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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

Hello all, Welcome to the 2017/18 club year. You must have thought well of the old committee as we were all returned without challenge at the AGM which was held at Lake Macdonald on August 27. One of the highlights of the AGM is the chairman awarding the Don Quinton award. This award is presented by the chairman to the club member who in his opinion did the most to help or promote our club throughout the year. I had great pleasure in awarding the trophy to Margaret Day. Margaret has been secretary for a number of years now but also stepped up to the position of editor for the Cat's Tales when our previous editor Ray Judd was unable to continue. Thank you Margaret, well done. For that matter our entire committee carried out their duties to a high standard. I always believe in team effort and we have a good team. This year we have some interesting adventures planned so let's cast off and see where it takes us.

Our first outing was to Jamie and Deb Cook's skeleton museum in Gympie. Although this may not be every person's idea of an outing it turned out to be quite fascinating. Jamie and Deb have built a profitable business supplying dissection samples to schools and other education institutions Australia wide. I will not cover this further as I believe Wendy is submitting a report on the day.

On September 17 the All British Display was held in Brisbane at St Joseph's School, Tennyson. It was also the main display day for the JDCQ and I must admit was the best I have seen. For Jaguar lovers and other British marques it is a day not to be missed. I photographed everything from a 1948 Ford Prefect to a current model McLaren sports car. Where the Jaguar F Type lets out a growl this thing emits an angry snarl and moves about like some vicious beast straining to get away. Dad lock up your daughters.



Parked next to my 1934 Daimler was a beautiful late 1930s SS. The 1930s have always been considered the peak of elegance in car design and this car would have been up with the best of them. It is owned by Brisbane member Graham Tronc and won people's choice for the day.



Alongside it was Lloyd Anderson's SS 100. Another classic. Further up the row was John Martin's D Type. I stood there looking at this cheeky little green car with a Union Jack on the tail fin, thinking how much grief this thing gave the Italians and Germans in the 1950's and for that matter how many smarties get put in their place today. For more than 70 years Jaguar has been acknowledged for beauty of line and let's hope it continues. Elegance never goes out of style.

Our next outing is the Noosa Classic on the 1st October. Noosa Classic is now regarded as the top car show in Queensland, so please try to attend. I know Tony Herald is about to put out a flier, so I will not steal his thunder.

Until Next time, Safe Driving

Lindsay Price
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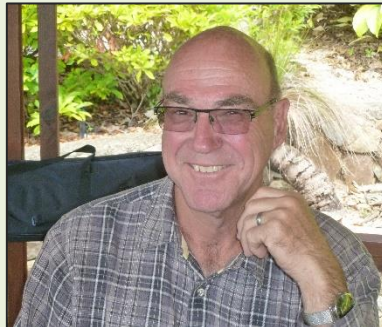


***Annual General Meeting 27th August 2017 Lake Macdonald Botanic Gardens.
..... by Wendy Gross***

Now we know that those three words, "Annual General Meeting" usually ensure that virtually no-one arrives. Possibly the fear of being co-opted for a job contributes to this. However, this chapter pretty much proves this wrong; it helps that all positions have only one nominee and they have had the arm twist before the day. That the office bearers make their reports short and to the point is another attraction.



Lindsay Price returns for another year as Chairman, Colin Pickering agreed again to be our Deputy Chairman and Lyn is part of the committee, Marg Day continues as Secretary and John Herbert as Treasurer.

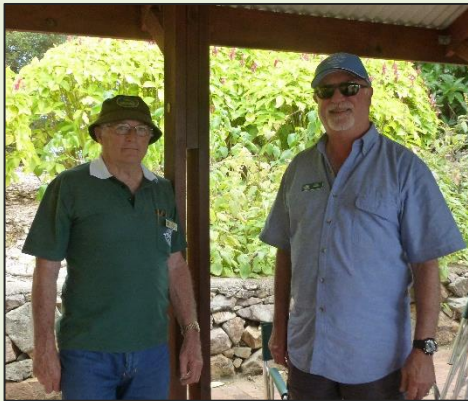


Wendy Gross is a new recruit as Editor but Susan Price, Joe Day and Ian and Vicki McKinney returned again as Committee Members.

Beautiful Lake MacDonald on a sunny late winter's day must also be one of the best venues for an AGM. It certainly encouraged the best part of the meeting, the chance to catch up with fellow members over morning tea and lunch.



