



Current Red Tail Membership stands at: 2,519

A Message from the Foundation Committee

Welcome to our Q2/2020 National Newsletter.

We hope you are all well and staying safe in this our “new normal”. Since our last Newsletter in March and subsequent COVID-19 Notice in April advising the postponement of our Longreach Centenary Milestone Event to April 2021, the Foundation Committee and all our Chapters have been busy planning and in some cases rescheduling their Chapter reunions due to government restrictions on mass gatherings. The Foundation and Events Committees are already working on Longreach 2021. We are planning a more comprehensive program that will include ANZAC Day activities and highlight the airline’s contribution to the nation’s war-time service. Find out more about our plans in Point 2 of this Newsletter.

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A Message from our Worldwide Patron, John Hudson Fysh:



IT WAS THE GREAT WAR WHICH MADE THEM – AND QANTAS TOO.

When the two airmen Lieutenants Paul McGinness and Hudson Fysh came to Western Queensland in 1919, resplendent in desert uniforms, battle ribbons and wings on their chests, they were treated as heroes.

But they were there for the serious business of preparing landing fields for the participants in an air race that would carry them on through the Australian outback to the southern states.

Seeing the arrival of their old comrade in arms Ross Smith and his brother Keith land at the end of their victorious flight from England convinced them of the idea they themselves had developed as they struggled across --- the need for an air service with the remote outback.

Meeting up later with Fergus McMaster, a grazier of influence and himself a First World War veteran, the three began what was to become a national icon – Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services, our QANTAS.

Once established as a company, yet another old comrade from the No 1 Squadron engineer Arthur Baird would join them to play a vital role in their survival in those early days and bringing with him that engineering integrity which not only kept their aeroplanes flying but oversaw the building of new ones.

Given that all four of them came out of a 'War to end all Wars' it is perhaps both fitting and somewhat ironic that the challenges and changes wrought on us by this pandemic have created a situation where ANZAC Day in Longreach next year will now be part of the celebration of our airline's 100th Anniversary.

John Hudson Fysh, Worldwide Patron



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1. 2020 Longreach Grand Milestone Event Summary

As you are all aware, in early April we had to make the very difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Grand Milestone Event at Longreach. Over the past two months the Foundation and Event Committees have been working with the Tour Operator Outback Aussie Tours (OAT) on the refund policy for all those who were attending the event.

Refund Policy and Outcome for 2020 Event:

We are pleased to report that an agreement was reached between Red Tail and OAT, and the suppliers (hotels, transport operator, Qantas, Australia and Beyond Holiday and Queensland Rail) for a full refund to the Member. Our Red Tail Members have been offered a full refund or the option to roll-over their payment into a Red Tail Trust Fund held independently by Vincents Accountants and to be used as payment for the 2021 event. We are very appreciative of the offer received from the suppliers and especially for all the work that Alan Smith and his staff at OAT have done. As at 10 June, we can also confirm that the refund process has been completed. All funds intended to be rolled over have been received by the Trust and Red Tail Members who opted for a full refund have also received their reimbursement.

Many of our Members were affected by this postponement and we would like to thank them for their patience and trust in our ability to negotiate the best possible result. It would be unfair not to mention four other stand-out companies along with OAT who made major contributions to ensure we could deliver this outcome. A very special thanks also to Qantas, Queensland Rail, Qantas Founders Museum and Australia and Beyond Holidays. No one was prepared for a pandemic nor were there any rules or precedents to follow. It was all done with patience, common-sense and empathy for the guests, and taking into account the objective of the event. A great co-operative effort by all and worthy of acknowledgement.

The Team

Red Tail		Partners	
Brian Wild	Foundation Committee	Alan Smith	Outback Aussie Tours
Jim Eames	Foundation Committee	Petrina Bull	Qantas
Max Hill	Foundation Committee	Martin Ryan	Queensland Rail
Raffy Toda	Foundation Committee	Simon Bernardi	Australia & Beyond Holidays
Peter Kinnane	Event Director	Tony Martin	Qantas Founders Museum
Max Ellerman	Event Committee	Paul Vincent	Vincents Accountants
Ken Groves	Event Committee		
Cameron McDougall	Transport Planning		
Peter Quale	Finance		
Mark O'Donnell	Finance		

2. 2021 Longreach Grand Milestone Event Update:

Save the Date 23 – 25 April 2021

The Events Committee led by Peter Kinnane has commenced working on the plans for the revised 2021 Grand Milestone Event. COVID-19 has changed our lives and impacted on everything we knew as “normal”. Qantas and Red Tail acknowledge that whilst the Airline’s birthday is on November 16, 2020, its Centenary year is between November 16 2020 and November 15 2021, and therefore we consider that our centenary celebrations remain relevant through to the end of 2021.

2021 Grand Milestone Event Program

The 2021 program format will remain the same as was planned for 2020, and whilst we have secured the venues, transportation and accommodation for the new dates, we feel that the responsible approach is to wait for the Federal and State Governments to provide us with direction on the way forward for large social gatherings during 2021. We believe the governments will be in a better position to release this information sometime in September 2020. We will therefore hold-off on the announcement of our 2021 Program until at least September 2020.

Why we selected 23 – 25 April

Most of you will be aware, the 25th of April is ANZAC Day and selecting this holiday weekend has been done with a lot of thought around the meaning of ANZAC to Qantas and its former staff.

As Jim Eames, author of the book *Courage in the Skies* says, “anyone who knows Qantas’ history realises, both World Wars have been part of our airline’s DNA since its very beginnings! Founders Hudson Fysh and Paul McGinness both came out of World War 1 and it was their subsequent role in taking on the challenge of establishing an air service in Queensland which led to the formation of the airline of which all of us have been a part”.

With this in mind and our subsequent involvement in WW2, the Korean War and Vietnam, it is only fitting that we recognise those Qantas colleagues who were involved in the Airline’s war-time efforts, as well those who volunteered or were conscripted, in our Centenary year and at the birthplace of our Qantas.

