



May 2025

Upcoming Club Events

Saturday 7th June

The first event for June will be the annual luncheon at St. Bernards Hotel, located at 101 Alpine Terrace Mt. Tamborine (see page 6). Members are requested to meet at the hotel.

Lunch is at 11.30 am. Please advise Arthur Kontalis on 0418 467023 if attending.

Date: 7th June

Meet at the venue

Time: 11am for lunch at 11.30 am

Thursday 26th June

The mid-week event for June will be on a **Thursday** and will be a run to Kalbar where we will stop for lunch at the Royal Kalbar Hotel, cnr. George and Edward Streets Kalbar. We will not stop for morning tea. Please advise Andrew Danks on 0437 532475 if attending.

Date 26th June

Meet at: Arthur Earle Park, Nerang

Time: 10am for departure at 10.30am



Lunch At Alleygators Rugby Union Club

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 26th May at the **Nerang Bowls Club, 20 Cayunga Street Nerang** starting at 7.00pm. Dinner 5.30pm. All members and guests are welcome.



Lunch at Alligators Rugby Union Club

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



You are cordially invited to join us for a
Christmas in July Luncheon on
Sunday 20th July at 11.30am, to be held at
O'Reilly's Winery in Canungra.

Meet up with fellow members and enjoy a
three course lunch with a complimentary
glass of bubbly or orange juice on arrival.

The cost is \$65 per person. Please pay
into the club account BSB 124 001

A/C No. 10224513 by 6th July.

Please advise any special diet requirements.

Address: 852 Lamington National
Park Road, Canungra

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GENERAL MEETING
JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC. GOLD COAST REGISTER
HELD AT THE LONE STAR TAVERN, MERMAID WATERS QLD.
28th April 2025

The meeting was presided over by John Porter, Chairperson; Jane Mikkelsen, Secretary and Brian Hogan, Treasurer; commencing at 7.00pm.

Apologies.

Gwen Howlett, Steve Duncan, Ian Ross, Ray Howlett, Dorothy & Neville Collie, Pauline Behrendorff.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Nothing arising.

Proposed by Chris Miers and seconded by Marilyn Porter.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Hogan:

Balance for the business a/c \$408.35 and web/bonus a/c \$5,153.31 totalling \$5,561.66.

Proposed by Debbie Duncan and seconded by Ray Howlett.

Secretary

Jane Mikkelsen: Nothing to report.

Library & Cars & Parts:

Gary Mikkelsen Nothing to Report

Editor:

Robin Kup-Ferroth: Thanks to Brian Hogan for putting the magazine together this month.

Past Events:

Glenn Anderson:

(1.) Thanks to John Porter for organising lunch at the Parkland Gold Club, though there was no golf course there and having gone earlier to a different venue in error. Great event and with good people to talk to.

General Business:

John Porter: Recent car sales show petrol still very much on top; diesel is at 1%; electric cars are down 20%; hybrids especially plug-ins are up 9%. The selling of second-hand electric cars not good as buyers are suspicious about their batter longevity. There are also concerning events with houses burning down in NSW up 6-fold due to electric vehicles.

LDV utilities are subject to over 5,000 complaints due to rust and being sued by ASIC.

A Life – Robin speaks on submarines

At the beginning of World War I, Australia had two submarines AE1 and AE2, relatively small, both coming from Britain. They operated around the German held islands in the Pacific. AE1 was sunk after 7 months with the loss of all hands off the coast of New Guinea. AE2 transferred to the Dardanelles and was attacked by a Turkish gunboat after having mechanical trouble and surfacing. The boat was scuttled and all the crew was taken prisoner. In World War II Australia had no submarines, but infamously 3 Japanese midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour, one sinking the accommodation ferry Kuttabul with the loss of 23 sailors. All the Japanese submarines were sunk.

In 1949 a submarine base was established in Sydney at HMAS Platypus and the Royal Navy based their 4th Flotilla there until 1969. The RN submarines helped the RAN with anti-submarine training.

In 1964, the Government decided to obtain 6 Oberon-class submarines, and they were built at Greenock in Scotland. They were commissioned into the Australian Navy and served until they were replaced by the Collins-class in the 1990s. Robin was involved in the upgrading of the Oberon class with new equipment in 1979 while working for the Navy.

