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# Cat's Tales

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN .. *Lindsay Price*

Welcome all.

Since my last report there has been a lot of things happening within the club. First of all we lost out long-time patron Mr. Bill Pitt. Bill was one of those people who could be best described as a quiet achiever. The things he had done in his life were amazing yet he never made much of it. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Bill but from what I heard at his funeral he was a very likeable man. He will be missed.

This of course leads to the next question. Who do we now appoint as Club Patron? Finding people such as Bill is not easy so I expect there will be quite a lot of discussion in this regard in the near future.

There has been quite a lot of discussion with in the JDCQ lately with regards membership. It has been recognised that the wants of members today is different to those of the past. The club is now more focused to social outings. Drive days and other social outings make up most of our events calendar. The discussions also covered how to recruit new members and how to retain existing members. No doubt we will be hearing more of this from JDCQ.

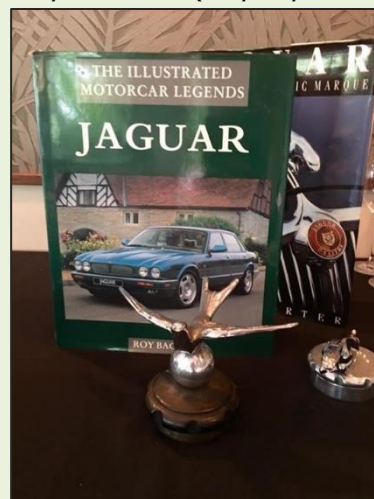


On 24 March Susan and I were invited to a special lunch at Spicers Tamarind Restaurant near Maleny. Our hosts were Pacific Jaguar. We were invited with 24 Jaguar owners who had bought new Jaguar's from Pacific Jaguar since the dealership opened. We were asked to bring our 1934 Daimler. Alongside Peters F Type it certainly was a contrast. Leunis, Paul, and Carmel from Pacific Jaguar were our hosts and it was a chance to meet the new owners. Those we spoke to were very interesting people from varied back grounds. I distributed printed information about the club so let's hope we recruit some new members.

When we were leaving, I started the Daimler which was barely audible. (Royalty is seen not heard). On the other hand, Peter stepped on the cat's tail and it let out an angry growl. Perhaps it was out to eat a couple of falcons. I must admit it brought a smile to all present and was a fitting finish to a splendid day.

We have already had two club outings this year and both were well attended. There is more of these further in the newsletter.

Until next time stay safe  
Lindsay Price .. Chairman



## TRIP NOTES

### Mooloolaba Sunset Cruise Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

24 good sailors arrived at the Mooloolaba Wharf bright and early for the late afternoon sunset cruise on the good ship .... "Lady ????" forgot already!!.

Some members adjourned to a local bar to "upload a drink or two" before embarking, but the smarter ones, Pickerings, McKinnys and Days got on board early, with the best seats in the house, and were already settled with their wine bottle in the chiller by the time the skipper called us aboard.

Immediately on leaving the dock, second officer on watch, Meagan, took our dinner orders, while skipper Aaron (a dish from Hawaii) gave us a commentary about the origin of the Mooloolah River up in the hinterland, a brief history of the development of the manmade canals (they do reclaim these mangrove swamps well, don't they?) and the mansions, and some of their owners, along the waterfront.

We then called into the Mooloolaba Seafood Market, Aaron jumped off and collected our lovely freshly cooked seafood dinners, then we all settled into serious eating, drinking and fellowship, for another hour.

I truly don't recall seeing the sun actually set, and doubt other sailors did either.

It was lovely to see so many members relaxed, and not worrying if their Jag was going to get them home safely, and also to have the company of the dedicated previous JDCQ president Tony Herald, and his wife Karen; especially as Tony was to catch a 5.20am Sunday flight to Sydney for another round of Jag meetings. Bet it wasn't as much fun as the sunset cruise.

Lindsay Price thanked all members for joining in and welcomed our two new members John & Lea Warren from Coolum, who have recently purchased 2 E-Types.

We hope to repeat the outing, and maybe next time... "we'll need a bigger boat".

Cheers for now, Cruise Director Corrie

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## CLASSIC RIDZ OUTING 19 March 2017 .. Lindsay Price

This outing was rather different to our usual type of outing in that we visited the Classic Ridz Car Restoration Workshop run by Gerry Coppleman and Wayne Elgar.

The proceeding week had been heavy rain but on Sunday it was clear but extremely humid. We met at La Balsa Park for morning tea at 9am and left for Classic Ridz at 1030.



Classic Ridz is in Waterview St. Kawana and specialize in the restoration of classic cars. On the day of our visit Jerry and Wayne had about fifteen cars under repair. They ranged from a Hearse originally built as a horse drawn carriage in the 1880's but mounted onto a 1927 Hudson chassis, to a 1973 Holden Monaro.

The work done is first class with many rusted or damaged panels being remade at the workshop. They had a 1948 Ford Pickup which apart from being totally rebuilt was also being widened. The work was so well done it would take an expert to pick the difference.