We have commenced discussions with the RSL’s at Longreach and Winton, and are planning to incorporate ANZAC Day activities into our 2021 program. The proposal has been favourably received by both RSLs. We have also approached some of our Members who are Veterans or children and grandchildren of veterans, and who have also responded favourably and plan to march in Longreach on the day. More information on this will follow.

2021 Event Expression of Interest:

We are very encouraged by the number of Members who have already expressed interest in attending the 2021 event in April. More than 140 have committed with approximately 50 more indicating they will most likely attend. Prices are expected to remain similar - and like this year’s program, we are going to limit the numbers in 2021 to 400 guests.

If you are interested in attending the Grand Milestone Event in Longreach (23 – 25 April 2021), please [click here](#) to register your expression your interest. This will assist us greatly during the planning phase.

Interested in Marching with Qantas Colleagues at Longreach? Likewise If you are a Veteran or a relation, and wish to march at Longreach please [click here](#) to register your interest. We will contact you as soon as we have more details to offer.

3. Qantas- Longreach and ANZAC Day 2021.

By Jim Eames – Author



It's difficult not to notice a sense of Deja vu with the realisation that, thanks to the Corona Virus the Longreach portion of our Red Tails Road to 100 is now planned for ANZAC day next year.

After all, anyone who knows Qantas' history realises, both World Wars have been part of our airline's DNA since its very beginnings!

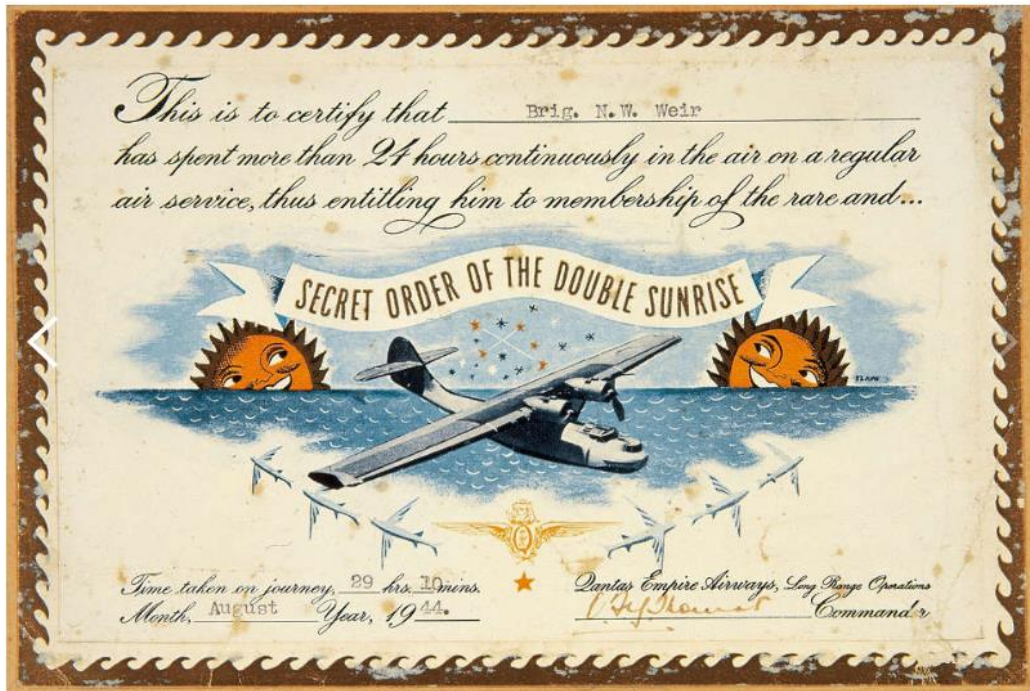
Founders Hudson Fysh and Paul McGinness both came out of World War 1 and it was their subsequent role in taking on the challenge of establishing an air service in Queensland which led to the formation of the airline of which all of us have been a part.

In fact those first years were a pretty well an 'all WW1 affair!' it was McGinness' chance meeting with grazier and businessman Fergus McMaster, who had also served in France as a gunner and despatch rider which led to McMaster agreeing to raise funds for their ambitions and became the airline's first chairman. Our first engineer Arthur Baird also came out of that conflict.

But carving out Qantas' future from outback Queensland, through to Brisbane and on to Sydney and the world meant surviving another conflict, World War 2 which at one stage threatened our very survival. That we did survive is due in no small measure to the band of men and women who turned the real possibility of defeat in the first part of the war to victory five years later.

When war broke out in Europe in September 1939 we had a staff of only 285, a remarkably small number when compared to the task of running an airline across Australia and a flying boat operation transiting stop-over points all the way to Singapore, soon on to Karachi.

And that was how we stood when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour and Malaya in December 1941 and within several months had taken the Dutch East Indies and a large chunk of Papua New Guinea. By then our aircraft, their crews and our ground personnel had run the gauntlet of the Japanese advance down through the islands, the last aircraft out of Singapore before its fall and were playing a vital role in airlifting supplies in and bringing people out of the war zone.



They were dangerous days during which we were to see the steady loss of our Empire flying boats, the first off Koepang in January 1942, and the following month a second off Java and one at Broome all by enemy action. In March the fourth of our original six was lost while bringing critical war supplies into Darwin.

By the time the focus of the war had shifted to the east and the battle for Papua New Guinea the two remaining flying boats, along with other aircraft supplied to us were fully employed in, first the defence and then the start of the American-led offensive against the Japanese.

In between came the invaluable Secret Double Sunrise Indian Ocean service by our Catalinas from Perth to Colombo which in some respects provided the template for the long range expertise our airline when peace returned.

But, like any mention of ANZAC Day, it needs to be remembered that it came at a price.

By war's end 79 people had been lost on Qantas aircraft, fourteen of them crew and ten others died in service with the RAAF.

