



Current Red Tail Membership stands at: 2,441

A Message from the Foundation Committee

Welcome to our Q4/2019 National Newsletter and a very happy 99th birthday to Qantas.

Since our last Newsletter in September, we have received an overwhelming amount of correspondence relating the forthcoming Centenary and the many celebrations that both the Foundation and Chapters are planning in 2020. We are also encouraged by the steady flow of bookings coming through for the Longreach event. We are keen to hear from those of you who intend to make the trip to Longreach but have not yet responded.

We look forward to seeing you at the many reunions around Australia and overseas in 2020 and we also wish you and your families a very merry and safe festive season.

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A Message from our Worldwide Patron, John Hudson Fysh:



November 16, 2019. Ninety-nine years.

How time has flown by as we approach the Centenary of the founding of Q.A.N.T.A.S Ltd that wonderful organisation and companionable society which grew out of those early efforts of my father, Paul McGinness, Fergus McMaster and Arthur Baird. The 'Originals' my father called them. It has all been what can be called 'A Noble Endeavour'. And, very Australian.

And how few of the world's airlines have been able to survive to match anywhere near that achievement as the oldest airline in the English-speaking world.

In another way I feel it demonstrates a time-honoured tradition, maintained by those who followed my father

and his two colleagues, that we would ensure the moment is not passed with making sure we take the opportunity to celebrate such a richly deserved achievement.

And I am sure my father would be proud that those plans have Longreach, where it all began, as their centrepiece with a whole range of ground and air packages from both Brisbane and Sydney to make it easy to be there. I know some of my own family and those of our original Chairman are also going to be there for on what will be a unique occasion in May. I encourage all of you who are able to make the journey.

My best wishes and memories to all, especially over this coming festive season.

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

Make sure you do not miss out!

UPDATE: Bookings for the Longreach event are progressing well. The train from Brisbane to Longreach is proving very popular and we expect it will sell out shortly. The return sector from Longreach to Brisbane, whilst popular, has more capacity. The Qantas Charters ex Sydney and Brisbane are also filling up well.

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. These deadlines become due in January. It is therefore important for you to ensure that your registration (interest in attending) is received as early as possible.

To assist us in better managing the bookings, we would appreciate if those of you who have not yet registered to please complete this quick 2 minute survey. Please [click here](#).

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 will operate on a first come – first served basis and sales will close once we've reached our allocation. 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:

- Luggage and personal effects
- 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. NSW Milestone Reunion confirmed - Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Red Tail Chapter Committees around Australia work hard to ensure your local Milestone Reunions remain relevant and memorable. We meet as a group via video conference every quarter to discuss the progress of each Chapter and to share ideas of how to improve on the last event. At the beginning of each year, we make it a point to have as many committee members from around Australia come to Sydney for a face-to-face meeting. We meet at the Harry Hotel in the city in the morning and follow it up with an invitation to all members to join us for lunch from 12.30pm to 3pm. Below are the details of our 2020 event. If you are in Sydney at this time, please consider joining us for lunch.

Details

When: Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Where: Hotel Harry
Level 1, 40 – 44 Wentworth Avenue, Surry Hills

Time: 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Cost: Food and Beverage on consumption at member's own expense

Transport: Easy access from Central or Museum Stations

RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#) no later than 01 February 2020.

Hotel Harry website: <https://hotelharry.com.au/>

4. Qantas Unveils Centenary Logo



On the day of their 99th birthday, Qantas signalled the commencement of their Centenary celebrations with the release of their 100th Anniversary Logo.

“The Qantas Centenary Logo has been designed in recognition of our 100th anniversary. It celebrates 100 years of our spirit for adventure, innovation and pioneering achievements.” *Qantas Public Affairs*

Look out for this new logo which will feature throughout 2020.

The Evolution of Qantas Logos

QANTAS LTD



Things looked quite different one hundred years ago. The airline's first name was briefly 'Western Queensland Auto Aero Services Limited', so this logo could just as easily have read WQAASL.

In 1930, Qantas' logo gained its wings, taking the airline through its early years in the lead up to becoming an international airline. In 1935, Qantas' first international flights departed for Singapore.

