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### PREAMBLE

Challenges still continue to plague our Sunshine State and Bob and I always manage to be in the wrong place at the wrong time – always visiting Brisbane at the most inopportune times which then forces us into Lockdown once we return to Bundaberg. As always, we were triumphant in our survival and did manage to tolerate the wearing of masks along with every other Queenslanders.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and that Easter Bunny brought you lots of goodies. The lovely, steady rain over the Easter period was greatly received by our grass and plants.



**BEVIN AND SANDY'S BEAUTIFUL 340 AT THE BUNDABERG BREWED DRINKS**

**GRACIE'S DAY OUT TO BUNDABERG**

**(As told by the Lady herself, Gracie) WRITTEN BY ROBYN BOCK**

It is Monday and I am quite surprised that Arthur is getting me ready to go out again; after all, I took Arthur and Robyn into Maryborough yesterday to meet with the other Jaguars at Queens Park. But there is definitely something happening as Robyn is polishing my woodwork and cleaning my upholstery while Arthur is cleaning out my boot. Hmmnnnnn..... It's just after lunch and Arthur drives me out, heading towards town. No, we are not going to town, we're heading North?! We stop for fuel at Torbanlea and then keep heading North. My word, it is an extremely hot day today, and both Arthur and I are feeling it greatly.



Hello, in Bundaberg, we pull into that nice young man's house whose Wedding we did last year on the river (what fun that was!) and Arthur cleans all the road dust off me and gives me a lovely shine. Arthur's back now wearing a suit..... must be another Wedding, but he's forgotten to put the **Ribbon on and where is the big lovely Satin Bow for my boot?**

Next stop is at another house.....wait, I recognise these people: they are **Peter and Mary Sanders, fellow Jaguarphiles** (mind you, I can hardly remember their Jaguar as they seem to prefer to bring other cars on the monthly outings, including a funny little car who only speaks French, would you believe!) A young man comes over to admire me, his name is **Matthew** and he is all dressed up; I'm still not sure what is going on but it looks as though it's something important, Aha, here's **Caitlyn (Mary and Peter's daughter)** looking positively stunning in a pale gold beautifully embroidered dress which compliments my colours perfectly; clever and a very gorgeous girl is Caitlyn!

I've just noticed Arthur is now wearing a Chauffeur's Cap and from all the chatting I realise that this event is the **Bundaberg State High School Formal**. I've not done a Formal before, so I am quite excited now at what is happening. Lots and lots of photos are taken by both families and then Arthur drives us to the City Hall for more photos. We park near a Stretch Limousine and goodness me, the driver has no jacket, no tie, no cap and

is just leaning on the car, smoking!! Caitlyn and Matthew are in the back seat as we head to the venue for the Formal which according to the written directions provided by the school is at the East End Hotel Function Room (previously Krystal's Night Club). For the next 40 minutes we are in a stop-start line of many, many cars, heading towards a huge crowd of people; I'm feeling a little nervous now, this is a very big event obviously, much bigger than a wedding!



There is a lot of noise and fumes from just behind us and it is from a V8 Ford whose driver keeps the revs up for the whole 40 minutes; you can imagine I am so relieved that he is not in front of us! Instead, in front is an EK Holden presenting itself very nicely in original condition, but in front of him is a Corvette without its Targa Roof. Mind you, it looks a tight fit in that car.

Do you know it appears that anything goes as next up the line is a 4WD Ute with a young couple standing in the back hanging onto the Sports Bar! Oh look, ahead of them is a Grand Sulky with a very majestic looking horse who is behaving impeccably amongst all these assorted vehicles, and thankfully dressed for the occasion so that no deposits are left on the road for us to negotiate (Arthur refers to it as a really large poop scoop..... truly Arthur, language!). At last we are at the concourse and it is my turn to pull up at the Red Carpet (which reminds me of the **Red Carpet so often used for Royal Functions in England**) and Caitlyn and Matthew alight amongst lots of camera flashes, people crowding around and lots and lots of fuss. There they go to join all the other young couples for what is a memorable occasion indeed. **(I know I'll never forget this my FIRST FORMAL!)** I take Arthur back to Peter and Mary's place where he has coffee and a chat about it all, and, whew, I catch my breath. Then we head South and this time I know where we are going: home, where Robyn is waiting to hear all about it (she has phoned just a few times!) and where I can get a good night's sleep in my garage under my very comforting cover!

