



# Cat's Tales

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## What's Been Happening

### And you thought we've had a cold winter!

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August dawned, as so many days this winter, clear skied, sunny and distinctly chilly, a lovely day for a drive to the Price's for morning tea. There was the usual collection of assorted Jags, with Lindsay's Daimler in the background. Joe's and Margaret's blue beauty certainly grabbed a lot of attention!



The invitation had said 'BYO Morning Tea to share' and it seemed as if people read that as 'share with a small, starving village'. A most enjoyable time was had by all basking in a delightful garden filled with sunshine.





Susan had organized the usual raffle, with, of course some wine prizes,



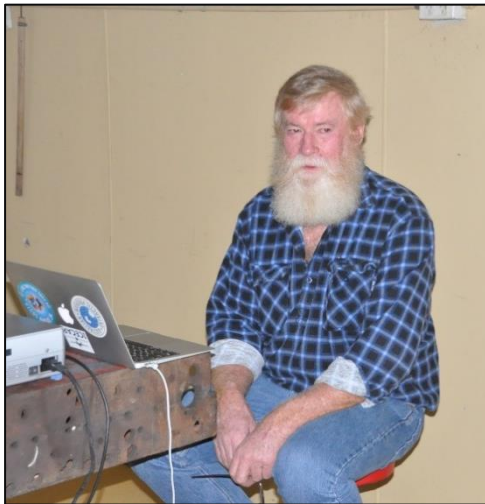
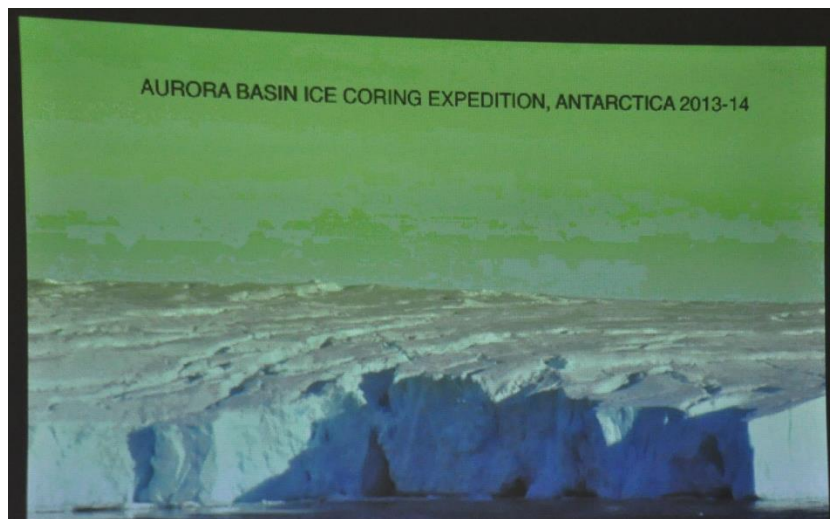
The Christmas Raffle prize, an amazing cross-stitch E-Type donated by its creator, Jackie Duddy, was displayed for the first time.



Captain Lindsay had to give a sharp blow on the ship's whistle, which must have delighted the neighbours, to drag everyone to the main event, held in Lindsay's shed.



As we entered, the picture on the screen made us feel cold again.



Our guest speaker, Bloo, has undertaken seven Antarctic Expeditions.

When there, he is in charge of the diesel engines, including the very important generators, camp set up and dismantling and maintaining the runways which have to be laser levelled and regularly shaved for the vital aircraft support. Expeditions are conducted in summer (November to March) but a daytime temperature of -5C on a good day sounds anything but summery to me. Come February, when you are throwing off all bed covers and finding the lightest possible nightwear, have a thought for Bloo and his co-workers, who will be sleeping in long johns, in

a sleeping bag liner inside 2 other sleeping bags, in a tent almost buried in snow. If there is a blizzard, the visibility drops to zero (that's why the camp has poles and ropes connecting all the structures), the temperature to -34C and the wind can blow at over 100kph. You will be pleased to know humidity is not a problem in the Antarctic. Still it is hard to sleep when there is bright sunshine 24 hours a day for 32 days. If you ever feel put upon feeding your family three meals a day, spare a thought for the cook down there. Not only do get to top up supplies once a week at the best but they have to prepare 4 meals a day and at least 3 snacks because the energy needs of the team are so great. Even on this meal regime and generous amounts of chocolate Bloo lost 10kg last trip.

