## Red Tail Road to 100

## Foundation & Chapters Newsletter

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## Q3 2019 – September



### A Message from the Foundation Committee

Welcome to our Q3/2019 National Newsletter.

We trust you have all been well and in good spirits. When we sent out our last Newsletter in June, we advised that there would be a number of new items and action points that we would deliver. We apologise we are running behind the timelines we set for ourselves. However we are pleased to say that we have been able to complete these tasks and are now back on track – all be it a little later than expected.

#### Current Membership stands at: 2,206

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## A Message from our Worldwide Patron, John Hudson Fysh:



John Hudson Fysh and Mother Nell, Longreach circa 1929

All proud members of the Red Tail Road to 100 might like to reflect with me this month that 'Road' might well have begun one hundred years ago on 18th August 1919. On that day two young airmen, Ginty McGinness and Hudson Fysh, fresh from battle in the skies over Palestine less than a year earlier, and driver and handyman, Gorham, set forth in a T-Ford to survey an air-route and landing grounds for competitors in the Great Air Race from England to Australia. It was on this difficult journey over bush tracks, gullies and river beds, that the two discussed how an aerial service might be introduced.

Once founded in 1920 as Q.A.N.T.A.S. Ltd. the enterprising and energetic McGinness, in 1922, walked away from it all to seek adventures elsewhere leaving Chairman McMaster, Managing Director Fysh, Arthur Baird as Works Manager and Lester Brain as Chief Pilot to take it down the 'Road' that was to make Qantas an Australian icon, and all who served it, like the Members today, so proud.

What has been done by the initiating Committee and the many others across the globe - yes, across the globe - and the Members, provides a warm feeling in the hearts of us all See what Qantas people can do!

This is therefore perhaps, an appropriate time for the Foundation Committee to recognise the great work that all our committee members are doing across all our chapters. Without all of you dedicated Red Tail individuals, we could never have imagined becoming such a large group. Starting from simply an idea, today we have a total of 68 Committee Members across our 15 Chapters and the Centenary Event Committee. Each has honed-in their Qantas skills and applied them admirably to their Red Tail tasks.

As we perceive coming close to the end of our Red Tail Road in 2020, our initiatives are only getting better, the enthusiasm of the Committees is greater and your support as members is admirable.

So much can be said about our "corporate up-bringing" which commenced with my father's handbook, Ethics and Other Things, and how this culture has truly endured the test of time. We remain loyal to a brand we built together, and now we get together again to celebrate "us in Qantas".

On an even more personal note I would like to mention the women of Qantas, both employees and wives. In December 1923 Hudson Fysh returned to Longreach after a trip down south with a bride, the former Nellie Dove. Born in Rockhampton, brought up in New Zealand she traded the lush green of New Zealand for the dry landscape of western Queensland and the 'seven-year drought'. Two children and the boxes that four-gallon cans of petrol came in for furniture, it gave her a kinship with many of the women serving with their husbands away from their homes. She was in Longreach for seven long years. That is not to mention the contacts she received much later from the first group of Flight Hostesses she was asked to help select. In Queensland, she deserved a place with: *"Twas they that made the nation, the women of the west."* 

Thank you for your interest, endorsement and support of this Red Tail Road to 100 initiative. We are looking forward to all our planned celebrations and seeing many of you at the Grand Milestone Events in Longreach and Sydney. Until our next Newsletter, stay safe and continue to enjoy life!

Best wishes to you all. John Hudson Fysh, Worldwide Patron



All registrations will be validated to ensure only Red Tail Member applications are accepted. Once approved, you will receive notification and your bookings will be managed by the Longreach travel organiser. We will operate on a first come – best dressed basis and sales will close once we have booked out all 600 beds. The dress code for the weekend will be "Country Casual".

**Baggage Allowance Qantas Charter Flights:** Packages 2 and 3 are combined with the Qantas Charter Flights from Brisbane and Sydney and return. These flights will be limited to Cabin Baggage only with a maximum of 10kls per passenger.

**Eligibility:** We have a ceiling of 600 pax due to the limited capacity of accommodation and size of venues. It is important to note that we can only accept RSVPs for this programme from "Registered Red Tail Members" and partners.

