

# Brisbane Regional Register News

## Cat Chat

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### Woongooroo Drive, Lunch and wine tasting—Sun 5th May

On 5th May the sky was blue and the temperature was just right for a 148klm drive from Redbank Plaza Shopping to Mt Archer, at the head of the Stanley river.

Our destination was the Woongooroo Winery, owned by Phil and Gail Close. Phil is a Jag owner as well as a very good wine maker.

The Jag group assembled at 9.45am for a quick briefing by the tour organiser.

Some got there a bit late due to confusion over shopping centres which all have KFC outlets in whose car park we assembled. Instructions were given out and all departed promptly at 10am. After an hour of driving we had a stop at Esk where we had a 10 minute break.

After restarting we turned off just outside Esk onto the Somerset/Kilcoy road which took us through some beautiful country around the top of Somerset Dam.

Many of the drivers stated afterwards that they had never been on that road and they were amazed at the new homes built around the Kilcoy end of the dam catchment.

We arrived at the winery at noon and Phil explained a bit of history and read some very amusing bush ballads.

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*A little bit of tasting combined with humorous poetry*



*Just a small sample of the cars to view*

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Neil Summerson then introduced John Somerset, Treasurer of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Qld who is the great grandson of the Henry Plantagenet Somerset after whom the dam was named. A very nice touch to the day's outing.

41 people attended and they were served a nice lunch and Phil gave us all some advice on wine tasting.

We all left at 2.30pm.

words by Neil Sumerson



## 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 two 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

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 : Bris-  
bane Register JDCQ, c/-  
3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm  
Q 4005

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



## Ladies Morning Tea sponsored by the JDCQ - 19th June

All ladies of the Brisbane Regional Register (each register is holding its own) are invited to morning tea sponsored to the amount of \$12 by the JDCQ .

The venue will be the Muse Café, at the end of the Whale Mall at the Queensland Museum, South Bank Cultural Precinct, Cnr Grey & Melbourne Streets, South Brisbane Wednesday 19th June.

Meet between 10 & 10.30. All ladies are welcome.

Please RSVP as numbers need to be booked in advance - call Lucy on 0413130009 by the week before. Best train station is South Brisbane!



# Upcoming events

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### Date Claimers

- 🐾 Sun 2nd June Angelhurst Charity Car Show—Tamborine. More info pg 5
- 🐾 Thurs 6th June - Chassis Based Register Lunch more info page 4
- 🐾 Wed 19th June Ladies Morning Tea in the city sponsored by the JDCQ More info on page 2
- 🐾 Tues 9th July General meeting— 7.30 Yeronga Services Club, Guest speaker TBA come early for dinner .
- 🐾 Fri Sat Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 27th July —2 nights in Dalby to see the **Opera at Jimbour** — more info Pg 2
- 🐾 Sun 4th Aug -Jags and Jazz St John Fisher College, Brackenridge. More info pg 4
- 🐾 Sun 25th Aug - Peak Crossing Charity Car Event. More info to come.
- 🐾 Sun 22nd Sept All British Day More info to come.
- 🐾 Fri 27th Sat 28th Sun 29th Sept—3 day drive Tweed Valley and Murwillumbah More info Pg 6
- 🐾 Tues 5th Nov Tickets to “Chicago” the musical more info Pg 4.

Stop Press: two rooms have become available for the Jimbour Opera weekend page 2

### Other events:-

Sun 14th July RACQ Motorfest, Eagle Farm Racecourse

### Lunch at the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club 18th May

T'was Saturday 18th May and so we voted! After that little chore 15 Brisbane register members got on with more important matters. We met at the Shorncliffe Cruising Yacht Club for luncheon. Being upright members of the JDCQ the politics of the day did not impinge too much upon polite conversation and only a few minor tussles broke out!. Tables and chairs were rearranged as sharp showers went though, however they did not dampen any spirits.



*As a post script John & Colleen Davis were halfway from the Gold Coast to the luncheon when they received information of an imminent early arrival. They returned home to greet a new grand child. Welcome baby Ellie!*

*Phil Sperryn*



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This event is being co-organised by JDCQ treasurer John Somerset. The theme Jags & Jazz is a play on the "J" however classics of all types are to be welcomed. I am sure attendance will not disappoint so let your other car mates know the date and booking procedure. For more info and the link to book for only \$10 please click below

Phil Sperry

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## CHICAGO

Tickets have been arranged by Jeanette Lind for this wonderful musical at the Lyric Theatre 5th November 2019 - \$90 pp. (a reduction of \$20) (note—melb cup day) 20 tickets have been booked so claim your seat now.



