

# CAT'S TALES

## Newsletter of the Jaguar Drivers' Club Queensland Inc Sunshine Coast Register **March 2022**

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### Vale Linda Robinson



The Sunshine Coast Register was saddened last month to learn of the passing of their much loved member Linda Robinson. Arthur, Linda's dearly beloved husband of over 50 years is coping sadly, supported by his and Linda's three daughters, Carolyn, Kristi and Anita, their grandchildren and a baby great granddaughter. A simple but beautiful service was held at Traditional Funerals Burpengary on 31 January, in which family spoke of Linda's early life in rural NSW, her motor bike riding from Queanbeyan to Moruya as a young woman and especially the many happy retirement years she spent with Arthur with a variety of motorhomes, overseas tours and cruises to Asia and Alaska and enjoyed continuing friendships with friends they met along the way. Linda's love of nature and her determination, and especially her love of family were highlighted.

Linda and Arthur joined the Sunshine Coast Register in June 2006 and attended our Sunshine Coast Jaguar Club Register events whenever they could until Arthur had to give up driving. Linda was a fantastic support for Arthur when he developed Parkinsons and tended to all his needs as his condition deteriorated.

JDCQ was represented at the service by Tony Herald and Sunshine Coast register members Wendy Gross, Merv and Lyn Jackson, Vicki and Ian McKinney, Col and Lyn Pickering and Joe Day. Others tuned in to watch the respectful service on line.

The Register will miss both Linda and Arthur at our Jaguar Club events.

## **Calendar**

(subject to floods, Covid and general bad weather)

### **March**

17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day

30<sup>th</sup> Lunch at Saw and Mill

### **April**

9<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning at Coffee Club, Sippy Downs

21<sup>st</sup>: Picnic Run

### **May**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Away Run to Bundaberg,

9<sup>th</sup> - Committee Meeting,

10<sup>th</sup> Mary Valley Rattler with Brisbane Register.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mac's Bridge

26<sup>th</sup> Lunch event

### **June:**

19<sup>th</sup> RACQ Motorfest- 100 years of Jaguar,

22<sup>nd</sup> Mystery Run,

30<sup>th</sup> last day for JDCQ renewals

It is likely there will be a lunch event at the end of June.

Always check the JDCQ Website calendar for the latest dates and other Register's event. Any JDCQ member is welcome to attend events for any Register including the Model Registers.



## ***St Valentine's Day Run, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February***

Trip leaders: Stu and Wendy Gross

It was wonderful to finally start the driving year even if later than usual. Covid has really messed with our schedules. A few of our regulars still awaiting their boosters even missed this run.

Since we were trying to make the event as Covid safe as possible, there was no planned morning tea but we still seemed to catch up well in the fresh air

of Landsborough.



Eleven cars set off a little after 11 for a scenic drive of a just over an hour. While a dash more sun would have made the scenery pop, the drizzly, rainy weather we have been having has certainly turned the hinterland very green and lush. We followed Gympie Rd to the



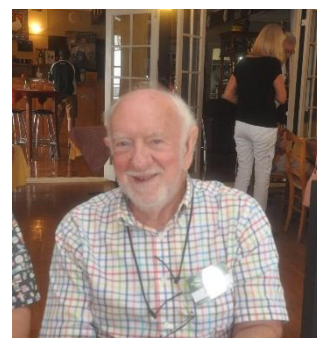
Beerwah Maleny road and then up the mountain to Peachester, giving the cars a bit of a work out. They were challenged again as we meandered up Maleny Stanley River Rd and then onto Burnetts Lane through Reesville. Shame the drivers had to concentrate on the road because the views of the hills and valleys, some with showers catching rays of sun, was lovely. The cats got a bit of rest through Maleny, which like Montville, was surprisingly unbusy for a Sunday morning, before some more exercise on the Montville Rd through Balmoral to Flaxton. Our timing was excellent. Just as almost everyone was into Le Coq Bressan nice and dry, the rain pelted down and continued for some time. That's why there is not the obligatory cars parked photo. We didn't lose anyone on the run and were joined at the restaurant by Col and Lyn, making 23 of us. Ralph



and Suzy joined the Register last year and Ralph came on the Tunnel walk but it was lovely to finally welcome Suzy to the club. Ray, our newest member, only joined last week and he, too, was warmly welcomed. As usual the food was terrific and the company most congenial.



Even though the St Valentine's celebrations were a little more low key than usual, there was a rose adorned bag of Cadbury Roses chockies for each car, courtesy of the Register. Not that anyone needed the additional calories! This is the last of many happy events Sunshine Coast Register has enjoyed at Thierry's and Cindy's French restaurant with Le Coq Bressan closing at the end of the month. They have bought a motel in Maleny Hills and wink, wink from Thierry, a very French Bastille Day might still be possible. Fingers and toes crossed.



