



Current Red Tail Membership stands at: 2,505

A Message from the Foundation Committee

Welcome to our Q1/2020 National Newsletter – the first edition in our Centenary year.

Since our last Newsletter in December, The Foundation Committee and all our Chapters have been busy working towards their respective Milestone Celebrations around Australia, the USA and Africa. Other regions are also considering having reunions of their own and we will keep you updated as information becomes available. This Newsletter outlines those celebrations that have been firmed-up and also has information on those that are currently in their planning stage. We hope this allows you to “save the dates” of those you are interested in attending.

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A Message from our Worldwide Patron, John Hudson Fysh:



Yes, here we are in the Centenary Year of the founding of Q.A.N.T.A.S Ltd., one of the great iconic endeavours in the short history of The Commonwealth. Indeed, what I like to call 'Noble Endeavour' in which all of us have played some part. The story began before that meeting in Brisbane in November 1920 which saw the registration of Qantas as a Company. It was the cross-country drive by McGinness and Fysh through northern Australia surveying landing places for those in the great air-race from England to Australia in 1919. It was won by the Smith Brothers and crew whose centenary of the landing at Darwin occurred just last December. Who knows what thoughts were had by the Arrival Organiser Lt. H Fysh that led to Qantas as one of the world's great airlines.

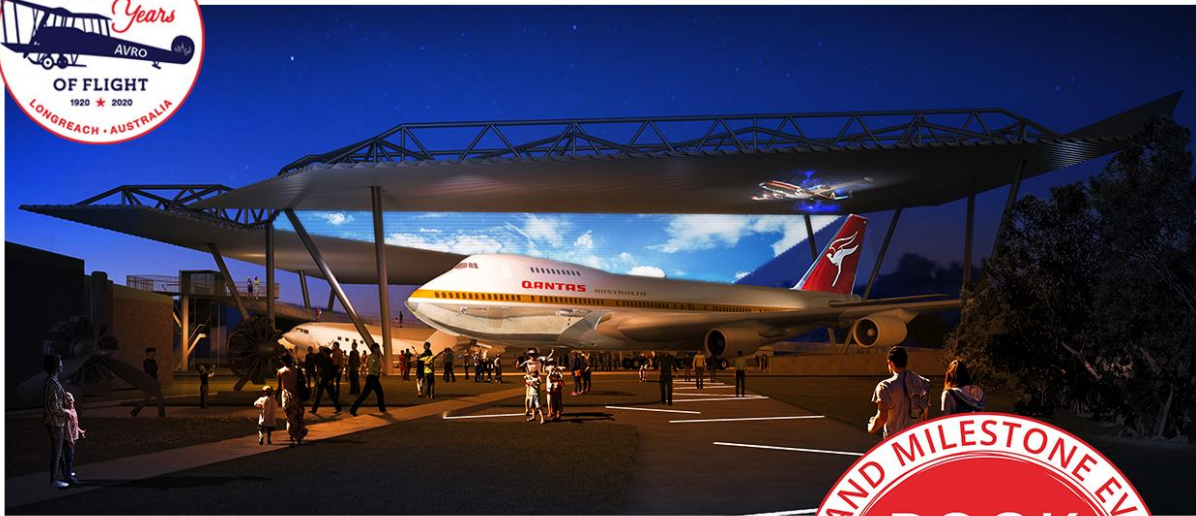
It is not just the founding that we all celebrate with much pride but the subsequent growth from the idea of McGinness and Fysh to major events along the way. The meeting with McMaster whose character, guidance and contacts played such an important part; the start of regular service linking the railheads of Charleville, Longreach and Cloncurry in 1922; the extension to Brisbane in 1930; the joining with Imperial Airways as Qantas Empire Airways to begin international service in 1934; and the move to Sydney in 1938. Leaving Longreach in 1930 the going of the popular people of Qantas was recorded as, QANTAS, PRIDE OF THE CENTRAL WEST.

By this time, the one word that could describe Qantas's reputation was 'Trust'. Two of the elements were Safety and Ethics. Hudson Fysh saw the full need for public confidence in the new era of air travel. This was ingrained in pilots and Arthur Baird's Engineers. Captain WH 'Bill' Crowther told me of the time flying a DH86 across Queensland he turned back when faced with a dust storm. The dust storm turned out to be very minor but the delay to the service disrupted aircraft schedules to a major extent. On arrival at Brisbane he was asked to report next day to the Managing Director. This he did expecting having to explain his assessment of the dust storm. Instead, at Head Office, in front of other seniors he was commended for putting the safety of passengers and crew first, as he did. Such was the importance of Qantas's reputation.

There was too a moral side to the MD which was displayed on his booklet to senior staff soon after the move to the big-time in Sydney. It was titled ETHICS AND OTHER THINGS. The booklet read now is a little outdated but it indicates and guides in the expectation as to an honourable way to conduct our business.

I have provided this little background as we all can celebrate the achievement of such national importance. We can all be proud, and of those who have gone before us.

John Hudson Fysh, Worldwide Patron



1. Longreach Grand Milestone Event

8 May to 11 May 2020

Ex Brisbane from \$790 per person twin share

Ex Sydney from \$917 per person twin share

[Details Available Now](#)

[Click here](#) to view packages

Final Boarding Call - March 31. Don't miss out!