Antarctica is the coldest, driest, windiest and most remote area on the planet. The world's coldest temperature on record, -89C, was at Vostok, a Russian base. The sea around the continent freezes 100 nautical miles out in winter. Glaciers move at about 12 metres a year and, when they reach the sea, icebergs break off. Icebergs can be 100 metres above the sea. Antarctica stores 70% of the world's water as ice but fresh water is one of the commodities an expedition has least of because it has to be made from melted snow or ice.

The expeditions Bloo is involved with are to drill ice cores as part of research into climate. The team drills one metre cores with a 10cm diameter, each of which cost \$20,000. In a season they drill down 320 metres which represents going back 2000 years in time. From these they can see volcanic eruptions like



Krakatoa and Vesuvius, and all types of climate variations. Did you know that ice comes in different colours? Surface ice is whitish. Deeper down it becomes blue and finally green. Green ice is around 1 million years old.

Once the scientists in the drill team finish their work, and leave, Bloo and his team spend 20 or more days dismantling the camp; it can take 4-5 hours to drop one tent. Everything has to be removed each trip and the site returned to its original state. At the end of the season that part is helped by increasing frequency of snowstorms even if they make the work harder.

This was not our usual Sunday Run, even if it did end with lunch at nearby Mooloolah Sports Club, but it was certainly most interesting. Thank you, Lindsay for organizing this.

Lunch at the Mooloolah Country Club



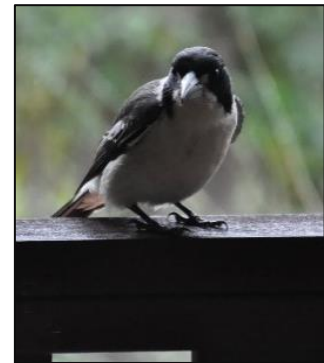


## Annual General Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Lake McDonald, Noosa Botanical Gardens

It was good to see a reasonable roll up for an Annual General Meeting in this lovely setting.



### *And a member for a moment*



Chairman Lindsay called the meeting to order and after confirming the Minutes of the previous AGM, presented his report. He thanked Pacific Jaguar for their continuing support of the club and gave notice of a wine and cheese evening there in October to celebrate the launch of the iPace. The pleasing number of runs and attendance at those runs was highlighted. Lindsay was generous in his thanks to all those who have worked for the club in the previous year.

He spoke of the upcoming Christmas Party and of the generous gift of a handstitched picture of an E Type as a prize for the raffle which will be drawn then. The chapter is grateful to members who support the raffles and to Susan for organizing them as they allow 'finishing touches' for many of our events. True to his word, he kept his report short and to the point.

Secretary Margaret had nothing to report and Treasurer John gave his report which showed the Club in a sound financial position.



Before handing over to Nick Case, our Returning Officer for the day, Lindsay presented the Don Quinton Memorial Trophy for member of the year, to Wendy and Stu Gross for work on Cat's Tales and in leading a number of runs.

Unlike the Federal political situation of the previous week, there was no contest for positions on the executive, with all office bearers returned unopposed. What a surprise, NOT!

Lindsay Price is again our fearless Chairman



We do, however, have a new Vice Chairman, Joe Day.

Margaret Day is again Secretary, John Herbert still manages our money and Wendy Gross was not challenged for the Editor's job.

The meeting closed at 11.30 and the fun really began!



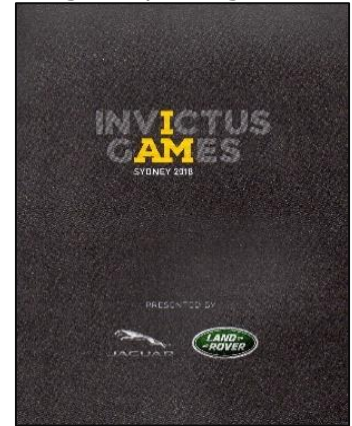
## Worth Thinking About

### INVICTUS GAMES - A FEEL GOOD STORY - Susan Price

I sew for a voluntary organisation called Aussie Hero Quilts and Laundry Bags. We sew requested quilts and laundry bags for Deployed Australian Defence Force Personnel.

