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### PREAMBLE

Well, it is now two months since my last Newsletter and sadly the world as we now know it still remains in turmoil. We do have to thank our lucky stars that we live in Queensland, and it never ceases to amaze me that we continue, somehow or other, to dodge many bullets. Our lives have certainly not been impacted by Covid19 to the extent that Victoria and NSW have had to suffer but as most of us have family in those States it still becomes a very worrying time.

On a happy note, I would like to say a big welcome to our new members Paul Josely and Cassie Crichton. It was lovely to meet you both on Sunday at Arkarra Gardens Café Restaurant.



### MK 10 SEAT RESTORATION WRITTEN BY ROBERT PEARCE

So as most of you know, back in February, Toni and I bought our **1964 Jaguar MK 10**. He has been named **Henry**, but he is still in Brisbane at the Jag Workshop at Sandgate as Michael has been too busy to get the recommissioning started. **Now Henry is a bit of a Bitzer**. According to his Heritage Certificate, he was originally an Old English White Car with a blue interior. He is now a gleaming Jaguar Dark Blue with a red interior. According to legend, his original 'ZB' Engine failed quite early on, so a 'ZA' Engine from a **1962 MK 10** was sourced and installed and has travelled approximately 90K miles. The car spent most of its life in Sydney where a young couple owned it for many years, being stored outside and unloved, until the previous owner to me bought it and drove him home to Wagga Wagga. The paint and interior were very worn, so a second rusty MK 10 was acquired and stripped down. This red interior and some timberworks were installed, the original stored along with all the panels, dash bits and most anything else that was good (which are incidentally still waiting for me to pick up...). Anyway.....



The seats were quite worn, very dry and cracked, not worn out, but really showing the effects of not being cared for. I determined quite quickly that replacing them was simply not cost effective, as the MK 10 seats



are huge, and new cow hide leather is not cheap. So, I looked around and found a Company called Leather Hero in Victoria. After a couple of phone calls and emails to Leanne the owner, a colour was picked (called Parrot) and a complete kit was sent up. **How hard can it be me thinks....?** Well, the prep work was quite easy, half a litre of softener, a sand down and then fill the little holes and cracks. The filler is amazing stuff that sticks really well... a little too well when you are a bit heavy handed! Getting the excess off was a two-day job as you can't go at it with a Belt Sander.... apparently!



800 Grit Wet and Dry Paper was used, a long slow process indeed. After I was happy with the finish and the primer was left to dry for a week, I began to apply the colour. For the seat pad I used the recommended sponge, but after several coats it did not seem to look any better. I then pulled out my trusty Spray Gun and gave the back seat a go. The Spray Gun was good, but I still had to smooth and spread with the very fine sponge brush. I will spray the seat cushion once this last coat is fully dry, as it is still a bit patchy. Once this is fully dry, I will apply the Satin Top Coat and after 14 days of curing they will be good to go back in (obviously once the car is home).



The finish is not perfect, but the seats are 58+ years old, and I was not going for a new look, just an even bright colour which I think I have achieved. All in all, not too bad for my first go at it. A \$289.00 kit is cheaper than 10+K (and the rest) for a retrim. I will recolour and repair the front seats, recolour the door card vinyl, retrim the console and door pillars, replace all the carpets, install a whiz bang all electric

air conditioner for those warmer months and get the original radio working. Henry will never be a concours car, but he will be a useable Big Jag for runs and driving to work etc.

**I would like to say a VERY HUGE THANK YOU to ROBERT PEARCE for this very interesting Article.**



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The last three months we have been very busy flitting all around the countryside and it has been a lot of fun. For our June Outing Bob located a small town called Brooweena for us to visit, in July it was off to the Hinterland to Montville and Maleny for Christmas in July and our August Outing was back to one of our local haunts Hervey Bay.

## OUTING TO BROOWEENA – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

It was a dreary morning when Bob and I headed off on our drive to Brooweena but on arrival we were welcomed with smiles and friendliness from the locals, and they were all very impressed as we parked our Jaguars in the designated area – what a delightful little town. Of course, first up on the agenda was morning tea where most people enjoyed Scones with Jam and Cream which I assume were homemade.



**THE JAGUARS LOOKING VERY BEAUTIFUL AT BROOWEENA**

For the size of the town, the village and museum were well set up and beautifully cared for and members enjoyed a relaxing morning wandering around the village, and it was certainly well worth travelling to Brooweena – I didn't even know that this small town existed. Stew and Damper was on the menu for our lunch and the Cook was kept very busy with our continuous stream of orders – he did an excellent job, and the Stew was great (reminded me of my Mum as she always cooked Stews in winter in Tasmania).



**WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THAT YUMMY STEW**



**BACK TO SCHOOL MEMORIES JOSIE AND SANDY**

### **Raffle Draw**

Our winner this month was a very excited Peter Carlson who won a container full of different goodies. Paul was also very pleased to win the Scratchie – I wonder how much profit Paul made from that one – probably Zilch!!



**THE HAPPY DUO**



**YOURS TRULY TAKING A REST!!**

### **OUTING TO MONTVILLE - 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

It was a 5.00 a.m. rise for both Bob and I on a rather coolish morning and I can tell you now that I moaned and groaned about having to get up so early, the freezing cold and anything else that I could think of to grumble about – the things that we do for the Jaguar Car Club!! Our first stop was at Tiaro whereby all members met so that we could all travel in convoy to 'Hell Town Café'. Well, I can inform you all now that this was an experience to behold – not at all what I had expected and at our arrival at 10.00 a.m. this café was already full of both Car and Motor Bike enthusiasts. I was very surprised to find that our Morning Tea was delivered to our table relatively quickly – my first thoughts were that we may be there all day!!! Bob has always got some plan up his sleeve, so it was time to commence 'Scrabble on the Run' which was to continue over the whole weekend and did amuse many members. I did also hear the odd complaint about the letters that they picked, especially the vowel. After lots of chatting, laughter and a wander around the Café and the outside grounds it was time to hop back into those Jaguars and continue our journey to Montville and to celebrate Christmas in July, which of course I was so looking forward to as it had to be cancelled last year due to Covid19.



**I SO LOVE ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL SMILES JENNY, GRAHAM, TONI AND DIANNE**





HEAPS MORE HAPPY FACES AT 'HELL TOWN CAFÉ'

On arrival in Montville, it was time to book into our Motel and from there members wandered into town for lunch, browsing, spending money or whatever took their fancy. We did have to comply with the **wearing of masks** but that was a small price to pay as we were all so happy to be in Montville. Everyone was full of excitement as we all converged on the Montville Café Bar and Grill for our Christmas in July which I may add was so beautifully decorated. The weather was also quite cold so all that was needed was the falling of snow and then it really would have felt like Christmas.



As always Bob and I had prepared a few activities for the evening to keep everyone on their toes and I was very taken aback when a sock was passed to each member to guess the contents, which of course all related to Christmas, and the end results showed that their guessing skills were poor – there was a lot of giggling and of course I assume a bit of cheating which I'm pretty sure did not help them at all. The eventual winners were Josie, Margie, Philip and Jenny. As always there was Secret Santa, but Bob decided to change the rules - the gifts had to be quirky, different, strange and it then became a 'Pass the Parcel Game' which I remember playing as a child at every party I was invited to. There did appear to be a bit of confusion at times but once we had all opened our presents Bob was extremely impressed with the selection of gifts that had been purchased. What is Christmas in July without dear old Santa popping in to say hello – there were quite a few children at the Restaurant and their little eyes boggled with joy and even us adults had huge smiles on our faces as he ventured around every table and wished us a Merry Christmas - we are never too old to receive greetings from Santa. Sandy and Josie very kindly organised and donated our three Christmas Raffles for the evening, so a big THANK YOU to you both. To my complete surprise Bob and I won, Bevin and Sandy came second and Brian and Dawn came third. Dawn was so pleased to win a Christmas Bear as she has a dear little granddaughter called Abigail who would absolutely love it.







At our evening meal for Christmas in July there was a SURPRISE PERFORMANCE (only Bob and I knew) by our dear member Dianne who played a medley of Christmas Carols and other tunes on the BAGPIPES. There were other members of the public who were celebrating as well as our group and there were lots of gasps of both surprise and delight and two young children stood on their chairs and clapped and smiled with enthusiasm as the beautiful music resonated throughout the Restaurant. As I said, Bob and I always have a secret that we divulge when the time is right. Dianne, your performance was magnificent, and you played with such passion and gusto. I would like to take this opportunity Dianne to say a very huge THANK YOU to both you and Philip from all the members of the WBB Register - it was truly inspiring.