We would like to remind everyone that we have obligations to Qantas and our suppliers for the number of seats and rooms we have blocked-off. Our deadline has been extended until 31 March. It is therefore important for you to ensure that your registration (interest in attending) is received as early as possible.

We want to provide our members with the best opportunity to attend. 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 Outback Aussie Tours. We have 5 packages available but for those who would like to customise their itinerary, please advise the team at OAT and they will do all possible to accommodate your request.

Packages:

Package 1A: 5 Day/4 Night Fly Rail Package ex Brisbane – Dep. Thu 7 May **(CLOSED)**

Package 1B: 5 Day/4 Night Fly Rail Package ex Brisbane – Dep. Fri 8 May **(OPEN)**

Package 2: 2 Day/1 Night Fly Package Longreach & Winton Dep. Sat 9 May SYD or BNE **(OPEN)**

Package 3: 2 Day/1 Night Fly Package Longreach Dep. Sat 9 May SYD or BNE **(OPEN)**

Package 4: 3 Day Event Activities Package (Land only): ex. Longreach Fri 08 May **(OPEN)**

Package 5: 4 Day/3 Night Coach/Fly - Charleville, Longreach and Winton ex BNE Thu 7 May **(OPEN)**

Click on each package above to find out more or [click here](#) to view all packages

**Customised Itineraries also available on request.*

***The dress code for the weekend will be "Country Casual".**

Baggage Allowance on 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 10kgs per passenger.

2. Travel Insurance

For those travelling to Longreach and wishing to take out travel insurance, remember Boomers Travel Insurance offers Red Tail members special rates with no age limit. Here is what Ian Jackson from Boomer's has to say:

Travel insurance isn't just for overseas travel. Things can go wrong when you're travelling in Australia too. With the Boomers Travel Insurance Domestic Plan, we offer cover if something unexpected happens (like you suddenly get very sick) and you need to rearrange or cancel your trip.

When you choose our Domestic Plan, you are also covered for:

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- Rental car insurance excess
- Travel delay
- Additional travel and accommodation expenses
- Theft of cash
- Personal Liability expenses

And Boomers Travel Insurance has **no age limit**. No matter how old you are, you can apply for cover. You will however need to declare all existing medical conditions, be approved for cover for those conditions and pay any incremental premium that may be incurred.

Exclusive Red Tail Discount

Boomers has been a Red Tail partner since 2017 and members can enjoy an 8% discount off your travel insurance premium. For your exclusive Red Tail discount, **use promo code 'QF2020'** if purchasing your policy online or mention the code if speaking with one of the Boomers professional customer service team. This cover has limits and exclusions, so please refer to the [Product Disclosure Statement](#) for full details.

[Click here](#) to access Boomers Insurance site.

3. Red Tail National Committee Meeting – 12 February 2020

Each year the Committees from around Australia meet in Sydney to share experiences and exchange ideas, and some of these are incorporated into our event programs for the year. The image below shows the committees hard at work during our February 12 meeting at the Hotel Harry shortly before the NSW Grand Milestone Reunion.



L to R: Chris Kewley, Peter Clark, Rafael Toda, Terry Teramoto, David Thompson, Ian Robinson, Jim Eames, David Fisher, Brian Wild, Judy Rose, Max Ellerman, Annie Oeding, Bev Cohen, Robin Butlin, Max Hill

4. NSW Milestone Reunion - Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Our first event for 2020 was held at the Hotel Harry in Surry Hills on the 12th of February. It commenced at 12.30pm and we had a record attendance of approx. 75 pax. Sponsors Qudos Bank were also there to help us celebrate the start of our Centenary Celebrations.



Refer to NSW Chapter Newsletter for more photos from this Milestone Reunion.

5. Save the Dates: Milestone Reunions around the Network in 2020:

Here are our planned Milestone Reunions for this year, Make sure you save the dates for those events you wish to attend.

Chapter	Date	Venue	Time
Freight	21 March	Harbour View Hotel, The Rocks Sydney	1200 - Onwards
JCT	25 March	Hotel Steyne, The Corso at Manly	1200 - Onwards
The Americas	18 April	Proud Bird, Los Angeles	1100 - 1500
FN Queensland	1 August	Pullman Reef Resort Casino	1600 – 2100 After-party 2100 – 0300+1
Queensland	29 August	Queensland Museum	1500 - 2000
ACT	27 September	Sebel Hotel	1500 – Till late
Victoria	11 October	Pier Port Melbourne	1130 – Till Late
Tasmania	16 October	Museum of Old and New Art	1730 - 2030
World-wide	7 November	Grand Milestone Event – Qantas Campus Mascot - Sydney	1200 - 1600
Western Australia	20 November	Mount Lawley Golf Club	1800 – Till late
South Australia	28 November	Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club	1600 – Till late

6. Qantas Launches New Safety Video & Announces Centenary Exhibition

The Qantas Centenary celebrations are well on their way and to mark the milestone, Qantas released their latest Safety Video. The production of this film takes into account the airline's 100 year history and cleverly integrates it into the safety message for each aircraft type. Music background of I Still Call Australia Home, supported by James Morrison on trumpet. The production of the video took 12 months and it has captured every detail of each of the decades from the 20's right through to 2020.