Of those magnificent six Empire flying boats only one survived the war, nor for that matter did any of our five Double Sunrise Catalinas, falling victim to the politics of Lend Lease which demanded they be destroyed at war's end.

Next year's ANZAC day In Longreach will mark a fitting tribute.

More on our history at war to come. A focus on our involvement in the Korean and Vietnam wars to follow in our next Newsletter.

4. Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport Turns 50 on July 1!



***VH-EBT City of Bendigo - First Qantas Commercial Flight out of Tullamarine. QF503 01 Jul 70
MEL SFO departed at 1701HRS***

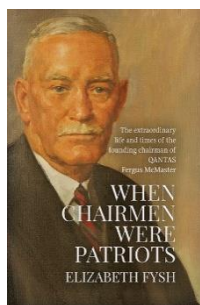
The above photo is of the Qantas aircraft that flew the first commercial passengers out of Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport bound for San Francisco.

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We received an email from Qantas advising that Melbourne Tullamarine Airport are seeking information on the crew that flew the first flight out of Tullamarine on July 1, 1970. As mentioned above, the flight was QF503 MEL SFO 01 July 1970 which departed at 1701HRS from Tullamarine.

If you were one of the Flight or Cabin Crew members or know anyone of them who flew out of Tullamarine on that flight, please [click here](#) and complete the information form? Melbourne Tullamarine Airport would like to recognise the crew and will be in contact with you for more information.

5. When Chairmen Were Patriots



In the centenary of the founding of Qantas, Boolarong Press has released Elizabeth Fysh's biography of her late husband's grandfather, Fergus McMaster, the founding chairman. Along with Paul McGuinness and Hudson Fysh who said 'the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service was conceived in Cloncurry, born in Winton and grew up in Longreach', McMaster travelled the country searching for investors and rallying politicians to get the infant airline off the ground.

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Incorporated on 16 November 1920, the first board meeting was held at the Winton Club on 10 February 1921 and the first AGM was held in Longreach on 21 May 1921. There was applications for 6850 shares and £6075 received with a net profit of £600.

Fergus McMaster started with nothing and with his brothers built a sprawling pastoral empire in western Queensland.

Following his return from World War I, a chance meeting outside Cloncurry with Lieutenant Paul McGuinness took him on a new path. With Lieutenant Hudson Fysh, the three men followed the young airmen's dream of establishing an airline. McMaster knew it was never going to be easy. Aviation was still very much in its infancy.

McMaster threw his whole weight behind the enterprise, scouring the length and breadth of the country drumming up support. As the founding chairman of QANTAS he guided the infant airline with a steady hand through its most turbulent and colourful years of establishment, internationalisation, WW2 and ultimately the government take-over.

Always intensely patriotic, he saw his role in QANTAS as a service to the nation and took little in the way of fees or salary.

It is fitting in this centenary year of QANTAS to pay tribute to his legacy.

About the author

Elizabeth Fysh grew up on her parents' property near Kynuna, 150 kilometres from Winton in Queensland's central west. After attending the University of Queensland, she married Frith Fysh and took up life at Answer Downs. In 1984, the family moved to Longreach, buying Acacia Downs from the Estate of Ainslie Templeton. There, the couple became very involved in the establishment of the Qantas Founders' Museum.

Now widowed and living in Brisbane, Elizabeth has written for newspapers and other publications, but this is her first biography.

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The book is available for purchase online via the QF2020. Club page on the Red Tail Website.

[Click here](#) for more information and to order an autograph copy of the book.

6. Qudos Bank



Three ways you can take financial control during instability

By QUDOS BANK

We're in a time of uncertainty in Australia and across the world. The situation is changing daily and expected to continue for a little while. For many people, finances have become an area of uncertainty. The swift lockdown measures have impacted our ability to earn money and pay our bills.

Here are three ways that may assist in making your finances more certain:

1. Term Deposits

Term deposits can provide peace of mind with guaranteed returns. You'll always know that there's interest paid on your savings. Our term deposits are available over 3, 6, 9, 12, 24 and 36 months offering competitive interest rates and the flexibility of choosing whether you would like to have interest paid monthly, like a salary, or receive the full interest at the end of the term.*

2. **Retirement Savings Account Retirement savings accounts (RSAs)** are superannuation savings accounts which can take advantage of the same protections and tax benefits as a superannuation fund. Our RSAs are designed especially for those looking for security and flexibility with their superannuation, rollovers and allocated pensions. An additional benefit of our RSAs are the \$0 annual fees and \$0 account keeping fees.^

The money in an RSA is intended to be used in retirement so, similar to a super fund, there are restrictions on when the money can be taken out. However, you have the flexibility of choosing either a lump sum or an account-based pension income stream.

3. DIY Super Saver

A Self-Managed Super Fund (SMSF) can be a great way to take control of your super, but also means that individuals can feel more pressure to grow and protect their assets than they would if they were part of a larger scheme. Our DIY Super Saver account offers secure returns with the flexibility of an online cash account. Please note that you must have a SMSF to acquire this product.

These are just some of the ways that Qudos Bank can help. If you would like more information on any of the above, or to discuss your individual situation with a financial planner, call us on 1300 787 787.

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7. 2020 Sydney Grand Milestone Event Update

Save the Date - 7 November 2020

Date: Saturday, 7 November 2020
Venue: Qantas Campus – Sir Hudson Fysh Street
Time: 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Our planned NSW Grand Milestone Event at the Qantas Campus in Sydney remains booked for November 7, 2020. In a similar approach to that we have taken for the Longreach Event, we will hold-off on any further updates and announcements until we have a clearer understanding of the Federal and State Governments requirements on large social gatherings. We will also work closely with Qantas on their own regulations for the use of the Qantas Campus Atrium venue. We expect to have more information by late July or early August and will update you via a newsletter.

In the meantime, save this date and keep a look out for updates on our next newsletter.