In 1944, Qantas added this emblem to its flights across the Indian Ocean. The design was based on the penny coin and was known as the Kangaroo Service.



When this logo was unveiled in 1947, the penny kangaroo was hopping the globe. It took passengers on the famous 'kangaroo route' and through the dawn of the jet age.



QANTAS

Qantas acquired this bold new look in 1968, when our Boeing 707s were flying our customers around the world in comfort and style, and the era of the jumbo jet was near.



QANTAS

While the logo lost its wings in 1984, the kangaroo was still flying further than ever, taking to the skies in the iconic red tail that reminds all Australians of home.



QANTAS

The flying kangaroo got a new spin in 2016 – a modern, streamlined look to symbolise a new era and a new generation of Qantas aircraft: the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The evolution of Qantas logos. Source: Qantas.

5. First Images of Qantas 100th Anniversary Livery - 787 Dreamliner



Qantas's 100th anniversary 787 has been rolled out of Boeing's paint shop in Seattle featuring logos from the airline's founding in outback Queensland in 1920 to its latest effort celebrating its centenary.

The 787, the 929th built and Qantas's 10th carries the registration VH-ZNJ. The Australian airline turns 99 in November and kicks off a range of initiatives as it heads towards its 100th anniversary in November 2020.

The 787 is named Longreach in honour of the Queensland town integral to its launch and features the "Qantas 100" imprint that will run across its 100th-anniversary celebrations. Longreach was also the name given to the Boeing 747-400s that helped open the world to Australian travellers.

The aircraft will undergo a series of delivery test flights in Seattle prior to its handover from Boeing next month. Before entering normal service, it will operate the second of Qantas' Project Sunrise research flights, flying non-stop from London to Sydney and replicating the journey of the first 747-400 delivery 30 years ago.

"The story of Qantas is the story of modern Australia, and the logos on this livery tell that story from the beginning," Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce said.

"Our Centenary celebrations are all about honouring our past with an eye on the future, so it's very fitting that this special livery will be worn by our newest state-of-the-art Dreamliner."

What started as Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services has evolved from delivering the mail in the outback to serving as the national carrier – from two passengers at a time to 50 million a year.

Article and image courtesy of Geoffrey Thomas - AirlineRatings www.airlineratings.com

6. Qantas to Operates “Project Sunrise” Research Flights – Direct New York and London to Australia



London – Sydney Route

QF7879 / QFA7879
Qantas (100th Anniversary Livery)

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| SCHEDULED 6:00 AM | | SCHEDULED 11:45 AM |
| ACTUAL 6:09 AM | | ESTIMATED 12:22 PM |



- Re-purposed 787-9 delivery flights scheduled for October, November and December
- On-board research to test ways of improving wellbeing on ultra long-haul flights
- Made possible by carrying 40 people to increase aircraft range

Qantas has announced three ultra long-haul research flights to gather new data about inflight passenger and crew health and wellbeing.

The flights form part of planning for Project Sunrise – Qantas’ goal to operate regular, non-stop commercial flights from the east coast of Australia (Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne) to London and New York.

The three flights over three months will use new Boeing 787-9s and re-route their planned delivery flights. Instead of flying empty from Seattle to Australia, the aircraft will simulate two Project Sunrise routes – London and New York to Sydney.

This will represent the world’s first flight by a commercial airline direct from New York to Sydney and only the second time a commercial airline has flown direct from London to Sydney.

Each flight will have a maximum of 40 people, including crew, in order to minimise weight and give the necessary fuel range. Carbon emissions from the flights will be fully offset.

The on-board research is being designed in partnership with Sydney University’s Charles Perkins Centre and Monash University in conjunction with CRC for Alertness, Safety and Productivity.

People in the cabin – mostly Qantas employees – will be fitted with wearable technology devices and take part in specific experiences at varying stages of the approximately 19 hour flights. Scientists and medical experts from the Charles Perkins Centre will monitor sleep patterns, food and beverage consumption, lighting, physical movement and inflight entertainment to assess impact on health, wellbeing and body clock.

