

Hostess

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Christine Chaseling and Ann Marie Jonas



Jessica Davies and Jeannie Manning



Jessie Bartos and Dr Prudence Black



Jo Rankin and Marj Howard

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seems ages since our last Committee Meeting back on 16 September at the Kirribilli Club. A lot has happened since that day !!

I trust you all enjoyed a happy Christmas although for some we know it was less than conventional due to the catastrophic bushfires.

A delightful afternoon tea was held for Chris Chaseling on 10 December at the Queens Club courtesy of the kindness of our Secretary Karen Hayward.

Approximately 16 members and friends were in attendance and I believe Chris was quite chuffed. She is now settling into her new home in Byron Bay and asks that we keep in touch.

Following on the same week our Christmas Cocktail Party was held at the home of Sue Francis on Saturday 14 December. Sue very generously provided a wonderful venue for our gathering. It was well attended by many members, partners, friends and of course our Patron Joan, Lady Cutler. Weatherwise it was a perfect evening around the pool. Catering was of a very high standard mostly provided by Bev Cohen (& husband Geoffrey - delicious prawns!!), Merry Howie, Annette Keefe, Teri Teramoto, Lynn Hutchinson et al. Thank you so much ladies. Wines and champagne flowed thanks to the generosity of Sue Francis and Geoff Cohen.

Our Vice President Robyn missed the Christmas celebration with an orthopaedic setback & we wish her well now.

Our Treasurer has been called away to the UK for family health matters and we wish her well also.

Our Archives are coming along extremely well and Karen (our Secretary) will give you a full run down of activities and progress.

'Red Tail Road to 100' is happening at a great pace and there is a meeting/gathering on Wednesday 12 February at the Harry Hotel to bring everyone up to date and meet each other. I encourage you to come along.

We have a lot of function planning to do for the coming year so any input would be appreciated.

Bev Cohen, at an airline industry function, was approached by senior QF executives to contribute (to be determined!) to our club in the form of a function at the Training Centre, which last time was a huge success. I commend this to you Ladies.

**Annie Oeding
President**



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QANTAS FLIGHT HOSTESS CLUB

The Qantas Flight Hostess Club held their Christmas Drinks at the home of Sue Francis in Paddington on Saturday 6 December 2019.



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QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Thirty two members of the **Queensland Branch** held their Christmas luncheon in the Terrace Roof Top room on the twenty-first floor of The Emporium Hotel in Southbank on 27 November 2019.



QUOTE

And I quote from page 8 of the 50th anniversary edition of *Jetcetera* "...with the introduction of the Boeing 707 came a new uniform known as the 'jungle green' designed by Saville Row Shirt Company. Made from a wool and terylene mixture, it was worn from 1959 to 1964. It still had a slight military look but featured a fitted jacket with a roll collar. It was accessorised with black shoes, bag and gloves and a green forage cap."

Karen Hayward

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MELBOURNE BRANCH

On 30 November we held our fabulous Christmas Party at Vaporetto Restaurant in Hawthorn. Fourteen members and friends had a wonderful time in a private room at this outstanding restaurant.

The afternoon started at 12.30PM and in true Qantas fashion the party only ended when we were reminded that the proprietors needed to set up for the evening dinner. The food was amazing and gave us all an authentic Italian experience. The company and chatter were as happy and friendly as ever...just lovely.

A new member, Janet Sernack, joined us (not yet signed up) who will join us once the paperwork is completed. Her partner Barry Aarons also attended

Best wishes to all in Sydney,

Geraldine



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

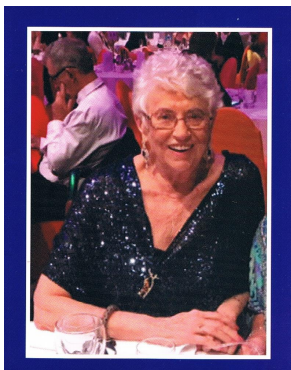
Another Archive meeting was held at Karen Hayward's home in Blackheath recently. Dr Prudence Black and archivist Anna Gebels, both working non-stop. Annie attended this year and was a great help with identifying the many people in dozens of photos that were found or donated to the cause.

We now feel we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and hope to bring you further news on the completion soon.

Robyn McGaw

VALE

Beverly (Stalker) McIlwain



Beverly joined Qantas in 1970 and was a strong supporter of the Queensland Branch of our Club for many years.

The last few years were a terrible struggle for her health wise being bound to a wheelchair and an oxygen tank. In her last Christmas message she said this may well be the last Christmas card she would do and thanked the dedicated team who supported her on a daily basis – from friends and carers to the gardening team and everybody in between.

