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## **Chairman's report July August 2017**

As the club year draws to a close it is time to reflect on our past year. This was my first year as chairman so it was a big learning curve which is ongoing. It seems every time we plan something it clashes with something else. Over the year we have had some interesting and varied outings. Something I have tried to do is support local venues. These venues only exist when they are supported.

On the subject of support, I must say that without the help of my wife Susan I doubt if I could have held down the job. Same goes for Margaret Day. She is a gem and happily stepped up to the position of editor as well when our former editor Ray Judd became ill. Fortunately, Wendy Gross has kindly stepped up to the position and relieved Margaret of some of her workload. Thank you Wendy, it is much appreciated.

One of the things which made the transition easy was that the previous committee had all the outings up to and including the Christmas party already in place. This is something my committee and I will be doing this year. The Christmas venue has already been booked as are most of the outings. There is only one vacancy up to Christmas and that will soon be filled.

Throughout the year our major sponsor Pacific Jaguar has been most supportive. I hope this continues. Their promotions manager Carmel Fulton has been on one of our runs and promises to come on others. This is a great time to catch up and hear what is happening in the local Jaguar world.

The JDCQ SSC Reg. A G M is on August 27 at Lake McDonald so please attend and meet the outgoing committee and perhaps become a committee member for next year.

A club only survives when it is supported.

Lindsay Price  
Chairman JDCQ SSC Reg.

## OUR LATEST ADVENTURES

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 Opera at Jimbour .. Wendy Gross**

**Photos courtesy of Ian McKinney, Stu Gross and Wendy Gross**

The Opera at Jimbour weekend had something for everyone. You have a van or mobile home? Well, you can camp on the grounds and experience a great Happy Hour and camp fire in awesome



No van? Great accommodation in Dalby, fellow Jag drivers and Morganites to Happy Hour with joyfully and restaurants for dinner within walking distance to make that safe. For those staying in Dalby an earlyish start was required: cars for display had to be in place by 9. With the opera starting at 2pm, what, we wondered, would we do for all hours?







Somehow the time flew by. The rehearsal took most of the morning and gave everyone a taste of things to come as well as being very entertaining. The market place encircling the audience paddock was excellent, too. Good quality, interesting goods of many types resulted in most everyone buying. Food and drinks were in abundance and very reasonably priced as well. While there were no homestead tours on the day, attendees were welcome to wander around the outside of the building taking in the panels explaining the history, into the

restored 1920s Kitchen Garden and through the grounds and on such a glorious winter's day that was a treat. Of course, the campers joined the motellers in the paddock and there was time to catch up with fellow club members.

As the concert got closer the paddock began to really fill up. One of the locals mentioned that there might be 8 or 9 thousand people and looking out from the hill it seemed that was right.

After thankfully short speeches by important people, like the Mayor and Katie Noonan, musical director of the Queensland Music Festival, the big event began. Merry Widow is not a heavy opera but the music is still great and this was a good performance. The Queensland Conservatorium Opera Orchestra and their passionate conductor, Roland Peelman gave a wonderful performance as did the Opera Queensland Toowoomba Community Chorus. There were very strong showings from all the Principals and the costumes were lovely.





out but Colin, Lyn and Vicki were luckier.

Did I mention that by afternoon it was hot and a number of us turned up to breakfast with pink exposed skin?

They sure can organise out in the country. From my own experience managing an event for lots people is easier than coping with a flock of sheep so that's probably why the day at Jimbour ran like clockwork. The exit was not so something we were looking forward to with all those people, cars and buses but it was easy-peasy and super fast.

Just a sideline on the exit- we were warned by the Morgans' Clive that there would be a breathalizer at the exit and there was. Joke for us was they pulled over the non drinking Arthur and the hardly drinking Col.

Hope this has made you make a mental note to keep this weekend free in 2019 (it is a biannual event) so that there will be even more people to have a wonderful weekend with.

Many thanks to Marg Day who took an off hand conversation at last year's Christmas Party and made it easy for members to enjoy this great event.





**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 Jumpers in July - Lindsay Price** (Chairman JDCQ Sunshine Coast Register)

On Friday 21 July members of the JDCQ SSC reg. joined with the BRHCC for their annual run to Warwick for the "Jumpers in July" festival. This event is becoming very popular and this year was again excellent.

The group left the BRHCC club rooms at 930 for our first stop at Kilcoy for a comfort stop then it was on to Esk for lunch. On the way to Esk we encountered members of the Brisbane register on a run. I was followed by a lovely red Mk. 5 for several miles and when at Esk several more drove past. After lunch the grope proceeded to the transport museum at Gatton and from there to Warwick. I left them at Esk as I was meeting my brother in Towoomba. We caught up with the BRHCC members at the Buckaroo Motel Warwick.

The Motel was fully booked with people attending the festival so is a reflection of just how popular this event is. Most of the grope met at the Warwick RSL for tea but because it also was fully booked my Susan and I had tea at the Warwick Chinese restaurant with my brother and his wife. The buffet was outstanding and I strongly recommend it. Great value as well.