Monash University researchers will work with pilots to record crew melatonin levels before, during and after the flights. Pilots will wear an EEG (electroencephalogram) device that tracks brain wave patterns and monitors alertness. The aim is to establish data to assist in building the optimum work and rest pattern for pilots operating long haul services.

Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said the flights will give medical experts the chance to do real-time research that will translate into health and wellbeing benefits.

“Ultra-long haul flying presents a lot of common sense questions about the comfort and wellbeing of passengers and crew. These flights are going to provide invaluable data to help answer them.

“For customers, the key will be minimising jet lag and creating an environment where they are looking forward to a restful, enjoyable flight. For crew, it’s about using scientific research to determine the best opportunities to promote alertness when they are on duty and maximise rest during their down time on these flights.

“Flying non-stop from the East Coast of Australia to London and New York is truly the final frontier in aviation, so we’re determined to do all the groundwork to get this right.

“No airline has done this kind of dedicated research before and we’ll be using the results to help shape the cabin design, inflight service and crew roster patterns for Project Sunrise. We’ll also be looking at how we can use it to improve our existing long-haul flights,” added Mr Joyce.



Qantas has already conducted data on passenger sleep strategies on its direct Perth–London service, and some of these initial findings will be assessed further as part of these dedicated research flights. Customer feedback on food choices, separate stretching and wellbeing zones and entertainment options will also be tested.

Findings on crew wellbeing data will be shared with the [Civil Aviation Safety Authority to help inform regulatory requirements associated with ultra-long haul flights](#).

Airbus and Boeing have both pitched aircraft (A350 and 777X) to Qantas that are capable of operating Project Sunrise flights with a viable commercial payload. A final decision on Project Sunrise – which depends on aircraft economics, regulatory approvals and industrial agreements – is expected by the end of December 2019.

Mr Joyce added: “There’s plenty of enthusiasm for Sunrise, but it’s not a foregone conclusion. This is ultimately a business decision and the economics have to stack up.”

A video about the ‘Project Sunrise’ research flights can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

Photos are available to view and download [here](#).

PROJECT SUNRISE RESEARCH FLIGHTS – KEY FACTS

- Non-stop flights from New York and London to Sydney will take around 19 hours each, subject to wind and weather conditions. The data will be used to inform all Sunrise flight planning, including from Brisbane and Melbourne.
- The aircraft will position from Boeing’s factory in Seattle, where they will be collected off the production line by Qantas pilots, and flown to their starting points of New York (for two of the flights) and London (for one flight). Cabins will be fully fitted out and otherwise ready to enter normal commercial service.
- The flights will take place in October, November and December, in-line with scheduled aircraft deliveries from Boeing.
- Flights will have up to 40 people (including crew) on board and a minimum of luggage and catering to extend the range of 787-9.
- Other than crew, those in the cabin will mostly be Qantas employees taking part in testing. No seats will be sold as these flights are for research purposes only.
- After the flights, each aircraft will enter regular service with Qantas International – with just a few extra miles on the clock.
- Qantas operates the largest airline carbon offset scheme in the world. This same program will be used to offset all the carbon emissions from these three flights.
- No commercial airline has ever flown direct from New York to Australia. Qantas has once flown non-stop from London to Sydney in 1989 to mark the entry into service of the Boeing 747-400. That flight had a total of 23 people on board and minimal internal fit-out in order to provide the range. The aircraft, registered VH-OJA, was donated by Qantas in 2017 to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society near Wollongong, New South Wales.



Credits: Qantas Airways

7. Qudos Bank



Saving for the holidays

Christmas is only a couple of months away and although it's a magical time of the year, it can put a strain on finances. A recent survey from Finder.com.au found that Australian's spend a staggering \$25 billion each year on Christmas cheer, which equates to around \$1,325 per person.

Here are our top five tips to avoid racking up the Christmas debt.

1. Make a plan...and stick to it!

Key to making Christmas budgeting work is to actually start with a budget. This goes for both socialising and presents. Consider writing down all upcoming events over the holiday period - silly season drinks, family events, New Year's Eve and everything else - then estimate the costs for each of these. Next, think about writing a list of the people you need to get presents for and allocate a budget for each person.