### 2. Grand Milestone Event – Sydney confirmed for Saturday 7 November 2020

We are equally excited to announce that Qantas has increased our guest capacity at the QF Campus. The venue will now be able to take up to 700 guests. It will be important to ensure you commit early to guarantee a spot. Time and format are being organised by the Events Committee and the newly formed Red Tail NSW Chapter. Due to the increase in the venue's capacity, this will be the only Grand Milestone Event in Sydney.

### 3. Qantas Flight Hostess Club Joins Red Tail as Newest Chapter

We are thrilled to announce that the Qantas Flight Hostess Club Inc. which was formed in 1964, has joined Red Tail Road to 100 and become our latest Chapter.

The Qantas Flight Hostess Club members go back to the original first QF Hostesses of 1948. This group of ladies have kept the legacy of the first hosties alive through the association of this club over the past 55 years. Editor of their Newsletter "Hostess", Robyn McGaw offers this insight into their history:

Until the introduction of the Lockheed Constellation Qantas cabin services were provided by flight stewards, however, Qantas saw the need to employ a Flight Hostess as a member of each crew operating the Kangaroo Route.

In 1948 the Qantas Flight Hostess was born. When this was announced only nine were chosen out of 1000 applicants. Marj de Tracy was recruited as supervisor and was the first Flight Hostess to fly out of Sydney on 8 May 1948 as a member of the crew. Marj later became our Cabin Crew Manager.

The first Flight Hostesses were Marj de Tracy, Patricia Burke, Joy Bruce, Irma Wharton, Joy Daniell, Margaret Lamb, Adrienne Gundlinger, Rosetta Allison and Margaret Calf who all came from varying backgrounds. Lady Hudson Fysh (wife of the co-founder) was on the selection panel with George Harman. These nine girls undertook intensive training for three weeks to 'fit them for the job'. They studied foreign currency, passport and quarantine requirements, the intricacies of heating and pressurisation, elementary technical knowledge of the Constellation, hygiene and the preparation of frozen pre-cooked food. One of the biggest challenges was the packing of suitable clothing for all climates, particularly as there was no air conditioning.

It was an exciting time for these young ladies travelling to such hotels as the original Raffles in Singapore and sightseeing in Cairo. The once weekly service operated via Darwin, Singapore, Calcutta, Karachi, Cairo, Tripoli and on to London. Slips included a week in Singapore, five or six days in Cairo and a week in London. There were three Stewards and one Flight Hostess on a flight.

This led to discussions by the girls in about 1964/5 of the possibility of forming a Club as a way of keeping in touch with past, present and future Qantas Flight Hostesses. Permission was given to hold a general meeting in Qantas House on 30 March 1966 when the first 'official' committee of 20 was elected. By then there were 200 financial members from Australia and worldwide. A Constitution was written and the Club was incorporated – and remains to this day.

In 1971 Captain Bert Ritchie was invited to become Patron of the Club. He was then followed by Sir Lenox Hewitt, Mr John Leslie, Lady Hudson Fysh, Nancy-Bird Walton and Joan, Lady Cutler remains Patron to this day.

In 1973 a Melbourne Branch of the Club was formed followed in 1988 by a Queensland Branch. The same reasons the Club was formed nearly 55 years ago are still valid today. The members both in Australia and overseas enjoy the camaraderie of 'staying in touch' through various functions and activities in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Many of the habits instilled in us by our Flight Hostess/Attendant training are still evident in our members – their grooming, fashion sense, social ease and organisational skills. Many of us not only went to another life after Qantas as wives and mothers, but also as business women and community leaders.

By: Robyn McGaw, Editor, Hostess Newsletter

### 4. Qudos Bank Turns 60

Qudos Bank – supporters of Red Tail Road to 100



Sylvia Edgar – first member at the first AGM

As Qudos Bank prepare to celebrate their 60th anniversary in November, we wanted to take this opportunity to recognise our shared history. Many of you were part of the initiation of Qantas Staff Credit Union and have contributed to the organisation over the years, shaping where they are today.