Another process they have in the workshop is the printing of special finishes onto materials. The materials can range from metal to wood or plastics. Wayne was showing us some plastic which had been printed to look like burr walnut. He also showed us some metal which had a carbon fibre finish. One of our members has this finish on his new F Type and it looks stunning. Any person refurbishing the woodwork on his Jaguar should talk to Wayne. Classic Ridz can be contacted on ph. 54934448



From Classic Ridz we proceed to Brightwater Hotel for a very enjoyable lunch at 1230. The venue was rather hot and humid owing to the prevailing conditions and unfortunately one of our members succumbed to heat stroke. The staff at Brightwater were fantastic. Tracy, the bar manager, along with another staff member Brigit, were extremely helpful and sat with our member until an ambulance arrived. Our member is now OK.

## JAGUAR NATIONAL RALLY – Port Stephens 24-27 March 2017

... Wendy Gross

### **What makes National Rallies so much fun even if you aren't a 'car-person'**

Not at all sure why I was asked to write something for "Cats Tales" about the recent Jaguar Nationals held in Port Stephens. Perhaps I was in the right place at the wrong time. Heck, we'd just settled at a table for the Pirate Night.

As I made clear in the title, I'm not a 'car-person'. Now, my husband Stu is a 'car-person'. He is more than happy to sit around all day with his car locked into a display from 9am until 3pm, wander around looking at other cars locked into the same display, even more, admire the ones that people have not only agreed to lock into a display all day but have been up at all hours with cotton buds, polish etc practising mysterious rituals that make old cars look like they are just about to leave the showroom for the first time only even better. Concours d'élégance is the name of that strange ritual, I believe.

But, yes, I very happily sign up for National Car Rallies.

As Prof Sumner-Miller asked, "why is this so". An account of events at the recent one of these is probably a good place to start. It is not just the destination but the journey. OK, last year we hosted the Nationals so that really didn't apply to us then but this year, definitely yes. There is the 'drive to the Nationals'. There is scenery, there are overnight stays and consequent culinary delights, there is noting of progress or decline and in our case, driving around strange country towns looking for a Subway for lunch.



There is the 'arrival'. My experience has been that the host club is well organised, has 'welcome packs' and is, well, welcoming. We had the added bonus of a friendly as and familiar face saving us the trouble of finding our room pass so that we could get into the undercover parking (of course, because they ARE Jaguars).

Then there is the 'exploring of one's room' (not been disappointed yet). That night is usually a Bar-B-Que. It was advertised as such this year but it was held indoors and was a very sumptuous buffet, with BBQ highlights. Always great to catch up with people you have not seen for a while in an usually lovely place. The tone is set.

Saturday is the display so for most an early start. The display always attracts a lot of interested locals and this year was no exception. Lots of beautiful Jaguars at Fly Point Park overlooking equally beautiful Nelson Bay was impressive. I must admit that I had a wonderful walk to the top of Mount Tomaree and then hired a bike to go to Fingal Bay before cycling to Fly Point Park, all of which were lovely but as I have already said I'm not a 'car-person'. There is a lot of casual interaction on Display Day, both with other Jag enthusiasts and also drooling members of the public who just love, love, love the cars.





This year's Saturday night had a pirate theme and almost everyone went to a lot of trouble to look suitably pirate-like. We cruised the very calm waters of Port Stephens aboard a most comfortable catamaran for many hours and the company, food and drinks were great. It's worth going to the Nationals for the Saturday night shindig alone.

Sunday, generally, there is a choice of activities. This year there was, of course, the competition events, which we didn't attend so I can't comment on them, and there was a most interesting tour to Maitland Gaol and lunch at a microbrewery. Really fun events but, once again it is the connecting and reconnecting with very nice people. For me, it was very nice to find a fellow Forbes, NSW resident from my past and to catch up on news.



The Presentation Dinner was listed as a 'formal night' and most were in their glad rags which was nice to see. (okay, I'm a cockroach and still find the constant casual dress of Queensland a little sad). The nibbles were lovely as was the first course and the conversation was delightful. Perhaps the following will be edited out.... One always expects speechifying at such events but.... The 'car-people' really enjoyed the promo video of the new Jags. The 'official MC was terrific- he is apparently a well-known comedian married for the fourth time to Jane Scali (remember her from Johnny Young's Young Talent Time and she did seem still as sweet) but I live a sheltered life up here in Queensland. However, I agree, he was most amusing. Then there was the guest speaker, Catriona Rowntree (because her family have owned Jags forever). It was almost 9:30pm when she finished and was presented with the requisite bouquets and pressies and then they started the awards presentation. No sign of a main course as we neared 10pm. I can't tell you what happened after that or anything about the announcement of next year's Nationals (except that we're heading to Adelaide for them) because that is way past our eating time, not to mention, bedtime.

We made an early start the next morning so we missed the Farewell Brunch and the Post Rally Tour. One thing we learnt from all the conversations is that the best part of the Nationals is the Post Rally Tour and yes, next year we're signing up for that, too.