Beverly and her husband Jock (former Mayor of the Gold Coast), who also passed away recently, were very philanthropic setting up many scholarships especially in the Arts. Every year there was a Beverly McIlwain Scholarship awarded to someone talented in the Arts. Other interests included:

- Adopted orphaned elephants in Nairobi Kenya;
- March 2018 Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus, bestowed an Award – 'Honorary Fellow' (Glycomics) on Beverly;
- Gold Coast Arts Centre (HOTA) – Beverley McIlwain Scholarship Fund for Friends of HOTA - recipient - awarded by the Friends of the Arts Gift Fund;
- 'Circle of Women', Griffith University – 'Circle for women who believe in and support women researchers in science;
- 'Support the Girls';
- Palm Awards Cocktail Party;
- Funded a school bus to bus children to the Gold Coast Arts Centre.

Professor Barry John Allen AO – husband of Cynthia Allen who was also a TAA Hostess passed away last November.

Professor Allen was awarded an AO in 2015 for distinguished service to biomedical physics, particularly to radiation oncology and the development of innovative methods of cancer treatment, and to international professional scientific associations. Professor Allen is an internationally recognised scientist who has advanced understanding of medical physics, biomedical physics and nuclear medicine across the medical disciplines and with medical physics students in Australia and internationally.

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VALE

June Dally-Watkins

June Marie Dally-Watkins OAM born in 1927 passed away on 22 February 2020 was an Australian fashion model and businesswoman. She started the Southern Hemisphere's first personal development school in Sydney, a year later started Australia's first model agency and modelling school followed by a Business Finishing College. Miss Dally-Watkins is fondly remembered by many of our members who were 'trained' by her in deportment, grooming and etiquette when we joined Qantas as a Flight Hostess. Attached is a photo of Anne Lewis and June Dally-Watkins at the Club's 50th Anniversary party.

Karen Hayward



Anne Lewis and June Dally-Watkins



RED TAIL ROAD TO 100

A gathering was held on 12 February at Hotel Harry in Surry Hills and was very informative. The executive meeting, with most of the chapters represented, was a good chance to network. Beverley Cohen & I along with Teri Teramoto and others attended. A social gathering followed the meeting in back of hotel and I would guesstimate 80+ ex SYD staff attended.

It needs to be stressed to our members that all bookings for Longreach go through OUTBACK AUSSIE TOURS - go to their website. There are lots of options and they alone are our reps.

outbackaussietours.com.au/red-tail-to-100-packages

LONGREACH: Please highlight to our members that all packages can be tailored to needs within reason = longer/shorter etc

29 AUGUST will see Brisbane putting on a QF roadshow. There is an anticipated Bike Ride/Pentathlon from Longreach to BNE to coincide with opening.

Saturday 7 NOVEMBER: SYDNEY is the date set for the QF Campus / Street event. \$80 per head. 400+ seems to be an agreed number. RSVP by end July. Currently there are 2505 members Australia wide.

To read the full article, click here: <https://amp.smh.com.au/national/last-of-the-first-nine-qantas-air-hostesses-20190412-p51dfu.html>

Annie Oeding



Ex employees

OTE FROM JESSIE BARTOS

On behalf of Karen, Anne Marie and myself many thanks to the many who have sent us stories of life with Qantas. To those who have yet to do so, please do! Time is drawing near to close the story.

We have received happy and sad, scary and thrilling, dangerous and exciting incidents over the last 72 years of flying with Qantas as a female cabin attendant. e would love to hear some more.

If you have a story please contact Karen on: karenhayward@ozemail.com.au, or anmariejonas@hotmail.com or jessiebartos@email.com

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The Qantas Flight Hostess Club would like to congratulate Louise on her extraordinary achievement.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mrs Louise Anne FLITCROFT PAISLEY, Rosebery NSW 2018 For service to the community through charitable organisations.

Qantas Pathfinders Auxiliary • Vice-President, current. • President, 2004-2018. • Sponsorship Coordinator, Corporate Liaison. • Committee Member, since 1994. Qantas • International Flight Attendant, since 1992. • Flight Attendant Manager, 2012-2013. • Customer Service Manager, since 2007. Other • Life Member, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (for work with Pathfinders), 2007.

I have no words to express my surprise in being awarded such a great honour (doesn't it happen to 'other people'?). I feel embarrassed to be honoured for something which I love doing and I could never have achieved so much at Pathfinders in our fundraising for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children without the constant support of family and friends, the flight attendant community, our generous sponsors - including the QFHC and Qantas Management.

Me: Joined Qantas in November 1992 and became aware of Pathfinders through the Annual Jumbo Joy flight when I volunteered to be part of the crew for the JJF in 1993. I joined the Pathfinders Committee the following year and have been actively involved in all our fundraising activities ever since. I was very proud to have been made a Life Member of RIDBC in 2007.

