



July 2025

Upcoming Club Events

Wednesday 6th August

The mid-week run for August will be a visit to the Gold Coast Motor Museum, 107 Kriedeman Road, Upper Coomera. There is a great range of classic and vintage cars on display. Following a wander through some automotive history, we will have lunch at Stanleys Barn. Museum entry cost is \$15 pp. Please advise Andrew Danks if attending on 0437 532475

Date: 6th August

Meet at: Coomera BP Service Centre

Time: 10.30am, leaving at 11.00am

Sunday 17th August

The Sunday event for August will be a lunch beside the water at the Galley Restaurant in the Boatworks complex in Coomera. Please meet at the restaurant at 11.30am for 12.00pm lunch. Please advise Faye Wallis at the next meeting or on 0407 143171 if attending. See page 3.

Date 17th August

Meet at the venue, The Boatworks, 200 Beattie Road, Coomera

Time: 11.30am for lunch at 12 noon



Cats on Display at the Montauk Tavern

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 28th July at the Nerang Bowls Club, 20 Cayunga Street Nerang starting at 7.00pm. Dinner 5.30pm. All members and guests are welcome.



Lunch at the Kalbar Hotel



The Sunday event for August will be a lunch beside the water on Sunday 17th August at The Galley Restaurant at the Boatworks, 200 Beattie Road Coomera. Meet your club friends at 11.30am for 12pm lunch. Choose from the menu and pay on the day.

Please advise Faye Wallis if attending on 0407 143171



ANNUAL SPRING AFFAIR

The 2025 Spring Affair will be held at the Hampton Winery Estate on Tamborine Mountain on 21st September. Meet up with your club friends for a delightful meal in a country setting with a

complimentary glass of wine offered on arrival. Cost is \$65 pp. to be paid into the club account BSB 124 001 A/C No. 10224513 by 28th August. Meet at 11.30am for 12pm. Please advise any special diet requirements. The address is 52 Bartle Road Tamborine Mountain. For more information contact Julie Jones on 0438 646852

GENERAL MEETING
JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC. GOLD COAST REGISTER
HELD AT THE NERANG BOWLS CLUB, NERANG QLD.
30th June 2025

The meeting was presided over by John Porter, Chairperson; Brian Hogan, Treasurer; Arthur Kontalis, stand-in-Secretary. Commencing at 7.01pm.

A Welcome to all by the Chairperson. Thanks to Arthur for standing-in many times as secretary.

A reminder that payment of the State fees to the Queensland Association are due.

Apologies.

Di Cooper, Jane Mikkelsen, Mary-Ann & Neil Anderson, Ruth Willmott, Gwen Howlett, Andrew & Cheryl Danks.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Debbie: Monthly meeting venue mis-stated.

Proposed by Marilyn Porter and seconded by Chris Meyers.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Hogan:

Balance for the business a/c \$2,406.46 and web/bonus a/c \$5,174.57 totalling \$7,581.03.

Proposed by Ray Howlett and seconded by Debbie Duncan.

Secretary

Arthur Kontalis reports:

In. (1..) Emails from Di Cooper 18 June and 29 June:

She, Wendy Gross and Dale Dimmack recently went on a road trip in relation to the formation of the new Far North Queensland (FNQ) Register. The run was along the coast up to Townsville, stopping at several other JDCQ Registers and covered a distance of 1,505kms. Di advised it was good to see the Registers working together. They were particularly happy to see us and were very welcoming. Roads were improved than last time she was on them, but the traffic has greatly increased.

Out. Nil.

Editor.

Robin Kup-Ferroth reports: Nil.

Cars & Parts: Gary Mikkelsen reports: Nil

Library: Gary Mikkelsen reports: Nil.

Past Events:

Ray Howlett:

(1..) Arthur's St Bernards Winter lunch held at Mt Tamborine, a 12 month annual event, a good day, good food, with only a personal issue causing distress sorted with help of others.

(2..) Drive to Kalbar Hotel, with a population of 1265, history of German settlement with the name changed to Aboriginal. A good day and a great drive. He was last to be served again but received a free drink as relief. Thanks to Andrew & Cheryl.

Future Events.

Glenn Anderson spoke:

(1..) Wednesday 2 July meet for lunch by 11.30am.at what was "Harrigans" at Jacob's Wells, now under new management and known as the "Montauk Tavern", good views, booked tables in front of fire. Had MG Club there recently, good parking.

