

Brisbane Regional Register News



Cat Chat!

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NOTE

AGM Brisbane Regional Register

Date : Tuesday 30th January 2018

Place: Yeronga Services Club, 391 Fairfield Rd, Yeronga.

Time: 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Darryl Binch, Senior Leather Technician, from Leather Finishing Products Australia (recommended by Ray Hodges). Darryl is an expert of leather products, knowledge and solutions for Jaguar Cars and also for your leather lounge. Darryl will be demonstrating Vinyl repair.

Please email your questions for Darryl in advance to Joy Cooper at joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au or by phone 0419 732 091 by 31st December 2017.

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Date claimers

-  **Fri 26th January Annual** Australia Day picnic at Wivenhoe Dam. 
-  **Tue 30th January** Brisbane Regional Register AGM —Yeronga Services Club (see above).
-  **Sun 18th February** Brisbane register day run.
-  **Tues 13th March** General Meeting & interest speaker. Contact Joy
-  **Sun 8th April** —St Helena Cruise was reschedule last year due weather.
-  **Fri Sat Sun 8th 9th & 10th June** Bunya/Kingaroy Drive/Walk rescheduled from October due to weather and muddy venues.
-  **Sat Sun 21st 22nd July Jumpers and Jazz**—overnight Warwick staying at McNevins Motel (more info in the next Cat Chat).

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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Australia Day Picnic

Friday 26th January - Wivenhoe Dam— details page 4



Brisbane Regional Register Meeting

Tuesday 30th January—Yeronga Services Club—Come and have your say— details page 1



Day Run to Boonah and the Lockyer Valley

Sunday 18th February—

Brisbane Register day run. Meet at Boonah, drive to lunch at the Staging Post Café at Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre QLD Transport Museum. Full Details will be in February Cat Chat. RSVP Barry Cooper barry.cooper@cooperation.com.au by 11/2/18 Ph. 0418985388



Cruise to St Helena

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

This trip was originally planned for November but was 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



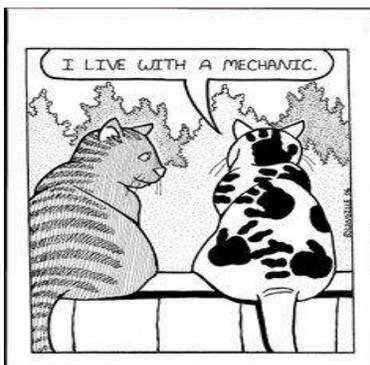
Three-day drive and walk – Kingaroy and the Bunya Mountains Drive/Walk postponed due to weather now rescheduled to 8th, 9th 10th June 2018

Friday 8th, 9th 10th June —These dates have been chosen in consultation with the Astronomer. Good for viewing the Milky Way, Jupiter and Saturn. More advertising will take place closer to the date. For more information Phone Phil and Ruth 0418188090 or phil.ruthb@gmail.com



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. Phil and Ruth have organized accommodation at McNeveins Motel. More details including price will be published in the next Cat Chat.



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

The Brisbane Register Christmas Party 2017

The Brisbane Register Christmas Party was held on 26th November at the Ipswich Turf Club, Bundamba. We all enjoyed excellent finger food before the lovely luncheon and two drink vouchers for each member.

The venue was well chosen by Lloyd and Lorraine Andersen as it turned out to be central and the food good. Not only that but very capable MC Lloyd's great repertoire of humorous poems led to plenty of happy laughter!

A special thank you to eight JDCQ members who attended from other Registers. These included our Patron Ron Gaudion and his wife May who were our guests, John and Colleen Davis, Tony Brett and his partner Gen and Merv and Lyn Jackson.

Ron Gaudion was our Guest of Honour who gave us a fascinating insight into his many years as one of the two mechanics who propelled the Ecurie Ecosse D Type Jaguars to such incredible wins and places at Le Mans in the mid and late fifties. Ron answered questions from the guests afterwards.

JDCQ Awards were presented during lunch:-

"Club Member of the Year"—awarded to **Tony Herald** for obtaining the highest point score for club participation during 2017.

"Volunteer of the Year" to **Joy Cooper** for her tireless work for the Brisbane Register.

"Badges of Merit" to **Gary Clark** our Membership Officer for nearly a decade also to **Ray Hodges** for more than a decade looking after the Library.

Tony Herald has stepped down as President of the JDCQ after ten years or more in various positions on the JDCQ committee, many of them as President and National Rally Director. Although he is hanging up his boots, no doubt he will still continue as one of the most active members.

10 year member badges were also presented to Paul and Kathryn Lucas (Website Administrator), Rod and Sue Greasley and John and Colleen Davis.

Brisbane City Jaguar generously donated the "Jaguar for the Weekend" raffle prize as well as a gleaming F Type for display purposes on the day. Brisbane City Jaguar are always great supporters of our Christmas Party and the Register Chairman and Committee would like to thank them once again for their kind generosity. Congratulations to Geoff Dickenson who bought the winning ticket. Also thanks to Ron and Lesley Rumble, Richard & Jill Andrews, Lloyd and Lorraine Andersen and Peter and Lorraine Finn for raffle prizes donated. Novelty prizes were given to Joan Henderson for best Jaguar themed couture, to Merv Jackson for a Jaguar towed the furthest in 2017 and to Ron Gaudion for member with the longest association with Jaguar (1955).