Doing this may help you find some items that can be crossed off the list entirely.

2. Fewer, more thoughtful gifts

When you're young, much of the excitement of Christmas comes from seeing what Santa has brought you. By the time you reach adulthood though, it's possible that this novelty may have worn off a little. So why not consider reducing the number of gifts you both receive and give, saving everyone money and reducing wastage too?

A good way to cut down on gifts is organising a Secret Santa between the adults in your family, rather than giving a present to everyone.

3. Set a spending limit

If you're planning on exchanging gifts with someone, it's a good idea to agree a spending limit with them. This way you won't end up getting carried away and spending more than you can afford and it can also help avoid any awkwardness if one person spends more than the other.

While this may seem like an awkward conversation to have, you may find that most people are in a similar situation and are happy to agree a limit that works for you both.

4. Get organised with your gifting

Last minute gift shopping is a recipe for impulse buys and over-spending. Organising your gifting and shopping online can reduce both stress and the temptation to veer away from your plan. Plus, shopping online allows you to compare retailers' prices and use discount codes to make sure that you're getting the best value possible.

5. Take the pressure off by saving regularly

A good way to avoid the financial headache that Christmas can bring is by putting a little aside throughout the year so that you have the money you need, when you need it. A savings account like the Bonus Saver or QANTAS points saver account can even help you by earning interest or points on your balance, so you can concentrate on finding the perfect presents, rather than worrying about how you are going to pay for them.

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Qudos Bank – supporters of Red Tail Road to 100



8. QF2020 Club Partner Sites:

Christmas is around the corner and we would like to remind you of our QF2020 Club partners. Most of our partners on the site are former Qantas staff who have online stores and provide Red Tail Members with special offers year round. Take a moment to peruse the portal and pick-up a gift or two for the holidays. [Click here to visit QF2020 Club](#).

Here are examples:

Partner: **Bali Hai Cruises**
Red Tail Member: Dick Chandler (PERQF)
Offer: Offers QF2020 club member special offers year-round. Enjoy your visit to Bali even more with Bali Hai.

Partner: **Books on the history of Qantas**
Red Tail Member: Jim Eames (SYDQF)
Offer: Autograph copies of his books on the history of Qantas

Partner: **CherryGift**
Red Tail Member: Fiona McFarlane (CNSQF)
Offer: Variety of online promotions for restaurants and retail goods

Partner: **Lemon Myrtle Natural**
Red Tail Member: Bob Parrington (BNEQF)
Offer: Quality natural products using pure Lemon Myrtle and natural ingredients. Receive a 10% discount plus other benefits every time you make a purchase.

Partner: **Travel Industry Club**
Red Tail Member: Sue Francis (SYDQF)
Offer: TIC offers QF2020.Club members industry discounts on Airfares, Cruises, Hotels, Holiday Packages and just about every travel requirement you will need.

Partner: **Experience Japan**
Red Tail Member: Jan Hutton (BNEQF)
Offer: Experience Japan is offering Red Tail Member Specials. Enter special code "qf2020" and receive preferred rates.

9. Your Qantas Family Over Our 100 Years

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

Peter Fenwick

I joined Qantas in 1973 in General Services Accounting. In 1976 I was accepted as a flight attendant and flew for three years before transferring to Sydney International Terminal where I worked in various areas including check in baggage services and ramp before starting in Load Control in 1986 where I have remained and have chosen to end my career here on 03October after 46.5 years’ service.