Let's celebrate the past, and wish them a very happy birthday. Here are some fun facts from the organisations history.

- Qantas Staff Cooperative Credit Union Limited started in 1959 when 14 Qantas employees came together in the Qantas theatre.
- In 1961, the first employee, Alec Kennedy, was seconded from Qantas two days per week to act as Manager.
- It used to take two days for a withdrawal and one month for a loan to come through (which was considered a great accomplishment after purchasing their very own accounting machine).
- In 1967, Qantas Staff Credit Union launched their first ever marketing campaign to family members.
- Members would call to let us know they were coming in to make a withdrawal so it was ready upon their arrival
- In 1985 the use of CUTIE (Credit Union Telephone Information Exchange) commenced, the first telephone banking service in Australia (members were able to obtain balances, order cheques and pay bills over the phone).
- In 1994, Qantas Staff Credit Union launched their first proper debit card, known as the CueCard.
- In October 2015, members voted on a new name for our organisation 'Qudos Bank' to help provide new opportunities to continue facilitating growth and strength.
- Discover more about the history on their online history timeline.



### 5. Your Qantas Family Over Our 100 Years

In our last Newsletter we introduced a new initiative – Your Family in Qantas. We asked you to let us know how many of your family's generations have worked for Qantas and their subsidiaries. Last quarter we featured the stories of the McDougal's, Uren's and Hagley's. We asked you to send us your stories through our online link. Here are the stores received this quarter:

#### Nicole McFarlane (nee Gilles)

I started with QF in 1965 as secretary in the QF House employment office. Moved out to new airport in 1970 as check in 'chick' later became first female to work in Lost Baggage.

Met Andrew McFarlane Flight Service Director who spent a year in London in 1972. Our son, Jeffrey, started with Jetstar as an FO and is now in Vietnam as a Training Captain on A320's. He also holds the position of Manger Flight Operations and Training Assurance.

My brother, Brett Gilles, was in HO Sales and spent two years in SIN as Area Manager Sales.

- Generations in Qantas = 2
- Collective Years of Service by your family = 63
- **Memorable Moment:** Having Duke of Edinburgh on a flight and learning to make his pink gins.

#### **Richard G F Davies**

I joined Qantas in 1972 at LHR after 12 years and 10 overseas relief postings with BEA and BOAC before the two corporations merged as British Airways. I started with QF as Airport Systems Officer, did a relief posting to BAH as A/Manager Gulf Area and became Airport Manager LHR before transferring to Sydney in 1978

Met my wife Suzie Love soon after arrival. Suzie was a QF long haul Flight Attendant, then called "Flight Hostess" since 1970 and she retired in 2007. We married in early 1979 and I was posted to PER later that year, where our son, Cameron, was born in 1981

Cameron is now an F/O on 737-800s based in PER with 11 years' service so far.

I was posted to SFO as APM in 1981 and when that station was closed in 1983 and ops moved to LAX I transferred to SIN as APM SE Asia. During the SIN posting I did a relief attachment to HRE. In 1985 I had my only Head Office experience in Product Development in the then QIC Building in George Street Sydney, but when an opportunity presented itself to be Cargo Manager Victoria in 1987 I was happy to get on my bike again and moved to MEL where I stayed until early retirement in 2000.

- Generations in Qantas = 2
- Collective Years of Service by your family = 76
- Memorable Moment: Cameron was only a few weeks old when we moved to SFO in 1981 and he had to have his own passport as the U.S. required the visa to be in a separate passport from his parents. We believe he may have been the youngest Australian passport holder in captivity and the photo was of him at only 10 days old.



#### **Stuart Booth**

My father Stan started in Staff Department in 1947. He moved to Sales, managing the Hunter Street Ticket office, and spent time in Mauritius in 1960, played cricket with Sir Hudson Fysh and retired in 1984. My Uncle Ray Booth worked as a transport driver in Catering from 1968-1980. I worked for 19 years from 1989 until 2008 commencing as an Office Boy and finishing as a Duty Yield Operations Manager with time spent in Nice, NZ and Fiji.