I love the JJF for the fun and flight experience it gives to so many sick and disadvantaged children and their family/carers and there is always an amazing team of flight attendants and pilots who volunteer for this flight each year. I don't always go up on the flight now as crew, preferring to assist on the ground especially pre-departure, so as to enable more of my colleagues to experience this great flight.

We've had a wide range of fundraisers over the years but the one that I have become very closely aligned to is our Qantas Pathfinders Revue which was founded by ex-CSMs Peter Owens and Vic Allen in 1975. Forty-five years later, we have a great team of creative and caring people who come together and work extremely hard to put the Revue on the stage for five nights at Norths. It is a 'family affair' for me as my brother-in-law (former QF 'Senior F/A') Nick Paisley plays base in the Charlie Q Band and my husband, Peter Paisley (whom I met at the Revue) is the Audio Controller.

I guess volunteering goes back to when I was at high school and joined the Girl Guides, was a 'pink lady' at Belmont Hospital, and at 17 went to Japan as a Rotary Exchange Student for a year. Exchange students are very much seen as 'Ambassadors' for Australia and I firmly believe it is the same when we don our Qantas uniforms - we are not just representing the 'icon' that is Qantas, but also representing Australia. I joined Rotaract when I moved to Sydney after university. I used to donate blood to the Red Cross until I was 'banned' after having lived in London in the mid-80s when 'mad cow disease' became 'a thing' and I am no longer allowed to donate!

At Qantas, I first volunteered for a charter flight in May 1993 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia and I continue to support them through donations. I was a member of the Qantas Promotional

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Peter and Louise Paisley



Merry Howie, Louise Flitcroft-Paisley, Annie Oeding, Robyn McGaw, Teri Teramoto – presentation of cheque to Qantas Pathfinders



Team for a number of years and have participated in a couple of Cabin Crew Team visits with children in Johannesburg and Bangkok.

Throughout my flying career, I have been fortunate to also have the opportunity of being a facilitator for initial flight attendants as well as first class and BFirst training and I particularly loved my time on the BOS Desk and secondment as a Flight Attendant Manager where I had maximum contact with my fellow crew members and where I feel I was able to assist them the most.

Through various fundraising events, support from our generous sponsors and donations, Pathfinders have raised almost \$8.5 million since we began in 1967. Pathfinders members are made up of a dedicated group of present and past Qantas employees including Cabin Crew, Pilots, ground staff and their families and friends.

[History of Pathfinders: in 1967 on a flight to Hawaii, Qantas Chief Steward Pat McGann read a newspaper article about Jamie Ryan, a young Brisbane boy dying of leukemia. The story really touched Pat so he “passed the hat” around his crew who each donated a dollar to buy toys for him. Sadly by the time they returned home, Jamie had passed away.

Unsure which charity would best benefit, Pat heard out about the great work the [Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children](#) was doing and visited the children living at their North Rocks facility, donating the toys to them. In fact Pat was so impressed, he formed an auxiliary to raise money which he named “Pathfinders” after the famous squadron which dropped flares to light the way during World War II.

From these humble beginnings, the generosity, talent and dedication of hundreds of Qantas Cabin Crew, Pilots and Ground Staff ensured Pathfinders flourished to become RIDBC’s oldest and largest fundraising auxiliary and one of Australia’s premier volunteer fundraising groups. Through the generosity of our members, sponsors and people who have attended our many events over the years, we’ve raised almost \$8.5 million. Many Pathfinders have retired from Qantas, yet they actively continue to participate in our fundraising activities.

Pat McGann, or “Budgie” as he was known to those who loved him was considered to be one of the most admired Qantas employees of all time. He was awarded an OAM for the wonderful work he did for Pathfinders and the children at RIDBC. Budgie left us in 2011, but his legacy lives on, forever changing the lives of children with vision and hearing loss and we thank him and all the dedicated Pathfinders over the years for their amazing contributions.]

Why Pathfinders and volunteering? A desire to assist an organisation I believe is professional, trustworthy and a leader in care to the deaf and blind community throughout Australia. I believe everyone should have the right to have a good education - that ‘knowledge is power’ and for a group in society that may once have been left behind, RIDBC is a leader in early intervention and pediatric audiology, they provide remote services (all over Australia), school support, they have schools and pre-schools and in recent years have the SCIC cochlear implant program.

2020 - Qantas turns 100 and the RIDBC turns 160 (Pathfinders is 53).

I have no particular talents (unlike the fabulous Revue Team and the fun group of JJF F/As) but I can give my time to assist in fundraising and I can be there to back-up and assist those who are ‘out front’ of the public.

www.qantaspathfinders.org.au

www.ridbc.org.au

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