

# CAT'S TALES



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## This Month:

1. Coming events
2. Christmas Party report

## Date Claimers:

- Australia Day Tuesday 26th January—Lindsay and Susan Price's home
- Valentine's Day February 14th—Secrets on the Lake (cash required)
- Mad May Meander being devised by Vicki and Ian, Gen and Tony.

As always I am grateful to our competent photographers Debbie Herbert and Ian McKinney both of whom deserve more money. Editor.

## Our Christmas Party 29th November

Flaxton Gardens was a lovely venue for our Register's Christmas Party 2020. What a perfect way to round out what has been for some a difficult year! The weather was superb and as always the company was bright and bubbly with everyone coming along in good spirits determined to enjoy themselves. The food was delicious. Our thanks must go to Marg Day and Susan Price for their organisation and artistic efforts in ensuring our day ran smoothly. The hampers and other prizes were beautifully presented and we must appreciate Susan's creative skills and generosity in making a Christmas table runner to raffle.



The highlight of the day was many prizes being raffled including two lovely hampers and Susan's table runner. Overall, the raffles raised \$360. A few of the lucky prize winners are depicted below. As well, a fund raiser auction was enthusiastically conducted by Mr Fun himself, Ian McKinney who started to perspire freely when his dear wife Vicki entered into the spirit of bidding with great gusto. The main prize of a Jaguar for a weekend, with lunch at Spicers, was donated by Pacific Jaguar. Our favourite philanthropist Merv Jackson decided to spoil his dear wife Lyn by refusing to give in to Vicki and paid \$370 for the coveted prize which both of them will enjoy. Well done and very generous Merv!. Further, Bernard Smith, Roger Tarlton and Peter Morgan contributed another \$170 bidding for minor prizes. Thank you to all.



The attractively presented prizes table prepared by Marg and Susan. .



Ian and Vicki making up after Vicki's spirited bidding session.





Laurie smiling in anticipation as Sue puckers up for a Christmas kiss.



Merv and Lyn contemplating a scenic drive in a new Jaguar followed by a delicious lunch at



The photo shows Chairperson Joe Day presenting Kim McDowall with his ten year



**Tony and Gen appear to be enjoying their day.**



**Tony's beautiful Jaguar 420 nestled up to a modern F Pace.**

## Members' Tales

The following two pieces have been contributed for members' interest by Lindsay Price.

### Learning Curve

It is said that you should learn something new every day. Be that as it may I learnt three things after having the misfortune of getting a flat tyre at our stop at Pomona on our last Jaguar run.

First. While trying to lift the car with the Jack Tony Brett pointed out that the X300 and its cousins have a square socket under the car for the Jack and not a pin as on the old XJ series Two. When I returned home Joe Day rang to check I was home safely. Joe also pointed out that a space saver spare should be used on the front only. I had used it on the back.

Three. I always check the pressure in the spare when checking the tyres. Yep always kept at 30 psi. After removing the space saver from its well I found in big letters on its side. Inflate to 40 psi. Needless to say this is the first time I had ever used it or the Jack.

On returning home I checked the temperatures of the tyres. 106 F for the normal tyres and 136 for the space saver. I did not exceed the 80 kph speed and can now see why.

Thank you to Tony and Joe for their help.

### Astronomical events

For those who are sky watchers there are some interesting things to see currently. Mars is very close to Earth at present and is very bright. At 7 pm it is N N E at about 60 deg altitude. 2 of its moons can be seen with the naked eye at times.

Looking to the WSW is Jupiter at about 45 deg. altitude. It is very bright and several of its moons are visible with good binoculars. What is most interesting is Saturn.

Currently it can be seen in the 2 o clock position from Jupiter. It is converging with Jupiter and will be seen as one on December 22. This only happens each 400 years so we are lucky. Saturn is currently tilted at 45 deg and slightly toward us so the rings are really spectacular to see. Again good binoculars or better.

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And as a number of members are also caravan owners, Ian thinks this photo may tickle your imagination.



Wishing you a happy family time at Christmas and the Committee looks forward to seeing all members at the Australia Day picnic at Susan and Lindsay's home.



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