

Brisbane Regional Register News



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Opera at Jimbour

The carpark below the house is full, and lined up along the airstrip are the light aircraft belonging to opera fans who have flown in from rural areas for the day.



As we stroll around the gardens the opera is in full swing. We pause to rest on a stone bench and to admire the full magnificence of our bucolic location. The Merry Widow is being played out in the amphitheatre below the homestead, and operatic strains seep through the fig trees towards where we sit. Ten thousand people have travelled here any which way they can, by plane, car, bus, train, from all parts of Australia, and even from around the globe. This event is an operatic bucket-list trip of the highest order. Continued page 3

Date claimers

-  **17th September** JDCQ Display Day as part of the All British Day
-  **19th September** Register Meeting viewing Brisbane CityJaguar, Newstead pg 2
-  **24 September** St Helena Cruise (see page 3).
-  **15th October** Stu & Wendy Sunday run (see page 3).
-  **20-22 October** Bunya/Kingaroy drive and walk (see page 5)
-  **21st November** Register Meeting Kirfare Klassics Aspley 7pm for 7.30pm
-  **26th November** -Brisbane Register Christmas Party - more details on following page.



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**Committee Members
needed!**

If you would like to volunteer
please reply to Joy Cooper

Upcoming events

All British Day/JDCQ Display Day

17th September

Once again the JDCQ annual Display Day is being held in conjunction with the All British Day at St Joseph's College playing fields, Tennyson on 17th September. 08.30 to 2.00pm.



JDCQ has been allocated the same spacious area as last year, plenty of room for at least 70 Jaguars. There is catering on site and a huge display of British makes to enjoy throughout the day. There is no JDCQ judging, just a relaxed day amongst good friends and great cars. Come along and help make the JDCQ display one you will remember. See the next Jaguar Driver for further details. Contact is Tony Herald, email president@jagqld.org.au

Register Meeting

19th September Held at Brisbane City Jaguar ,Newstead—parking via Creswell St. 7.00pm for 7.30pm . Come and view the latest Jaguars and find out what's new with Jaguar.

Cruise to St Helena Island

24 September

Come and explore St Helena , Queensland's first penal settlement, which is only 6 km south-east of the mouth of the Brisbane River.

A tour guide will take you back in time with a gentle 2 km walk as we visit the 100-year old ruins of the goal. The cruise includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea and costs \$65.

The tour departs from Newstead House at 9 am and returns at 4 pm. Although members of the Jag Club will be on-board, we will not have sole use of the boat. (See flyer page 3).

Step 1: book your spot through the Brisbane Cruises website or phone

Step 2: RSVP to Phil and Ruth



Stu & Wendy's Sunday Run

15th October (Sunshine Coast)

Meet at the Shell Servo (in front of Beefy's), southbound Bruce Hwy, at Johnson road , (Exit 171) 9am for a 9.30am departure BYO morning tea, chairs. Toilets and a couple of picnic tables provided. Approx 100km of sealed roads and beautiful scenery, ending up at the Buderim Tavern for lunch. This is not a necessity, but if you are in possession of a portable UHF radio, we encourage you to bring it along. Please RSVP to Stu no later than 12/10/17 as we need numbers for lunch. stu12dozen@gmail.com or 0498 203 257 .

Three-day drive and walk – Kingaroy and the Bunya Mountains

Fri-Sun 20- 22 October

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Brisbane Regional Christmas Party

Sunday 26th November

Ipswich Turf club Cost \$57 More details on flyer page 3





Come for a drive to the
Brisbane Register's
Christmas Party

- * Sunday 26th November
- * 11.30am
- * Ipswich Turf Club
- * 219 Brisbane Rd
Bundamba

On Arrival -

- * Drinks and Canapés pre-lunch
- * Main course lunch—two course alternate drop
- * Dessert—two course alternate drop
- * Tea and Coffee


Cost: \$57 (same as last year)

Pre payment by direct deposit before the 6th November to: 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 "Brisbane Register Account Christmas Party" on the reverse then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q 4005