The award of the Don Quinton Perpetual Trophy to our terrific Secretary (who doubled as Editor of this august publication for many months), Marg Day was well deserved and much acclaimed.

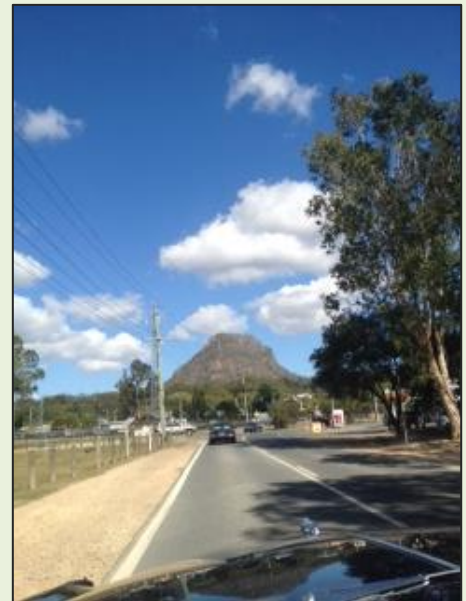


AGMs can be fun, really! See how everyone is smiling!

Sunday Run to Jamie and Deb Cook's Skeleton Museum. 10th September 2017

.....by Wendy Gross

Once again we were treated to a beautiful day for the first part of our day out, the drive to Gympie. Of course we went the backroads to enjoy the countryside still very green despite the lack of rain. Leaving from our usual meeting place in Cooroy we journeyed via Yurol Forest, Pomona, Kin Kin and Cedar Pocket



On arriving at Deb and Jamie's workshop we got a foretaste of what was instore later.



Before getting down to business we did what we usually do at such a time, have morning tea.

Before we move to the rest of the morning, a bit of background. When Deb and Jamie moved up to Gympie, Deb was working at a local school. A part of her job was to access specimens for Geology and Biology classes and have ready animal bits for dissection. She gathered contacts this way and saw a need she could turn into a business. Starting very part time at first with just one chest freezer and working at home, Dissection Connection started to grow and first Deb went full time before having Jamie join her to keep up with the demand. They moved to larger premises and added bigger and bigger freezers. Then they started doing displays particularly during school holidays. We all know that kids love rocks, bones and gory stuff! Now they are working to develop a skeleton museum as a tourist attraction to help Gympie persuade motorists to stop in to town once the Bruce Highway bypasses Gympie in a couple of years.





While their main business is preparing dissection packages and shipping them to schools, they also prepare bones. For this they use a variety of methods including flesh eating beetles. Jamie explained that there are many types of these and assured us that his only eat dead flesh.

Not everyone enjoyed the sights and smells of this part of the process



Not all their bones leave the premises. Once the flesh is totally removed some are turned into articulated skeletons. Very painstaking and sometimes delicate work this is too. This here used to be a camel.



Bones, bones everywhere and not a one for the dog!

Rather more delicate work than a camel! They even do cane toads!



Some of collection for the new Skeleton Museum.

After Jamie's most interesting talk, Deb's guiding and everyone having a good opportunity to look around, Lindsay gave a vote of thanks to Deb and Jamie, a little gift for them and a donation from our Chapter to the new Museum.

On the way to lunch the locals thought they were seeing triple- Jamie's Daimler and Tony's and Stu's MK2s.



Lunch at the old Australia Hotel in Gympie made a delightful end to an interesting and different day.



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01 October

Noosa Beach Classic Car Show http://www.noosacarclub.com.au/event-detail_noosa_beach_classic_car_show_11.htm

15 October Stu and Wendy's Run 15th October

Meet at the Shell Servo (in front of Beefy's), Southbound Bruce Highway at Johnston Rd., (Exit 171) 9:00am for 9:30am departure.

BYO morning tea, chairs. Toilets and a couple of picnic tables provided.

Approximately 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 no later than 12/10/17 as we need numbers for lunch.
stu12dozen@gmail.com or 0498 203 257.*

19th November -

Scenic drive to The Packing Shed Café near Imbil for morning tea then onto the new Copperhead Restaurant & Brewery at Cooroy for lunch.

03 December

Jaguar Drivers Sunshine Coast Christmas Lunch at Best Western Kawana Island, a great venue on the water with a large deck overlooking the canal.

For all register's events visit the Jaguar Club Queensland's calendar at <https://www.jagqld.org.au/calendar>

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