My son Scott joined Qantas in 1997 at the Sydney International Terminal progressing through various areas including check in and Passenger Control Unit. He left the terminal and began work in Commercial Operations. He is currently on secondment to the role of Duty Manager IOC which I guess makes him my boss

- **Generations in Qantas** = 2
- **Collective Years of Service by your family** = 67
- **Memorable Moment:** I relieved as Airport Manager in both Harare on many occasions and also Shanghai. This gave my family the opportunity to spend time at these ports. We still have photos of Scott at the Livingstone statue at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe aged 10/12/15

Prudence Bottos (née Wegemund)

My father W.L. Wegemund, started in Qantas freight in Sydney in about 1950. Whilst there, he decided to learn to fly and in 1954 he started as a First Officer with TAA and he flew for 30 years with them. I joined TAA reservations in 1978 and left Qantas in 2014 after 36 years of service. One of my sisters was a flight attendant with TAA/Qantas for 20 years and my brother is currently a Jetstar Captain with nearly 20 years with the Qantas group. Over 100 years' experience with the Qantas group for our family

- **Generations in Qantas** = 2
- **Collective Years of Service by your family** = Over 100
- **Memorable Moment:** We all travelled to Europe in the early 70s from Melbourne-Sydney-Kuala Lumpur-Colombo-Tehran-London in a 707. And then, Campervanned for 2 months on dad's long service leave. 2 adults and 4 children aged 5 to 12

Carolyn Weldon née Cuthbert

My father Leslie Duncan Cuthbert joined Qantas after the war in 1946 and left in 1972. He worked as an engineer in the test cell. He was sent to America to learn how to service the 707 Boeing that Qantas bought. I remember the test cell bring out in a paddock in those days. He always loved flying and when the war broke out he joined the Air Force and was stationed in New Guinea. My husband Richard started as a storeman in Vickers Avenue and worked his way up to be in charge of Corporate Inventory Supply Officer when he left in 1998. He commenced with Qantas on 5th August 1968.

- **Generations in Qantas** = 2
- **Collective Years of Service by your family** = 64
- **Memorable Moment:** As a child dad would take us to where the jet cell was and I can remember being so excited to be near a plane. He used to work one week day shift and one week night shift. We loved the Qantas Christmas parties and dad never stopped his love of flying. Both he and mum took many trips overseas to England, America, Hong Kong, and travelled through Europe.

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



10. Qantas Pathfinders Review

Pathfinders
PROUDLY PRESENTS FOR THE
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children



A QANTAS CHRISTMAS STORY

QANTAS PATHFINDERS REVUE 2019

Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 November

Doors Open: 6:45pm Show Starts: 7:30pm
Tickets: \$50

Venue: NORTHS, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray
Tickets on Sale: from 9am, 8 October
through NORTHS Box Office,
www.norths.com.au or call (02) 9245 3000

QANTAS www.qantaspathfinders.org.au  

Chapter Newsletters:

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

(Please note amended date)

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

If you know of any retired staff who are not aware of our FNQ Reunion please have them contact 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

We wish to advise all members of a planned social event to be held at Hotel Harry in Sydney on Tuesday 12th February at 12.20pm. Hotel Harry is at 40-44 Wentworth Avenue, Surry Hills. The National Committee will be holding a meeting from 11.00am, and members are welcome to join the National Committee for a lunch from 12.30pm until 3.00pm. [Click here to RSVP](#)

Sydney Grand Milestone Event: Saturday 07th November 2020

The NSW Chapter committee wishes to remind all Red Tail Road to 100 members of the planned Sydney gathering as part of our grand celebrations for the 100th QF Anniversary in 2020.

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

The event will be held at the Qantas Bourke Road head office base in Sydney, in the common area now known as Main Street, between 1200 and 1600. Ticket prices are still to be finalized, but will include substantial canapés and beverages.

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

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



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.

Where: Pier Port Melbourne

When: Sunday, 11 October 2020

Time: From 11.30am till late

RSVP: 15 August 2020

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



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

TROPICAL SKIES – Book Launch

For any QANTASians who are fond of QANTAS and aviation history like myself, I commend to you a recently published book entitled “In Tropical Skies”. The author is my good friend and fellow WA Chapter colleague, Tony McGrath.

The book focusses on the history of aviation to Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Islands which have played such an important role in Australian history generally. Tony’s research and magic eye for detail is never more evident than in this book though historic fact has been tempered by his easy writing style and the anecdotes he tells. Personally, I could buy the book simply for the wonderful photos of the plethora of aircraft types which serviced the Islands, and the unexpected identification of old mates like the late Ian Grant who I was privileged to work with in Perth following his return from Cocos. Wonderful nostalgia. Wonderful stuff.

