



# Cat's Tales

Newsletter of the

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Sunshine Coast Register.**

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## From the Chairman



Hello all

Well, what a great day Bastille Day was. Organised by Wendy & Stu Gross and run in conjunction with the MG club it was as good as it gets. To see what you missed or remember the day check out *What's Been Happening*.

A bit of bad news in that Carmel Fulton Promotions Manager Pacific Jaguar has moved on. She was a tremendous help to this register and we thank her for her help and wish her well in her new position. Pacific Jaguar is a sponsor of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally and has provided some very attractive Jaguar merchandise.



As it is the Register is running well and all is on track for another successful year. The AGM is on August 18 and will be held at Beachmere. We have nominations for all positions but if you would like to nominate and have your input into how the club should be run please do so. Contact Margaret Day our secretary for a nomination form. These should be back to her no later than 4 August.

All is now in place for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally at Kingaroy. It has been a lot of work and some difficulties but that is to be expected. If the result is a reflection of the work put into it, this event will be a cracker. We have some great and interesting events planned. One of these will be the auction of a new Genuine Jaguar Watch. How good is that? The watch was kindly donated by Sunshine Coast Reg. member Peter Lehrke. Thank you Peter.

Lindsay Price  
Chairman SC Reg.  
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## What's Been Happening

### La Fête Nationale (aka Bastille Day) 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (Wendy & Stu Gross)

Last year's celebration at Le Coq Bressan was so much fun we decided to do it again this year. To ensure we could have the restaurant to ourselves this time around we made it a joint run with the MGCCSC.



*Part of Thierry's collection welcomed us all but there were plenty of Jaguars too.*

The flyers asked that attendees *channel their inner French* and it was great to see that happen. Since I didn't want to lose any friends in either club, there were separate prizes for the Jags and the MGs and Proprietor of Le Coq Bressan, Thierry, was the judge. He said it wasn't an easy decision.



*And the winners were.....Ruth Bodey and Phil Sperryn (Brisbane Register)*



I think you'll see why he had a hard decision.....



*Linda and Arthur*



*Marge, Susan, Debbie and Rita*



*Jeanette and Allan (and Lyn and Colin, through the window)*

*Notre gentilhommes debonairs, Lindsay and John*

There was decision making for the guests, too. The Entrée choices were French Onion soup (but, of course), Camembert Tart or a Provençal terrine. Le menu pour le Plat was Bœuf Bourguignon, poulet or le poisson and for dessert, French Apple Pie, Chocolate Mousse or Île Flottante. Everyone seemed more than happy with their choices and the service.

Not that either Club ever has awkward silences, it was still a delightful added touch to have accordion music and there was even a brief singalong.







*They came from far and wide.....Des Wighton and Jenni Appleby, Vice president and Secretary of the Jaguar Car Club of Tasmania, guests of Jeanette and Allan*

*This was the first outing for former IDCQ President, Tony Herald after 6 months of health issues*



*It must have been fun. It was close to 3 when the party began to*

break up. Bien joué tout le monde.



## Worth Thinking About

From *CarsGuide*

### Jaguar XJ to end production, set to be replaced by electric flagship

By Tom White

Just a year after its 50th anniversary, Jaguar will end the production of the XJ saloon at its ancestral home of Castle Bromwich in July.



*The current-generation Jaguar XJ*

The now-nine-year old saloon has had a long life and has suffered from slow sales in a tough market segment. In the full-year 2018, [Jaguar](#) only managed to sell 19 units of the luxury car in Australia, up against the more-recently-updated [Mercedes-Benz S-Class](#) (284 units) and [BMW 7 Series](#) (116 units). The [XJ](#) nameplate will continue, on a new electric flagship model that is touted to be unveiled this year using drivetrain [technology](#) from the brand's [I-Pace electric SUV](#) as part of parent company Jaguar [Land Rover's](#) overarching strategy to simplify its platforms toward an all-electric future. While the XJ name might return, the saloon's replacement may not be built at one of JLR's storied facilities at Castle Bromwich or Solihull, as [car manufacturing takes a dive in the UK](#) courtesy of the impending Brexit deadline.

While the brand's Australian managing director, Mark Cameron, made it clear at the launch of the second-generation [Range Rover Evoque](#) that the brand desires to keep its UK operations open, the I-Pace is built at a Magna-Steyr facility in Graz, Austria and the brand recently built a brand-new production facility in Nitra, Slovakia.

Jaguar Land Rover is hoping to turn its fortunes around after a rough financial result last year. It is pinning its hopes on the rollout of its hybrid and fully electric platforms, which should reverse the damage done by 'Dieselgate'-related emissions fallout in Europe.

The XJ is not the only storied nameplate under fire as manufacturers move toward EVs, with [Audi](#) recently announcing it will kill off its [TT coupe](#) and possibly its [R8](#) supercar and [A8](#) luxury saloon as part of its EV model replacement strategy.



