

# JAGUAR

TOWNSVILLE



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ALL BRITISH DAY – 26 June 2005

JULY 2005

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

6 July	Meeting at Shelley's Diner, Norgate	7:30pm
23 & 24 July	Ravenswood Weekend	Details in this edition
3 August	Meeting at Shelley's Diner, Norgate	7:30pm
28 August	Wine & Cheese Afternoon	3 Malkara Street, Mundingburra
7 September	Meeting at Shelley's Diner, Norgate	7:30pm
24 & 25 September	Mission Beach Run	Details in upcoming edition
5 October	Meeting at Shelley's Diner, Norgate	7:30pm
22 & 23 October	Richmond Weekend	Details in upcoming edition
2 November	AGM at Shelley's Diner, Norgate	7:30pm
26 November	Christmas Dinner at the Fels'	76 Robertson Street, Railway Estate
27 November	Christmas Recovery Breakfast	Details in upcoming edition

\*Subject to confirmation

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## **MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2005**

Meeting opened 7:35pm

### **PRESENT:**

Kevin Fitz Gerald; Alan Collins; Joe Pannia; Reg & Jan Fels; Richard Dixon

### **APOLOGIES:**

Dick McInnes; Michael Fitz gerald

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 June 2005, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Alan Collins / Joe Pannia

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

The club is still going to place an advert in the local paper calling for new members.

To help boost numbers attending the committee decided that next year's All British Day will not be held on the same day as the Holden club's annual display day. The School caterers also would have preferred to have the day to coincide with the end of term for organisational reasons. This will also noted when deciding the date for next year. Letters are also required to thank the school, 4ttt and other attendees for their help and participation. Reminder for next year: Kevin has the tent and banners and Alan has the tent poles!

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **INWARDS:**

1. Qld Gov. Regional Budget Statement;
2. CAMS Certificate of Insurance 04/05;
3. COT Thuringowa River Festival;
4. Buy Direct & Save Stationery brochure;
5. ABD CAMS permit no. 405/2606/02;
6. Cairns Swapmeet / ABD 14 August 2005 poster and invitation; and
7. JDCQ invitation to attend birthday bash.

#### **OUTWARDS:**

1. NIL

Alan Collins / Jan Fels

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The closing balance at 31 May 2005 was unchanged at \$654.99

Joe Pannia / Kevin Fitz Gerald

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **All British Day, CAIRNS Sunday 14 August 2005.**

Richard, Kevin and Reg & Jan expressed an interest in attending Cairns Swapmeet on Sunday 14 August. If there are others interested please ring Kevin to organise a setoff time and place on the Sunday. More info next month.

### **Ravenswood Weekend 23 & 24 July 2005.**

The Ravenswood overnighiter is on this month. Accommodation bookings are available at either the Imperial Hotel or Top Camp Roadhouse. The Railway Hotel is not yet available for bookings. So far Richard, Kevin, Alan, Joe, and the Fels have expressed an interest in driving up for the weekend.

The Top Camp Roadhouse, located approx. 1km before Ravenswood, has about half a dozen each of single and double self contained log cabins with ensuites still available. The double is \$65/night. To book ring 4770 2168 otherwise ring the Imperial for a single room no ensuites available). Please get in ASAP or miss out!

Please let Kevin know if you are going, otherwise it will be assumed you're not and if anything changes you won't be advised. So, unless otherwise advised we will be meeting outside the Stuart Hotel, Stuart Drive at 9:00am for a 9:30am start. This will allow us a leisurely drive up the range. Please bring a cut lunch for Saturday, something for afternoon tea. Sunday morning breakfast is also byo if you're staying at the Roadhouse. Saturday dinner will be at either of the hotels.

Phew! Where's our social secretary when you need him?!

### **Trip to Richmond**

In place of Bocce by the River at Richard's on Sunday October 23, a weekend trip to Richmond is being planned. If you're interested let Craig know so he can get an idea of numbers and work out timings etc. Updates in following issues.

### **Christmas 2005**

Jan has spent time organising dinner quotes for the Christmas dinner to be held at their place. Jan has recommended Magnums to provide hors d'oeuvres, a three roast banquet with vegetables, salads and desserts. The cost will be approximately a very reasonable \$20 per head.

Jan Fels / Reg Fels

The committee has also nominated to spend \$100 (or thereabouts) on a selection of mixed dozen wines for the clubs drinking pleasure. Any other drinks required will be on a BYO basis.

Kevin Fitz Gerald / Alan Collins

### **Member of the Year Point Scoring.**

Our current point scoring system of one point for attending any meeting or event is a bit biased towards committee members who attend each and every meeting. Brisbane has elected to amend their point scoring system to help overcome this and encourage participation which our register has also elected to follow. The point scoring will be as follows (and awarded retrospectively for this year only):

Attending a monthly meeting:	5 points
Attending a club event:	5 points
Attending a club event in a Jaguar:	3 points extra
Having an article printed in this newsletter	5 points
Organising / assisting at a club event	2 points
Organising / assisting at a club event but unable to participate	4 points

Maybe down the track there could be points allocated for distance travelled. Something to think about?!

Next month's newsletter will reveal the leading point scorers!

