

RED TAIL REUNIONS

celebrating friendships for centuries

NEWSLETTER

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Red Tail Road to 100 Centenary Reunion Finale at the Qantas Campus, Mascot Sydney 30 April 2022

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2022. It comes with a number of major announcements that are meant to update the organisation's purpose as we venture beyond our Centenary celebrations.

The Red Tail Membership has overwhelmingly expressed a desire to continue with activities and to foster friendships of former Qantas colleagues with reunions organised through our national and international chapters.

After our Longreach Centenary Celebrations in April of last year, the Foundation Committee decided to re-evaluate our objectives, and at the recent Red Tail Event in Sydney on 30 April 2022, the following announcements were made:

- Conclude our Red Tail Road to 100 Centenary Celebrations at the Qantas Campus in Sydney
- Retire our Centenary Celebrations initiative
- Launch our new name **Red Tail Reunions** and Logo
- Launch our new website www.redtailreunions.com
- Introduce the first of our new initiatives – RUonQ.
 - More information on this initiative in this newsletter.

Our New Name and Objective

On 30 April 2022, at the magnificent Qantas Campus, in Mascot we reached the end of the Road to 100. We farewelled our Centenary Milestone Celebrations, and welcomed-in a new era for Red Tail with a new name **RED TAIL REUNIONS**, a new logo and a new more intuitive website www.redtailreunions.com .

The name relates directly to our core activity which is to continue organising get-togethers and reunions through the many Chapters around Australia and the USA.

When considering our new objective to replace the Centenary Celebrations, the Foundation Committee agreed to evaluate the opportunity of establishing a Not-for-Profit organisation that focuses on providing support and bespoke services to Red Tail Members in their times of need. This initiative will be known as **RUonQ**. More information on this initiative can be found in this newsletter.

What's New:

- We have a new name – Red Tail Reunions
- We have a new website - www.redtailreunions.com
- Updated Logo
- Updated email addresses – admin@redtailreunions.com
- Updated Newsletter format
- We have a new initiative – RuonQ

What has not changed:

- Your Membership: You do not need to do anything. All your details have been migrated to the new database.
- Your Chapter Committee Members: All of our Chapter Committee members have remained
- Events: You will continue to receive information on state and national get-togethers and reunions
- Newsletters – you will continue to receive our Quarterly Newsletters

About RUonQ

RUonQ will be the first of our new initiatives. It is a Not for Profit aimed at assisting Red Tail Members navigate challenges in their post Qantas life.

The new Red Tail believes that former Qantas employees and their families should not be without humility, strength, and the trust of friendships in times of need. It is Red Tail's mission to assist in overcoming the challenges of "post" Qantas life.

RUonQ, and through loyalty and friendship, will provide access to professional social, physical, and psychological support for its Members and their families in bespoke and meaningful ways. This includes navigating access to aged care, bereavement support, new employment opportunities and assistance with the most basic everyday IT challenges.

RUonQ's strategic plan also meets the HR objectives of Qantas under their "Life Ages and Stages" portfolio. In collaboration with Qantas, RUonQ can become a conduit of the Airlie's initiative and strengthen their CSR commitment. It is our intention to ensure RUonQ becomes the trusted agency to pave the way for so many former QF staff.

We are currently forming a board to be led by our Chairman Ron Rosalky. More information will become available as we finalise the plan and complete the appointment of the board.

The Founders and Foundation Committee



Brian Wild

Jim Eames

Max Hill

In December of last year, we received a request from three of the four Founders of Red Tail who expressed their desire to retire from “active duty” but remain involved through Advisory Roles as required.

We wish to thank Co-founders Brian Wild, Jim Eames and Max Hill for their guidance, wisdom, invaluable advice and for sharing the Red Tail vision through our Qantas Spirit. We look forward to continuing to see them at our events and reunions.

Due to this development, the Foundation Committee will be retired, and a new Leadership Team will take its place.

New Leadership Team:

Co-founder Rafael Toda will remain actively involved in the day-to-day operations of Red Tail, and be joined by a new team of Red Tail Members who will be responsible for developing new concepts and initiatives. They will continue to provide support to all the Chapters and act as the liaison between Red Tail and Qantas.

We are delighted to announce the first appointee to this team is Roger Lindeman. Many of you will recall Roger from his time in Sydney and Melbourne. He was in Airport Operations, Commercial Sales and in numerous Management roles with postings in Seoul, Bali, Bangkok, Singapore and Los Angeles. Roger joined Qantas in 1968 and left in 2010. Roger’s last position was Vice President, Airline Operations, The Americas.

Update: Time Capsule and a Return to Longreach in 2022

Many of you have donated mementos for our Time Capsule which will take pride of place at the Airpark at the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach.

The fabrication of the Capsule was completed in Brisbane in March and has been successfully transported to Longreach.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from those who wish to join us in Longreach for the unveiling of the Capsule. We are planning for a date between late September and November 2022.

To ensure you do not miss out, please [click here](#) to register your expression of interest and preferred month.

Final Grand Milestone Centenary Event – Qantas Campus, Mascot Sydney

We had our final Centenary celebration event at the Qantas Campus in Mascot on Saturday, 30 April. We received over 165 RSVPs and short of a few unfortunate no-shows, everyone had a great time.

Every Chapter from around Australia was represented, and guests came from as far as Perth, the USA, the Middle East and Switzerland.

The Qantas Campus venue was inspiring and for many who worked in QCA, B and C, seeing the redevelopment of the complex was also emotional for some.

