

**March 2026**

### **Upcoming Club Events**

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

The Wednesday event for April will be a drive down to Ballina for lunch at the Ballina RSL Club. Rather than travel in convoy on the freeway, members are asked to make their own way to the club. Note that NSW daylight saving will have ended by the day of the lunch so there will be no need to leave an hour early. Please advise Jane Mikkelsen at the next club meeting or on 55939568 if attending.

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April

Meet at the venue – 1 Grant Street Ballina NSW.

Time: 11.30am for 12 noon.

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The Wednesday event for May will be lunch run to the Redlands Bay Hotel, 160 Broadwater Terrace Redlands Bay organised by Brian Hogan.

More details next month.



**Brunch at Greendays Restaurant in Bundall**

### **Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the Nerang Bowls Club, 20 Cayuga Street Nerang starting at 7.00pm. Dinner 5.30pm. All members and guests are welcome.



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## Jaguar News (2026)

Jaguar has now fully committed to an electric-only future and stopped production of its internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, including the last petrol F-Pace in late 2025. The brand is now in a "re-imagining" phase, testing a 1,000bhp four-door electric GT (based on the Type 00 concept) set to launch in 2026 for a 2027 delivery. The production version of the Type 00 was tested under heavy camouflage, revealing some significant differences to the design of the original brutalist concept car. The production version of the Type 00 will be a four-door fastback sedan, rather than the coupe body style of the concept car.

The resulting proportions aren't significantly different. The concept already had a long bonnet and extended wheelbase, and both appear to have been carried over to the sedan. The concept's tapered roof has been adjusted, allowing additional rear seat headroom, but the flowing roof-to-rear-pillar arc of the coupe appears to have been retained, with a decoy panel bulking out the car's real silhouette.

Elements like the vent-like rear fascia containing the coupe's taillights have been abandoned, with a more traditional set of outboard tail lights visible on the camouflaged car. The very flat bumper surface of the concept has also morphed into a more recognisable production form. Still quite blocky, but with a lower lip detail and additional lower lighting integrated in.



Jaguar Type 00 Prototype Under Test

The heavy camouflage of the sedan wraps over the rear window, suggesting the concept's lack of a rear windscreen will carry over to production, and the car looks to have a hatchback rear, rather than a traditional sedan bootlid. The front of the car is equally obscured, but breaks in the camouflage suggest that a traditional grille panel may be adopted, in place of the stamped surfacing used on the concept.

Customer deliveries are due to commence in Europe in the first half of 2027 it has been reported. Jaguar Australia has advised the new generation of Jaguar electric vehicles will be coming to Australia but launch and start of sales details are still to be confirmed. The British car maker came under a cyber attack last year, occurring on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 that caused its global production shutdown. The company is slowly recovering from this setback.

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC. GOLD COAST REGISTER**  
**HELD AT THE NERANG BOWLS CLUB, NERANG QLD.**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

The meeting was presided over by Ray Howlett, Chairperson; Brian Hogan, Treasurer and Janine Reeson, Secretary. The meeting commenced at 1900 hours and was attended by 18 members.

**Apologies.**

Irene & Tom Ross; Debbie & Steve Duncan; Dorothy & Neville Collie; Gwen Howlett, John Willmott; Ruth Willmott; Faye & Paul Wallis; Cheryl & Andrew Danks; Marilyn & John Porter; Jane & Gary Mikkelsen.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Nothing to report.

***Proposed by Chris Miers and seconded by Margaret Anderson***

**Treasurer's Report:**

|                 |                |           |
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| Brian reported: | Balance A/c:   | \$ 647.16 |
|                 | Web/bonus A/c: | \$6234.31 |
|                 | Total: .....   | \$6881.47 |

***Proposed by Diana Hogan & seconded by Maryanne Anderson***

**Secretary's Report:**

Janine made mention of our new members, Lindsay & Norma Peacock, whom we welcomed as visitors last meeting.

Outgoing correspondence: A short thank you note to Sandy & Ross Finlayson for hosting the Australia Day event.

Special mention: Chris Miers again excelled with the raffle prizes at the Anchorage Café that were won by Dorothy Collier & Di Cooper.

Nothing else to report.

***Proposed by Maryanne Anderson & seconded by Margaret Anderson***

**Library:** Nil

**Cars & Parts:** Nil

**Editor:** Robin has sent details of the new Committee to the Brisbane editors for updating the magazine as well as photos of recent events. The information in the next magazine should be correct.

**Past Events:**

David Willmott spoke of the event and commented that the run to Anchorage Café was the first run of the year. It was the traditional breakfast run originally instigated by Ron Gaudion. Ray had previously informed us this was the third choice of venue due to unforeseen circumstances. New Gold Coast members Glenda & Doug Unwin attended who had recently transferred from FNQ. It was a wonderful day, well patronised and Ray was thanked for his organizing.

## **Future Events.**

Ray reminded us of the next events being a brunch at Greendays restaurant organized by Diana, and lunch at the Shearers Arms organized by Brian. Brian is working on an interesting run via the back lots to the Shearers Arms at Ormeau. Members to meet at Arthur Earle Park at 1030 hrs or at the venue if a back lots run does not appeal!