*The longest running American musical in Broadway & West End History Roxie rocks Brisbane & "All—that—Jazz" Opens November Lyric Theatre QPAC. "The sharpest, slickest show on the Block" The Times U.K.*

*6 Tony Awards, 1 Grammy, 2 Olivier, 2 Helpman Awards*

Pre-payment by direct deposit before the 20th August to: The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include surname & Chicago as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 506117953 or cheques made Payable to "Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc" & write "Brisbane Register Chicago" on the reverse then post to: Brisbane Register JDCQ, c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres, New Farm Q 4005

**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.

### 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— next June 6th - Enquiries Lloyd Andersen 32948960

Welcome to new Brisbane Register members  
John & Cathy Somerset  
XJC

Welcome



## 2019— The 9th Angelhurst Village Charity Car Day

Celebrating 100 years of Bentley  
An inter-club charity challenge  
Invited Clubs  
No public, invited guest ONLY



**When:** Sunday, 2 June 2019

**Time:** From 9am...

**Where:** 2 Pendennis Road  
Tamborine

**Admission:** \$30 per car  
Concours entry extra

Phone Tery 0438 689 544



- Fine food and drinks on site
- Or bring your own picnic
- Low key concours judged
- Trophies by Shannons

All proceeds to benefit:  
Rotary and Brake  
Rotary proceeds for  
drought relief in Longreach



This event has raised over \$56,000  
with all proceeds going to the  
nominated charities....



## 3 Day drive to the scenic and beautiful Tweed Valley and Murwillumbah

27th 28th 29th September

Get in early to reserve your spot. 12 rooms booked total cost approx. \$270 per person (pay when advised)



### Inclusions in the price

- 2 nights accommodation at the Tweed River Motel including a basic continental breakfast (3 star). Park at your door but not undercover but Sept should be ok.
- Scenic Cruise on the Tweed River (with pre-dinner drinks)
- Dinner at the renowned "House of Gabriel" Tumbulgum (beautiful riverside village)
- Light Lunch at the Red Rattler, Dungay (old train Carriage)
- Lunch at "Flutterbies" at Tyalgum.
- Visit the Hinze Dam
- Morning tea /coffee at Hinze Dam
- Morning Tea/coffee at Uki
- Morning Tea/Coffee at Mavis's Kitchen, Mount Warning Road.
- Natural Bridge rainforest walk (30mins—optional)



### Extra Expenses

- Buy your own lunch at Dutch & Co at Nimbin—Get in touch with your alternate side and buy your pipe while you browse the hippie shops. Don't breathe too much mountain air.
- Buy your own dinner at the Riverview Hotel (renovated) on the banks of the Tweed River—shuttle provided.

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post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ ,  
c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q  
4005 - (pay in July)

**To reserve your spot—Email now: [phil.ruthb@gmail.com](mailto:phil.ruthb@gmail.com) or phone Phil 0412187130**

## Did You Know.....

I was trying to twist the arm of my husband Phil to do just one more story for "Did you Know" (and I even provided the topic – Karl Benz - the inventor of the first practicable automobile). Phil tells me that that subject would not be of interest as "everyone knows about Karl Benz and his achievements" - "Really", I thought "not me" so I read more on the subject of this famous engineer. In doing so I found the lesser known topic of Bertha Ringer/Benz his wife.

So here is her story (in a nutshell) .....

Karl Benz was born in 1844. Unfortunately his father died when he was only two but luckily for Karl, his mother was a strong determined woman and insisted Karl receive a good education despite their extreme poverty. Young Karl was extremely bright and graduated from university in mechanical engineering when only 19 and then he acquired a business partner and tried a few new commercial ventures. Unfortunately his business partner was not reliable or dedicated and squandered their money. As a result their tools were impounded which left the business unworkable.

