

# CAT'S TALES

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This is your newsletter—your contributions can make it more exciting—please send your stories. We have a range of members —someone will be interested!. Ed: Helen Parmenter  
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## Coming Events:

- April – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Joe & Marg Brouhaha Brewery Maleny
- May — Mad May Meander – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 19, 20, 21 May. (2 nights 3 days) Ian & Vicki & Tony & Gen
- June – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. John & Debbie

## New Members:

We welcome new members Lindsay O'Brien & Juliette Lovett with their 1966 Daimler 2.5

## Sunshine Coast Regional Register—St Patrick's Day at Finbar's Maleny

Write up by Tony Brett with input from Susan Price.

Photos supplied by Margaret Day, Wendy Gross and Rod Greasley.

Travelling back in time to March 2020, our register celebrated St Patrick's Day at the same venue, but the atmosphere back then was markedly different, with just enough of us to happily occupy one table and converse in an otherwise near-deserted Finbar's. It was a week before Queensland was placed into lockdown, and the nervous investors deserted the share markets.

However, St Patrick's Day 2021 showed more than ever how enthusiastic our members are to socialise and get out and about. Originally, I indicated to Pat at Finbar's that I expected about 30, probably no more. On those grounds we negotiated for Jen the pizza lady to open up at around 12 noon, and Pat indicated he would look for some live entertainment. At worst he would use canned music.



Fortunately Pat can take up to 50 patrons as the event soon became oversubscribed. On the day, 44 cheerful, talkative members enjoyed each other's company and kept Jen and her helpers hopping, producing their delightful and varied pizzas.



We were pleased to meet Marcus and Janelle Upton, and their cute baby daughter Catherine, who are new members from Brisbane Register. Catherine was a hit with a number of folk, in particular Lyn Jackson, who disappeared with her for some time! We don't see much of Don and Sandy Milner on the Sunshine Coast, and it was good to catch up for the first time since Don has retired. Also enjoying the day was Jon and Jackie Minards, who are new(ish) to the Sunshine Coast, but are longer term JDCQ members, and Noel Madigan who "arrived" in a rather nice black V12 Series 3 E.

It was good to see the number of cherished Jaguars scattered around the venue. Ten couples had assembled at Mooloolah for a beautiful drive through the hinterlands finishing up at the restaurant. Unbeknown to us it was also the morning tea stop for the Harley motorcycle club. There must have been 60 or more bikes lined up right where we were going to meet. It was a case of first in best dressed so we didn't argue. The drive through Eudlo, Palmwoods and Dulong is a picturesque drive. Only one person got lost but we won't mention who that was will we Holly and Peter. It was good to see most of us had some sort of green on to celebrate the day. Every one enjoyed their pizzas and many a pot of Guinness.





Some brave people tackled the Fun on the Run observation quiz, the winners being Sandra and John driving Basil, the silver Mk II. Basil is about to have major heart surgery, so we wish him well and a speedy return to full power! They were well rewarded with a packet of green spearmint leaves!



The event was shared with 10 members and five cars from the Morgan Club, who dovetail perfectly with our Jaguar group. The Morgans are very special, and make a spectacle stopped or moving. It was a privilege to have them with us, and to share their experiences.

Thank you all for making St Patrick's Day 2021 so memorable for all the right reasons. It certainly is wonderful to be able to gather and socialise. We are very fortunate.—Tony Brett



## Members' Tales

### A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE by Susan Price

Recently I had the opportunity to go to Sydney to see my son. We had a lovely time together just the two of us.

Saturday, Stephen took me over to see my old home in The Sutherland Shire or as it is more commonly known as 'The Shire', a very in vogue place to live in Sydney. I could hardly recognise anything on the way as you can imagine after 50 years.

We lived at 14 Two Gardens Avenue GyMEA. At the bottom of the street was the GyMEA Baptist Church. We grew up attending just about everything the church had to offer. The whole family was involved with the life of the church. When the church was big enough to support a bigger better building in the 1960's my Dad dedicated his time between 4 am till breakfast for 4 months to carve 'The Last Supper' for the communion table. He copied Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper. His carving was truly a master piece.

After so many years and now how the churches have a new way of worship (still the same good message though) my sister, Marj, and I just wondered what became of Dad's beautiful carving. Fortunately the day we called into the church, it was open as there was a seminar meeting going on. It hadn't quite started so I was able to sneak in and able to see the communion table with Dad's carving still in place. The church still uses the table as intended which made me very happy.

The lady whom I spoke to told me that she had organised the 70th Anniversary of the Church last year and she had a whole partition designated to Hugh Anderson (my father) with photos of all the wonderful things he did for the church over the many years we lived at Tea Gardens Avenue. She was very excited to meet me.



After going into the church Stephen and I walked up the street trying to identify the houses. I think because they are in 'The Shire' they are well maintained which was really nice to see. When we first moved there it was just a housing commission/ war service home area with lots of young families starting out.

Lindsay did take Marj and I to see the table one other time, 20 years ago. I was not able to take a nice picture of the table this time as it was half in shadow, but the picture below taken 20 years ago shows my Dad's amazing work. Susan Price





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