**YOU PERFORMED BEAUTIFULLY DIANNE**



**LOVED YOUR CHRISTMAS OUTFIT PETER**

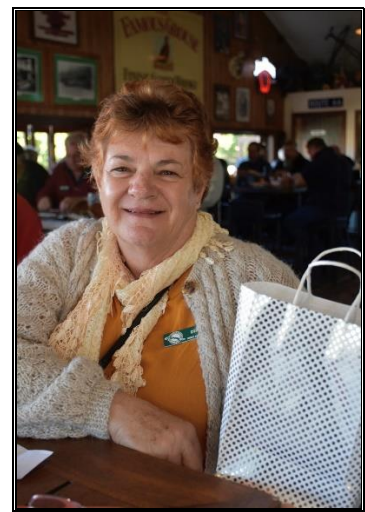


**WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!!!**

Following breakfast on Sunday morning it was a very winding steep climb down to our next destination which was 'Ricks Garage' at Palmwoods. I was a little disappointed as I had an impression in my mind as to what this cafe would be like, and I am sorry to say that it was not even close to what I was expecting – I'm not sure what I was actually expecting but it wasn't that. Once again, as with 'Hell Town Cafe', it was over-run with Motor Bike enthusiasts, very loud and extremely busy. 'Scrabble on the Run' came to an end at this destination and the lucky winners were Robert Pearce, Arthur and Dianne – congratulations to you all. A great time was had by all and following lunch we all said our goodbyes and went our separate ways.

At this point I would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **BOB** for all the preparation and hard work that went into making this weekend such a success and to **SANDY AND JOSIE** for organising and donating the Raffle Prizes. Also, a **VERY HUGE THANK YOU** must go out again to both **PHILIP AND DIANNE** and I would also like to thank all members for attending because without your support there would be no outing.





**ANOTHER TRIO OF VERY HAPPY WINNERS – ROBERT, ARTHUR AND DIANNE**

#### **OUTING TO HERVEY BAY -15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

It was such a lovely, sunny morning when we left Bundaberg to travel to my favourite destination of Hervey Bay. Our first stop on the agenda was to have morning tea at 'Arkarra Gardens Café Restaurant' which is always so tranquil and peaceful, and it was so lovely to meet our new members Paul and Cassie who travelled from Bundaberg to have morning tea with us.



**PETER, ROGER AND BEVIN HAVING A GOOD OLD TIME**



**PAUL AND CASSIE LOOKING LOVELY**

After our enjoyable morning tea, it was time to travel in convoy to the Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum. This village opened in 1974 with one building and has grown over the years to 31 buildings and over 20,000 exhibits. We were welcomed by John (one of the many volunteers), and he became our Guide for the day and our first port of call was to the Rope Making Display where our dear member Dave was skilled in the art of rope making – well done Dave. Our Guide John was very knowledgeable and was also a bit of a character so there was never a dull moment during our tour with lots of laughter, joking, chatting and heaps of smiles. My favourite exhibit was the restored 1932 Dennis Fire Engine where members were able to climb on board, frantically ring the bell (which I confess I needed to do), experience the wearing of the very heavy helmets and generally have a good old time. The replica 1930's Haddow Shop was a real eye opener, and it was a chance to observe all the unusual items which were for sale in the last Century.





**DON'T WE ALL LOOK GREAT ON THE 1932 DENNIS FIRE ENGINE**



**ARTHUR, BRIAN, DAVE AND MARGIE ATTEMPTING TO BE FIREMEN!**



**DAVE, THE ROPE MAKER – GOOD JOB DAVE**



**BOB AND BRIAN DECIDING WHICH ITEM TO BUY!!!**



### **Raffle Draw**

Margie was ecstatic when her name was drawn out and she discovered that she had won a JDCQ Voucher to purchase either a shirt, hat or cap and Peter was happy that he won the Scratchie, but I wouldn't get too excited Peter as the chances of winning, I feel, are very slim – I'm such a pessimist!!!



**LOVELY PHOTO PETER AND MARGIE – CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH**

### **WHAT'S COMING UP?**

#### **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**18<sup>th</sup> September** – Drive to Brisbane and on Saturday afternoon we will visit the Colin Galley Private Museum. On Saturday evening there will be a combined dinner with the Brisbane Register.

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – 'All British Day at Tennyson' – Jaguars to be displayed – Gates open at 7.00 a.m. Display is from 8.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. – featuring Classic British Cars, Motorcycles and Commercial Vehicles. Food and Drinks available on site.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

This will be an Outing to Bundaberg.

10.00 a.m. - Ladies to meet at 'Studio 166' (Barolin Street Bundaberg) for a beautiful Morning Tea made by Jan followed by an exciting time viewing Jan's beautiful Glass Artwork.

10.00 a.m. - Gentlemen will be taken to a secret venue organised by Bob.

Picnic Lunch will be held at a park in Bundaberg.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

10.00 a.m. – We will meet at a park in Woodgate for BYO Morning Tea and our Annual General Meeting.

We will also arrange our Planning Meeting for the first 6 months of 2022.

Lunch will be held at either 'The Woodgate Bowls Club' or 'The Woodgate Beach Hotel'.

### **'Keep up the Revs'**

Gaylene