



# 11th Hour Hero

One of our members, David Eberhard, has volunteered to be the next Editor of our club magazine, Queensland Jaguar Driver.

Our previous Editor, June Whitehouse, has agreed to do the March-April 2022 edition to teach David the trade.

June has requested stories for that and subsequent editions. Please type your contributions and email to: [editor@jagqld.org.au](mailto:editor@jagqld.org.au)



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## A warm welcome to new members...

Gary and Trudy Whinnett 2016 XF

Clive Blay and Beth Chisholm 2011 X351 (XJ)

John and Sharon McGagh 1966 E Type

Paul Spain 1983 XJ6

Peter and Sue Watts 1950 Mark V



# Best Wishes From Us All...

## All Dressed up with somewhere to go

By John Somerset January 2022

You may recall an article published in *Queensland Jaguar Driver* two years ago about a road trip by my son Justin with his then girlfriend Eliza in my 1975 Jaguar XJC. Fast forward to January 2022 and my cars had the pleasure of featuring in Justin and Eliza's wedding in Toowoomba.

I thought members may be interested in a few photos.

The day was a wonderful success. The wedding went off perfectly and, one of my silent fears, the cars behaved themselves!

Eliza arrived in the 1979 6.7 ltr V8 Silver Wraith (A long wheelbase version of the Silver Shadow) driven by her father and with her mother in the passenger seat.

My daughter Kristina drove the 1975 Jaguar XJC V12 with the other three bridesmaids.

The bride and groom choose to have special photos with the Jaguar ... beautiful, oh and the bride and groom look ok too!

It was a perfect day after such a challenging year. We were all dressed to the 9's (as my mother would say) and kicked on well into the evening.

Kristina travelled from Darwin in her very well fitted out Mazda BT50 4WD and the day after the wedding she and I set off on a terrific 3,700 km roadie to deliver her back to Darwin where she is currently living and working. Included in the photos is our stop over at the natural hot springs in Cunnamulla .... nothing like a good roadie.

Happy and safe motoring to all for 2022

John and Cathy





# 1951 Jaguar XK120 Fixed Head Coupe

by Lloyd Andersen

After World War 2, Jaguar developed a new 3.4 litre twin overhead cam engine, which in production form was known as the XK. This engine design was progressively improved and used in Jaguars for near forty years.

At the same time, Jaguar developed a new chassis with independent front torsion bar suspension which would also be used in Jaguars for many years. It is believed that the fifth prototype was the one adopted and the first model of Jaguar saloon to use that chassis design was thereby called Mark V. This model was of pre-war styling and powered by the pre-war pushrod engine.

It was intended that the new XK engine would be reserved for the completely new saloon body design that would become known as the Mark VII (for reasons not discussed here). However, William Lyons was anxious to display the new engine at the October 1948 London Motor Show. He had a shorter, narrower version of the new Mk V chassis design built to mount the new XK engine and a sporty roadster body built to clad it and attract attention. The car on show was titled the XK120. The 120 being the expected top speed in miles per hour.

The XK120 was meant to be no more than a concept, but it created such a sensation that Jaguar had to put it into production in 1949. Some customers wanted a fixed solid roof, so the fixed head coupe was developed in 1951. In 1953 a third form, the drophead coupe entered production.

The XK120 was a strictly two-seater and considered by many to be a bit cramped, so in 1954 the styling of the coupes was changed to a 2+2 form and named the XK140. Body styling was modernised in 1957 and named the XK150.

My car was one of the first batch of XK120 fixed heads, built in July-August 1951. The chassis number is 679029, which makes it the 29<sup>th</sup> XK120 fhc and the earliest currently in Australia. It was sold new into France, then taken to Canada in the late fifties where it fell into disrepair. A restoration was begun but stalled for thirty years before being sold into New Zealand. The NZ buyer decided it was all too hard and so advertised it on Ebay whence it was bought by me in 2010.

I completed the comprehensive restoration in 2019, and the car is now resplendent in silver grey metallic with red trim, as it was when first built in 1951. The cylinder head has been upgraded to a type C (competition) version which was available from 1953.





Sixteen WuFlu escapees celebrated Australia Day with a hearty breakfast at Nash Cafe in Esk. This is more than we've had in the past. Thanks to the staff for again doing us proud with their hard work and hearty food.