Recently I was honoured by being asked by AHQ to participate in making a quilt and bag for an Australian Invictus Games Athlete Competitor. I considered it a great privilege as not everyone was asked. And of course, it was exciting to be involved with the Invictus Games. We were given guide lines, sent some information and embroidered blocks that needed to be included on the quilt and bag.

As I started designing and researching for the quilt I noticed that Jaguar/Land Rover were the major sponsors for the games. As I am a Jaguar owner and club member of the Sunshine Coast Register, I approached Carmel Fulton from Pacific Jaguar to see if Pacific Jaguar would donate some fabric for the project, which they did. Jaguar have produced a booklet about The Invictus Games Story so why not go to your local dealer and ask for a copy.



*Susan and Carmel*

When I completed the quilt and bag I took them over to Pacific Jaguar and displayed them on a Jaguar for some photos. When I entered the showroom an F-Pace was on display with a sports bike on top. Of course this had to be the right Jaguar for my photos as my competitor is competing in the cycling and sailing events. As Jaguar sponsored my project I asked AHQ if I could incorporate a 'Leaper' on my personal label on the back of the quilt.



Now a bit about the competitor who received the quilt and bag - He is Marcus Wilson, hometown Brisbane, currently from Broken Hill. He served in the ADF from 1988 till 2002. He was deployed to Bougainville in 1988 and was awarded the Nursing Service Cross as a result of his work there. In 2000 he served as part of the Joint Incident Response Unit working to secure the Sydney Olympics. Marcus was awarded the Bravery Medal for rescuing five passengers from a crashed helicopter in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Marcus worked in Afghanistan for 10 years setting up and running a civilian air ambulance service for the United Nations and other aid workers.

I wonder given his 10 years in Afghanistan and now resident in Broken Hill how he has sailing experience. None the less may I encourage you to support Marcus in his events. I cannot tell you when he is competing but perhaps you can look him up. His aims are to make the finals in the sailing and to better his personal best in the cycling.



*MARCUS WITH JAN-MAREE founder of AHQ'S holding his laundry bag*



The games are on from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Sydney. They are the fourth Invictus Games with over 500 competitors from 18 nations competing in 11 adaptive sports. Let's cheer on Marcus and all the other Aussie competitors and show our gratitude for the sacrifice they have made.

Being involved with AHQ is a highlight in my life and I thank the Pacific Jaguar Group for their support.

I hope you have enjoyed this article.



*The Quilt*



*The Laundry Bag*



*The Leaper*

## What's Coming Up

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Just up The Road Run** (Gympie)

Meet at Napier St Eumundi at 09.30 BYO Morning Tea, Lunch at the Old Heritage Rail Station Café. Bookings essential.

RSVP Nic & Jo-Anne Case E: [pets@gcpetresort.com.au](mailto:pets@gcpetresort.com.au) Ph: 0403 173 025

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - All British Day.* Please check the JDCQ website for display details

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - Noosa Classic Car Show.* Please check the JDCQ website for the Jaguar display.

### OCTOBER

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Vintage Plane Museum & Other Things**

Meet at 08.45 Maleny Road Landsborough, west side of railway line near the museum. BYO morning tea and chair at Tony Herald's home, then onto the Vintage Aviation Museum followed by BYO lunch at the Beach House.

RSVP Ian & Vicki McKinney E: [ian-vicki@outlook.com](mailto:ian-vicki@outlook.com) Ph: 0438 733 140

### NOVEMBER

#### **Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> - Meander up the Mountain**

Meet at the Glass House Mountains Info Centre at 10.00, BYO thermos and cups, cake provided then onto to birches restaurant for lunch.

RSVP Helen & Ken Parmenter E: [headam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:headam@bigpond.net.au) Ph: 0407025695

### DECEMBER

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Party**

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