

# Club Member Raymondo at Bathurst

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Me and a mate decided to go to watch the Walkinshaw Jags take on Bathurst. It was 1985.

We were living in Sydney but had another mate who lived in Hill End, which is a small town known for its early gold rush settlement days, mid 1800s era.

It's a few hours drive from Sydney, but a lot closer to Bathurst, so we were off in Dave's mid 70s Range Rover (worth more now than then) to catch the event and stay over for the weekend.

Very glad we did of course as the XJ S's came first and third, with Holden not anywhere near. BMW 635csi 2nd and further back.

Fading memory of the finer details, (I think the weather was okay?) but I was definitely there that eventful day.

Haven't been back since!

It is very noticeable that the Security of the day was at about 5% of today's effort, so getting close was a piece of - Fosters! I think most parts of the course were easily entered and we were never challenged. Maybe they thought we were part of the set up?

Very enjoyable with no souvenir or an autograph, just the one picture...

I'm not sure if any of our Members were there that day, but I am sure plenty have been before and after, to this major Event, well known in racing circles and with Jaguar enthusiasts worldwide.

If I am not recognised, let's blame male pattern baldness and 36 years passing by—ha ha



*Raymondo*