

CAT'S TALES

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Sunshine Coast Register **January 2021**



This Month:

1. **Coming events**
2. **Australia Day Celebration report**

As always I am grateful to our photographer Debbie Herbert

Coming Events:

- February- Sunday 14th Valentine's Day —*Secrets on the Lake* (order and pay in advance)
- March- Sunday 14th St Patrick's Day at Finbars
- April- Wednesday 7th Joe & Marg Hinterland Run with lunch at Brouhaha Maleny
- May- Mad May Meander – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 19, 20, 21 May. (2 nights 3 days) Ian & Vicki & Tony & Gen.
- June- Wednesday 16th. John & Debbie.

Australia Day Celebrations

Susan and Lindsay Price excelled themselves on 26 January, opening their delightful home and tropical gardens for our lucky register to celebrate Australia Day. Unfortunately our "Mr Fun" Ian McKinney was indisposed and we missed his and Vicki's company, but in true Jaguar style our happy members soldiered on and had a wonderful time. The Register committee had agreed that the Register should sponsor a hamburger lunch, with pavlovas, lamingtons etc and Susan proved to be a super woman with her excellent preparation to have everything ready. Lynn Haussmann's vanilla cream pastries and Debbie's fruit kebabs were also delicious.



Lindsay and Susan welcoming members

The men also stepped forward with Peter Morgan, Lindsay and Ken Parmenter happily cooking not only hamburgers, but sausages, bacon and eggs and onions. What a treat—certainly no one went hungry. Thank you Susan and Lindsay for your generous hospitality (*Lindsay may have missed his true calling when he spent his career at sea.*).



The weather was pleasant and members were not afraid to put good taste aside and dress for the occasion. As we have come to anticipate, some people go to exceptional efforts to look their best for our Club events. First prize for best dressed went to Sandra Bathe and John Ciottarello who were dressed for a day at the beach—(John must own shares in Zinc Cream).



Sandra and John laughingly accept their first prize of a jar of Vegemite!

Sue and Laurie Pearce were magnificent but almost unrecognisable in their yellow shirts, outlandish sunnies and headbands sporting twin Aussie flags.



What story has Bernard been telling to charm the gorgeous Rita and Debbie?



Fashionistas Di and Roger Tarlton bypassed David Jones for their brand new matching Australia Day shirts. What a hoot!



Peter and Holly looking traditionally loyal to their country on our big day.

Sue Greasely had artistically added Aussie Flags to her and Rob's dancing gear. (Sorry Rob—I missed your photo) Sue is pictured enjoying a chat with Tony and Roger—probably checking on Roger's new tailor.

Even Sandra's MK2 dressed up for the occasion.



Five beautiful Jaguars safely delivered their owners for the celebrations.





John and Debbie had been thinking creatively and come up with some amazing awards to recognise the diverse efforts of members during the year. None proved as controversial as the recent Australia Day awards (thank goodness!) and most were not remotely connected to cars, but rather recognised the other interests of members. The caravanners amongst us are pleased to know that Lindsay and Susan took the big step in 2020 and were rewarded with

“Caravanning newcomers of the year” and yours truly *“Pet owner of the year”* in recognition of Ken and I adopting the world’s most beautiful dog in May 2020 (my first).



It wouldn’t be Australia Day without a thong throwing competition, won with gusto and superb technique by Sue Pearce (rumour has it Sue had Laurie up at dawn practising!!).

You can see in the photograph below the enthusiasm of spectators cheering on a nail biting finish in thong throwing.



And from our treasurer....

The Australia Day raffle made \$85, total food expenses were \$308.20 so net cost for the day was \$223.20. This is a good result, considering the volume of chatter seemed to indicate all enjoyed themselves

Members' Tales

The following piece has been contributed for members' interest by Lindsay Price:

There is a superstition that bad luck happens in threes, be that as it may I certainly have had my share as far as tyres go. You may remember that I had a flat tyre while on the Pomona run. In early December I had two more. Not because of bad tyres but some thing more dangerous.

I had inherited one of those "You Buy Em Trailers" from my neighbour. The thing is rated at 1.5 ton and I was travelling to Toowoomba with a load of perhaps 1/2 ton only. 10 km short of Kilcoy the left tyre failed. I found the tyre shredded by the mudguard because the axle had slipped back. In moving back the brakes had operated adding to the problem. I was able to use the spare to get the thing off the road but needed a recovery trailer to get it home.

BE WARNED. The cause of the failure was because there was NO AXLE LOCATING PLATE. The axle was simply clamped and dependent on friction for correct positioning. Some trailers have a hole drilled in the axle for the spring centre bolt but in this case there was just a 30 mm X 5 mm spacer plate. This should be welded and should be large enough to also locate the clamping bolts. This trailer was built by a well known Sunshine Coast factory. If you have a locally built trailer please check the method of axle location.



Unfortunately I damaged another tyre loading the trailer onto the recovery trailer. The damage caused by this poor workmanship was: all wheel bearings needing to be replaced along with the brakes and machining of the drums. Quite a lot for the want of 5 minutes welding.

You will see in the pictures how poorly the original job had been done. I built my little old green trailer in 1972. This is the third of these so called professionally built trailers it has carried home.





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