Tony’s book is priced at \$29.95 plus postage. It can be purchased online at www.tony-mcgrath.com or from QANTAS Founders Museum, Longreach.

BRYAN HAM

I was delighted to catch up with Allan Fisk again recently. And I thought it was great that he had come all the way over from Sydney for two days just to visit Brian Ham who was residing in a Perth nursing home with MND. Such is the camaraderie of so many of QANTAS' older generation and members of the Red Tail clan.

However it is with sadness that after writing the initial part of this State news, I must advise that my friend and our esteemed former QANTAS/ Red Tail W.A. colleague, Brian Ham, passed away on 13th October after battling a long illness. Brian joined QANTAS in the 1950's as an Office Boy but after gaining accountancy degrees through outside studies eventually became Accountant, W.A. He was very thorough and gained the respect of colleagues at all levels for his helpfulness, problem solving abilities and council when needed. There is no doubt that Brian could have reached much higher levels in the company if he had been prepared to transfer but as he often said to me, "why would anyone wish to leave W.A. except for a holiday". Brian was a keen AFL footballer having played for Claremont in the WAFL and was well known for involvement in training young kids who aspired to the game. He also offered his service to the community in other ways and for many years served as a Counsellor on the City of Stirling where he was highly regarded for his financial abilities. Brian had an amazing number of friends all around the world and that was evidenced at his funeral service where the chapel was unable to absorb the numbers who attended. It was appropriate that the service was at Karrakatta Cemetery in Perth since that is where our QANTAS co-founder, P.J. McGinness is buried. Brian leaves behind his wife, Beverley and two sons and many fond memories for all those in the QANTAS family who knew him. RIP.

Des Leggett

I also recently had a coffee with WA's own "Mister QANTAS", Des Leggett. He may be around 90 and not walking quite as quickly any more but he remains the smooth Des we all remember and his mind and eloquence are still as vibrant as when I first met him in June, 1966. I am encouraging him to write a few anecdotes about his time in QANTAS as I know they will be extremely interesting. Meanwhile, he wishes me to pass on his best regards to everyone.

If anyone else has an interesting story or an anecdote or two, do let me know so we can publish it.

The WA Committee is still in the throes of selecting a venue for our big 100th Birthday bash in November, 2020 but will keep everyone informed when a decision is made.

Until next time.

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

South Australia



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South Australia Milestone Reunion: November 2020

South Australia continues the hard at work with the expansion of our committee. Eva Pargeter, Robyn Holgar and John Auld will be coming on board for the State's Centenary celebrations.

We have started to work on our 2020 Milestone Reunion. Think "***Fiesta Route***" - sunset by the beach in November. More to come in our next newsletter.

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

South Australia Remembers Burt Parkins



It is with a heavy heart that we announced in March the passing of another Qantas charter of the 60's – 90's

Many from the QF network worldwide would remember the unique larger than life Albert James Parkins who passed away on the 20th of March 2019.

Australian Capital Territory



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Charles Wade



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Committee
Pat Williams (nee Esguerra)



Committee
Mike Torpy

ACT Milestone Reunion: weekend of 26 – 27 September 2020

There are a couple of places we are looking at including 197 London Circuit - Sebel Hotel, and as many will recall, it was our old Ticket Office, where we had some wonderful extravaganzas! A number of these were arranged by the late Don Dunne. So keep your eyes and ears open for the exact date.

David Fisher – Reunion Director

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.

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

Missing JCTs

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

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

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



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Committee - WA
Bryan Yeo



Committee - VIC
John Barbieri



Historical Rocks Walk – March 2020

Grand Milestone Event, Sydney Saturday 7th November 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.

Longreach

We hope you have all booked for the Longreach celebrations in May as spots are filling fast.

Historical Rocks Walk

If you are not planning to attend Longreach, Sydney is looking to hold one of the famous Rocks Historical Walk in March 2020, so please keep your eye out for the notification of the date.