Chris Meyers spoke:

(2..) Reminder "Christmas in July" at O'Reillys Winery (Sunday 20th July). \$65/person required by the 6th.

Julie Jones spoke:

(3..) The "Spring Affair" for 21st September at the Hampton Winery on Mt Tamborine. Cost \$65/person including a glass of wine, parking good. Meet 11.30am for 12.00 noon.

Chris Meyers spoke:

(4..) Faye & Paul Wallis have a lunch run on Sunday 17th August to the Galley Restaurant at Coomera.

General Business:

John Porter:

Car news: Sales for electric cars dropping with depreciation levels high, but sales on hybrids especially plug-ins increasing, they appear to be favourable from a practical point (especially in Australia). Toyota the largest car manufacturer in the world.

General: Received call from one who wanted to sell E-type to buy a F-type, said he would attend meeting but did not show.

Raffles.

Thanks to those who donated prizes. Winners:

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| (a..) | Chris Meyers | wine |
| (b..) | Gary Mikkelsen | chocolates |
| (c..) | Irene Ross | chocolates |

Closure.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm (25 attended in total).

Arthur Kontalis
Acting Secretary

Arthur Kontalis
Scribe



Gold Coast Calendar of Events 2025

Month	Date	Event
July	Mon 28 th	Monthly Meeting
August	Wed 6 th	Visit to a local Car Museum
	Sun 17 th	Lunch Run to the Galley Restaurant, Coomera
	Mon 25 th	Monthly Meeting
September	Sat 6 th	Lunch Run to Beaudesert RSL
	Sun 14 th	All British Day Display
	Sun 21 st	Annual Spring Affair
	Mon 29 th	Monthly Meeting
October	Wed 1 st	Lunch Run
	Sun 19 th	Lunch Run to Albert River Winery
	Mon 27 th	Monthly Meeting
November	Wed 5 th	Lunch Run
	Wed 19 th	Lunch Run
	Mon 24 th	Monthly Meeting/AGM
December	Sun 7 th	Christmas Lunch
	Wed 10 th	Mid-Week 12 th Anniversary Run

A Report on Jaguar

A number of reports have indicated that Jaguar sales worldwide have taken a nose dive. Over the FY24/25 period, sales dropped from over 180,000 cars to less than 27,000. In Europe, sales dropped by 97% in April 2025 from 1,1961 cars to just 49 registered. Sales between January and April plummeted 75.1 per cent, with just 2,665 cars sold across the European continent. May wasn't much better, showing a 93.6 per cent drop. Overall, sales have declined 77.8 per cent year to date compared to 2024. There seems to be a number of reasons for this decline. One factor was the disastrous "woke" advertising campaign launched in November 2024 which was apparently aimed at attracting a younger, global customer base. The campaign was meant to signal the company's change to electric vehicles in 2026. Instead, the company has been mocked by heritage conscious drivers. The planned cost of the new range of cars would be in line with the cost of a Bentley or Rolls Royce, in other words cars with "ultra luxury" rather than the "affordable luxury" of previous models. This is way out of line with the average buyer of the brand and would also appear to conflict with their philosophy of attracting younger buyers. The planned cost of the new four door GT model coming out probably in late 2025 is suggested to be around \$US200,000.

A key reason for the sales drop may also have been the lack of vehicles available as the company stopped the manufacture of the XE, XF, F Type, I Pace and E pace in 2024 before having the new models available. The stopping of production of the entire petrol and diesel Jaguar line-up while the company rebranded and developed its future EV flagship was planned all along. There may be reasons for this, including whether the company was making a profit from this range of cars as well as needing the facilities for retooling. The problem for the company has now been exacerbated by tariffs that have been placed on imported cars to the USA. Apparently, the export of cars to the USA has been stopped temporarily until the tariff problem is sorted out.

Things don't look good for the brand of car we love. Hopefully Jaguar/Land Rover will get their act together in the near future. The real test will come when Jaguar re-enters the market with a higher price point and a fully electric line-up. If it can win buyers over, it could mark a remarkable return for one of the industry's most iconic names.



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For information on JDCQ Registers, refer to the JDCQ Website or Facebook.

Note

As a courtesy, members are requested to advise the organiser of an event ASAP if:

1. They are planning to attend an event but have not provided previous notice of this; or
2. They are not able to attend the event when previously advised they will be attending.

Members are also requested to make any booking through the organiser and not through the venue.

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Lunch at the Montauk Tavern in Jacob's Wells