Wendy Gross



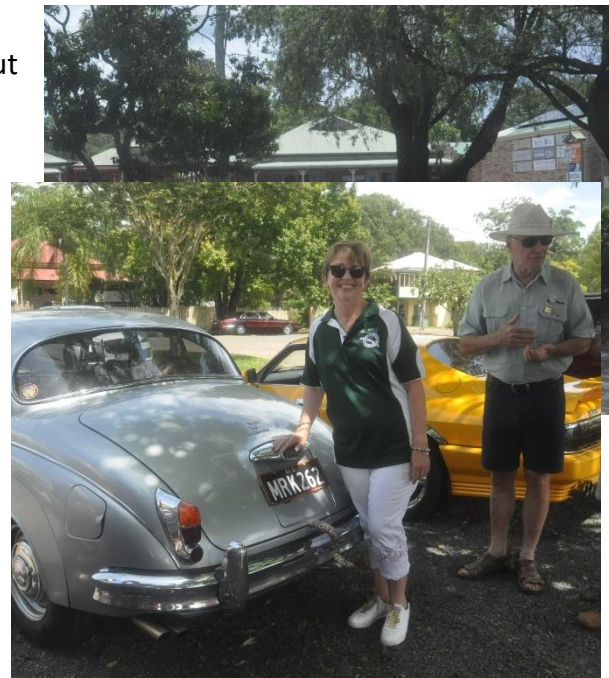
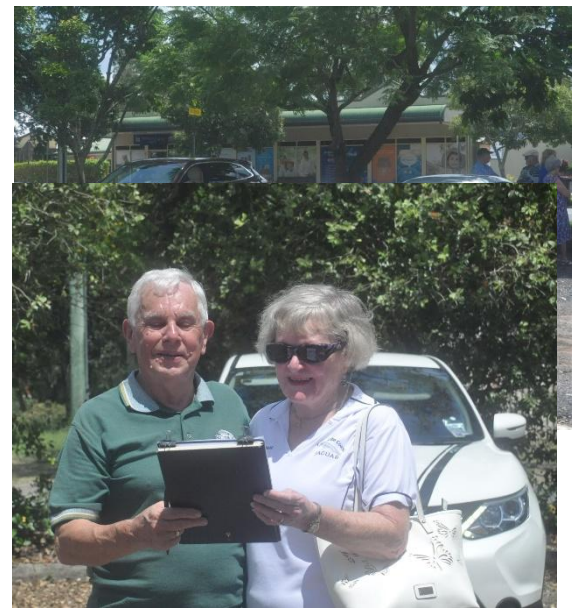
**Sunday Run to Tranquil Park – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

**Merv and Lyn Jackson**

It was a great way to start a new week and a good turn out of 28 people. Last weekend the south east was drenched in well over a half a metre of rain, with some of our northern members facing the floods around Gympie before that.



All that was followed by the severe storms on Thursday which inflicted serious damage on our intrepid Run Leaders – more about that later. A drive in our Jaguars was just what we needed. It certainly made Sandra’s MK2’s tail wag!



Lyn and Merv had mapped out a delightful run starting at Skippy Park and then meandering through the hinterland but the storms and floods made that impossible, as the Jacksons found out on their final recce on Friday afternoon. Even the starting point had to change to Landsborough because Skippy Park was inaccessible.





It may have been a shortened route but it was still very scenic. We also realized how lucky we were. As we travelled along the ridge we had sunshine but looking out over the valleys we could see storms and rain.



Tranquil Park has been upgraded since we were last there but still has the magnificent view even if today the Glasshouse Mountain peaks were shrouded in rain and cloud. As usual, no one left hungry.





As we exited to our vehicles the weather remained fine. Hopefully everyone made it home without too much rain.

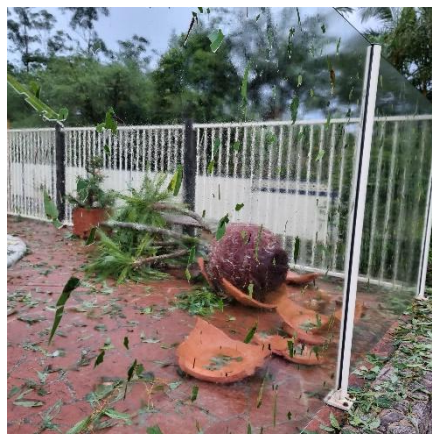
Wendy Gross

## Member's Tales

### Wild Weather Woes

Now, I mentioned that our intrepid Sunday Run Leaders had been hammered by the storms on the Thursday before our Sunday event.