**(SUBMITTED BY GRACIE'S FAMILY, ARTHUR AND ROBYN BOCK)**



At this point I would like to say a very big **THANK YOU to Arthur**. Arthur located this story, which was written by Robyn many years ago, after her passing in 2020. For those of you who are unaware Arthur bought this beautiful Mark V from Paul Mittelheuser quite a few years ago. Mary Sanders who was mentioned in this article was an active Committee Member of the Wide Bay Burnett Register for several years and also passed away at too young an age.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

There are always challenges for the Committee to ensure that there is an Outing in each location of the Wide Bay Burnett area and due to the distances, that must be travelled, this can sometimes be very difficult. Our Outing in March was held in Bundaberg and our event in April was to Torbanlea and Toogoom (which is always a very popular destination).

### OUTING TO BUNDABERG – 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

There appeared to be a fair amount of excitement as we all arrived at our first destination which was the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks. This Tourist Attraction in Bundaberg has recently been revamped and I was very impressed with the outcome.



Once again, it was out with our Mobile Phones and logging in to use our QR Codes (which I must say we did with expertise), which was a necessity before we could enter. Our first stop was to the Tasting Bar where we were served by a very delightful young lady who explained with great efficiency the ins and outs of making Bundaberg Brewed Drinks. I can tell you now that if these drinks had been alcoholic, we would have all staggered out with great difficulty.



**SEE WHAT I MEAN!! – YES, WE TASTED ALL OF THESE – SOME LOVELY FLAVOURS – MY FAVOURITE BEING GUAVA**

Once the tasting component of our tour was completed, we were each handed a cardboard container in which to collect six Bundaberg Brewed Drinks of our choice and then we wandered leisurely through the remainder of the Factory which was extremely interesting. It was quite difficult trying to decide which Brewed Drinks to select to take home with us – Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!!!! It appeared to me that the favourite choice of drink was the Bundaberg Ginger Beer which I feel has always been a hit. This Bundaberg Experience was enjoyed by all and I gave it a ten out of ten.



**DIANNE LOOKING VERY, VERY HAPPY**



**BEVIN LOOKING EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH HIS SELECTION**



**WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SELECT DEAR?**



**DEEP CONCENTRATION IS REQUIRED RE THAT QR CODE!!!**



**NOW IT'S TIME FOR THAT LONG-AWAITED CHAT!!!!**

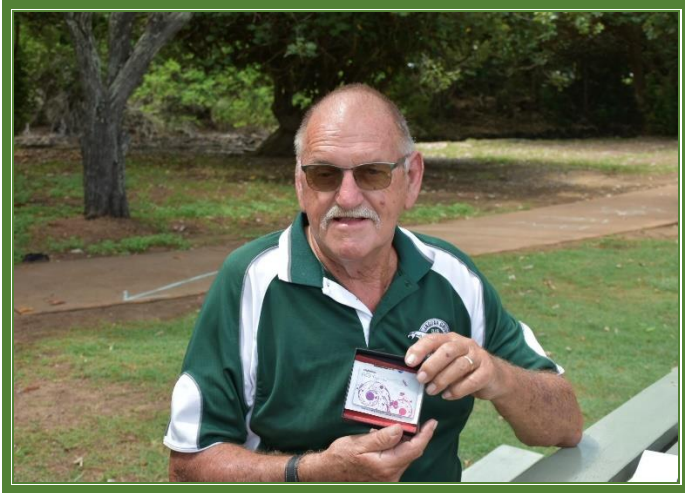




It was a very quick drive to Neilsen Beach where we had a very refreshing coffee from the Surf Club Café which was then followed by our meeting.

### **Raffle Draw**

Our winner this month was a very happy Arthur Bock who seemed to be extremely pleased with his win which was a Gift Voucher. Sandy was also very pleased to win the Scratchie.



**BOTH ARTHUR AND SANDY EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THEIR WIN**

Our lunch was held at 'The Bargara Golf Club' which was very busy as always. For a few of us this was a stressful moment as our requirement of entry for this Restaurant was to enter your 'Check in Qld' Code – **where was Anna when I needed her!!** I do have to admit though, that the staff were extremely patient and very helpful – they probably thought stupid old fuddy-duddies who don't know what they are doing but it certainly didn't come across as that – Thank Goodness!! Boy, times have certainly changed and not for the better!! Lunch was very enjoyable but because of the amount of people in attendance it did get rather noisy.



**'THE FOUR AMIGOS'**

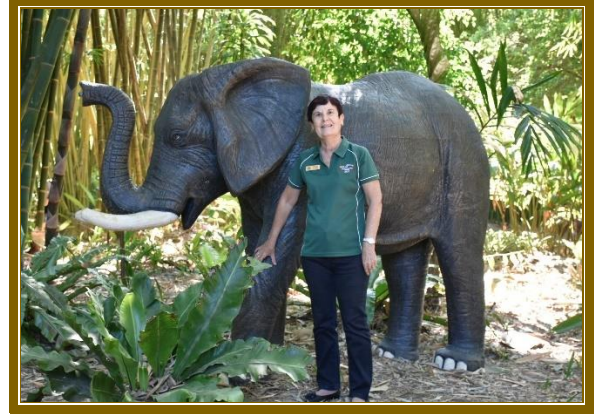


**BEVIN AND LEE LOOKING VERY LOVELY**

**OUTING TO TORBANLEA AND TOOGOOM – 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

There was a brisk breeze a blowing when Bob and I left Bundaberg to travel to Torbanlea, but thankfully by the time we reached 'Bamboo Land' the sun was shining brightly, and the cool breeze had subsided.