8. Save the Dates: Milestone Reunions around the Network in 2020/21:

Following on from the Longreach and Sydney Milestone Events, we are also applying the same approach to our Chapter Milestone Reunions. Here are our planned reunions thus far. Note they will be subject to change depending on Federal and State regulations on social gatherings at the time of RSVPs

Chapter	Date	Venue	Time
The Americas	TBA	Proud Bird, Los Angeles	1100 - 1500
FN Queensland	TBA	Pullman Reef Resort Casino	
Queensland	TBA	Queensland Museum	1500 - 2000
ACT	27 September 2020	Sebel Hotel	1500 – Till late
Victoria	11 October 2020	Pier Port Melbourne	1130 – Till Late
Tasmania	16 October 2020	Museum of Old and New Art	1730 - 2030
World-wide	7 November 2020	Grand Milestone Event – Qantas Campus Mascot - Sydney	1200 - 1600
Western Australia	20 November 2020	Mount Lawley Golf Club	1800 – Till late
South Australia	28 November 2020	Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club	1600 – Till late
Freight	Late February 2021	The Rocks – Sydney	1200 - Onwards
JCT	17 March 2021	Hotel Steyne, The Corso at Manly	1200 - Onwards

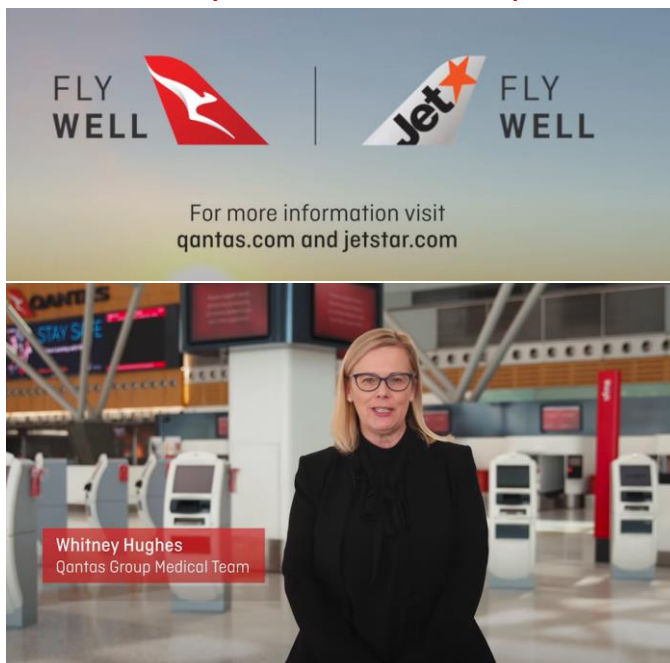
9. Qantas Founders Museum protecting Australia's aviation history



The Qantas Founders Museum was on the news this Quarter with the announcement of the completion of the roof on the Airpark. [Click here](#) or on the above image to view the interview with Museum CEO Tony Martin.

10. The COVID-19 - how Qantas is responding to the challenge

Qantas Safety Measures at Airports and On-board Aircraft



As the Qantas Group gets ready to commence services, the Group has released its COVID-19 Safety messages at airports and on the aircraft for both Qantas and Jetstar.

[Click here](#) or on the image to view the advert featuring Whitney Hughes – a member of the Qantas Group Medical Team.

Silent Skies

A closer look into Qantas aircraft upkeep during the COVID-19 travel ban.



[Click here](#) to view the Channel 9 report on how Qantas continues to maintain its aircraft despite not being able to fly them.

11. Your Qantas Family Over Our 100 Years

This quarter we present the family story of Ken Alexander.

- **Family History at Qantas:** Ken, his son Michael, and his brother John.
- **Generations in Qantas** = 2
- **Collective Years of Service by your family** = 43
- **Memorable Moment:** The Ken Alexander Qantas story

Ken Alexander - Personnel Department roles 1964-1980.

The memorable bits include....Serving as a Baggage handler, Pax Services hand or a Cabin Crew member when strikes were on. Being marooned in Bangladesh while on an intercompany support project with Biman, Selecting third world trainees (Bangladesh, Fiji, Colombo plan, etc) for secondment to Qantas for training, Chasing our departing QF service out of Hong Kong which contained all our personal effects, because of an abbreviated stopover, and we missed a boarding call. Helping Commercial Trainees review Qantas' status and future and producing a powerful report which cost zero (as against Consulting fees of several million dollars). Getting caught inside a 747 while escorting new employees on an aeroplane inspection, when the tarmac team took away the steps and we were left 14 feet off the ground. Lecturing new staff in the 60's about the Qantas of the future, including planned routes, services and aircraft. (80,000 employees by 1980, Supersonic aircraft from Concorde to B2707). Training middle aged burly men to type as computers were introduced, using Secretarial colleges, musical accompaniments, and elderly female staff.....a sight to behold.

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12. PERTH MAY EMERGE AS KEY QANTAS AUSTRALIAN GATEWAY WITH NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS.

By Geoffrey Thomas May 28, 2020

More nonstop Qantas flights from Perth to London and Europe could emerge as passengers flock to non-stops to avoid stopping in South East Asia.

According to a report by Linus Bauer, Managing Consultant at Bauer Aviation Advisory, in the next 24-36 months, the majority of health-conscious travellers will favour direct flights more than one-stop journeys via South East Asia or the Gulf, leading to possible higher willingness-to-pay in all cabin classes and thus spike in demand for an additional Perth-London service.

“Qantas’ launch of the Perth-London service in 2018 has exceeded all expectations, by capturing a significant market share of 24 per cent in the first year of its operations, claiming average load factors above 90 per cent, and achieving the highest net promoter scores in its entire network,” said Mr Bauer.

“The option of bypassing a hub in the area of an outbreak can be considered as one of the additional sources of demand for direct services, driven by the fast-changing behaviour of health-conscious corporate and travellers visiting friends and relatives (VFR).”