Red Tail Road to 100 Foundation Committee Members Rafael Toda and Max Hill were amongst those invited to the event which included current staff, the media, Qantas Frequent Flyers, musician James Morrison and Alistair Fysh, grandson of Qantas founder Sir Hudson and son of former Qantas Executive and Red Tail Worldwide Patron John Fysh.

Centenary Exhibition: Qantas Centenary – 100 Years of the Spirit of Australia

As part of the launch, Alan Joyce also announced the next phase the Centenary Celebrations which will include a touring national Exhibition. Red Tail Road to 100 members will be able to participate in these activities when the tour visits your state. The main exhibition will visit Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth while a series of smaller exhibits will visit all other states. Final details still to come.

Travel Monitor reports - A fully immersive exhibition showcasing the past, present and future of Qantas will tour four capital cities from this June. First announced last year, Qantas revealed the exhibition titled Qantas Centenary – 100 Years of the Spirit of Australia will start in the same state as the national carrier – opening on 27 June at Brisbane's Queensland Museum until 16 November 2020, the date of the 100-year anniversary.

The touring exhibition will be at the State Library of NSW in Sydney from December 2020 to April 2021, at Scienceworks Museum in Melbourne from June to August 2021 before its final display in Perth in December 2021 to February 2022.

The all-ages exhibition brings to life the story of Qantas through previously unseen artefacts, life-sized replicas and interactive installations. Visitors will also experience a behind-the-scenes look into Qantas's present-day operations and a sneak preview of the future of aviation, all with free entry.

The design of the exhibition has been crafted around six themes – Origins, Wings to the World, Social Spirit, Challenges, Innovation and People of Qantas – and retells the biggest stories in the history of the airline through multimedia displays.

Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said the exhibition would celebrate the contribution of the national carrier and its people to the nation itself.

"The story of Qantas is the story of modern Australia and the Centenary Exhibition will showcase the national carrier's history and role in Australia like never before," said Mr Joyce.

"For almost 100 years, Qantas has been taking Australians to the world and visitors will be able to quite literally walk through this journey and immerse themselves in a century of their national

carrier. Qantas is now, and has been for the past 100 years, at the global forefront of aviation. As much as this exhibition celebrates a century of Qantas history, it's also about the future of aviation. Just like Qantas itself, the exhibition will begin in Queensland before taking 100 years of the Spirit of Australia across Sydney, Melbourne and Perth," added Mr Joyce.

The exhibition has been developed over the past two years and created in conjunction with Freeman Ryan Design, a multi-disciplinary company specialising in design, innovation and creative direction for exhibitions.

Preview of exhibition highlights include:

- Scrapbooks of Fergus McMaster, Qantas co-founder.
- An interactive recreation of Qantas' current Integrated Operations Centre.
- A futuristic aircraft seat made entirely of wool in collaboration with Woolmark and Qantas designer David Caon.
- A replica 747 First Class Lounge from the 1970s.
- A look at the effects of long-haul flight via an immersive interactive experience.

Venues and Dates:

- Queensland – Brisbane – Queensland Museum – 27 June 2020 to 16 November 2020
- New South Wales – Sydney – State Library of NSW – December 2020 – April 2021
- Victoria – Melbourne – Scienceworks Museum – June 2021 – August 2021
- Western Australia – Perth – TBA – December 2021 – February 2022







Qantas Founders Museum Media Release

26 February 2020

MUSEUM PLAYS PART IN QANTAS SAFETY VIDEO

Qantas Founders Museum is proud to feature in the new Qantas Airways safety video which was released by the airline today.

The video, which was filmed in part at Qantas Founders Museum in August 2019, includes footage of the Museum's Avro 504K replica aircraft, 1919 Model T Ford and 1922 National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar.

Qantas Founders Museum CEO Tony Martin said it was honour for the Museum and its artefacts to be included in the safety video especially as the airline celebrates its centenary in November 2020.

"Our Museum is dedicated to telling the story of Qantas from its early days in Outback Queensland to the present day and we are delighted that Qantas has paid homage to its founding years in the Central Western Queensland region in its new safety video.

"It was a great experience to be a part of the filming of this video and we are thrilled that millions of Qantas passengers will not only learn about the extraordinary history of Qantas and its people but also about our Museum and see some of our many precious artefacts."

Filming for the Qantas Founders Museum segment was completed in one day in front of the Museum's 1922 National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar.

Qantas Founders Museum worked with the production team to create the 1920s scene in the film.

Part of the preparation for the film shoot required moving three of the Museum's replica aircraft, including the Avro 504K which was moved carefully from the Museum's Main Exhibition Hall, airside to the Longreach airport and positioned in front of the Qantas Hangar before returning it to the Museum after the shoot.

