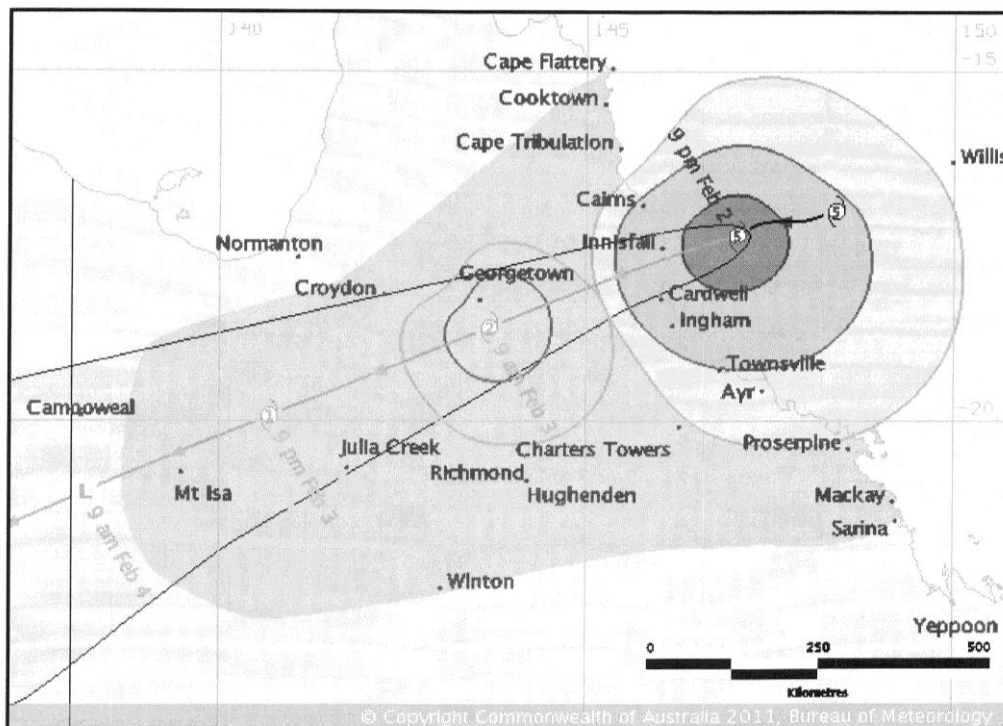




# NORTHERN JAGUAR MAGAZINE

**HIDE THE JAGS “YASI” IS COMING !!!**

Issued at 8:54 pm EST Wednesday 2 February 2011. Refer to Tropical Cyclone Advice Number 21.



**MARCH 2011**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>February 2011</b>	
Wednesday 2	Meeting
Sunday 27	Rollingstone Pub Lunch
<b>March 2011</b>	
Wednesday 2	Meeting
Sunday 20	Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets
Sunday 27	Lunch at Mingela
<b>April 2011</b>	
Wednesday 6	Meeting
Friday 15	School Holidays start( & resume Wed 27 Apr)
Sunday 17	Balgol Run for Fish & Chips
Friday 22 to Mon 25	Easter- Jaguar National Canberra
Tuesday 26	Anzac Day Holiday
Wednesday 27	School resumes
<b>May 2011</b>	
Wednesday 4	Meeting
Sunday 22	Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets
Sat/Sun 28 & 29	Overnight Tableland
<b>June 2011</b>	
Wednesday 1	Meeting
Saturday 18	BBQ Soiree (location to be advised)
Sunday 19	All British Day (confirmed)
Friday 24	School Holidays start (& resume Mon 11 July)
<b>July 2011</b>	
Wednesday 6	Meeting
Monday 11	School resumes
Sunday 17	Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets
Sat23/Sun 24	Overnight Daintree Cabins
<b>August 2011</b>	
Wednesday 3	Meeting
Sat 27/Sun 28	Overnight Bowen
<b>September 2011</b>	
Sat 3/Sun 4	Ingham Air & Car Show
Wednesday 7	Meeting
Friday 16	School Holidays start ( & resumes Mon 3 Oct)
Sunday 18	Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets
Sunday 25	BBQ/ Run with Mini & Marque Clubs
<b>October 2011</b>	
Monday 3	School resumes
Wednesday 5	Meeting
Sat 22/Sun 23	Overnight Ravenswood Cabins
<b>November 2011</b>	
Wednesday 2	Meeting
Sat 26/Sun 27	CHRISTMAS dinner, Recovery Breakfast & AGM at Port Hinchinbrook

### CLUB MEETINGS

**1st Wednesday of each month except January & December (no meeting) held at BP CLUDEN, Racecourse Road, 7:30pm**

### NOTES:

#### Sunday Runs

These runs are now only held in Townsville if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, or driving through, give one of the committee members a call to discuss.