- Generations in Qantas = 2
- Collective Years of Service by your family = 69
- Memorable Moment: Great memories and friendships as a child and as an adult

Tell us all about your QF Family Tree: <u>Click here</u> to get started.

### 6. Consolidation of Chapter Newsletters:

In an effort to keep things consistent, we have decided to incorporate the Chapter Newsletters with this Foundation Newsletter. This will allow all members to also view activities happening in all Chapters. We hope you find this format helpful.

Please refer to the following pages for new about your Chapter.

### 7. Red Tail Website Updated

We have been working with our new developer to enhance your website. We have a number of new features including a Roll of Remembrance, a section that remembers our colleagues who have passed and recognise their many attributes.

We have also added an online version of this newsletter, and a link on the homepage for the Longreach Registration with new banner ads promoting the event.

The NSW Chapter page has been updated and we have added the Qantas Flight Hostess Chapter Page on the About Us Link. We trust you will find these enhancements useful.

### 8. Longreach Centenary Logo and Promotional Tiles

In February of 2018, we previewed our Longreach Centenary Event Logo, see below (left). Effective from now, this logo will be featured on all our Longreach related promotions. We will also be complimenting it with a new series of promotional tiles on the website (right).





## 9. Qantas Pathfinders Review





## SAVE THE DATE:

## **TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER TO SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019**

Norths, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray.

Tickets will be \$50 each, doors open at 6:45pm and show starts at 7:30pm. Anticipate ticket sales will open on the 30th September at the Club and online at Norths (<u>www.norths.com.au</u>).

### The Qantas Pathfinders' Revue was the brainchild of Qantas Crew members Vic Allen and Peter Owens and had its humble beginnings in 1975.

On 11 November 1975, a one-time only show "My Fair Hostie" was staged at The Illawarra Catholic Club, Hurstville. Jim Thorley took the stage along with Vic and Peter, who also wrote the show, and John Short on piano. Working backstage were Colin Burgess, Helen Canham, John Gollan and Steve Frame; along with spouses roped in to help (see nothing's changed!) Kerry Thorley and Lynne Owens.

Now decades later, the Qantas Pathfinders' Revue has a cast, production crew and band totalling almost 100 people who volunteer their time and energy. Made up from Qantas employees and friends, the Revue is one of the largest revenue earners for the Pathfinders' Committee.

The show offers a topical blend of material, good variety, intermingled with clever songs and funny "skits", well thought-out build-up points, crisp timing and choreography. Based on the day-to-day life of the airline industry, the satire translates well to any industry.

## **Chapter Newsletters:**

## Queensland



Patron Phil Thow Reunion Director Peter Kinnane Treasurer & Secretariat Max Ellerman

The Queensland Milestone Reunion was to be held on 01 Aug 2020 at Victoria Park Golf Club, however we have received some information from Qantas that they plan to have a Centenary celebration activity in Brisbane sometime in 2020. Details are not yet known but we believe that we should wait to receive more details and co-ordinate our Milestone Reunion around the same time as the Official Qantas 100th anniversary plans in Brisbane.

As soon as dates and the venue are announced we will arrange our reunion.

## Far North Queensland



Patron Phil Thow



Reunion Director Frances Mellick



Committee Val Dudley



Committe Geoff Jensen

### Date Claimer – FNQ Reunion 'QF's Centenary Celebration'

## FNQ Milestone Reunion: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Keep an eye out for event information early next year. Details will be sent out via email and available on our Facebook page - **Red Tail Road to 100 FNQ Reunion.** 

If you know of any retired staff who are not aware of our FNQ Reunion please have them contact me via the **redtailroadto100.com** homepage or our Facebook page.

Remember to lock in the date and get ready for a great get together. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

#### Frances Mellick – Reunion Director FNQ

## **New South Wales**



The NSW Chapter Committee - L to R: David Thompson, Judy Rose, Ian Robinson

## NSW Grand Milestone Event: Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The NSW Chapter committee, comprising Judy Rose, David Thompson and Ian Robinson, are continuing plans for a huge Sydney gathering of Red Tail Road to 100 members as part of our celebrations for the 100<sup>th</sup> QF Anniversary in 2020.