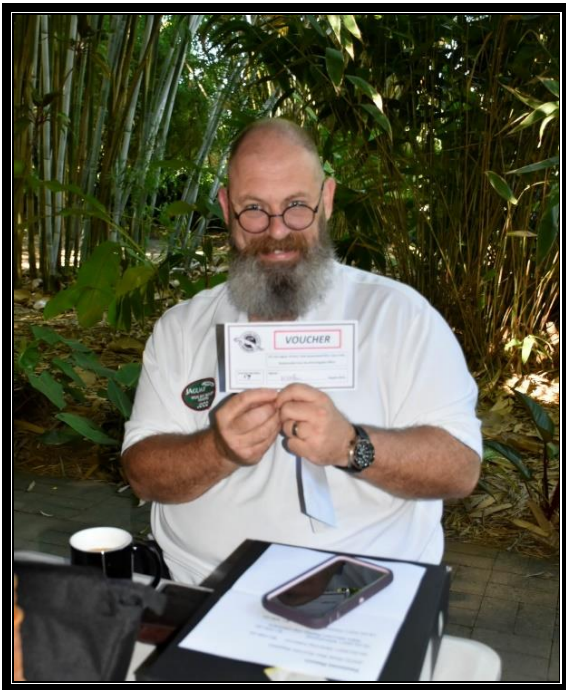
On arrival at 'Bamboo Land' it was great to see an excellent number of members in attendance. A few members had never been there before and were quite surprised by the serenity and beauty of this Parkland, which is surrounded by, of course, bamboo, a stunning array of plants and many timber animal carvings which are scattered around the park and which all adds up to convey a very natural and peaceful surrounds.



**BEVIN AND DAVE WITH THAT FRIENDLY GORILLA AND GAYLENE WITH THE SUSPICIOUS ELEPHANT!!**

### ***Raffle Draw***

Robert Pearce was our surprised winner this month and his quick remark was '**About Time**'. He was very lucky to win a Voucher from the JDCQ which entitles him to purchase either a Shirt, Cap or Hat. Margie was the Runner Up winner of a Scratchie and she was thrilled to bits when she scratched it and found that she had won \$2.00 – it doesn't take much to please us these days, does it?



**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH**



There was an **Award Presentation** at our meeting on Sunday. Arthur Bock presented the **New Member of the Year Award** to **Brian Foster**. A very huge **CONGRATULATIONS Brian** – we all appreciate your huge contribution to the Monthly Newsletter and the JDCQ Magazine with your wonderful Excerpts.



**A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN**



**DAWN LOOKING LOVELY WITH THAT CHEEKY GORILLA**

After lots of chatting and members strolling along in different directions around the parklands it was time to travel in convoy to my favourite destination of Toogoom. The seaside village of Toogoom is just a 15-minute drive from Hervey Bay, which boasts incredible fishing and boating plus Goody's On The Beach Restaurant which is located right on the water and is the perfect place to just relax, which is exactly what we all did. As always, the meals were delicious, but the staff did appear to be a little harassed from time to time.







THE GUYS ENJOYING A GOOD OLD CHAT AT 'BAMBOO LAND'



MEMBERS RELAXING AT 'GOODY'S ON THE BEACH'

#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

##### 16<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

This will be a trip on **The Mary Valley Rattler**. For those travelling a long distance, Breakfast will be held at the Historic Gympie Station (Rusty Rails Café) from 8.30 a.m. (Bob and I will be there at that time). The Rattler will leave the Station at 10.00 a.m. (must be boarded by 9.45 a.m.) and will stop at Dagon and Amamoor. Lunch will be held at 1.30 p.m. on our arrival back at the Gympie Station at the Rusty Rails Café.

##### 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Yet another fun filled trip to **Hervey Bay** whereby we will do **The Mary River Cruise**. Bob will forward further details in relation to this Cruise shortly. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT BEING HELD ON OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** because on that day the **CRUISE LEAVES AT 7.00 A.M.** (Far too early for Members travelling from Bundaberg and Gympie).

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

This will be our Overnight Trip for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**. This trip will encompass visits to **Maleny, Montville and Mapleton**. We will also visit **Hell Town Café** and **Rick's Garage**.

I am so looking forward to all these trips – it will be a very exciting and fun-filled three months.



*'Jag On'*  
Gaylene