Mr Bauer adds that the other issue with the transit stop model could be “the implementation of additional health and safety-related measures (for in-transit passengers) could cause larger complexity and thus increasing costs.”

“The (COVID-19) crisis could be also seen as a trigger for an early phase-out of older/large aircraft and the acquisition of newer aircraft with long-range capabilities and lower cabin density.”

Mr Bauer says it could lead to new market opportunities for airlines, like British Airways (and Qantas) with its heavy premium configuration on 787s, to bypass hubs on thin routes.

The report, published on the City University London website, makes a big play of Perth as a gateway to Australia.

“After the launch of Qantas’ service, Perth has become an increasingly important and viable gateway for ULH (Ultra-Long Haul) operations between Australia and the UK to date.”

Qantas’s plan was to introduce Perth to Paris and Perth to Frankfurt nonstop flights but they were put on hold after a dispute flared with Perth Airport over passenger charges.

That dispute may be thawing.

Mr Bauer adds that “Perth’s geographical location is one of the key benefits speaking for the establishment of a hub in Western Australia, the so-called “door to Australia” by providing a large domestic network for feeder traffic”.

“Having a large and diverse domestic market is one of the competitive advantages for Qantas. The strong historical ties between both countries on many levels may lead to an ease of restrictions for direct travelling in the near future.”

“The Perth-London route may be one of the first reactivated routes in Qantas’ international network. However, the establishment of an ‘air travel bubble’ largely depends on the development of the severity and spread of COVID-19 in both countries in the upcoming months.”

In the post-crisis era, new opportunities for Qantas arise says Mr Bauer.

“Launch of new services between Australia and Europe/U.S., driven by factors including the change in consumer behaviours, the geographical location of cities, deployment of efficient aircraft, ongoing travel restrictions and thus increasing demand for direct and domestic feeder services.”

Courtesy of  AirlineRatings

13. The Qantas Airbus A350 is on hold for now, but not forever

We pull together everything we know about Qantas' Airbus A350-1000, which may still take wing in the post-coronavirus world.

By [David Flynn](#), June 2 2020

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Qantas was set to place an order for up to 12 long-range Airbus A350-1000 jets.

When Qantas chose the Airbus A350-1000 as the flagship of its future fleet, beginning with non-stop Project Sunrise flights to London and New York, in December 2019, the airline had no idea that Covid-19 was about to change the shape of travel for years to come.

Both the A350 order and Project Sunrise were subsequently put on hold less than five months later as Qantas began to right-size its fleet, and its capital expenditure, against an uncertain future.

"We do think there's still a good business case for it, and a good opportunity," Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce [told Executive Traveller](#). "We think there is a huge potential for Project Sunrise, but the time is not right now, given the impact that COVID-19 has had on world travel."



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"We certainly won't be ordering aircraft for that this year, and we'll keep a review on when is the appropriate time, when has the market recovered, when is Qantas in a position to commit to more aircraft and more capital."

Here's a rundown of Qantas' plans for the Airbus A350 and how it still might take off, if a few years later than first planned.

Qantas' Airbus A350 order

Both the Airbus A350 and the Boeing 777X were candidates for non-stop Project Sunrise routes from Sydney, Melbourne and potentially Brisbane to London, New York, Paris and a handful of other cities including Frankfurt, Capetown and Rio de Janeiro.

The specific models under consideration for those 18-20 hour flights were the Airbus A350-1000 and the Boeing 777-8

Although Singapore Airlines flies the Airbus A350-900 non-stop to New York and Los Angeles in a special ultra-long range version known as the A350-900ULR, that jet is fitted out with only business class and premium economy.

Qantas opted for the larger A350-1000 model with plans to have all four classes – first, business, premium economy and economy – while Airbus extended the aircraft's range by adding an extra fuel tank (although it declined to brand this globe-striding version as the A350-1000ULR).

Joyce praised the A350-1000 as being "a fantastic aircraft and the deal on the table with Airbus gives us the best possible combination of commercial terms, fuel efficiency, operating cost and customer experience. The aircraft and engine combination is next generation technology but it's thoroughly proven after more than two years in service."



Qantas' initial set of likely Airbus A350 Project Sunrise routes.

Qantas' Airbus A350 fleet

Qantas' initial Airbus A350 order was for "up to 12" Airbus A350-1000s, which were to have been delivered from early 2023, with the inaugural Project Sunrise flights to London and New York launching by mid-2023.

However, further A350-1000 orders were tipped to follow as eventual replacements for Qantas' 12 Airbus A380s, which at the time were expected to be retired from the late 2020s – although some of the superjumbos may now be [put out to pasture ahead of time](#) due to a predicted post-coronavirus slump in air travel.

"The Qantas of 2021 and 2022 will not be the Qantas of 2019," Joyce said in announcing a [review of the airline's entire international fleet](#).