They were awoken in the dark early hour of 3.10am to the scariest storm they have ever experienced. There was noise from wind and hail and no power so no lights. Their bed got soaked from water coming through the air conditioner and carpets in the guest rooms were drenched. Later they discovered damage to fencing by fallen trees, the pool shade blown off its frame and pierced by fallen tree branch, a big terracotta pot plant smashed, a patio blind damaged and the pool quickly turned very green because of the stripped leaves and no filter.



They lost power for 3 days and had no phone or internet. Most of the streets around were blocked with trees or



water (anyone driving up Steve Irwin Way to the Sunday run could see the immense damage to the trees). Merv managed to get out by a very roundabout way, and a few false starts, to collect their generator from their van which was in for service so thankfully they didn't lose their food supplies. They also managed to do a recce on Friday afternoon and discovered their proposed route was impassable. Troopers that they are, they emailed me and we talked while they sat on the hill above Tranquil Park to organize Plan B for the Sunday Run. Don't we just have the best members in the SC Register?

## How the Other Half Lives

Lindsay Price sent this.....



Times are tough, we are being continually told, with people out of work, low wages and rising costs. Just to give a glimpse of the other side of the story I have enclosed a picture of a vessel I did the delivery voyage on five years ago. It had just had a 14.7 million refit and is now due for another. It is 37 meters long and the owner is presently having another built in NZ. That one is 50 meters long.



Yes times are tough for some but not for everyone..

**Begorrah...**

No driving but it will be fun.....

There are still some places





## St Patrick's Day Lunch...**Limited to 50 people.**

Come and join us for Bangers and Mash, mushy peas and dessert, Irish Apple Cake. There will also be surprise treats

When: Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 11:30am.

Where: **The Beach House**, 185 Bishop Road, Beachmere 4510

S 27° 06' 53.1" / E 153° 03' 44.4" .....UBD page 60/N14

Cost: **\$12 pp**. Please pay in advance to: JDCQ Sunshine Coast Register, BSB: 484 799, Account number: 001025575. Please use your surname+SPD as the reference.

BYO Guinness, Kilkenny, XXXX, wine, soft drinks, etc. Tables and chairs provided. All current Covid-19 rules will be observed. Plates, utensils, plastic cups, plastic wine glasses supplied.

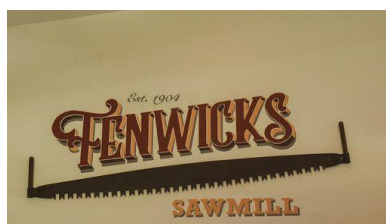
The Beach House is equipped with a lift for those of us who may find the stairs challenging. Plenty of on street parking in front. **Please allow those with disabled permits to use the driveway.**

**Please RSVP by Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of March for catering numbers.**

Wendy Gross: [goodwillpark2@gmail.com](mailto:goodwillpark2@gmail.com) or 0498 203 257

## Historic Lunch

SC Lunch - March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022



*Once a sawmill and now good food*



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at noon

5 Opal St, Cooroy

Hosted by Sue and Laurie Pearce

For menu: <https://www.facebook.com/sawandmill/menu/>

2 course set menu with 3 choices for \$40 pp available

RSVP [pearcells@hotmail.com](mailto:pearcells@hotmail.com) by 28<sup>th</sup> March

Lucky door prizes

***Expressions of Interest Please by 20<sup>th</sup> March***

**Away Trip to Bundaberg, proposed for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

Yes, it was going to be Maryborough but they have now suffered 2 major floods in less than 3 months and places we were going are not available so we are doing what we have all mastered over the last couple of years, 'pivoting'. Would love this trip to be a goer but accept the advice that, with fuel prices skyrocketing, it might not be the right time or place. So....tell me. ([goodwillpark2@gmail.com](mailto:goodwillpark2@gmail.com) or 0498203257)

#### **Day 1**

Meet at Yandina Ginger Factory and travel by the Bruce to Woodworks Museum at Gympie (if we have enough people there will be blacksmithing and other live displays. (<https://www.woodworksmuseum.com.au/>)







From Gympie we travel to Maryborough for lunch and a visit to the award winning *From Gallipoli to Armistice Walk*.(free) It is not a lot of walking and is very moving. <https://portside.ourfrasercoast.com.au/about/tours-experiences/gallipoli-to-armistice-memorial-trail>