Great conviviality was shared by all and some interesting cars were in attendance. Of particular note were John and Margaret McGee's Daimler 420 Compact and Barrie and Jo Fletton's XJC.

It was also good to see Ian Richardson in his XF. He told me that his trusty E-type only gets occasional local trips these days.

It could all have ended in tears. On the day, I woke to rain about 3:30am and thought: "this will cut a swathe through attendees." However, in the event, there was no rain outbound, and only a sprinkle on the trip home.

Those joining the scenic drive from Oxley found the well-watered country from Springfield to Yamanto looking beautiful with many flowering trees in bloom. It's a pity that suburbia is rapidly encroaching. Then out past Amberley to Rosewood. Here's a real Aussie town if ever there was one with its iconic, but tired Rising Sun Hotel, an original timber Country Women's Association building wedged between the brand new library and the old Rosewood Hotel (now closed), some lovely old shops and a re-purposed picture theatre.

On through Grandchester and Laidley to the Gatton-Esk road. This 40 kilometre stretch offers a wonderful drive through farming and forest country and ending with a spectacular view of Glen Rock towering over Esk.

See you all on Australia Day next year!

By Clive Arnold





# LONDON'S WEST END SMASH-HIT **DOLLY PARTON** *presents*



Set the alarm for a great night out at **Dolly Parton's** joyous smash hit musical **9 TO 5**, featuring a stellar cast, knock out songs and high-flying ambitions.

A sensation on the West End and inspired by the hit film, the musical tells the story of Doralee, Violet and Judy, three enterprising workmates pushed to the edge by their mean-spirited boss Franklin Hart Jnr. Resorting to wit, comradery and cunning, they dream up a no holds barred scheme to kidnap and turn the tables on their controlling supervisor in the most hilariously defiant of ways. Only question is, will the feisty trio manage to change the office culture to reach their full potential or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit?

**9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** features an all-star Australian cast including **Marina Prior** as smart & sassy career woman Violet Newstead, **Casey Donovan** as newly separated new recruit Judy Bernly, **Erin Clare** as bright & beautiful country gal Doralee Rhodes, **Eddie Perfect** as the controlling boss Franklin Hart Jnr. and featuring **Caroline O'Connor** as busy-body Roz Keith.

With a sparkling score by **Dolly Parton** and a book by the iconic movie's original screenwriter **Patricia Resnick**, **9 TO 5** is the quintessential feel-good show for the times. Full of mischief, laughter and affection, it's gold carat fun!

22 June 2022, 6.30pm LYRIC THEATRE QPAC

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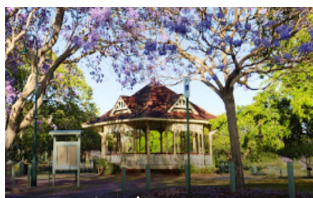
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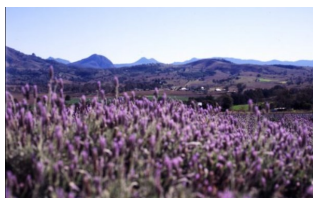
## **New Year's Resolution: Plan a Drive Out Day.**

I'll share some ideas here because I hope that they will trigger more. The goal is an activity every month. If you like the sound of any of these and would like to be Captain, please step up. Any other ideas you have please email me and we'll take them to the committee.



### **New Farm Park**

Local Councillor Vicki Howard has agreed to section off car spaces within the park that we may enjoy the use of either the BBQ facilities or sit by the river at Mary Mae's at the Powerhouse.



### **O'Reilly's Canungra Winery Weekend**

Fireplace and port anyone?



### **Lyell Deer Sanctuary**

Picnic at Cedar Creek

40 mins from Brisbane

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Or how about **Sheraton Grand Mirage for a seafood buffet**, strawberry picking at **Oasis Farms Caboolture**, a visit to **Kalbar Sunflower Farm**, **Karoomba Vineyards** and **Lavender Farm**? Lunch at **Yatala Pies** or the nearby **pub**, a **Gold Coast canal cruise** with lunch, a **Brisbane River Cruise** with lunch? **Weekends** away to festivals?