ABOUT QANTAS FOUNDERS MUSEUM

*Qantas Founders Museum is a not for profit organisation which is independent of, but has a very close relationship with Qantas, and tells the story of Australia's national airline, Qantas Airways, and how it began in Western Queensland in 1920. The museum, which has an annual visitation of 47,000 people, holds a variety of exhibits, interactive displays, artefacts and aircraft including an original Qantas Boeing 747-238, Qantas' first Boeing 707-138, a DC3, a Super Constellation and a Catalina flying boat together with replicas of early-era aircraft. To donate to the Museum and its projects, go to: <https://qfom.com.au/donate-to-our-museum/> and follow the links or contact the museum by phone on: 07 4658 3737 or email: info@qfom.com.au. **Media Contact:** Nicole Kuttner - email nkuttner@qfom.com.au or call 07 4658 3737 or 0428583787.*

7. Qantas Founders Museum – Major Stage of Airpark Roof Covered

Many of you will be interested to hear of the progress being made at Longreach with the new undercover facility to house the 707 and 747 at the Airpark. Here is the latest update courtesy of the Founders Museum. We are pleased to say that work will be completed in time for our Longreach Milestone Event (May 8 – 11).



Qantas Founders Museum Airpark Roof with Aramax Roof Sheeting complete. Photo taken February 2020.

Qantas Founders Museum’s iconic Boeing 707 and Boeing 747 aircraft are now under cover, with the last of the Airpark Roof Project’s Aramax Sheeting installed.

Work began on the Aramax Roof installation in November 2019 with the teams securing the sheeting working through and managing under tough conditions including Summer heat, high winds, bugs, sand flies and more.

All the Roof work including lifting and positioning the structural steel, the Roof sheeting and the groundworks have been carefully undertaken around the Boeing 707 and Boeing 747, as they are firmly secured to their substantial foundations within the Airpark footprint.

Museum CEO Tony Martin said the benefits of the Airpark Roof cover were already evident.

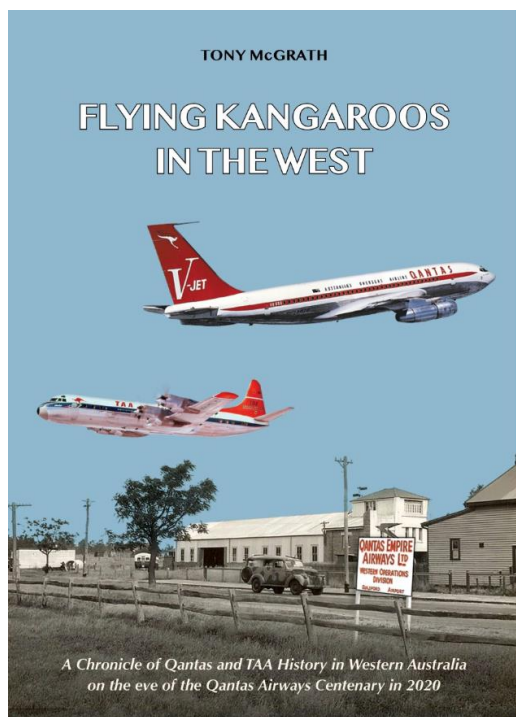
“This is a major stage of the project and to see it completed is very exciting as we are one step closer to officially opening this incredible facility,” Mr Martin said.

“With two of our largest iconic aircraft now covered, we can already see the difference the roof will make in the ongoing preservation of these aircraft, the visitor experience on guided tours during the day and the Light & Sound show and evening functions at night.”

“With completion of the Roof and Light & Sound show, all coming to fruition during the Qantas Centenary Year celebrations, we expect to see a significant and sustained increase in the number of museum visitors and that this will also encourage visitors to stay longer in the Central West region which has so many attractions to offer.”

[Click here](#) to read more:

8. New Book on Qantas in the West - Available on our QF2020 Online Store



Author and former Qantas colleague Tony McGrath has penned his latest book "Flying Kangaroos in the West" which focuses on Qantas' and TAA/Australian Airlines' history in WA from the 1930s-40s.

The book is all about the history of Qantas and TAA in Western Australia since the 1930s-40s with lots of interesting stuff, all relevant to WA Red Tailers! Here is what Tony has to say in the Introduction and Acknowledgements

There are not one, but two 'Flying Kangaroos', and on the eve of the centenary of our iconic Australian airline, Qantas, it's a good opportunity to reflect on the engagement that two of our major airlines have had in Western Australia – Qantas Airways and Trans-Australia Airlines (later, 'Australian Airlines'). Other volumes have been written about their rich and compelling histories and this book doesn't seek to

demonstrating its bravery operating evacuation flights from Java to Broome, to the tragic wartime cost of aircraft, passengers and crew; its fortitude operating the non-stop 'Double Sunrise' flights between the Swan River and Ceylon; its resilience, despite losing almost its entire fleet to the wartime conflict, in becoming a successful, respected, world-class airline. Moreover, it has continually demonstrated its commitment to Australians in times of crisis. TAA has demonstrated its strength, determination and resilience in establishing itself so quickly and diligently in 1946; bringing choice and competition to the domestic airline market; challenging government policy and entering the difficult intra-WA market, and overcoming some difficult impediments during its forty-six-year history.

Order your copy now: For more information on Tony McGrath's book, *Flying Kangaroos in the West*, [click here](#) and view sample pages and buy online. Just type **"red tail"** in the 'Review and Submit Order' step of your online order, and part proceeds will be donated to the WA Red Tail Chapter Centenary Event.