After a brief comfort stop at Apple Trees, it is straight to Bundaberg and check in and Happy Hour. We will stay at Chalet Inn, recently refurbished, all ground floor, reasonably priced and with undercover parking. Participants will book their own rooms. There will be minibus travel to dinner both nights.(awaiting the pricing and will let you know, if this run is happening)

## Day 2



Breakfast is planned for Café 28 in the Botanic Gardens precinct followed by tours of the Hinkler Aviation and Fairymead Sugar Cottage, (\$15 for Seniors) then onto the Bundaberg Rum Distillery Museum and Rum tour (\$23.75 for Seniors booked online, includes 2 free samples per person)



After lunch , a visit to Kalki Moon, a gin and vodka distillery which is free with 2 free samples per person. There are lots of alternatives for those who don't wish the alcoholic experience, like a self guided walk of historic Bundaberg. Perhaps another Happy Hour and, of course, dinner.

## Day 3

Depart around 8 for Macadamias Australia for Breakfast ( locally sourced and yummy food) and Macadamia nut tasting (this is free).We loved this place! After this everyone makes their own way. Some will want to stay on in Bargara/Hervey Bay or explore elsewhere. Some will just want to head home.

## **Mary Valley Rattler.**

This should be a lot of fun. We did it with WBB Register last year and recommend the experience. Stu and I are going again...

We will be meeting them at about 10am on 11th in Gympie for the train ride and lunch (sandwiches). Jeanette figured that our Register might not need to overnight so is happy for us to join for the train trip only.

The \$80pp is for the train trip and lunch. Please respond directly to Jeanette.

**MAY 10-11 TUES/WED OVERNIGHT \$80 deposit**



**Mary Valley Rattler Run.** Drive to Gympie for overnight accommodation TBA. Board the Rattler, an authentic steam train, for a 3.5 hour round trip from historic Gympie Station to Amamoor with lunch on board. Details are still to be determined but places are limited. Jeanette and Ian are planning a beautiful scenic drive followed by the train and a trip to Kenilworth cheese factory.

Secure your place by paying an \$80 deposit.

**RSVP to** Jeanette Lind [jeanettelind@bigpond.com](mailto:jeanettelind@bigpond.com)

**Pay** Brisbane Register BSB 484799 ACC 506117953



# JDCQSC Committee Meeting Minutes

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

## Skippy Park

*(Comments in green italics are changes since the meeting)*

Present: Lindsay Price, Susan Price, John Herbert, Debbie Herbert, Helen Parmenter, Tony Brett, Wendy Gross  
Meeting commenced 9.35

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters arising.

Previously circulated and approved

### Report from Register rep to JDCQ (Tony)

Circulated to Ctte and will appear in next Cat's Tales

### Cat's Tales Report (Helen)

Helen outlined content in next Cat's Tales including article on Linda Robinson's passing, St Valentine's Day Report, Tony's report on JCDQ meeting, Tony's article on impromptu runs, Lindsay's article, Query re member's agreement to appearing on a member register.

### Update of the Run Calendar. (see below)

St Valentine's day is running, (about 20.)

At this stage Lees' lunch has few takers but reminder will be sent after St Valentine's Day event. *(was cancelled due to forecast)* Three events in March (Jacksons - Sunday 6/3, St Pat's 17/3 (Wendy) and Pearce's lunch at Saw and Mill Cooroy 30/3). Therefore there will only one event in April – a picnic run led by (Tony and Gen). There is also Easter and ANZAC Day in April. *(Coffee morning added for 6<sup>th</sup> April Wendy and Stu)*

May- Hopefully away trip to Maryborough will run . *(Destination changed to Bundaberg because of flood damage in Maryborough)* Possible event to Pomona Silent Picture Theatre and lunch at end of month (Helen)

Run organisers needed for June Sunday run and July events

### Promotion of Impromptu Runs

Tony has written an article about creating an Impromptu run. This allows members to drive their concessionally registered vehicles further than the 15km allowed. This article will be in Cat's Tales, Queensland Jaguar Driver and on the website. Tony prepared to walk members through the process. Great for these Covid times! *(Tony's article will be in Queensland Driver and is already on JDCQ website)*

### Should we have a Member Directory?

Wendy raised this as a possibility as this would further facilitate Impromptu runs. Committee agreed. Directory would include member names, email address, phone number (preferably mobile) and model of cars we have on file (NOT home addresses). Membership to be notified and asked to OPT OUT, if they don't agree. This will only be distributed by email to SC members.

### General Business

1. Committee approved multi photo frame as bereavement gift for Arthur *(family did not want this gift at this time)*
2. Tony spoke about importing classic cars from UK
3. Helen suggested that the committee could nominate some runs/events and call for members to lead them.







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