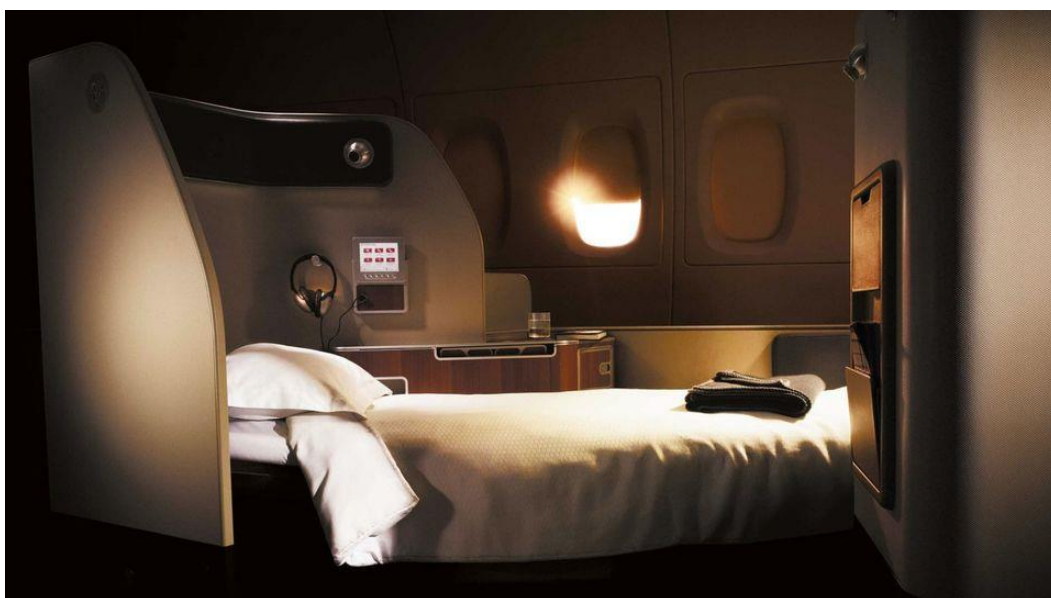
"There is a potential to bring all 12 (A380s) back (into service), but there is a potential to bring less than 12 back," Joyce says of the airline's flagship jets. "That will depend on what the recovery scenario looks like."

Although Qantas never shared its Airbus A350 seat map, *Executive Traveller* understands that the jets were to have around 270-280 seats. Prior to halting the A350 order Qantas confirmed it had completed the design of the A350's cabin configuration, with the aim of "redefining" all four travel classes from tip to tail.

Qantas' Airbus A350 first class

Joyce described the Qantas Airbus A350-1000's top-shelf offering as being a "super first class" suite to cocoon high-end high flyers on the marathon Project Sunrise journeys.

"Given the nature of the routes there is definitely a market for first class," he told *Executive Traveller*. "We think it's going to be a super first class, something that is a lot better than any product we've ever put in the air."



The Qantas' Airbus A350 was set to leap beyond the A380 first class and potentially add privacy doors to create a fully private suite.

There was speculation that the A350 first class suites may include sliding privacy doors – a flourish already adopted by many airlines for not only first class but in some leading-edge business class cabins. When *Executive Traveller* put that to Joyce, he smiled a coy smile and teased "I want to save that for another announcement some day."

The Qantas Airbus A350s were tipped to have a relatively small first class cabin of between four and eight suites, in line with a global trend towards reducing the number of first class suites – often driven by softer demand as business class continues to get better – while also allowing a larger physical footprint for each suite.

Qantas' Airbus A350 business class

The Qantas Airbus A350s were also expected to introduce a new business class seat compared to the well-regarded Qantas Business Suite of today's Qantas Boeing 787s, Airbus A330s and, as part of a refit program, the Airbus A380 superjumbos.

Qantas had been consulting with seat-makers on their very latest models, including yet-to-be-released concepts, as candidates for when the first Project Sunrise flights take wing.

The bar was already set high by the superb Qsuites of fellow Oneworld member Qatar Airways, and as more and more airlines launch their latest business class with privacy doors, Qantas may feel competitive pressure to add doors to the Airbus A350 business suite.

Qantas' Airbus A350 premium economy, economy class

Again with the bum-numbingly long Project Sunrise flights in mind, Qantas was believed to have spec'd out spacious designs for premium economy and economy class.

The former was to be said to approach 42 inches of pitch, compared to 38" on the Airbus A380 and Boeing 787, giving passengers ample room to stretch out their legs and even cross their knees.

The economy class seats were also said to offer more legroom with about 34" of pitch, compared to 31-32" on the Qantas Airbus A380s and Boeing 787s, and at 18" across would be slightly wider as well.

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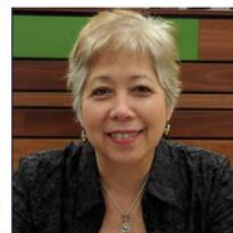
Patron
Charles Wade



Reunion Director
David Fisher



Treasurer
Dick Collard



Committee
Pat Williams (nee Esguerra)



Committee
Mike Torpy

ACT Milestone Reunion: September 2020

We are holding on to our date in September while we continuing to monitor the government's advice on large social gatherings. We will revisit this in July and evaluate available options before making a decision to proceed or postpone.

When: Sunday, 27 September 2020
Where: Sebel Hotel Canberra Civic
197 London Circuit, Canberra ACT
Time: 3.00pm – onwards

David Fisher – Reunion Director

Junior Commercial Trainee



Patron
Bruce Baird



Reunion Director
Chris Kewley

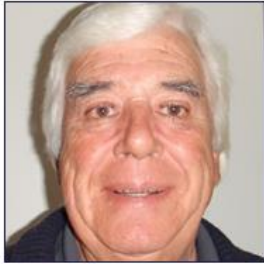
JCT Milestone Reunion: Wednesday 17th March 2021

A reminder that the JCT Reunion lunch has been rescheduled to Wednesday 17th March 2021 at the Hotel Steyne on The Corso at Manly. We are looking forward to a great Milestone Reunion!

When: Wednesday, 17 March 2021
Where: Hotel Steyne, The Corso @ Manly
Time: 12noon till late

Chris Kewley - Reunion Director – JCT, 0419.628848 (m) - kewls@hotmail.com (e)

Victoria



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Rod ("Chirpa") Robson



Reunion Director
Pat Williams



Secretary
Ian Carew-reid



Committee
Robyn Walters



Dave DeBono
Committee



Mike Menner
Committee

Victoria Milestone Reunion: 11th October 2020

Save the date for our Centenary Milestone Reunion.

When: Sunday, 11 October 2020
Where: Pier Port Melbourne
1 Bay Street, Port Melbourne (cnr Beach Road)
Time: From 11.30am till late
RSVP: 15 August 2020
Parking: \$11 all day, nearby meters or free several blocks away

Amidst the uncertainty of COVID-19, I've left our Sun 11 OCT reunion lunch at Pier Port Melbourne booking intact for now. It would be great if you could keep the date open though, in case number restrictions are lifted so we get as many as possible for what will be our final gathering for VIC Chapter in the Red Tail journey.