#### Emails

If you have an email address and can receive newsletters or if you change your email address please let the editor know as emails save time and money.

\*Note all events are subject to change – for confirmation refer to newsletter closer to event date!

## CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Postal Address **PO Box 3830, HERMIT PARK, QLD 4812**

Web Page <http://www.jagnq.com/2010.html>

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### President



**REG FELS** **PH: 4721 3636**

76 Robertson Street  
Railway Estate  
Townsville QLD 4810  
Email: [regjan8@bigpond.com](mailto:regjan8@bigpond.com)

### Vice President



**WENDY ANDERSON** **PH: 4097 2320**

780 Middlebrook Rd  
Milla Milla QLD 4817  
Email: [rainforestfarm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rainforestfarm@optusnet.com.au)

### Secretary



**DAVID ASHTON** **PH: 4789 1175**

111 Framara Dr  
Kelso  
Townsville QLD 4817  
Email: [davidashtonhome@hotmail.com](mailto:davidashtonhome@hotmail.com)

### Treasurer



**JOE PANNIA** **PH: 4778 1072**

80 Glenlyon Drive  
Wulguru  
Townsville QLD 4811  
Email: [joepannia@bigpond.com](mailto:joepannia@bigpond.com)  
Mob: 0409 270 971

### Social Secretary



**JAN FELS** **PH: 4721 3636**

76 Robertson Street  
Railway Estate  
Townsville QLD 4810  
Email: [regjan8@bigpond.com](mailto:regjan8@bigpond.com)

### Newsletter Editor



**MARCIA HOGAN** **PH: 4788 6342**

12 Homestead Crt  
Bluewater  
Townsville QLD 4818  
Email: [mhogan12@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mhogan12@bigpond.net.au)  
Mob: 0417633513

## SOCIAL EVENTS

From our President Reg.

"Well Yasi [Yucky] has passed through leaving a path of destruction, hitting many areas that were hit by Larry. All of our members I contacted on the Cairns/Tableland areas have come through all in good health but with lots of trees down which will take months to clean up. I have not been able to contact Nev Walker who lives just outside of Cardwell.

I hope all is well with Nev? From all reports coming in from the affected areas all members have a big clean up job ahead of them the main thing is that everyone is safe and well?

Our next meeting will be back on track for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>.March at Cluden BP Roadhouse. Please note the dining room has been completely refurbished.

At this time I think it will be a good idea to have our run up to Rollingstone Pub, so everyone can get out the Jags and Daimlers and go for a jaunt.

When: Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Time/Place; Meet at Yabulu Roadhouse by 11.00 am.

Lunch at the Rollingstone Pub.

Give Reg or Jan a ring if you would like to attend, they can then warn the Pub of numbers.

Phone 47213636.

Just a reminder our first Sausage Sizzle for the year will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Starting Time 6.30 am.

More on that at our next meeting.



## UNSOCIABLE EVENTS

### “YASI”



What no Jags!!! Yes Reg was smart and organised and moved the Jags out before the creek moved in.



Reg's new swimming pool, and salt water too !!

Who was the lucky one to have his car up on the hoist, Good on you DAVO >>>





Insert from the Editor

We'll like most of us Yasi brought us a fearful time and a renewed respect for Mother Nature.

We, at Bluewater had no structural damage but like most of us, we received a great deal of garden and tree damage. After 20 years of nurturing our Palmetum in the bush, in one night YASI turned it into a torn twisted mess that will take us still a long time to clean up, but thankfully not totally destroyed.