Sydney Grand Milestone Event

If you cannot attend that functions, please ensure 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.



As you have all been involved with the history of Qantas, and have spent some time in Freight, (or Cargo in the old days), we feel it is fitting that you should have the opportunity to share in the celebrations.

Just a reminder who your local Freight Chapter committee are;

- Roger Parkes Freight Patron
- Laurie Willoughby Reunion Director
- Terry Harper Committee NSW
- Bryan Yeo Committee WA
- Noel Cooney Committee QLD
- John Barbieri Committee VIC

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.

As we are nearing the end of this year, your committee wishes you, your family, friends and loved ones and very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

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
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 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

Dear Members of Red Tail Road To 100

I hope you're having a wonderful day and enjoying the fall season which has just begun in the Americas and the leaves are starting to turn gold, red and brown even here in sunny California.

It may seem early but we have already started planning the Americas 2020 Centenary Reunion lunch.

Please save the date: SAT APRIL 18, 2020
Time: 1100 to 1500
Place: Flight Path Museum,
6661 Imperial Highway.
Los Angeles. CA 90045. (next to QF Freight LAX)

We thought this "aviation themed historical" venue will be very appropriate for our centenary reunion as we reminisce and share our journeys at Qantas and enjoy the company of our colleagues from far and near.

Terry Gegesi is coordinating and negotiating the room rental from the Museum and lunch from outside caterer. She deserves a big thanks for her hard work.

Based on 65 guests, the estimated cost is \$70.00 per person. The cost will be lower with higher number. This includes the room, buffet lunch, soda, limited wine and beer. The museum will be closed for our private function and we will be free to tour the museum before and after lunch. NO RAMP ACCESS.



We would like to finalize the contracts with the Museum and the caterer by mid Dec, 2019, so please help us get a good count by letting us know if you can join the celebration on SAT APRIL 18, 2020. Please let us know YES, MAYBE and NO by Nov 30, 2019.

We will provide more details later and if you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all - Kind regards, **Jim Prasad – Reunion Director, The Americas**

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Update from the recent New York Reunion

by Anne Fullford (Eastern USA Chapter):

We all met up for lunch at Maria Pia, an Italian restaurant in the theatre district on the West Side (where the local QF team used to go for Christmas gatherings etc.) We wound up having a private room, which was great as the front of the restaurant was quite New York noisy! Brian Rodriguez came down just for the day on Saturday and some of us went to an Off-Broadway theatre in the evening after taking a break back at the apartment, via a street fair on Avenue of the Americas on the way home. So it was a real New York experience and wonderful to see everyone. Cathy and Anna did a lot of sightseeing and it was Anna's 13th birthday the following Monday, so she had a great pre-celebration.



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Annie Oeding and Jane Pickhaver

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bonjour Ladies of QFHC

Well Spring has sprung and I hope this finds you all in happy mode too. I feel many exciting happenings are about to take place and I trust you will patronise our functions as they are all about keeping our bonds strong.

We had a very successful Annual General Meeting on 2 September with our Patron Joan, Lady Cutler in attendance. It was held in the beautiful environs of the old flying boat base at Rose Bay now known as the Empire Lounge. If you have not had the opportunity to visit I would encourage 'the walk down memory lane'. All members reported a most enjoyable experience with delightful food. Our guests on the day were Co-Founders of the 'Red Tail Road to 100' – Brian Wild and Max Hill. Brian launched us as a 'Chapter' and we now feature on their website and in their latest Newsletter.

Our new Committee will be meeting shortly to address many proposals and ideas that were raised at our AGM and we will advise you as soon as confirmation is made.

However, our annual Christmas Cocktail Function will be held on Saturday 14 December so please mark this date in your diaries and we will follow up with details as soon as possible.

Meantime, on behalf of your Committee, I send warmest greetings to you all and sincerely hope you enjoy this edition of Hostess from your hardworking Editor and Vice President - Robyn McGaw.

**Annie Oeding
President**



Max Hill and Brian Wild



Max Hill, Annie Oeding, Joan Lady Cutler and Brian Wild