I guess the message in this is that there is a lot of fun, you meet some very lovely people, reconnect with some equal treasures and can pick and choose what you do as a consenting adult of mature years.

You will be joining us in Adelaide then?



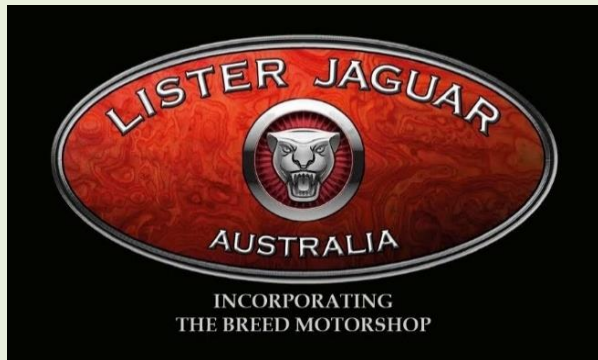








## **LISTER JAGUAR AUSTRALIA** incorp **The BREED MOTORSHOP**



As a good number of you are well aware of the activities of Breed Motorshop at Cooroy, there is a need to bring you all up to date on some in-house developments affecting this business as an ongoing entity.

If we go back to 1988 I originally opened a Jaguar Service and Spare parts business at Tinbeerwah on the Sunshine Coast which I registered as 'Lister Jaguar'. That business traded successfully for 15 years until I sold it back in 2003, to my then business partner.

Since that sale in 2003 and after a decade of too much coffee, I returned to the business that I have a passion for, and founded the 'Breed Motorshop' at Cooroy on the Sunshine Coast, in September 2013. I very much wanted to re-establish a professional restoration and vehicle servicing business, catering predominately to all British marques, and happily the business has grown over the last three and a bit years, to where we are today.

In October 2015, I regained registered ownership of the Lister Jaguar name.

Very recently this business, The Breed Motorshop, was commissioned to completely rebuild a rare, very early E type and accordingly I feel that the time is now appropriate and right, to bring back the 'Lister Jaguar' name and work to produce the results that will afford it the kudos it deserves.

The result of this is that from Monday the 27th February 2017, the business will be known as - 'LISTER JAGUAR AUSTRALIA' (incorporating the Breed Motorshop)

The phone number and website will initially stay the same as now and the same friendly and efficient service will also remain unchanged.

I would like also to take this opportunity to say a big thankyou to those who have given me their support during the last three years at the Breed Motorshop. I assure everyone that we will continue to take the best care of your Jaguar and/or other British marques, at competitive rates.

As a point of interest, we are currently building three Jaguar E-types, two Jaguar Mark 2's, a Bristol 407 - (the only one in Australia) and a '79 Rolls Royce silver shadow.

We also have a state of the art Vehicle Performance Analyzer to assist with the service requirements of up to date vehicles.

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## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **May 20 & 21** Sat-Sun *Run by the Blackall Range Car Club*

Montville Country Run - Sat morning tea at Lake MacDonald, lunch at Kenilworth, evening presentation dinner at our Clubhouse; Sun morning tea at Maleny Botanic Gardens, lunch at Eudlo State School with their P+C catering;

Bookings/info John Lewis P: 5494 3745 E: [maringal@bigpond.com](mailto:maringal@bigpond.com)

### **28 May**

Toogoolawah Run with skydiving demonstration and lunch at the golf club.

Trip coordinator Ian Mc Kinney E: [ian-vicki@outlook.com](mailto:ian-vicki@outlook.com) P: 0438 733 14

### **18 June**

Imbil Run - Meet Landsborough Museum 0830 -0900 Proceed via Maleny and Kenilworth to Imbil. We may stop on the way at a scenic spot for morning tea. Lunch at railway Hotel or one of the other restaurants in the town. North Coast people may return home via highway while southerners return home the way they came or their choice.

Trip coordinator Lindsay & Susan Price P: 0414 622 781 E: [lindsu@outlook.com](mailto:lindsu@outlook.com)

### **21 – 23 Jul**

Jazz and Jumpers Warwick

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### **21 - 23 July**

Opera at Jimbour The Merry Widow - Accommodation will be at the Dalby Homestead Motel, 27 Drayton Street, Dalby. The rate for the room is \$310 for 2 nights for 2 people which includes breakfast.

Trip coordinator Margaret Day P: 0407 621 724 E: [marg-day@outlook.com](mailto:marg-day@outlook.com)

### **9 July**

RACQ Motor fest Eagle Farm Brisbane

**August** Proposed Run Nic& Jo-Anne Case to Traveston from Cooroy

Trip coordinator Nic & Jo-Anne Case.

### **27 August**

Jaguar Drivers Club of Qld. Inc. Sunshine Coast Register AGM Lake McDonald

### **17 September**

All British Day Tennyson Brisbane

### **TBA September**

Kilcoy Classic Car Show

### **October Proposed**

Jacarandas in Grafton

### **01 October**

Noosa Beach Classic Car Show <http://www.noosacarclub.com.au/event-detail-noosa-beach-classic-car-show-11.htm>