Saturday was an organized run to Tenterfield. We visited the tank traps which were part of the Brisbane defensive line in WW2 and other historic sites in the area. Susan bought some art work at the Tenterfield art gallery then it was back to Warwick to get into some warm clothing for the next event. At 330 the group left for Killarney. Each year the locals save up their scrap wood for a huge bonfire. This year was no exception. They also have steel structures of all shapes, Dragons, Castles, Frill lizards you name it. All spouting fire and looking fantastic. Kids and adults all having fun. There were food and craft stalls along with live music and even a pipe band. Shure must have been cold under those kilts. The evening was capped off with a huge fireworks display.

Sunday was the car display in the main street. We met at Queens Park where the various categories of cars were sorted before proceeding to the main street for display. Most were the usual collection of Holden's and Falcons but before leaving Queens Park I managed to arrange a 1930 Cadillac V 16 to join my brother and I.

The cars were organized into 2 lines both sides of the Warwick main street.



When parking the organizers had me leave a long space in front of the Daimler. The same for my brothers 1927 Hudson and also the Cadillac. The reason for this soon became obvious as those 3 cars became the centre of attention. The Cadillac had been the U.S. Ambassador's car in London 1930 to 1946. The Hudson had belonged to a prominent Sydney surgeon and also had been used as the getaway car in the great 1928 Commonwealth Bank robbery in Pitt St. Sydney. The car still has a bullet hole in the rear window. My 1934 Daimler was used in the coronation of King George IV in 1937.



As well as the car display there were live bands and other entertainment. All the trees and poles along the main street were decorated with woolen jumpers and other art work. The Southern Downs Steam Railway were running their steam locomotive and train and from what I heard was fully booked. Every restaurant in the area also had a full day so I think the local businesses did well. Sunday night was another great meal so I may have to fast for a week to make up for the weekend away.

Speaking to one of the organizers of the car display, the manager of the Buckaroo Motel said they already have 8 bookings for next year. So, if you intend attending I would recommend booking early.

Monday it was time to return home to the Sunshine coast via Toowoomba. I had left some tires there and had arranged for them to be fitted. That turned out to be a rather protracted event which I will save for another story.





## 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Cooroy to Cooran, the long way.- Wendy Gross

Just proves you can't judge a day by the early morning; Sunday morning was definitely threatening rain. That did not deter 15 cars from meeting at the heritage town of Cooroy ready for a pleasant drive in the country.



And it was certainly that. The route took us through beautiful scenery along Black Mountain Range Rd, through the Mary Valley, across rivers and creeks and through farm land. From Arrawatta Lookout we caught glimpses of Gympie before travelling down to flat ground and Hell Town Hotrods for morning tea.

We've almost stopped there a number of times but always had a time pressure. This time there was plenty of time to look at cars, motor bikes, and 50s style signs, apparel and accessories.

Lindsay was most impressed with the shiny red Indian. His father had one just like it!





Hell Town's Indian Lindsay's Dad's Indian.



The sun was now out and the shady garden at the back was delightful for morning tea.



Leaving Hell Town we travelled east along Traveston Rd and went straight through Cooran and uphill to J M McKane Lookout. Impressive, too, that despite a dirt road warning and the offer of an alternative, all cars valiantly climbed up. (Just joking that the Daimler needed a push!)

I know I was not the only one who had never been to this lovely spot before and someone commented that it was as spectacular a view as Mary Cairncross Reserve only with different mountains. The perfect place to record our trip with a group photo!







Then it was back to Cooran for refreshments, raffles and lunch



A big 'thank you' to Nic and Jo-Anne for great run. It's always a bonus to be taken on roads never travelled before and to places not previously seen. Looking forward to your next run!





From SMH 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Richard Glover *"The perfect solution to Sydney Road Rage"*

..... Overall my app will confront one of the central problems for road users: the sense that motorists don't understand the feelings they are inspiring in others. The young man for example, driving a Maserati, imagines that others have turned to watch in mute admiration.

How sexy! How successful! I'd love to be him!

It's true we were all watching him, but only in order to answer the question which has presented itself to every other person on the road: "Drug dealer or prat with a rich father?"

Likewise the speeding P-Plater. He's thinking: "Skilled. Reckless. King of the Road." We're thinking: "Sad. Needy. Brain not yet matured."

To communicate such thoughts would be impolite, which is why my app will be armed with Message No 1: "Dear Fellow Road User, the rest of us are not as impressed as you imagine."

*Wish I'd thought up such a pithy summary*

## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **27 August**

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

### **10 September**

Run to Deb & Jamie Cook's Skeleton Museum near Gympie

### **17 September**

All British Day Tennyson Brisbane

### **01 October**

Noosa Beach Classic Car Show [http://www.noosacarclub.com.au/event-detail\\_noosa\\_beach\\_classic\\_car\\_show\\_11.htm](http://www.noosacarclub.com.au/event-detail_noosa_beach_classic_car_show_11.htm)

### **15 October**

Hinterland Run and lunch at Buderim Tavern. (Stu and Wendy Gross)

### **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.