## **General Business:**

Ray was asked about advertising for the GC monthly magazine and responded that Ross Finlayson is out but Paul's Mechanical is continuing. He assured us that Brian had it under control.

Chris Miers suggested that an invitation be extended to the club's President and his wife, Terry & June Whitehouse to the Gold Coast 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Glenn Anderson is now our member on the JDCQ committee. He had quite a lot of information on the discussions held via the zoom meeting with Brisbane. Subjects touched on were club membership and reasons for joining including the obtaining of restricted club number plates, and some school students with a passion for restoring older Jaguars enquiring about membership. In the past members were required to attend a few events annually to qualify for restricted plates. This is no longer the case and the concern is that if reinstated, members would move to a different car club (and a loss of revenue to the club). As regards the students Pauline suggested giving a membership as a positive incentive. Di and Maryanne commented re issues with current memberships etc. Ray asked Glenn to send him minutes of Brisbane Zoom meeting.

There was some discussion on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club in July. It was decided not to proceed with etched wine glasses but have decorative placemats instead. Ray has designed a 'rough' layout based on the list of past Chairmen and other committee members provided by Robin. Robin has also collected about 1200 photographs for an overhead display and these will be forwarded to Gary.

David said Brisbane could be asked to send down long serving membership badges to be presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. These could be given to Glenn as he is our committee Representative.

Di Cooper made mention of the 'Life Story' segment by members we started early last year...to be continued? Maybe.

A hearty rendition of Happy Birthday was sung to commemorate Di Cooper's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday last Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with many enthusiastic Hip Hip Hoorays. Congratulations Di!

## **Raffles.**

The first prize was drawn by Janine!

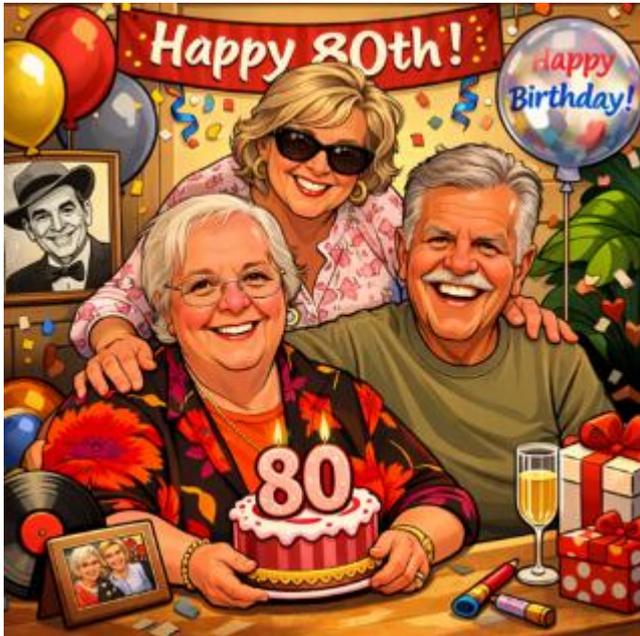
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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| a) Janine | Shiraz ...donated by Maryanne & Neil – thank you |
| b) Ray    | Chocolates                                       |
| c) Roy    | Chocolates                                       |

Ray thanked all who donated prizes and congratulated all winners, and thanked Glenn for conducting the raffle.

## **Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 1940 hrs.

**Janine Reeson**  
**Secretary**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DI COOPER

## Gold Coast Calendar of Events 2026

| Month     | Date                                         | Event                                           |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| March     | Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>                         | Lunch at Shearers Arms Hotel Ormeau             |
|           | Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| April     | Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>                          | Lunch at Ballina RSL                            |
|           | Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| May       | Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Lunch Run to Redlands Bay Hotel                 |
|           | Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>                      | Lunch Run TBA                                   |
|           | Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| June      | Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Lunch at St. Bernards Restaurant, Mt. Tamborine |
|           | Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>                         | Morning Tea/Garage Day                          |
|           | Month 29 <sup>th</sup>                       | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| July      | Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | Lunch Run TBA                                   |
|           | Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | Christmas in July Luncheon                      |
|           | Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| August    | Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>                          | Visit to Gold Coast Car Museum                  |
|           | Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> | Chairman's Weekend Away                         |
|           | Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| September | Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | Annual Spring Affair                            |
|           | Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | All British Day (Brisbane)                      |
|           | Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| October   | Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>                          | Ladies Day                                      |
|           | Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>                         | Lunch Run at Albert River Winery                |
|           | Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting                                 |
| November  | Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>                          | Lunch Run TBA                                   |
|           | Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monthly Meeting/AGM                             |
| December  | Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Mid-Week 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run       |
| December  | Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christmas Lunch                                 |

**Thank You** to Diana and Debbie for some photos in this edition of Torque.

**Reminder:** Members are asked to advise organisers if they intend to attend an event. This prevents disappointment to the member if seating is limited or the member is running late.

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Paul & Faye Wallis  
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**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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