JAGUAR DRIVER'S CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

FREE - GOURMET SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BUBBLY



ALL REGIONS COMBINED - AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 January 2018

FREE GOURMET BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE and CHICKEN SKEWERS – SAUCES AND RELISHES, FREE SALAD, BREAD AND ROLLS AND DRINK

New members, kids and family especially welcome

Date: Australia Day - Friday 26th January 2018

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 bickies 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 klms 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.....

Obtaining Parts For Older (and not so old) Jaguars

by Barry Cooper

It's difficult to know what knowledge other Jaguar owners have or would like to have so perhaps I'm writing about what others already know or don't want to know. However, I shall carry on in ignorance to tell of some knowledge I have gleaned over the last few years while maintaining our small fleet of Jaguars. For now I'll just talk about replacement parts but maybe next time I can describe the resources available on the internet. Sorry, it is not as entertaining as Phil's articles.



One of the most frequent questions I receive from non-Jaguar owners about our E-Type (after "Is that a V12?") is "How do you get parts?" We are very fortunate that parts supply for older Jaguars is not the problem it used to be say 20 years ago. Quality of reproduction parts also seems to have improved remarkably, particularly from some of the major suppliers. Cost however can vary enormously for the same item.

How to determine price and availability? Internet search engines are the first port of call for me. Ideally one needs to know the part number being sought but if that is not known, searching the description can usually yield the part number. For example, searching for 'Jaguar XK8 Headlight' will find hundreds of listings including the part number/s. Don't however just choose one potential supplier as they are not all equal in service. If you don't use the internet there is also another option mentioned later.

A headlight on our XK8 was broken by a rock somewhere between Brisbane and Mt Tamborine on a Register outing so I went searching for a replacement. The price from Jaguar Classic Parts delivered to our closest dealer was \$541. From another Australian supplier it was \$485. Searching further I found the identical part from a reputable UK supplier for \$185 delivered to my door. This supplier even confirmed that I was ordering the correct part by checking the VIN with Jaguar and also emailed me the original Build Sheet for our car. I do support Australian business whenever possible but also prefer to have an extra \$300 to spend on essentials like petrol.

A tail light was damaged on our XF when a shopping centre concrete pillar jumped out and hit it (never trust parking sensors). A friendly car painter obtained his trade price from Jaguar Australia which was \$670. Using internet search I was able to obtain the genuine part from Ireland for \$407 delivered. Unfortunately the light was damaged in transit due to poor packaging but when I sent photos of the damage to the supplier they immediately sent a replacement. They claimed on their insurance and did not require return of the damaged item.

A cooling fan motor on our E-Type expired (typical Jaguar – it wasn't quite 50 years old). Price from a major Australian supplier was \$397 plus delivery for one. I bought TWO motors from the major UK supplier for \$447 delivered. Then a club member said they knew someone who could repair my old one!

Delivery is now a major component in the cost of parts. Consider whether there might be another club member placing parts orders with major suppliers so that delivery cost can be shared, particularly for small items. Just another reason to keep in touch with club members by attending events.

Don't want to use the internet or want someone to do the legwork? Fortunately there is now a Brisbane supplier with regular deliveries from the UK and elsewhere. Classic and Prestige Auto Services at Geebung (advert in the Jaguar Driver) can supply used and new parts and I have used them for both maintenance work and parts supply. A stud for our E-Type was ordered Friday lunch time and arrived the following Wednesday. Because it was part of their bigger order I paid 1/50th of the cost for delivery than if I had ordered it alone. Rear brakes replacement (parts and labour) on our XF we were quoted \$1440 at a dealer but done for \$634. Disclaimer: No business connection, just a satisfied customer.

When I bought a lot of parts while restoring our E-Type back in the mid 1990s there did not seem to be such a disparity in pricing for identical items. Yes, there were cheap parts and expensive parts but usually you got what you paid for. I am now surprised at the wide range of prices for identical items. So, it pays to shop around!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

GAVIN AND CHRISTINE LEIGHT—S TYPE (CLASSIC) & XJS
PETER CHRISTOU—S TYPE (CLASSIC)
MARTEN LAK & KAYLENE COURTNEY

Please - remember if you change your personal details e.g, address, email address, phone number or car type to advise our secretary.



This will ensure you are always up to date with the latest information and changes.



Thank you to Jeanette Lind for organising QPAC tickets to the musicals Mamma Mia on 31st January and the Rocky Horror Show at a good price.

Unfortunately we now have to advise that all the available tickets have been taken.

Fully Booked

Your Club needs you! Please consider!

Why not enjoy the club, become more involved and make it easier to have your say?



- All committee positions for the Brisbane Regional Register will become vacant at its AGM on 30th January, 2018
- Would you like to have more say in the direction of your Register and help plan future events and drives?
- Positions available will be Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, General Committee Members, Cat Chat compiler.
- Please consider volunteering for any one of these positions. To register your interest in advance please email Joy Cooper at joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au or speak up at the Meeting on 21st November.