Also RSVP 6th November by phoning or emailing your acceptance and any dietary requirements to : joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au 07 32542880

Thank you to Lloyd and Lorraine Anderson for organising this function and liaising with the Ipswich Turf Club

Be early as numbers are limited

Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland—Brisbane Register


Enjoy a River and Day Cruise on board the "Lady Brisbane " to St Helena Penal Settlement Sunday 24th September

To book and pay go online to Brisbane Cruises <https://brisbanecruises.rezdy.com/122193/st-helena-island-sunday-tours-newstead-departure> or phone (07) 3630 2666 or email info@brisbanecruises.com.au

Please RSVP just so we have some idea of numbers and who is coming.
Phil and Ruth 0418188090
Phil.ruth@gmail.com

Come and explore Queensland's first penal settlement St Helena which is only 6km SE of the Brisbane river mouth. A tour guide will take you back in time with a gentle 2 km walk as we visit the 100 year old ruins of the Goal. The cruise includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea and costs \$65 . 7 hours in total and departs from Newstead House at 9am and returns at 4pm. Although members of the Jag club will be on board we will not have sole use of the boat

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Below us in the main arena , a diversity of music fans—country folk, city dwellers, seasoned opera fans, and opera newbies—arrange themselves easily in front of the stage, perched on the foldout chairs they brought in with them, lounging on rugs. The atmosphere is relaxed and convivial, strangers mingle. Its the perfect spot for a picnic, a glass of wine, or a thermos of tea. There is no black tie dress code here. It's jeans and comfy shoes. Shady umbrellas dot the crowd: Akubras, Panamas, sun hats made from raffia and cotton—shade is essential. Even on this winter's day the sun is sharp and keenly relentless.

And the opera is all the more enchanting for being enjoyed at such an unusual venue.

We meander back down from our reverie by the house to reunite with the throng just as they join in a resounding chorus of the "Merry Widow Waltz". Love it!

And did I say it is free? So this is how Aussies do opera!

Many thanks to Susan Prior who allowed Cat Chat to reprint part of her article titled "Not quite Outback" - written after her recent adventure with the Brisbane Regional Register to the Opera at Jimbour.

To view the entire article click <https://www.thenakededitor.com.au/home/2017/8/11/not-quite-outback>

Did you know

That Engine—the Napier



MR. LORNE JACOBS of North Holt, Middlesex UK found himself inheriting from his grandfather one of the all time great engines - a 24 litre 12 cylinder Napier "Lion" aero engine. This amazing engine design powered world speed record craft on land, sea and air. Malcolm Campbell's 1927 Blue Bird. Then Henry Seagrave's Golden Arrow in 1929. Seagrave again in 1930, this time on the water with a Napier Lion in his craft "Miss England II" In 1929 the world airspeed record fell with the lion in a Gloster VI sea plane. In 1938 John Cobb sat atop two lion engines in a chassis—the Railton Special and set the record at 394 mph with a one way pass at 403 mph—the first vehicle to pass 400 mph.

So, with that history what was Mr. Lorne Jacobs to do with his Napier "Lion" engine. First thing to see if it would run! It had been preserved in a coating of lanolin. Very sticky and very difficult to remove. The engine was seized and pistons would not budge. Lorne pumped boiling water through the engine till it was very hot then blasted the pistons with fire extinguishers. Dramatically cooled, out they popped. New pistons were built, also new conrods and all bearings replaced. The 6 camshafts were reprofiled to increase the compression ratio.

And so for a car. Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird was the obvious inspiration. Not replica but a beast in the vein of. For a Napier engine a 1921 Napier chassis was acquired, Bentley gear box and Bentley rear axles with brakes. The body was hand formed from sheets of aluminium in the "other garden shed" It has been inspired by the original Blue Bird plans and photographs. Through inspiration, perspiration and dogged hard work the beast became complete. Up the Brookland's hill one day, down to the next pub. Achievement plus!