**Meeting closed 8:25pm**



## JULY 2005 NEWSLETTER

### COVER PHOTO – ALL BRITISH DAY

26 JUNE 2005

The Jag club turned out in force for ABD 2005 with 20 or so models on display from all over the region. Although numbers generally appeared to be down with both entrants and spectators from ABD 2004, there was still a good turnout. Perhaps timing ABD 2005 with the local school holidays and All Holden day was an error in judgment. Who knows? Still, for those who turned up the day allowed visitors to get a good sampling of MG's, Mini's, various bikes and other British makes including two three wheeled Morgan's. Thanks go to those who helped out on the day.





## **JAG FRESHENS UP THE S-TYPE**

Paul Gover, Herald Sun

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Things are tough for Jaguar. Sales in Australia are down against the same time last year, the model line-up is not as fresh as its German rivals and the company has even ended production of the XJ flagship at its home base at Browns Lane in Britain.

But it is not all doom and gloom. Jaguar has freshened the mid-sized S-Type, with more than a nip-and-tuck on the lamps, and has finalised plans for a couple of limited-edition flag-wavers in Australia before the end of the year.

The S-Type still has a retro look and feel that draws on Jaguar's successes in the 1960s, but has been tweaked to become a little more elegant. And a bit more like the latest XJ.

Jaguar says the car has modified suspension for a sportier drive and is putting the emphasis on the V8-powered cars here.

A six-pack S-Type, from \$89,990, is still the price leader and another car is tucked just inside the \$100,000 barrier, but Jaguar Australia is pushing the \$124,990 V8 and the Type R with a supercharged powerhouse at \$169,990.



It is part of a move that will eventually see Jaguar become as good as it can be, at least with Ford ownership.

Jaguar has battled through all sorts of dramas for as long as most people can remember, but the cars are good and it could easily become – like Mazda – a company that returns to its roots and leaps forward with a lift from the Ford bankroll.

Jaguar's Big Deal car for this year is the all-new XK-S. It says it is the car that shows the new Jaguar look, as well as reflecting its work on building cars that can go head-to-head – no excuses – with BMW and Mercedes-Benz.



But Jaguar Australia is not waiting for the new coupe. It even says it is making money, despite numbers showing it has been one of the few showroom losers in the first-half boom of this year.

"We are doing better than we have in the past. Financially, we're doing well," Jaguar spokesman Todd Hallenbeck says.

"We are also looking to launch two premium products before the end of the year. We will have the XK-R 4.2S and the Super V8 portfolio."

That work includes a more modern treatment of the nose – without losing the S-Type's signature four-lamp front end – and a tail that is fuller and very similar to the XJ in boot line and lamp design.

It also picks up a new instrument panel with higher-quality cabin trim and, for the first time, owners can choose not to take wood panelling.

It has an alloy bonnet and work has been done on the suspension, but Jaguar says it did most of the tough stuff in 2002's update.

#### ON THE ROAD

First impression? The updated S-Type has more presence. The styling changes make it a little more aggressive, a little chunkier and a little more confident.

The S-Type's original look was almost totally retro, but now it is clearly a current car.

It's hard to measure the claims on quality improvement, but the new S is pretty slick.

The new dash and dials look more modern and the gauges, while not always that easy to read, particularly the speedo in a 50km/h zone, are done well.

As for the driving, the test car was commendably smooth and nicely sporty. Not like a V8-powered BMW, mind, but pretty good for a Jaguar.



It had been a long time between runs in an S-Type and we found the car to have a nice balance, good cornering grip and great brakes.

It is a car you ease along the road, not fighting it or forcing it to turn through corners, and that means it is a cossetting city drive with a nice turn of pace in the country.

Is it a sports star? Not for us, though the

224kW engine is pretty eager and the six-speed automatic keeps it pushing along. And it also copes easily with lumps and bumps, even in twisty bits.

But we now hate Jaguar's long running J-gate automatic selector. It was exciting in the 1980s but is now out of date, left behind by the touch-change automatics of its German rivals.

We liked the luxury stuff in the S-Type, from the cushy leather seats to the parking radar, but it is what you expect from a car in this class.



Jaguar Australia has done well with pricing, which gives the car an advantage of about \$20,000 over a BMW or Benz with a V8 under the bonnet.

You can get a cheaper 5-Series or E-Class, but comparing cars with similar power gives the Jaguar a significant value boost.

It is closer in price to the latest Lexus GS430, but the Japanese car is all-new this year and an impressive device.

The Lexus doesn't have the personality of the Jaguar, but it is a better drive and you cannot question its quality.



#### THE BOTTOM LINE

The S-Type is better for 2005. It's not a lot better, but it looks smoother and has improved value. It has never been able to seriously threaten the German benchmark cars and that has not changed.

#### CLASSIFIEDS:

These classifieds are free to advertise and items don't have to be Jaguar related. Ring or email Richard to have your items inserted in next months issue.

**For Sale:** XJ Fuel Pump. Offers. Contact **Joe** on **4778 1072**

**Wanted:** Pair of Rear Jaguar mudflaps in good condition to suit Series 3.  
Contact **Craig** on **4778 8004**