Before



After





## A NEW LIFE FOR THE OLD GIRL



**By Craig Scholz**



G'day Jag Lovers...here I am back at the keyboard with news you won't believe. I can hardly believe it myself. Wait for it.....the Old Girl is on the market. Yes, I'm afraid it is true. The moment I was hoping would never arrive, has just arrived. Those who know me also know the precarious nature of my health. Unfortunately, or fortunately, I'm not sure which given the state of the nation and the world at the moment, my monthly tests are starting to turn up the wrong numbers. I've managed to defy the predictions of medical science for nearly 10 years but the tide is turning.

As a result, Virginia and I are selling Muntalunga Park, the charter boat, the Old Girl and everything else that will be a hindrance to Virginia when I finally lose my grip on the perch. The objective is to move to a small property that Virginia can handle by herself with just the ride-on and the quad bike. No tractors, no chainsaws, no creeks, no culverts, no trees, no acres of spraying, seeding, fertilising and slashing and no driveway that gets washed out every wet season, etc, etc.

As for myself, I just want my remaining time to be as simple and as stress free as possible. I can't wait to wake up in the morning and ask myself how I am going to amuse myself for the rest of the day, instead of being confronted by the perpetual foolscap page of jobs, obligations and commitments.

That gets us back to my beloved Old Girl. For those of you who don't know the Old Girl, she is a 1981 Daimler Double Six Vanden Plas in Biascan Blue, one of the rarest Jaguar/Daimlers in Australia. Only 402 of these magnificent cars were produced, with most going to Europe and the United States. In its' time, it was considered the third most luxurious saloon in the world, after the Rolls Royce and Bentley. I bought her in Brisbane in 2003 after a long search. I wasn't looking for a Daimler at the time; I was after a good Jaguar Sovereign V12 around the 1988-1990 mark. However, when Brian Turner showed me the Old Girl, I forgot all about Sovereigns. She looked absolutely beautiful in Biascan Blue, dripping with highly polished chrome.

She belonged to one of Brians' customers who had owned her for 13 years. Would you believe he was having a mid-life crisis and the Old Girls' place in his garage was being taken by a Harley Davidson. She was in beautiful condition, having been serviced and maintained by Brian with no regard to cost for the whole 13 years. Her owner owned a large automotive spare parts business and she was driven from her home garage to her work garage daily and had hardly ever seen sunlight. I was going to be only her third owner. I bought her on the spot, filled her with fuel and drove straight back to Townsville. I still remember it as being the most enjoyable drive of my whole life.

When I got back to Townsville, the fun started. I took her around to Chris Chapman for his opinion. After waxing lyrical, he looked under the bonnet and informed me that the injection harness looked a bit tatty. That was the start. One thing I absolutely insist on in a vehicle is 100% reliability. If I'm not able to get in a vehicle and drive it around Australia with total confidence, I don't want to know. Well, as most of you know, 7 years later and around \$60,000 later, I have that confidence. One thing the process taught me was that although the Jaguar V12 is much maligned from various, ignorant punters, it is clearly one of the strongest and most reliable motors ever built by anyone; not to mention the smoothness and effortless power. If a Jaguar V12 is properly and regularly maintained, it is not uncommon to get 500,000-600,00kms before the motor needs any serious work. Almost all the bad press about V12s is the result of being fitted with Lucas electrics instead of Bosch and/or incompetent or negligent maintenance.

I fixed that problem early in the piece. I took out the Lucas Opus 1 ignition system and the Lucas D-Jetronic fuel injection system and replaced the lot with an Autronics SM2 fully digital and adaptive engine management system. It wasn't a cheap exercise but I certainly got plenty of bang for my bucks. Since the Autronics specialist gave the Old Girl the final tweak on the lap top in March 2006, she performed absolutely faultlessly until last July when the coil gave way. A \$68.00 Bosch coil and away she went again. During those four years and over 40,000kms, all I did was give her regular grease and oil changes and a set of new plugs.

In 2004, I replaced the GM Turbo 300 transmission with a Turbo 700 transmission. The extra gear dropped the cruising fuel consumption by 26%. I also replaced the original air boxes with stainless steel 2.5" short ram air induction. The whole combination gives a cruising fuel consumption of 18-19 mpg. The next major upgrade I was considering was to replace the distributor with coil packs and an upgrade to the Autronics SM4. I have been reliably informed by those who have done it, that such a conversion provides over 300bhp and around 24mpg but I've run out of time.