DAVID NAPIER started his precision engineering company in 1808 and spent much of the century acquiring a reputation for the quality of his work. However as the 20th Century approached, the company, in the hands of his son, was in dire straits. In 1895 Montague Napier became the third generation to run the business—and it coincided with the arrival of the automobile.

With the encouragement of Australia-born entrepreneur and motor sport enthusiast S.F. Edge—(worth a Google), Napier moved into car and engine production, becoming a major manufacturer of race-winners and record-breakers. When WWI broke out, Napier was contracted by the Government to produce Royal Aircraft Factory and Sunbeam aero engines but, critical of their performance, Montague decided to produce an engine of his own. The result was the Napier Lion, the work of Arthur John Rowledge who later joined Rolls Royce and became a key figure in the design of the Merlin engine.

The Lion first ran in 1917 and entered service at war's end. Rowledge's radical "broad-arrow" configuration of three banks of four cylinders on a common crank made the engine compact. It was constructed largely of aluminium alloy with four valves per cylinder and twin overhead camshafts for an initial 450 hp (later tuned to 1300hp in racing versions): the most powerful engine of the day. Napier eventually built 160,000 units through the 1920s and 30s, fitted with more than 150 different types of aircraft.

If any club member still has a grandfather, be nice to him. You never know what might be in his shed!

Don't forget !

Brisbane Regional Register meeting

19th Sept. Brisbane Jaguar Newstead. See what's new with Jaguar parking via Creswell. 7pm for 7.30

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



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It is time to register for the Bunya/
Kingaroy Walk/Drive
20, 21, 22nd October. Cost \$345 pp

**Join us for a walk in
the beautiful Bunya
Mountains, marvel at
the massive Bunya and
Hoop Pines. Stay in
the historical farming
town of Kingaroy all
part of the South Bur-
nett region Fri-Sun
20 21 22nd Oct**

**Payment secures your spot, numbers
are limited due to Motel space**

Please make payment to our treasurer—Joy
Cooper

Payment by direct deposit before the 6th
November to: 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 “Bunya” on the reverse
then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ , c/-
3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q 4005



**Brisbane Regional
Register invites you**

20 21 22 October



Cost of \$345 per person includes the following:

- * Two nights accommodation at the Burke and Wills Motel in the heart of Kingaroy Queen, King, Twins.
- * Package includes accommodation, 3x lunches, 1 x 2 course dinner, 2 continental breakfasts plus 2 morning teas and 1 afternoon tea. 1 lunch will be at the pretty Malanah Gardens with beautiful views of the South Burnett.
- * Includes entry to the Kingaroy Observatory (a 9 minute drive from Kingaroy) for star gazing with the host astronomer. Of course weather permitting.!
- * 2nd night dinner at the historic Carrollee Pub—built 1904 (at your own cost)—We have reserved our seats on the upstairs balcony so be sure to bring a jacket just in case it is chilly.
- * 2 hour easy hike in the beautiful Bunya mountains to see the huge and magnificent Bunya and Hoop Pines. Can you tell the difference? A 45 min horse and cart ride for those not wishing to walk.
- * Includes a visit to “Bethany”, the Bjelke-Petersen home for over 100 years. Tour taken by John Bjelke-Peterson and sample Flo’s famous pumpkin scone recipe –cooked by Karyn Bjelke-Petersen (afternoon tea).
- * Includes a visit to heritage listed “Taabinga Homestead” built 1846 for a tour and morning tea. Taabinga Homestead is one of Queensland’s oldest surviving occupied homes.
- * Waiting for confirmation re: Luncheon at Historical “Ringsfield House” at Nanango. Ringsfield is a living museum plus a coach house, school and museum. An alternate will be sourced if necessary.

If you would like to join us or
to see a more detailed itiner-
ary Please reply - preferably
by email to Ruth & Phil
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0418188090 or 0412187130

A few happy snaps of Peak Crossing courtesy of Scott Nelson of TPR Media <https://tprmedia.net.au/>

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