More so though, with the postponement of Longreach to Anzac Day 2021 weekend and with now more notice, please re-consider going if you hadn't booked for May 2020. I'm in touch with the Telstra Field Manager in LRE regularly; he had told me how the town were so thrilled about our impending arrival after watching the new-look hangar at the Founders Museum take shape. They're very much looking forward to welcoming us in April or whenever we get there and be part of our celebration with the incredible line-up of activities meticulously planned.

So yes...please SAVE the DATES, SUN 11OCT 20 & week leading to SAT 24 APR 21 weekend. Meanwhile, please stay CV-safe and **Keep the Spirit Alive!**

Pat Williams – Reunion Director – Victoria – Mo: 04321 PAT00



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Queensland



Patron
Phil Thow



Reunion Director
Peter Kinnane



Treasurer & Secretariat
Max Ellerman

With the ongoing restrictions associated with the coronavirus we have been forced to postpone our 2020 Reunion planned for 29 Aug at Queensland Museum.

For the same reason the Qantas Centenary Exhibition which was to be held at the Museum from June to September 2020 has also been postponed.

As soon as we have a new date for the Exhibition we will start planning the 2020 Queensland Reunion. Look forward to seeing as many as possible later in 2020.

Peter Kinnane and Max Ellerman

Far North Queensland



Patron
Phil Thow



Reunion Director
Frances Mellick



Committee
Val Dudley



Committee
Geoff Jensen

FNQ Milestone Reunion: Planned for August 2021

Where: Pullman Reef Casino Resort

When: August 2021

You should all be aware our FNQ Reunion scheduled for Saturday 1st August 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Our event will hopefully proceed in August 2021 and an update on plans will be advised next year.

Stay well - Frances Mellick



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Western Australia



Patron
Dick Chandler



Reunion Director
Chris Shearwood



Secretary
Robbie Murray



Database Administrator
Juanita Pillay



Committee
Tony Mc Grath



Treasurer
Val Jolley

Western Australia Milestone Reunion: 20th November 2020

When: Friday, 20 November 2020
Where: Mount Lawley GOLF Club
1 Walter Road West, Inglewood WA 6052
Time: 6.00pm – onwards

RED TAIL NEWS FROM THE WEST

Would anyone in their wildest imagination have thought just five months ago that QANTAS' 100th milestone year would become the Pandora's box that it has. A year that promised so much for the worldwide Red Tail family in terms of ongoing celebration and "catch ups" with friends and former colleagues, for most, has turned into a damp squid.....and a veritable nightmare for those of us trying to arrange meetings and functions as part of this.

Our disruption, however, pales into insignificance when thinking about the current virtual closure and future of QANTAS itself, and the Australian tourism industry so many of us helped to build. It is hard for us to imagine the worries and stresses placed on existing staff and their families with the obvious uncertainty of whether there is going to be a job and a future career for them. My Red Tail Chapter Team and I wish these folk all the very best and pray they are blessed with a favourable outcome.

Whilst our W.A. Chapter planning has been affected less than most, progress towards finalizing arrangements for our Milestone Event on 20th November has temporarily come to a grinding halt since March because of the need for self-isolation and venue closure. However, with our State Government's upcoming retraction of some of the Covid-19 laws we are hopeful of starting the

wheels turning again quite soon. Accordingly, we should be able to advise you more detail and costs by early July. In the meantime do please diarise the evening of Friday, 20th November as being our Milestone celebration date.

As mentioned in my last News from the West, we are planning to have a small QF museum at our Milestone Event called "Val's Corner". If anyone would like to contribute memorabilia including old uniforms for the night, kindly advise me; any items loaned to us will be tended to with loving care.

To all of our fraternity everywhere, the Red Tail Chapter W.A. hopes that you and your families all remain safe and healthy so that you can finally enjoy the celebrations and belated celebrations that we are so looking forward to.

Until next time. **Chris Shearwood - Reunion Director, Red Tail Chapter W.A.**

South Australia



Patron
John Ward



Reunion Director
Carl Frier



Secretary
Bronte Sterk



Treasurer
Mark Seymour-Walsh



Committee
John Auld



Committee
Robyn Holgar



Committee
Eva Pargeter

South Australia Milestone Reunion: 28 November 2020

While we continue to consider holding our event in November, we will review our options in July once we are clearer on the SA Government's advice on Social Gatherings and how that impacts on venues in Adelaide.

When: Saturday, 28 November 2020
Where: Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club
Time: 4pm - onwards

If anyone would like to assist the South Australian committee in planning our activities over the Centenary year, please contact Bronte Sterk on bsterk@bigpond.net.au

Carl Frier – Reunion Director – South Australia



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Freight



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Committee - QLD
Noel Cooney



Committee - WA
Bryan Yeo



Committee - VIC
John Barbieri



Hello Friends

We hope that all of you and your families are safe from this terrible virus, it certainly has been very different with all of the lockdowns, so nothing much has happened with reunions.

Longreach

Now that Longreach has now been postponed until April 2021, please make sure you either keep your booking or make plans to book, as we would love to see as many Freight people there as we can.

Sydney Grand Milestone Event

We are still awaiting a decision on the Sydney event, so stayed tuned for any updates on this grand event. As a reminder the planned date is Saturday November 7, 2020 at the Qantas campus at Mascot. I certainly hope you can all attend and this event will be massive.

Local Chapter Updates

Sydney

The Historical Rocks Walk in Sydney in March had only a few members attend due to the start of the lockdown, but those who did attend had a great time. We did decide that we will hold another Historical Walk in late February 2021, so stay tuned for the notice.

Victoria

John was planning a reunion for November this year and is still unsure if that will go ahead, if not, he will arrange one for mid-February 2021.