We ask all members to note the date in your diary – Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – and keep an eye out for more information on this event as the date draws nearer.

The event will be held at the Qantas Bourke Road head office base in Sydney, in the common area now known as Main Street. Whilst details are still being finalized, we expect this will be held between the hours of 1200 and 1600, and ticket prices will include substantial canapés and beverages.

We are hoping to have at least 600 Red Tail Road to 100 members attend this significant event. It will be a great opportunity for past QF staff to have a close up look at the latest developments at the world-class Qantas Headquarters facility in Mascot.

Ian Robinson – Reunion Director NSW



## Victoria



Patron Rod ("Chirpa") Robson



**Reunion Director** 





Secretary Ian Carew-reid Committee Robyn Walters





Dave DeBono Committee Mike Menner Committee

## Victoria Milestone Reunion: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Since our last cosy but successful gathering last February and after discussion with Chirpa, our esteemed Patron, I'm delighted to announce that lunch on Sunday 11 October is the planned date for our 2020 VIC Chapter reunion at the same venue, Pier Port Melbourne.

October 11 was decided as the most suitable date so as not to clash with Longreach, other centennial celebrations throughout 2020 and of course, footy season!!

A note from Chirpa, that he's looking forward to seeing as many VIC Red-tailers attend as possible.. the more the merrier!!! We opted for a Sunday lunch this time for several reasons but there will be a minimum spend so please start spreading the word now and Save the Date to ensure we get numbers and can keep to a minimal cost.

Last, but not least, a big welcome and thank you to Elaine Morales (Chalkley) for volunteering her time for this journey to come on board the VIC Committee. Your input and contributions have been invaluable so far.

Pat Williams - Reunion Director Victoria



## **Northern Territory**

## Hello to all members, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy

The Dry is upon us and for those who are interested the Darwin Festival this year has a play revolving around the 1919 Air Race that started it all to be performed 16 and 17 August 2019 @ Darwin Entertainment Centre





Inspired by the amazing true story of the 1919 Air Race from London to Darwin, this old-world adventure from Arena Theatre Company captures an extraordinary moment in history, when flight was inspiring a whole new way of looking at the world.

From crash landings to disappearing planes, the stories of our fearless flyers range from harebrained and hilarious to deeply moving and sometimes tragic. With incredible moving sets and live music, this is theatre for young people like you've never seen before.

### Preparations for the Grand Milestone Reunion 2020 are well underway.

#### Longreach Grand Milestone Event 8 – 11 May 2020

Air Charters ex BNE & SYD departing 9<sup>th</sup> and returning 10<sup>th</sup> May and a scheduled service ex BNE departing 8<sup>th</sup> and returning 11<sup>th</sup> May

Train – departs BNE 7<sup>th</sup> and returns 11<sup>th</sup> May. There is also bus options as well

**Land arrangements** only are also available. Anyone wanting to travel by road convoy from anywhere in NT let me know as this is how we plan to get there. More information to follow in the National Newsletter

If anyone is interested on being on the NT Committee to arrange our NT chapter reunion for 2020 please make contact with me through myself on 0439 546961 or message on our Facebook page.

### Karen Hauff - Reunion Director NT

Our Patron - Ian Burns- Wood

Our committee - Your name could be here!

Remember to spread the word by contacting old colleagues or forwarding this email to those who may have been overlooked.

## Western Australia



## Western Australia Milestone Reunion: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

I am pleased to report that the Red Tail Chapter in W.A. has been very active during the past few months thanks to the enthusiasm of our committee.

Our current membership stands at 282 and we hope to grow this further in our lead up to our feature centenary event planned for 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

In May we held a very successful "Sundowner" at the scenic Mount Lawley Golf Club which also happens to be the home club of Hannah Green who recently became a ladies worldwide major golf champion by winning the KPMG LPGA tournament in USA. More than 50 members attended the soiree and although it was supposedly to conclude at around 8 p.m. many were still enjoying themselves at 10pm! My thanks to Diane Sanders of Qudos Bank and Jane Bailey of Woody Nook Wines for their sponsorship and to the Golf Club for their efficiency and super finger food.