9. Qudos Bank

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Be Scam Aware

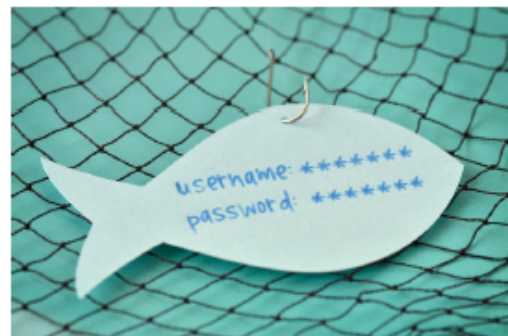
Written by Qudos Bank

It's estimated that scams cost Australian consumers* at least half a billion dollars each year, although the total could be significantly higher as many scams aren't reported.

1. Phishing

One of the oldest types of cyberattacks, phishing (pronounced 'fishing') dates back to the 1990s and is still one of the most widespread online scams.

Why the name? Online scammers throw out a baited hook in the form of a fake email or SMS and hope to catch an unsuspecting victim. Most phishing attacks aim to either get the victim to hand over sensitive information such as log-in details to their online bank account, or to open a link or attachment which will download malware to the victim's computer.



Whatever the objective is, the method used is usually the same - an email / SMS that seems to be from a trusted organisation asking the recipient to take action. Often these emails look indistinguishable from legitimate communications, which can make them difficult to detect.

How to prevent yourself falling victim:

- Know that organisations such as Qudos Bank or the Australia Taxation Office will never ask for you to click a link and provide personal information.
- Don't open suspicious emails – delete them. If you're unsure, call them on the phone number provided on their official website to verify legitimacy.
- Always check the email address of emails you receive. If they don't match the usual website address of that organisation, it's likely they're fake.
- Read all emails carefully. Phishing emails are often sent by people who don't speak English as their first language. Spelling mistakes or unusual grammar can be giveaways that the email isn't legitimate.

2. Remote Access Scams

Remote access scams try to convince you that you have a computer or internet problem and that you need to buy or install new software to fix the problem.

The scammer will call you, pretending to be a staff member from a large software or telecommunication company, and tell you that your computer has been sending error messages or has a virus. After highlighting the fake issue, the scammer will then request remote access to your computer to 'find out what the problem is.' They may then try to talk you into buying unnecessary software or a service to 'fix' the computer, or they may ask you for your personal details and to check your online banking or credit card details.

How to prevent yourself falling victim:

- Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer.
- Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.
- Immediately hang up if you receive a phone call about your computer and remote access is requested, even if they mention a reputable company like Microsoft or Telstra.

3. Identity Theft / Takeover

Identity theft scams happen when criminals hijack a person's identity to apply for a credit card, obtain a loan or do anything else they aren't authorised to do.

The most common way identity theft occurs is that a scammer gains access to private information, such as utility bills or healthcare records, through an unlocked mailbox. These details are then used to impersonate the victim.

It can be difficult to know that you have been a victim of identity theft until some time has passed after the initial crime. However, indicators to watch for include items appearing on your bank or credit card statements that you don't recognise, refusal of a financial service despite having a good credit history, or receiving letters from solicitors or debt collectors for debts that you didn't incur.

How to prevent yourself falling victim:

- Minimise the risk of mail theft by securing your mailbox (e.g. with a padlock).
- Cancel unused bank/utility/phone accounts.
- Securely dispose of any documents that may contain personal details (such as bank and credit card statements, bills, etc).
- Obtain a copy of your personal credit file[^] to make sure there is no unusual activity. You can request this once a year from credit reporting agencies such as Equifax for free.
- Promptly report to the police any loss or theft of personal documents and contact all merchants that may have sold goods to the fraudster.
- Limit social media exposure - check your privacy settings and think twice about what you share publicly.

4. Dating and Romance Scams

Scammers often take advantage of people looking for romantic partners and it is often through dating websites, apps or social media platforms by pretending to be prospective companions. They play on emotional triggers to get you to provide money, gifts or personal details.

Imposters typically create fake online profiles designed to lure you in. They will use a fictional name, or falsely take the identity of another individual in order to establish frequent interactions with you to obtain their desired outcome. Some will go to the lengths to gain your interest and trust by showering you with constant words of affection. Often the scammer will pretend they need the money for some sort of personal emergency, and they will attempt to express so much gratitude to obtain funds.

How to prevent yourself from falling victim:

- Never send money to someone you haven't met in person
- Be alert to things like spelling and grammar mistakes
- Be cautious of inconsistencies in their stories
- Never send money or give personal or banking details to anyone you don't know
- Do not agree to transfer money for someone else. This is considered to be a criminal offence and money laundering

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What to do if you have fallen victim to a scam

Reporting scams is important as it allows us to investigate and minimise the chance of others being affected.

If you believe your security has been compromised, contact us immediately on 1300 747 747. Learn more about how Qudos Bank protects you at qudosbank.com.au/security

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*[acc.gov.au](https://www.accc.gov.au)

^<https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/credit-reporting/access-your-credit-report/>

10. Your Qantas Family Over Our 100 Years

This quarter we present the family story of Helen Hines nee Fraser.