Queensland

Noel has advised that no functions are planned for the near future, but if this changes we will advise you immediately.

West Australia

Bryan was planning a function just prior to the lockdown but unfortunately that had to be cancelled. There is also a November function planned, so stayed tuned for updates on that event.

Please keep an eye out for celebrations in your local States

Please feel free to join in and if you know anyone who may be interested please spread the word, as from time to time we will be sending out names of people we are trying to contact.

Stay safe as we look forward to catching up with everyone in 2021.

You can follow the Freight Chapter on the web site www.redtailroadto100.com, or Facebook sites;

- Red Tail Road to 100 – Freight Chapter,
- QF Freight and Friends, and,
- Qantas Staff Past and Present.

Laurie Willoughby – Reunion Director – Freight - 0419 204 670

New South Wales



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

Sydney Grand Milestone Event: Saturday 07th November 2020

As mentioned in the main section of this Newsletter, we are monitoring the situation on large social gathering. We will review the Government's advice and consult with Qantas on the available options. We expect to have more clarity around July, and will send out a Newsletter advising our decision to proceed or postpone.

Date: Saturday, 7 November 2020
Venue: Qantas Campus – Sir Hudson Fysh Street
Time: 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Your Sydney Committee, Judy Rose, David Thompson, Ian Robinson

Tasmania



Patron
Allan Williams

Reunion Director
Stephen King

Secretary
Sue Leake

Tasmanian Milestone Reunion – Museum of Old and New Art

16 October 2020

As we go to print, we believe all Tasmanian members are safe and well and have avoided compulsory isolation from Covid-19. This is great news.

Due to the hospitality industry shutdown we have been unable to firm up details of our Red Tail Event to be held 16 October. We are considering MONA and the New Crown Plaza Hotel .

This establishment's grand opening has been put on hold but is expected to be opened within months. They will have a great roof top venue. Details will be advised as soon as possible.

When: Friday, 16 October 2020
Where: Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)
Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Longreach 2021

Our numbers were small for attending the Longreach celebration so hopefully with international travel still a long way from recommencing, more Tassie members might look at coming along with myself and Steve Farquar next year.

News of a possible charter flight ex Melbourne should make it easier and hopefully cheaper. Look out for new packages in September.

Vale John Darling

We receive news recently that John Darling had passed away earlier in the year in Canberra. John was a passionate airline man and commenced work with TAA at Hobart Airport and moved into Sales. He held positions in Launceston and was Retail Manager of the Qantas Retail Centre prior to retirement. He enjoyed cruising and playing the stock market. John is survived by wife Zara and his two daughters. Members please let me or any of the committee know of anyone who may not be in good health or if you think a call from one of us would be appreciated.



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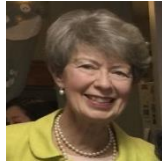
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Hostess Newsletter 30 May 2020

From the President

Greetings from the ladies of Qantas Flight Hostess Club. Hope this finds all our chapter members and families fighting fit and have managed to stay ahead of this horrible virus.

We managed to hold a well attended Zoom Committee Meeting on 28 May and going through our agenda we managed to interact for ninety minutes!!

Perhaps like our Committee ladies - life still goes on - and we have put in place some tentative dates, especially our AGM, traditionally held in Sydney first Monday in September. We hopefully will be able to go ahead as we wanted to make it a special evening for our Qantas 100 years.

The matter of our 50th Birthday Book being reproduced caused some great discussion and enthusiasm. We are certainly interested to see it reprinted hopefully with the great assistance of Maha Dunne.

The level of interest from our members for the postponed trip to *Longreach* in 2021 remains high.

Continued best wishes to all Chapters.

Annie Oeding

Snippets from the 'girls' during COVID-19

All well here in Nambucca. I'm archiving and throwing out lots of stuff from my trips over the last 20 years or so as a tour guide making it easy for when the family inherit it all. Tidying up the sewing box, cupboard and gardening. Every day gives me a new project.

Dorothy (Bell) Harris

No such thing as getting bored - still not getting everything done I would like to so could have 48 hours in every day.

We only go to Orange (our nearest town) once a week for groceries and /or go to PO to pick up parcels (mainly wine 😊😊) as we can't get deliveries where we are on Mt. Canobolas (which is a bugger but it is what it is) so no probs social distancing as live on 32 acres bordering on 3 sides Forest (State Conservation area)

Marjoke (De Kousemaeker) Taylor

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The Americas



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The Americas Milestone Reunion: Los Angeles, TBA

Tales from the Red Tail Road to 100, The Americas

We have been under lockdown for most of the second quarter of 2020 due to the spread of COVID 19 virus. Most of the Red Tail members are in the high-risk age group for this pandemic.

As far as I know, most of our members are safe and well. However, Lorraine (Lolly) Bagwell, a Red Tail member from New York passed away from COVID 19 on April 13 and was cremated on May 02, 2020. Due to the lock-down, any services will have to be after the restrictions are lifted. So sad. She worked for the Company in New York for almost 40 years and will be dearly missed. RIP.

We had to postpone our April 18, 2020 Reunion at LAX and hope to hold it during this year or early 2021 depending on how soon the current governmental restrictions are lifted and airlines are flying again. There is no fun having a party wearing mask and maintaining a separation of 6 feet.

The spread of the COVID 19 virus appears to be slowing down and there were strong signs that in early June the beaches, restaurants, shopping malls will start reopening and life will begin to get back to a "new normal". However, for the past 2 weeks we are having protests, peaceful protest but also riots and looting in most major cities in the USA and we also have curfews in some major cities.

About 40 million Americans are without jobs and those who are still employed are working reduced hours and mostly working from home. Service industries including airlines, hotels, rental cars, amusement parks and the airports are mostly shuttered.

I am optimistic that we shall rise again and hope soon. Take care and stay safe

Jim Prasad - Reunion Director – The Americas



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