Unfortunately, it is not generally known, even to many of our own local QANTASians that our QANTAS co-founder and national WW1 war hero, P. J. McGinness is buried in Perth's Karrakatta Cemetery. To honour the great man, myself and another Red Tail member visited his grave recently and placed flowers there. It is our committee's intention that because of "Ginty" McGinness' affiliation with W.A. that, somehow, his history and his memory be featured in upcoming celebrations. Two of his granddaughters still live here.

Committeeman and former W.A. Reunion Director, W.A., Tony McGrath is currently writing two books on aviation, one of which is QF's association with the Cocos Islands. As these should be completed and ready for publication soon, we thought perhaps we might hold some form of "Book Launch Event" as a unique form of lead up to the Centenary Celebration. So, watch this space for further news.

After several years of helping to organize past ex QANTAS staff parties which eventually led to her becoming a committee member of Red Tail, for personal reasons. Suzanne Bradshaw has recently resigned. It has always been a pleasure to work with Suzanne and I take this opportunity to thank her

for her positive participation in everything she has done for me, QANTAS and Red Tail. Her indomitable spirit will be missed on our committee but I am sure we will see her around.

In saying farewell to Suzanne, I ask you to welcome Ken Lyons and Bryan Yeo onto our committee. Whilst Ken was formerly with QANTAS and Jetabout, Bryan comes from the QANTAS Air Cargo family and has many contacts at Perth Airport where his son is in senior management. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and the ability to help us grow our membership base.

Finally, for those of you who read this Newsletter but know former colleagues who think they are members of Red Tail but are not receiving it, would you please ask them to personally email me on: <u>chris.shearwood@ii.net</u> with their full name, date of joining QANTAS, last position held, email and telephone number. I will then rectify the matter through our IT programme.

Until next time.

Chris Shearwood - Reunion Director W.A.



**Junior Commercial Trainee** 

Patron Bruce Baird Reunion Director Chris Kewley

## JCT Milestone Reunion: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### **JCT History**

I have been asked by many people exactly what/who was a JCT? So below is an overview.

In the late 1950s, Qantas was looking for a way to improve the status of the then Office Boy and also to introduce a way of developing young people to eventually occupy senior Management positions within the Airline. That is, they wished to create a Management Training type scheme to prepare the Company for the future.

As a result, the Qantas Junior Commercial (Clerical) Trainee (JCT) scheme was created in June 1959. The first intake incorporated all those 'office boys' who had been already recruited from January 1958 through to June 1959. There were 23 'young boys' on the scheme as at June 1959, 10 having commenced in 1958 and the remaining 13 in the first half of 1959.

The intent of this scheme was for the participants to spend their first two years moving through 8 different departments, spending 3 months in each. They were under the control of each Department Head, however, the HR Training Department overviewed their progress and helped develop their

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talent and experience, including arranging appropriate lectures for them to attend each week as well as, in later years, undertaking various projects for presentation to senior Management.

The end result was that Qantas gained a pool of well-trained young men with a good knowledge of the workings of the company and the ability to network. On completion of their 2 year scheme, each participant moved into a permanent position which could be in one of the many and various departments throughout the company, where they could put into practice their experience, skills and talent.

As mentioned above, the first Intake was 1958 and there was an Intake each subsequent year, varying in numbers from 13 to 40, until and including the last one in 1971.

Booz Allen, Management Consultants, in 1972 proposed a major restructure and downsizing of the company by 1,000 employees, which resulted in many redundancies and the cessation of the remainder of the 2nd year for the 1971 intake. The JCT scheme, in its known format, was not recommenced, although in later years there were various graduate and management trainee programmes, based on the original format of the original JCT Scheme.

The JCT Scheme has produced many people who have progressed to very senior positions both within, and outside of, Qantas. Due to the favourable recognition of the Qantas JCT Scheme, many doors were opened up externally.

Bruce Baird AM, who is currently the Patron of the Junior Commercial Trainee Chapter under Red Tail Road to 100, initially commenced with Qantas as a JCT on the 1959 intake, before becoming an Education and Training Officer assisting in developing subsequent JCTs. He then moved onto various roles outside of Qantas, including Deputy Leader of the NSW Liberal Party, various Ministerial positions in the NSW Parliament and a Federal Member for Cook, as well as Chairman of the Tourism & Transport Forum, the Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council and Business Events Sydney.