The program commenced with a surprise live performance of “I Still Call Australia Home” by the Qantas girls’ choir. They were followed by a very captivating talk by our host, Qantas Group CEO Mr Alan Joyce. Alan recognised our contribution to the airline’s founding success and provided a positive outlook for its future.

Alan was then followed by Red Tail Co-founder Rafael Toda and RUonQ Chairman Ron Rosalky who launched the new name Red Tail Reunions, its new Logo and website www.redtailreunions.com as well as providing an overview of our latest initiative RUonQ.

Food and drinks were plentiful and by the sound of voices and laughter, everyone had a very pleasant afternoon.



[Click here](#) to view 239 images taken by our Photographer Sharon Hickey

[Click here](#) to view the Qantas Girls Choir sing I Still Call Australia Home.

[Click here](#) to view photos taken by some of our Red Tail Members



Big Thank You To All:

The Sydney Reunion could not have been possible without the help of all the volunteers who rolled-up their sleeves and made it all happen smoothly and seamlessly. A big thank you to:

Red Rail Team:

- Ian Robinson – Reunion Director, NSW
- Ken Groves - MC
- Judy Rose – F&B Coordinator
- David Thompson – Logistics Coordinator

Qantas Airways:

- Alan Joyce – Host and Guest Speaker
- Stephanie Tully – Chief Customer Officer
- Lauren Haliburton – Co-ordination and Logistics
- Jessie Sharpe – Event Logistics
- Jimmy – Chief Security
- Alex – Security

Qantas Guests:

- Andrew David – Qantas CEO – International and Domestic
- John Gissing – EGM Associated Airlines and Services

Red Tail Volunteers:

- Laurie Willoughby – Freight Chapter
- Terry Harper – Freight Chapter
- Elaine Irving – NSW Chapter
- Sharon Day – NSW Chapter
- Kay House – Hosties Chapter
- Louise Flitcroft-Paisley – Hosties Chapter
- Annette Keefe – Hosties Chapter
- Lynn Hutchison – Hosties Chapter
- Chris Kewley – JCT Chapter

Others:

- Qantas Girls' Choir
- European Catering
- Sharon Hickey – Photographer
- Simon White - Totem Production and Design (AV Operations)

Forthcoming Events

Chapter	Venue		Date
Queensland	TBA	5.30 pm	Thursday 15 September 2022
Longreach	Qantas Founders Museum	12.30 pm	Between Sep and Nov 2022
ACT	Sebel Hotel Canberra Civic	Afternoon	TBC (Mid-late October)
Victoria	Windy Hill, Essendon	12.00 noon	Sunday, 6 November 2022
Freight	Harbour View Hotel	12.00 noon	Saturday, 25 February 2023

Refer to Website for more details on each of these events.

Jim Eames' New Book

Jim Eames' next book, to be published in November, is about the 747 in Qantas service, from its very earliest development concept by Boeing through its introduction and years of service with the company and the people who made it a success and enabled it to reach such an iconic status.

Over the past several years, along with tracking its unique progress through all levels of the company, Jim has gathered from many pilots and cabin crew their own experience with the aircraft but is also anxious to highlight some stories by those in other areas of the company who might have tales to tell – either their own or of passengers flying on it.

Just as an example: One elderly lady passenger who just happened to be on board QF1 when it overran the runway at Bangkok in 1999 phoned the Engineering department at Mascot a few days later to ensure them she would continue to fly with Qantas : “.....As they always have safe accidents!.”

They can be unusual or otherwise ----- just so long as they highlight an era where many passengers--- and even staff for that matter-- had the opportunity to fly overseas for the first time.

To send in your stories, please email Jim on eames.jim@gmail.com

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- [PREMIUM ECONOMY BUNGLE HAS COST AIRLINES BILLIONS](#)
- [Qantas is bringing back Sydney-Singapore-London A380 flights - Executive Traveller](#)
- [Qantas to restart Perth-London flights on June 19 - Executive Traveller](#)
- [Qantas' new A380 business class reveals massive changes - Executive Traveller](#)
- [Australia scraps all test requirements for incoming travellers - Executive Traveller](#)
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- [Qantas closes in on direct Sydney to London flights with landmark airbus jet order](#)
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Tour de Cure



Sydney Volunteers Wanted On Saturday 18th June 2022

Tour de Cure is holding its annual Snow Ball on Saturday 18 June 2022.

Through our magical, challenging and inspirational events, in 8 years Tour de Cure's Gala Events have raised over \$13.75m to fund the boldest research, the most talented scientists and their ground-breaking projects that we believe will have the biggest impact on cancer.

Each year our Snow Ball event gets bigger and raises more funds for cancer research and those touched by cancer. This year we are supporting some very special children's cancer projects and your help here is invaluable.

To make this year as fantastic as the previous ones we need a team of enthusiastic and trusted volunteers to assist us on the day.

We are set to have around 1000 guests at the International Convention Centre, Sydney (Darling Harbour). We have an exciting program filled with guest speakers, entertainment, auctions and so much more.

Shift	Approx. Hours	Time
Main Event	7 Hours	4.30pm – 11.30pm
Bump Out	3 Hours	11.30pm – 2.00am

All guests and volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Vaccination certificates will be reviewed at entry.

Please note, there is no guarantee that all ICC staff, Contractors and suppliers will be fully vaccinated as there is no longer a Government mandate to be. To be considered up to date with Covid-19 vaccination, you must have had all the doses recommended for your age and health needs at the time of the event. Please visit www.health.gov.nsw.au

Could you please let Dee Montague-Jones know if you would like to join our Gala Volunteers team via return email to Galavolunteers@tourdecure.com.au and her team will proceed to send you more information outlining your role and instructions closer to the event.