation to those who are interested in joining our club to come along. We hope you join our club. New members are encouraged to attend to get to know your JDCQ fellows.

Bring: *Your Jaguar, morning tea to enjoy and or share, non-glass glasses
*Tea or coffee, maybe cake and bikkies to share, cold drinks
*Tablecloths, cutlery (if required), plates and perhaps your own chairs.

Lunch: Excellent BBQ chef in attendance!!

Free Electric BBQ's on site at Cormorant Bay should you wish to "throw a few shrimps (or a lamb chop) of your own on the barby. If you want to DIY please bring your own BBQ utensils, tongs, cooking oils and dressing.

Don't Bring Glass! For the safety of others, SEQ Water, who manage the park, request that we not bring glass drinking vessels. Plastic is best for safety. Please BYO non-glass glasses.
Remember to drink and drive responsibly.

Arrive at Cormorant Bay between 10.30am and 11.00am for a "meet & greet" morning tea and a relaxing day.

Directions: On the Brisbane Valley Highway, a few kms north of Fernvale.

The turnoff into Cormorant Bay Park is on the east side of the highway immediately south of the Wivenhoe Dam wall.

See you there!

**This FREE event is for all Regions
of JDCQ members
and their guests.**

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

That in 1967 Donald Campbell was killed whilst chasing 300mph to better his own world water speed record. Well yes you probably did—but what of the craft, Bluebird K7?

The Hydro plane was a very successful design and broke the water speed record 7 times between 1955 & 1964. In 1964 Campbell set the world land speed record, at Lake Eyre (403mph) and his goal was to also set the water speed record in the same year so Bluebird K7 was brought out to Lake Bonney in South Australia in an attempt at the double achievement. Bad luck and poor weather dogged the team in South Australia so they



shifted camp to Lake Dumb-leyoung in Western Australia. On the very last day of the year conditions were right on the lake and Campbell raised the record to 276.3 mph.

Back to 1967 and Lake Coniston. Campbell and Bluebird K7 ran

the first leg at 297.6 mph. At the start of the return leg she was over 320 mph. Then disaster! Bluebird's nose rose into the air then she somersaulted

and crashed back into the water. Campbell and his boat disappeared from view, the lake suddenly silent.

In 2001, 34 years later, the wreckage was once again located and recorded by Bill Smith. With his team Bill has spent 5 years listing all the parts recovered and took 10 years to restore them and put them back together. In 2016 a replacement for the Bristol Siddley Orpheus Jet Engine, donated by De Haviland aviation was tested. So to August this year, with Campbell's daughter Gina in attendance, Bluebird K7 returned to the water. This time at Loch Fad. Further testing will be completed before Bluebird returns to demonstration runs at Coniston Water.

And so to the controversy— After the accident Campbell's body was not found. The Campbell family let it be known that they did not want the craft recovered if the body was still missing. The boat and her captain should rest together, wherever. However in the 2001 recovery operation



Bluebird is raised in 2001

Campbell's body was located and respectfully placed in a coffin before being pulled from the water. Gina Campbell donated K7 to the Ruskin Museum at Coniston Water. Should the boat have been recovered? Should she be displayed as found in her distressed condition or restored as is the case. Parallels with Parry Thomas and BABS. We can all have our own views but to see Blue Bird K7 back on the water at Coniston would just be something else!



Bluebird restored makes a run on Loch Fad

Post Script. On 12 September 2001 Donald Campbell's coffin was carried by motor launch on Lake Coniston and through the measured kilometer for one last time. He is buried in the quiet Parish Cemetery of Coniston Water.

Incidentally October 2018 was the 40th anniversary of the setting of the current record. That was by Australia's own Ken Warby with his boat Spirit of Australia on Blowering dam NSW. His speed.... 317.6 mph.



Priscilla

On 30th October 14 members of the Brisbane Register drove through the Australian desert, not in Jaguars but in the company of Priscilla, an aging tourist bus. Yes we were along for the ride at Brisbane's QPAC theatre.

I will state that the plot is thin, but critics will accuse me of being generous if a story line exists it is useful only to string together toe tapping hit songs staged in one dazzling set after another. A trio of singing girls make descent from a great height to take to centre stage then disappear time

again. Priscilla is confronted with giant paint brushes that "colour her world" not with paint but by clever use of lighting technique. It might have been only "Raining Men" but the "Cake still got left out in the Rain" which was a shame, as it took so long to bake it. The skits kept on coming, the sets kept on changing and the costumes grew ever more glamorous and extravagant. Standing ovation and certainly our group reckoned they had their money's worth.



No, its not the cast but a few of the members of the Brisbane Register

Welcome to new Brisbane Register members

Tony Platts-Baggs XJS

Oops! Apology for omission from last Cat Chat

Welcome



OH I COULD FIX IT FOR UNDER FIFTY BUCKS, BUT I JUST COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF KNOWING THAT SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT NEED A WHOLE NEW ENGINE.