Other former JCTs have also progressed to senior positions both within Qantas, as well as external to Qantas.

#### **JCT Reunion**

A reminder that the JCT Reunion lunch is planned for Wednesday 25 March 2020 at the Hotel Steyne on The Corso at Manly.

An invitation with further details will be sent to all JCTs closer to the time of the Reunion lunch.

#### **Missing JCTs**

So far I have located 320 of about 345 JCTs employed between 1958 and 1971.

Should you be aware of any JCT who has not yet been notified of this Reunion lunch, I would appreciate you providing me with a name and, if known, a contact detail.

Chris Kewley - Reunion Director - JCT 0419.628848 (m) - <u>kewls@hotmail.com</u> (e)



## **The Americas**









Committee



Committee South America Bill Duplak



Reunion Director Jim Prasad

Committee

Patrick Clark

NW USA & Canada Skip Reichenberger



Committee Northern California Carla Boy

Committee Arizona & Nevada Donna MacEachern



Committee Texas/Oklahoma/Louisiana Maxine Cole Coday

### The Americas Milestone Reunion: Los Angeles, Saturday 18th April 2020

The Americas group started in Feb 2018 and now has almost 160 members, and continues to grow. Our first reunion lunch was a visit to the new Qantas hangar and tour of Qantas A380 at LAX on Sept 21, 2018. 33 of us former staff and partners attended. The visit was organised by the current Qantas Regional General Manager, Stephen Thompson.

Our second reunion was in the SFO area in Jun 22, 2019 with 24 guests. All had great time. While planning the SFO reunion, I found out that few of our colleagues are getting up in age and do not drive, so I was able to arrange with other colleagues to help these senior members with transportation needs and this was hugely appreciated. Just wanted to pass on a vote of thanks to all those who assist our more senior colleagues.

On our way up to SFO, my wife Nirupa and I had dinner with Frank and Elise Nerli on Thu Jun 20 and on Fri Jun 21, Frank Nerli and I had breakfast with Gary Runyon, who could not make to the reunion. After our reunion, Nirupa and I visited Aurora Uyehara in San Mateo CA on SUN Jun 23 and took her out for a lunch

2020 Reunion Celebrations: We plan to have the Americas Regional Centenary Reunion in the Los Angeles area on April 18, 2020. So please mark your calendars and we will provide more detail as soon as possible. We are also thinking we may have a golf day on Friday Apr 17, and a Centenary lunch on Saturday April 18, 2020. We would like to see as many Red Tail Members from all over the Americas region attend and we also welcome all Members from other parts of the world who will be in Los Angeles to join our celebration.

Jim Prasad – Reunion Director, The Americas redtailtheamericas@gmail.com

## Freight



Patron

**Roger Parkes** 



Reunion Director Laurie Willoughby



Committee - NSW Terry Harper



Committee - QLD Noel Cooney

Committee - WA Bryan Yeo

Committee - VIC John Barbieri

## 2019 Freight Reunion: Sydney, November (date TBA) 2020 Freight Milestone Reunion:

### Grand Milestone Event, Sydney Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020

To the Freight Team

Things have been fairly quiet in recent times, however we are looking to have a reunion in Sydney this coming November, so stay tuned for the notification and date. I know we are all also looking forward to the information on the packages for Longreach, which is now out, so be sure to book-in early.

With regards to a freight function in 2020, we will look to hold our reunion in conjunction with the official function that is planned to be held in Qantas Head office in November, so stay tuned for the date.

If you have friends that have not registered on our website, please have them send me their information so we can get the added

Laurie Willoughby – Reunion Director, Freight willo@bigpond.net.au



## **Qantas Flight Hostess Club Inc.**



Patron Joan, Lady Cutler



President Annie Oeding



Secretary Jane Pickhaver



Treasurer Liz Laughlin



Editor "Hostess" Robyn McGaw



Co-Author 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Karen Hayward

# THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

### Monday, 2 September 2019