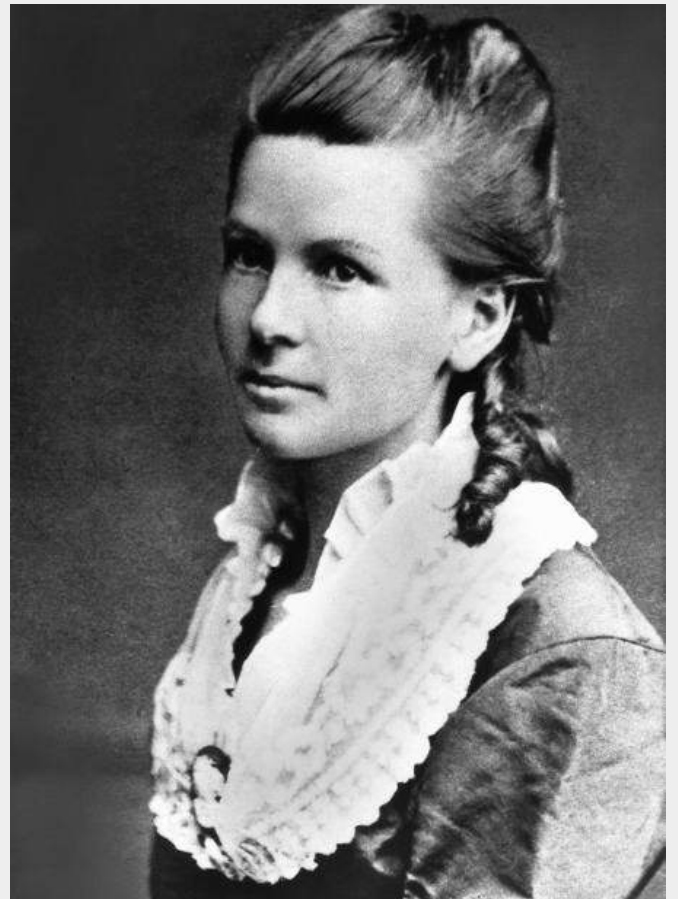
Meanwhile Karl had met the beautiful Bertha Ringer aged 18 and they became engaged to marry. Karl was at that stage a design genius but also penniless which caused Bertha's father to disapprove of the match as he wished that she marry someone of greater status. However - Bertha was determined to marry him.

Bertha immediately used her dowry money to buy out the errant partner and together they got the business back on track with Karl and Bertha as business partners. Life improved! They married and ended up having 5 children.

Karl was a genius with his inventions and patents and developed



*Bertha receives her award from the University*



the first 2 stroke engine. Benz soon patented the speed regulation system, ignition using sparks with battery, the spark plug, the carburetor, the clutch, the gear shift, and the water radiator.

Karl's real passion was to develop a horseless carriage and he started with a design influenced by his love of bicycles. Power was transmitted by means of two roller chains to the rear axle. Eventually he built his motorwagen but it proved hard to control and crashed during its demonstration run.

He then modified the design and made edition no 2 and then 3 and eventually patented the first motor car in 1885. The general feeling was that it would never catch on as who would ever want such a contraption? The idea of it eventually replacing the horse was laughable and it wasn't selling.....

One day in August 1888 without even telling her husband Bertha took the horseless carriage and two of her teenage sons and drove to visit her mother 104kms away from Mannheim to Pforzheim and when Bertha arrived she telegraphed the stunned Karl to inform him of her trip. Bertha had planned the trip stopping at pharmacies along the way to obtain fuel (ligroin). On the way home after quite a few downhill stretches she stopped and ordered a shoe maker to nail leather on the brake block - the first real brakes! She was undeterred by the fact that some stretches of the roads, which were normally used only by horses and carriages, were anything but suitable for the automobile. Lack of fuel, clogged valves or wiring chafed-through to breaking point – she found a solution to every difficulty on the journey and resorted to a garter, a hat-pin, and plundered the ligroin stocks of pharmacies along the route. Even when the fuel ran out completely outside Wiesloch, and the Motor Car had to be pushed for several kilometres - of course she pushed as well!

Bertha had driven over 200 Kilometres at a time when no other car had driven more than a few dozen metres. It had been her intention to demonstrate that the Benz patent Motor-Wagon no 3 could actually be used for long distance travel rather than just simply an interesting curiosity. Her plan worked like a treat. Sales soared from then on!

To this day you can travel the Bertha Benz Memorial Route and in 2008 it was recognised as a route of industrial heritage for mankind and now everyone can follow the 194 km signposted route.

On her 95th birthday she was proclaimed an honorary Senator by the Technical University of Karlsruhe, an amazing feat for Bertha who was never allowed to study herself because of the social constraints of her time.

When she died two days later, she departed in peace. As a person who allowed nothing and nobody to dissuade her from her visions she was definitely a woman ahead of her time!

Ps . What's in a name: "Benzine"..... Yes you guessed it - it was named after Karl.



1885 Karl with Bertha at his side with the first Motor Car



Karl and Bertha driving in "Victoria" —a similar car that Bertha drove for 200 kms. Picture taken in 1894.