- **Family History at Qantas:** Myself, my Husband, my son, my daughter and my grandson
- **Generations in Qantas** = shortly to be 3
- **Collective Years of Service by your family** = 75
- **Memorable Moment:** The Hines family Qantas story

As Helen Fraser, I started work in the Hunter Street head office of Qantas in December 1962 as secretary to Robert Royle and our job was to investigate passengers' complaints by requesting reports from any department involved in each complaint and then replying to the passenger. Around a year or so after that I was moved on to be secretary to John Ford, Deputy Chief Press and Information Officer where I remained for a number of years before taking over as secretary to John Ulm, Chief Press and Information Officer. Our department was a very busy one with our journalists – one of whom was the recently deceased John Fordham -- liaising with news journalists all over the world wherever and whenever there was a story relating to Qantas.

In December of 1967 I was lucky enough to be asked to be an escort for one of the many groups of children travelling between their boarding schools in the UK to spend Christmas with their parents who were stationed in the military in either Hong Kong or Singapore. It was indeed a pleasure to be flown first class to London, spend two free days there then pick up my group of 30 children at Heathrow Airport and escort them down to Singapore, making sure they behaved on the aircraft and delivering them safely to their parents.

I then got to spend two free days in Singapore with the cabin crew off the flight – one of whom was a young junior steward, John Hines who had joined Qantas in 1966. We arrived home from Singapore on Christmas Day of 1967 and, to cut a long story short, John and I were married in August, 1968. It was only a few months after our marriage that John was hospitalised in a London isolation unit for three weeks having contracted a severe form of dysentery on a stop-over in Karachi. It was a worrying time – not much way of staying in touch with no internet in those days of course.

I stayed in my job until August 1971 only resigning as I was pregnant with our first child. Two incidents remain firmly fixed in my mind in the months before I left – firstly the infamous John Brown incident on May 26 when John Ulm was one of the first people to be informed of this extortion attempt. I clearly remember that it happened at lunch time when all our journalists were out at lunch. I happened to still be at my desk and Mr. Ulm instructed me to run next door to the Wentworth Hotel and locate any of our journalists who were having lunch there and ask them to return immediately to the office without telling them why. That day was a very long one with all of us working well into the night as the story unfolded. I recall I was put in a taxi and sent home around 11 p.m.

The second important date was August 16 when I was seconded to be at the airport for the exciting arrival of Qantas' first 747. What a wonderful occasion that was! It was amazing to be allowed to walk through this brand-new aircraft.

John flew for 32 years, retiring as a Flight Service Director in 1998. By that time our son Cameron, always a mad aviation enthusiast, had begun his Qantas career in 1995 and one of John's proudest moments before he retired was crewing an aircraft to Japan with Cameron as Second Officer.

John was also a proud father when our daughter Kirrily continued the Qantas tradition and enjoyed her 10 years as a Qantas domestic Flight Attendant from 2000 to 2010 only leaving when she had a child and she and her husband moved to New Zealand. Cameron tells amusing stories about how over the years he has been asked many times by both flight and cabin crew if he was John's son and subsequently if he was Kirrily's brother! Never just his own person!!

Unfortunately John passed away on April 7, 2008 from bladder cancer. Cameron is now a Captain on 737s, something we wish his father had lived to see.

And our Qantas story doesn't end there. Cameron's son Alexander has recently qualified for his Commercial Pilot's Licence and is currently studying for his Instructor Rating so that he can gain the necessary hours required to join an airline – hopefully Qantas of course!

Tell us all about your QF Family Tree: [Click here to get started.](#)

11. QANTAS SUNRISE PROJECT A350 TO BE “REAL DREAM MACHINE”

The Qantas A350, which will operate the airline's ultra-long-haul flights will indeed be a dream machine as well as a time machine taking passengers back to the roomy days when economy travel was pleasant.

One insider in Sydney told AirlineRatings.com that the A350 will be the most spacious commercial aircraft flying and a “real dream machine”

According to the insiders, the configuration of the A350 will be four classes and economy passengers will get about 34-inch (86.4cm) seat pitch, rather than the normal 31 inches (79cm). And the economy seats will be wider than those on the 787 and 747.

The Qantas A350 economy seats will be 18 inches (45.7cm) wide – almost an inch (2.54cm) wider than those on the 787.

It is understood that the passenger configuration of the A350 will be around 270 seats rather than the 300 touted in the original Sunrise Project specification.

The insiders tell AirlineRatings.com that First Class, Business Class and Premium Economy will all be “significantly” enhanced with more legroom in Premium Economy, closer to Air New Zealand's industry high 42 inches (106.7cm).

And the word is that the first 12 to be delivered from late 2021 will be just the start of a major buy from Airbus.

While the nonstop routes New York to Sydney and Sydney to London for the A350 get the all headlines the aircraft will be used from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to London as well as New York to Sydney and Melbourne.

Those services alone will require more A350s than Qantas has on order.

Following those routes, others such as Los Angeles to Perth non-stop will evolve. Insiders suggest a fleet of 30 A350s could be expected within 10 years.

It is also highly likely say insiders that the airline's 12 A380 will not last for another 10 years as stated by the airline being retired starting from 2025/6.

Qantas's A380s are currently undergoing an expensive refurbishment program with the first two in service.