The Collins class were of a Swedish design, built in Adelaide with a Combat System from California. Robin was recruited by Rockwell, together with a number of other Australians to work on the design of the Combat System in Sydney and at times travelled to the USA and other countries to visit the suppliers

of the equipment to be installed. Robin gave a general description of submarines including how the hulls were built and put together to withstand high water pressure and the various systems that had to be incorporated into the vessels. He also described how prospective commanders of submarines are tested by psychological means while at sea to ensure they are capable of doing the job. As an aside he described one Admiral Rickover of the USN (famous for developing the US atomic submarine fleet starting with the equally famous USS Nautilus) and how he personally tested prospective skippers at sea, and failed many. Finally, Robin gave a brief description of what was needed to prepare for the proposed new nuclear vessels to be purchased. They will be a game changer. Being larger they will have better facilities for the crew as well as significant operational advantages in both range, submersible duration and speed.

Future Events.

- (1.) Jane Mikkelsen: A mid-week lunch to be held on Wednesday 7 May at the Currumbin Rugby Union Club at 12.00 noon for lunch.
- (2.) Arthur Kontalis: A reminder on the "Seventh Annual St Bernards Winter Lunch" for Saturday 7 June at 11.00 for 11.30 lunch.
- (3.) Di Cooper: The 50th Jaguar Anniversary in Toowoomba is all organised including:
 - (i..) Anyone wishing to go on the Sunday run please refer to the State Magazine for details.
 - (ii..) Terry Whitehouse wants to know who is going to the Airfield display.
 - (iii..) For the Saturday display day, it is requested that participants advise Terry Whitehouse what are the vehicles attending.
 - (iv..) Dinner on Saturday night will now be that Registers will be sitting in their own group, in tables of 8. Our Gold Coast Register has 42 attending which is more than the Brisbane Register who have far more members. Wendy Gross has been very helpful as always.
 - (v..) A total of 200 members are attending.
 - (vi..) Wendy Gross has taken over responsibility for the club's history book, despite breaking her ankle and having her car damaged in a collision with a kangaroo. Still making the full effort.
 - (vii..) Saturday there is a race meeting at the venue and you can go if you wish. Regalia will be on sale on Saturday. Members should wear their name badges to identify themselves more easily.
 - (viii..) On display day, please bring chairs.

There was a discussion about Motel check-in times. The Park Motor Inn will allow entry at 2.00pm. Its restaurant has been closed since Covid19, but it does provide meals to room and a continental breakfast. Additionally, there are food outlets nearby.

Chris Meyers:

- (4..) "Christmas in July" is being held at the O'Reillys Winery on Sunday 20 July for a price of \$65 with payment required by the 6th July.

Special Event/Prizes:

Thanks to those who donated prizes including 2 from Di and from Diana. Winners:

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| (a..) | Gary Mikkelsen | chocolates; |
| (b..) | Di Cooper | red wine; |
| (c..) | Diana Hogan | green bag "Jaguar" with goodies; |
| (d..) | Di Cooper | (win - redrawn); |
| (e..) | Janine Reeson | black bag with goodies; |
| (f..) | Andrew Danks | red wine. |

Closure.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm (30 attended in total).

Jane Mikkelsen
Secretary

Arthur Kontalis
Scribe



Lunch at St. Bernards Hotel



Meet up with fellow members on 7th June at 11am for the Seventh Annual Winter Lunch at St. Bernards Hotel, Alpine Terrace Tamborine Mountain. Good food and great company. Please advise Arthur Kontalis on 0418 467023 if attending.

Gold Coast Calendar of Events 2025

Month	Date	Event
May	17 th – 18 th	50 th Anniversary Celebration in Toowoomba
	Mon 26 th	Monthly Meeting
June	Sat 7 th	Lunch at St. Barnards Restaurant, Mt. Tamborine
	Thu 26 th	Run to Beer Kellar Mt. Alford
	Month 30 th	Monthly Meeting
July	Wed 2nd	Lunch Run TBA
	Sun 20 th	Christmas in July Luncheon
	Mon 28 th	Monthly Meeting
August	Wed 6 th	Visit to a local Car Museum
	Sun 17 th	Lunch Run
	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

Thank you to Jane Mikkelsen for photos this month.

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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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