For anyone who may be interested in acquiring a magnificent and very unique Daimler, she will come with a roadworthy certificate and 6 months registration. She also comes with the original Vanden Plas dash and timber fascias for the radio, clock, light and ignition switches all flawlessly veneered in American Burr Walnut by Brian at Carwood. I no longer have the energy or enthusiasm to fit them. She currently has a Series 3 dash and ski slope in Burr Walnut and in perfect condition. I will also supply sufficient American Burr walnut veneer to have the door caps done to match the rest of the interior. The steering wheel is Italian in polished timber and leather. The front seats have been re-covered. The back seats are undamaged and simply need re-colouring. She will also come with a set of brand new side mirrors, a new air conditioner dryer, rubber strips for the windows, new ignition switch, the original air boxes, original steering wheel and anything else I can lay my hands on. There are other upgrades and features too numerous to mention here.

I have the original calf skin document folder and the complete mechanical history of the car from when she was bought brand new by a Toowoomba doctor. I have the receipts and invoices for all the maintenance, repairs and upgrades that I have done. Mechanically speaking, I have replaced almost everything that can wear or break. The car is about as perfect as a 30 year car can be. She was awarded the North Queensland Jaguar Clubs' "Car of the Year" award in 2009. About the only things that I haven't replaced or refurbished, are the motor, the diff, the rear shocks and the front brakes, simply because they don't need it. All work has been done by recognised specialists or by our President, Reg Fels. Everyone who knows Reg, knows that his work is better and more thorough even than most recognised Jaguar specialists.

This is a chance in a thousand to acquire a beautiful classic Daimler with the performance and reliability of a modern car. The car does have one drawback. It attracts crowds and admirers wherever she goes. I have even had people waiting at the car in shopping centre car parks for me to return, so they can have a good look and ask about her. If you can't handle this, she is not the car for you.



Craig Scholz.  
Ph:07 47788004

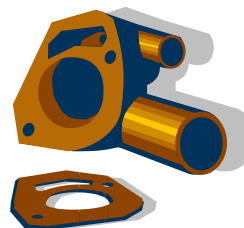




## CLASSIFIEDS

These classifieds are free to advertise and items don't have to be Jaguar related. Ring or email Marcia Hogan on PH: 47886342 Email: [mhogan12@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mhogan12@bigpond.net.au) to have your items inserted in next month's issue.

Photos welcomed.



The following businesses are supporters of the club by providing club members with genuine discounts on products and services. Please support them.



**KEN ACE AUTO-AIR**  
CAR - TRUCK - HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
AIR-CONDITIONING



A.B.N. 64 838 514 791

27 BLOODWOOD DRIVE,  
SERENE VALLEY, Q. 4816.  
FAX: (07) 4780 4679  
MOBILE: 0407 804 679



**JAG Prestige Spares, Melbourne**

An account has been established for the Jaguar Car Club NQ to enable members to purchase parts at a competitive rate. **Account number: 14387**

**When ordering parts, phone 1800 337 379 (Freecall) or 03 9870 0542 (Spare Parts direct) and ask for Phil.** He will process your order under this account, you will be required to pay by credit card. If Phil is not available, place your order and ask for the order to be referred to Phil. Alternatively Email Phil Pietsch at [phil@jagspares.biz](mailto:phil@jagspares.biz)

If visiting Melbourne you are welcome to call in at..... 52 Palmerston East Road, Ringwood.

Business Hours: Mon to Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm Sat 9:00am – 2:00pm



**WHEEL ALIGNMENT SPECIALIST**



ALL MAJOR  
BRANDS  
AVAILABLE

25 Hammett St  
CURRAJONG

Tyres, Mag Wheels, Batteries, Log Book  
Services, Shocks Suspension  
QUALIFIED TRADESMAN  
All Fleet, Lease & Govt Vehicles Serviced  
*We won't be beaten on Dunlop or  
Olympic Brands*

**4775 5955**

*Unique Embroidery*



**Vivienne Poletti**  
MANAGER

Embroidered Logos • In-house Logo Digitizing  
Caps Supplied & Embroidered • Gift Towels  
ABN: 20852068453

Vale Shopping Centre, Phone: (07) 4725 3388  
206D Ross River Road, Fax: (07) 4725 3886  
Aitkenvale Q. 4814 Email: [uniqueembroidery@bigpond.com](mailto:uniqueembroidery@bigpond.com)