Courtesy of  AirlineRatings

12. AIRLINE RATINGS SAFEST AIRLINES IN THE WORLD: QANTAS IS THE SAFEST AIRLINE FOR 2020



Qantas has been put at the top of the list of the safest airlines in the world for 2020 by AirlineRatings.com, the world's only safety, and product rating website.

In making its evaluation of the safest airlines in the world, AirlineRatings.com takes into account a comprehensive range of factors that include: audits from aviation's governing and industry bodies, government audits, airline's crash and serious incident record, profitability, industry-leading safety initiatives, and fleet age.

In selecting Qantas as the world's safest airline for 2020, AirlineRatings.com editors noted that over its 99-year history the world's oldest continuously operating airline has amassed a truly amazing record of firsts in operations and safety and is now accepted as the industry's most experienced airline.*

The Australian airline has been a leader in the development of Future Air Navigation System; the flight data recorder to monitor plane and later crew performance; automatic landings using Global Navigation Satellite System as well as precision approaches around mountains in the cloud using RNP.

Qantas was the lead airline with real-time monitoring of its engines across its fleet using satellite communications, which has enabled the airline to detect problems before they become a major safety issue.

The AirlineRatings.com Top Twenty safest airlines have always been at the forefront of safety innovation, launching new aircraft and they have become a byword for excellence. Qantas is at the top followed by these in numerical order:

Air New Zealand, EVA Air, Etihad, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Emirates, Alaska Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, Virgin Australia, Hawaiian Airlines, Virgin Atlantic Airlines, TAP Portugal, SAS, Royal Jordanian, Swiss, Finnair, Lufthansa, Aer Lingus, and KLM.

Courtesy of: 

Chapter Newsletters:

Junior Commercial Trainee



Patron
Bruce Baird



Reunion Director
Chris Kewley

JCT Milestone Reunion: Wednesday 25th March 2020

A reminder that the JCT Reunion lunch is planned for Wednesday 25 March 2020 at the Hotel Steyne on The Corso at Manly. At the moment we have over 160 acceptances and we are looking forward to a great Milestone Reunion!

When: Wednesday, 25 March 2020
Where: Hotel Steyne, The Corso @ Manly
Time: 12noon till late
RSVP: Now

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



Victoria



Patron
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

Chirpa and the VIC Committee are looking forward to seeing as many VIC Red-tailers attend as possible.. the more the merrier!!! We opted for a Sunday lunch this time and 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.

Pat Williams - Reunion Director Victoria



Queensland



Patron
Phil Thow



Reunion Director
Peter Kinnane



Treasurer & Secretariat
Max Ellerman

Queensland Milestone Reunion: Saturday 29th August 2020

The South Queensland chapter of Red Tail Road to 100 2020 reunion will be held at Queensland Museum South Bank Saturday 29 August 2020. Full details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Far North Queensland



Patron
Phil Thow



Reunion Director
Frances Mellick



Committee
Val Dudley



Committee
Geoff Jensen

FNQ Milestone Reunion: Saturday 1st August 2020

Where: Pullman Reef Casino Resort
When: Saturday, 1 August 2020
Time: From 6.00pm – 9pm
And then the After-party from 9.00pm onwards
Cost: \$60.00 per person. Partners welcome
RSVP: 3 July 2020

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

Remember to save the date and get ready for a great get together.

Longreach 8-10 May 2020 - If you are planning on travelling to Longreach in May for the Centenary celebrations, please register as soon as possible as numbers are limited. There are many Redtailers outside the capital cities travelling by road so come along and join up with the QF Nomads in Longreach. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

Frances Mellick on behalf of your FNQ Committee

New South Wales



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

NSW Milestone Reunion: Wednesday, 12th February 2020

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, a fun day was had by all when we celebrated our first Milestone Reunion for 2020 at the Hotel Harry in Surry Hills.





Sydney Grand Milestone Event: Saturday 07th November 2020

Our next NSW function will be the Grand Milestone Event at the Qantas Campus on November 7. Save the date and look out for updates coming soon. Registration will open in July and numbers limited to 600 guests.

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



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

2020 is already promising to be an exciting year for our Red Tail Chapter in W.A.

Well before the recognized birth of QANTAS on 16th November, 1920, much planning and work had already gone in to bringing about this iconic milestone achievement by the airline's founding fathers. Likewise, much planning and work is already underway by your committee in W.A. to celebrate the 100th birthday of our national carrier here in the West in November, 2020.

In particular, preparations are now already in place to host our milestone event at Mount Lawley Golf Club on Friday night, 20th November, 2020. Whilst format and costings are still to be finalized, I would ask that you diarize this date now as it is YOUR attendance that will make it a success.

We will warmly welcome Red Tail members and their partners from other interstate and overseas Chapters too. Perhaps your visit to our birthday party could be incorporated into a short or long term holiday in W.A. at the same time. We have so much to offer here and the weather is normally heavenly in November.



Prices for the evening will be realistic and once finalized will be advertised and reservations opened. Once this occurs, PLEASE DO NOT POSTPONE YOUR DECISION as we are expecting considerable support for this one off unique historic event and numbers are limited by venue regulations.