## And now for something different.....

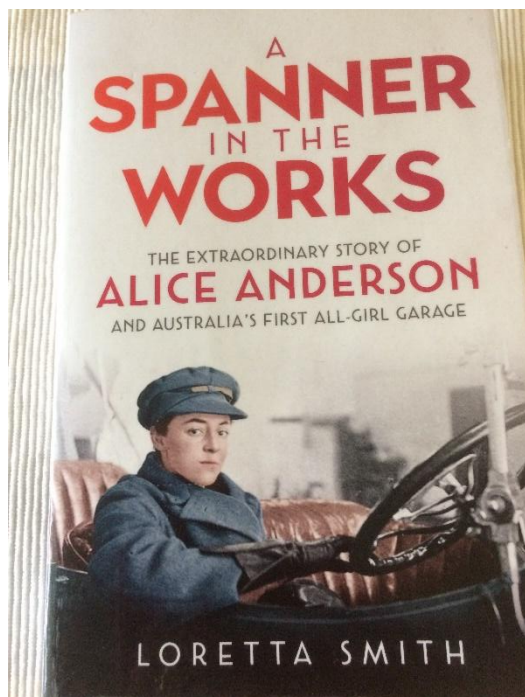
### *A Spanner in the Works-The Extraordinary story of Alice Anderson and Australia's First All-Girl Garage* by Loretta Smith

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this is about a book and no, it is not about Jaguars. It is the of a woman ahead of her time and the twists and turns of which shaped her. And if you like mystery stories, Alice's untimely death at 29 will tease you. If you are interested in World War 1 Australian society, this book provides some telling insights. *A Spanner in the Works* was reviewed on Radio National a while ago, and its author interviewed. After hearing the this book had to be on my 'must read' and now I recommend it to you.

Alice was the second daughter and third child of an Irish engineer, so born into comfortable middle class life. Her father was for a while partner with John Monash in a successful company but while Monash would go on to be a successful leader, JT Anderson and his family would sink near poverty. From an early age Alice did not conform to norms for girls of her time. When her brother moved away school in his early teens and with her father away working often, tomboy Alice took on the farm work and had

inherited her father's engineering mindset, relishing tinkering with machinery. She was an excellent student and gained a scholarship to a good school in Melbourne and ultimately to university where she met women who would eventually become her financial backers, essential since at that time no bank would lend a woman money to establish a business and her family had none. While Alice had inherited her father's charm and entrepreneur spirit she had also inherited some of her mother's financial nous.

Alice became involved with cars because of yet another of her father's failed business ventures. He had bought one of the newly introduced Huppmobiles and gave it to Alice as an eighteenth birthday gift. The only problem was he still owed most of the many hundreds of pounds it cost and that debt was also part of Alice's birthday gift. Alice loved the car, quickly learned to drive, which was no minor feat given that in country Victoria at the time there were really no roads, and set about making a living from the car by taking paying guests on driving trips. Since the RACV was not even a dream at the time, she also learned very quickly how to make the repairs which were regularly needed. The foundation of her business was laid. What began as a tourism start-up went on to become an Uber-like service. As her fleet of cars increased she needed more drivers and a place to service them. That, logically, led to servicing the cars of others. If only it was as easy as this makes it sound!

While this book is well researched it reads as well as a good detective story. It doesn't ignore questions about Alice's sexuality but neither does it get distracted by them. It does seek to solve the mystery of Alice's death by gunshot at just 29. In those short years Alice had an amazing life and this is a fascinating book.

Postscript: You might also find this website interesting.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-16/alice-anderson-first-female-garage-owner-continues-to-fascinate/9154340>

### Editor's Note

If you have anything you think might interest others I am always grateful for articles to make Cat's Tales even better for our members. If it something published elsewhere, please make sure to include the author and the publication if applicable.

We are also very interested in suggestions for runs or offers to lead them.

## Coming up

### AUGUST

**Friday/Saturday/Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend away to Kingaroy.** Celebrating 30 years since the Sunshine Coast Register was started.

Marg Day [marg-day@outlook.com](mailto:marg-day@outlook.com) This event is fully booked.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Coast Register AGM**

9.15 am - Meet at: Beefy's - Wild Horse Mt - Exit 171 Johnson Road – Bruce Highway

9.30 am - Depart in convoy for Beachmere

What to bring: - Bring your own everything for morning tea. There is plenty of seating at the Beach House.

After morning tea, the AGM will be held.

12 noon – Depart for the Beachmere Hotel for lunch.

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August for Hotel Lunch Reservation.

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### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> with Ian & Vicki McKinney**

Details to be advised.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Run with Helen & Ken Parmenter**

Meet at Merv & Lyn Jacksons for morning tea and view Merv's extensive collection of Jaguars. Then lunch at Palmwoods. Full details will be advised shortly.

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - All British Day/JDCQ Display Day**

Departing from the Southbound BP Servo (south end of carpark) (Caboolture) at 7:30am.

A great day out with hundreds of cars on display.

Contact Stu Gross E: [stu12dozen@gmail.com](mailto:stu12dozen@gmail.com) for more info if needed.

We will be traveling via the Airport Link and Clem 7 tunnels. You will need either an E-Toll tag or pay within three days by credit/debit card (easy).

### OCTOBER

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Mooloolaba River Cruise.**

Cruise departing from Mooloolaba wharf including dinner 4.30 for 5pm departure.

\$35 per person. Full details and menu available shortly.

Please RSVP no later than 01 October. Limited numbers.

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### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Run with Stu & Wendy Gross**

### DECEMBER

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> Christmas Party**

### JANUARY 2020

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day BBQ**

Details TBA