



# CAT'S TALES

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## A Drive in the Country- (Stu and Wendy Gross)

The forecast was for a scorcher but 26 valiant souls gathered in Mueller Park near Bli Bli for the final run of the year.



Despite leaving very early the trip leaders were far from the first there. Note to self- do not use a brand new Garmin for the first time when it is important to be there. This little darling decided that taking the Caloundra exit then driving through Kawana in peak hour to join the Sunshine Mwy was the best route to take-NOT!!!





Briefing done, we exited the park. The leading car got through the lights but no one else did. Wendy got flustered and insisted Stu go right at the castle instead of left. As a result Peter Lehrke did a fine job leading the run all the way to Peachester. Not that he seemed to mind, particularly winding down Bald Knob Rd and through Tunnel Ridge Rd. Usually the views on both roads are spectacular but, although the country was still quite lush, the visibility was poor because of the smoke haze.

Sadly Barry and Lin didn't get to see any of that since for the third time on a run their Jaguar wanted the attention of RACQ.



*Just to prove Lin and Barry were there at the start!*

By the morning tea stop at Peachester it was already very warm but shade was found. Some chose the coffee shop and some the picnic tables.





Three more cars joined us there. These were members from the southern end of the Register.

Once our convoy joined the Woodford-Maleny Rd and then on the D'Aguilar Hwy, the effect of the drought and the fires in the Toowoomba area became even more noticeable. Thank goodness all were in air-conditioned cars because the temperature kept rising.



Lunch was to be at the historic Exchange Hotel in Kilcoy. Originally we had been booked for the Beer Garden which has a great atmosphere. When confirming numbers, in light of the forecast, we changed to the air-conditioned dining room much to everyone's relief. Everyone could enjoy their lunch. Marg went outside for a brief time and informed us on her return that it was 39 degrees.







At Kilcoy, we were joined by JDCQ Vice President Perry and Helen, the Regalia Officer, who came across from Gatton to join us for lunch. They brought with them some of the new shirts made for female members.



Not a bad way to end the 2019 touring season!

For those interested in history.....

## 1901 - Exchange Hotel

William Downes built the Exchange Hotel at 13 William Street in 1901, however he is registered in the Electoral Roll for Hopetoun (Kilcoy) from 3/5/1902 and stayed until 1908. HW McPherson is listed as licensee in 1908. Alfred T Bick may have had the hotel in 1908/09. Tim O'Sullivan owned it from 1910 to 1914/15, enlisting as hotel keeper on 4/10/1909 and advertising in 1913 ".... this house has been enlarged and thoroughly renovated.....good paddocks for horses". A number of stables were situated at the back.

1903



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1916



John Donaghue was the licensed victualler from 19/3/1915 to 1920 with Charles John Donaghue registered as a Kilcoy barman from 26/4/1917. During, or before, this time the original building had been extended to the west, bordering then with another already established business. Advertising of 1916 boasts "Renovated, refurnished and under new management...good accommodation, good stables and paddock.....buggy meets train".

Bernard James ("Barney") Grant had the hotel for roughly 10 years from January 1920, during which time another extension westward and to the front was added, the business to the west having given way to this hotel addition. Barney's son Leslie was very active in the conduct of the hotel. Another son James married Dorothy Morison, whose father was Kilcoy's saddler from 1898, her mother being Mary Tracey of Kilcoy's Hopetoun Hotel (1897). William John O'Hagan was the licensed victualler of the Exchange from 26/2/1929.

1927



1950s



1960s



The list of recorded subsequent licensees is possibly incomplete, however records reveal the following had an interest in ownership:- Elsie Jane Healey (Exchange Hotel proprietor, 1930); Charles William (& Lilian Teresa) Russell (hotelkeeper 28/8/1937); Andy Reiss for a year c1944; Phyllis Dorothy Boyce (hotelkeeper from 26/11/1945 to c1946).

Incidentally, Fred Knobel owned a men's outfitter shop, firstly operating from a small room at the base of the high-set tank behind the Exchange Hotel from around 1947. He then moved his business to 26a William Street around the late 1950s. Also recalled is the story of how the boys of the 2<sup>nd</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment stationed at Kilcoy during WW11 would create some fun and ride their horses through the swinging doors at the bottom pub (Exchange Hotel) in Kilcoy.

1963



Olga Brett, supported by husband Ron, (from 1946—c1951) was one of the youngest women in the country to hold a hotel license. Huey Dalrymple was a barman at the time. Further licensees included: Frank & Gloria Foley (1950s-1960s); MacNamara; Keith Cameron (1970s-80s); Kev & Fay Purcell (21/1/1987 to 30/6/1999); Richard & Ellen Travers (from 1/7/1999); Garry Brockshire (employing managers); David & Sandra Cairns (2006 to 2013).

Jim Davies (AusHotels), present licensee and owner of the building, purchased the freehold in October 2013. Fire damage on 21/3/2015 resulted in the reconstruction of the rear section, including the beer garden and kitchen.

2006



Kilcoy History Trail: Courtesy Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc., 1/12/2016.





## Chairman's Report November 2019

Hello All

As the year draws to a close it is time to look back on what has been a good year.

We have had interesting runs and events ranging from a splendid morning tea at Merv & Lynn Jacksons home to a day at the beach with Ian & Vicki McKinney and a drive through the country with lunch at Kilcoy organised by Stu & Wendy Gross. There were other memorable events but the crowning glory would be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend at Kingaroy. This event went without a hitch and was a good refection on the efficiency of our committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee for their splendid work throughout the year. Without their support these events would not have happened. I would also like to thank Pacific Jaguar and Leunis Kruger, Dealer Principal, for their continued support for our Register.

Our next event is the Register Christmas Party on 1 December at Best Western at Kawana. If you have not booked yet please do with our Secretary, Margaret Day.

Until next time safe driving

Lindsay Price

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup>      Christmas Party – Best Western Lake Kawana Hotel.**

*If you haven't already booked and wish to come*

*Contact Marg Day [marg-day@outlook.com](mailto:marg-day@outlook.com) urgently*

### JANUARY 2020

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

Bullocky's Rest Picnic Area Joyner on Lake Samsonvale from 10am. BYO everything although there are quite a few picnic tables. There will be some goodies from JDCQ.

**SC Australia Day at Lindsay's-** details in December Cat's Tales

### Save the Date

A JDCQ Inter-Register Rally is proposed for 19-21 June 2020 in Bundaberg. Among the attractions there are the Rum distillery, a river cruise, the Bert Hinkler Museum, a Botanical Garden train tour and the Mon Repos turtle hatching.

It is planned Stu and Wendy will lead the SC Register to Gympie for lunch. Friday night will be a joint dinner, Saturday a mix of options including a scenic drive, probably with another dinner on Saturday night. A farewell breakfast, and maybe a short event, is being considered for Sunday morning. There is no reason those who don't have to rush back couldn't stay on for longer.

This is not going to be like a National Rally in terms of costs. Hopefully it will be more like a Register weekend away. We are all JDCQ members and it would be good for us to all meet up and share our stories.

We need to have an idea of how many members are interested in going before we can take planning further. If you think you might be interested please email [goodwillpark@hotmail.com](mailto:goodwillpark@hotmail.com) so that you can receive updates.

Interested in checking out other Registers' events?

[JDCQ Calendar of Events](#) [JDCQ Facebook](#)

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