I have again, recently, been privileged to speak to descendants of QANTAS co-founder and national WW1 hero, P.J. McGuinness. They live in W.A. and their Grandfather lived for many years and died here. Hopefully, I will speak to them again soon about the possibility of them attending our November event. It would be so appropriate due to the historical context and W.A.'s virtual unheard of association with it.

In thinking about the enormous influence that W.A. has played in aviation and especially in the history of QANTAS and TAA, I thought it worthwhile commending to you, Tony McGrath's second recent publication, "Flying Kangaroos in the West". Whether one is a former QF or TN employee it really makes for terrific reading and some great pics as within his first book. It can be purchased from the Founders Museum. I wonder if there is still time for Tony to surpass Jim Eames number of great publications; we will see.

We are hoping to have a small QF museum at our major event called, "Val's Corner" If anyone would like to contribute memorabilia including old uniforms for the night, kindly advise me; any loaned will be tended to with loving care.

Our Committee of Robbie Murray, Ken Lyon, Val Jolley, Juanita Pillay, Wendy Philmore, Ian Gay, Tony McGrath, Bryan Yeo, Ken Lyons, Dick Chandler (Patron, W.A.) and me wish all Chapters around Australia and the world a very happy, healthy and successful Birthday New Year.

Until next time,

Chris Shearwood. Reunion Director, Red Tail Chapter W.A.

Australian Capital Territory



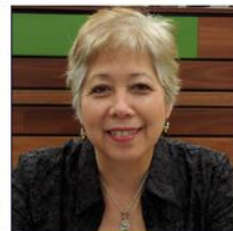
Patron
Charles Wade



Reunion Director
David Fisher



Treasurer
Dick Collard



Committee
Pat Williams (nee Esguerra)



Committee
Mike Torpy

ACT Milestone Reunion: September 2020

We are working with the Sebel Hotel, and as many will recall, it was our old Ticket Office, where we had some wonderful extravaganzas! Save the date:

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

David Fisher – Reunion Director

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

The South Australia committee is finalising the arrangements for the November event.

Think "***Fiesta Route***" - sunset by the beach in November. More to come in our next newsletter.

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

Bronte Sterk – Reunion Director – South Australia

Freight



Patron
Roger Parkes



Reunion Director
Laurie Willoughby



Committee - NSW
Terry Harper



Committee - QLD
Noel Cooney



Committee - WA
Bryan Yeo



Committee - VIC
John Barbieri



Freight Milestone Reunion - Historical Rocks Walk – 21 March 2020

Welcome to our latest Newsletter, with 2020 fast approaching the Red Tail Road to 100 committee has been working hard on organising various functions to celebrate the 100 years of Qantas.

Historical Rocks Walk

The Freight Chapter in Sydney will hold one of the famous Rocks Historical Walk on 21 March 2020.

When: Saturday, 21 March 2020
Where: Harbour View Hotel, The Rocks Sydney
Time: 12noon - onwards

Grand Milestone Event, Sydney Saturday 7th November 2020

Sydney Grand Milestone Event

If you cannot attend our Freight Reunion, make sure you have marked in your diaries Saturday November 7, 2020 for the Sydney Grand Milestone Event that will be held at the Qantas Campus at Mascot. I certainly hope you can all attend and this event will be massive.

We look forward to catching up with everyone in 2020. You can follow the Freight Chapter on the web site www.redtailroadto100.com, or Facebook, Red Tail Road to 100 – Freight Chapter

Laurie Willoughby, Reunion Director



The Americas



Patron
John Rowe



Reunion Director
Jim Prasad



Committee
Patrick Clark



Committee
NW USA & Canada
Skip Reichenberger



Committee
South America
Bill Duplak



Committee
Northern California
Carla Boy



Committee
Arizona & Nevada
Donna MacEachern



Committee
East Coast USA
Anne Fullford



Committee
Texas/Oklahoma/Louisiana
Maxine Cole Coday

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

We are pleased to inform you that plans for our 2020 Reunion Lunch are finalized and are as follows:

- Date:** SATURDAY, APR 18, 2020
- Where:** Proud Bird Restaurant, The Doolittle Room (2nd floor)
11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, United States
- Time:** 1100 to 1500
- Cost:** \$50.00 per person plus CASH BAR
- Fundraising Auction by Patrick Clark to support OZ fire victims*
- Music by Robert Harrison*

Please complete, detach and return bottom portion of this form with your check. (No credit card).

***Overseas members please email jimprasad@yahoo.com your meal choices and guest names and pay on the day of event.**

MEAL CHOICES AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAR 18, 2020.

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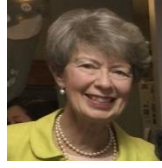
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50th Anniversary Book
Karen Hayward



Christine Chaseling and Ann Marie Jonas



Jessica Davies and Jeannie Manning



Jessie Bartos and Dr Prudence Black



Jo Rankin and Marj Howard

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annie Oeding
President

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Tasmania



Patron
Allan Williams

Reunion Director
Stephen King

Secretary
Sue Leake

Tasmanian Milestone Reunion – Museum of Old and New Art

16 October 2020

We are pleased to announce our reunion plans for Tasmania. We hope to see as many of our members join us on the 15th of October 2020.

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

