

# Hostess

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Annie Oeding and Jane Pickhaver



Max Hill and Brian Wild

## 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, Annie Oeding, Joan Lady Cutler and Brian Wild



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## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Queensland Branch held their Annual General Meeting at Jo Jo's Restaurant in South Brisbane on Friday 9 August 2019.

This was a lovely venue set in a homewares shop – hard to resist – with lovely food and friends.

The Queensland Branch will hold a very special Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 27 November at the Terrace Restaurant, exclusive private room, with extensive city views situated on the 21st floor of the Emporium Hotel, South Brisbane.



*Anne Lewis, Patricia Guest (President), Robyn McGaw*



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## MELBOURNE BRANCH

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A small group gathered at Chez Oliver, in South Yarra for the AGM. Unfortunately, we do not have any photos for you this time.

However, upcoming functions will be advised at a later date.



## TERI'S STORY

Teri (Fujiko) Teramoto has been a valuable member of our Club for many years and recently celebrated a very important birthday that the committee acknowledged at a High Tea at the Queen's Club.

Teri was born in Nakatsu in southern Island, Kyushu, Japan. When she was 5 years old her father was killed during the War. When she was 6, her house was destroyed by the Japanese Government and her family (mother young brother 4 and baby sister 18months) were moved to the country. The family travelled by train and they were forced to walk. The following day was the bombing of Hiroshima. Teri remembers very clearly the distressing scene but they had to continue to walk all day and night without food or water to find another train.

When Teri completed her education, she was employed as a secretary for an American company in Tokyo. It was from there that she sent off a resume to Qantas and was notified by telegram that she had the job. In 1964, Teri along with other Japanese ladies dressed in their traditional Kimono, greeted passengers on the Tokyo route. Teri flew on both the Boeing 707 and 747. She remembers many a happy time during the three-day slips sat the Yacht Club in Port Moresby.

Her flying career ended in 1980 when she retired to enter into another interesting phase of her life.

Promotions and Research Marketing became her ground job, working with travel agents and honeymooners travelling from Japan to the Gold Coast. Television and magazine articles led to many a Cherry Blossom tour. Teri also worked closely with Jon Menadue on promoting these tours.

Teri lives in Sydney and travels to Japan giving her the opportunity to work on her new interest, Japanese history. Her small study groups keep her very busy as well.

## Lynn Hutchinson

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

A beautiful photo of our Patron, Joan Lady Cutler, taken in New York and wearing the 'Jungle Greens'.



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## A LETTER FROM CHRISTINE

Hello Robyn

I read with interest the newsletter re Red Tail Road to 100. I would like to share with you what I thought was the continuum journey of the QANTAS family!

During my time as the Facility Manager at St. Vincent's Aged Care Bronte and Edgecliff aged care in 2017-2018, I accepted an admission of a resident to the Edgecliff site: Sir Lennox Hewitt. I once served Sir Lennox a cuppa during a flight in 1977 and thought here I go again and served Sir Lennox a cuppa in 2018. I met his daughter (I think Heather) from London who was visiting Sir Lennox and showed her the pictures that I had on my mobile of Sir Lennox, Justice (Rtd) Michael Kirby, Pam (nee) Baker and me at the 2015 reunion of the QF Hosties! Amazing how the wheel turns.

I also noted in the newsletter some QANTAS *generations* mentioned. Whilst they are of significant years in the workforce of QANTAS, I am proud to say that my son is now a 2/Officer on the 787 based in Perth. After 13 years in the RAAF he always had QANTAS in his sights.

Annie Oeding is another familiar face, Annie was a year ahead of me in high school, OLMC Epping. I recall a flight with Annie QF4 when ex Fiji in I think 1975-6 a gentleman in the B zone (then the area for QT club) suffered a suspected heart attack. I am a Registered Nurse and nursed this gentleman back to Sydney. Bendie straws were a new concept in that era and Annie had just purchased some in the USA and as the gentleman was lying on 4 seats and I did not want him to physical exert himself, Annie gave me a straw so I could provide oral fluids for him whilst he was lying down.

I trust the Annual General meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September went well.

Kind regards

**Christine Farrell**

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Dear Editor

Many thanks to the Committee for organizing such a wonderful venue for our AGM. It brought back many memories for me. In the late 1940's I took a seaplane from there to Grafton. When we took off the water gushed along the windows and I freaked out, having an unnatural fear of the sea because, as a small child, I was involved in a shipwreck. I returned to Sydney by train and vowed never ever to fly again!

Thanks also for the chance to talk about and collect the stories we are compiling about Qantas Female Cabin Crew. One of these I was told at the luncheon, was of an engine failure in Bahrain and the difficulty in finding accommodation for the stranded passengers. Eventually some was found with the proviso that they would have to leave the hotel by 6pm. It was later discovered this was because the accommodation was a Brothel!

If any members can help, please offer your humorous, dangerous, weird or strange stories. We would also appreciate help on a practical basis. I am covering from: 1948 to 1960, [jessiebartos@gmail.com](mailto:jessiebartos@gmail.com) the Piston era, Karen Hayward from 1960 to 1980 [karenellishayward@gmail.com](mailto:karenellishayward@gmail.com), the Jet era Anne Marie Jonas from 1980 to date [annemariejonas@hotmail.com](mailto:annemariejonas@hotmail.com) the Modern era.

If any further information is needed my phone number is 02 9327 6896.

Keep up the good work!

Kind regards,

**Jessie Bartos**

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*Christine with Pam Baker – 1977 Silver Jubilee on arrival in London after HM Queen Elizabeth tour of Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific*



*Christine with Justice Michael Kirby, Sir Lennox Hewitt and Pam Baker*



## QANTAS PATHFINDERS REVUE

This year we have tables booked for Friday 29 November – cost \$50 per head. Please let me know if you would like to attend as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Payment can be made directly to Liz Laughlin, Treasurer, as your Club have paid for tables. Robyn McGaw – Editor.

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# 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](http://www.qantaspathfinders.org.au)

## Ho, ho, ho!

Christmas has come early at this year's Qantas Pathfinders Revue and Santa has just one question ...

**have YOU been naughty or nice?**

Mmmm ... naughty ... we thought as much. That means you'll fit right in! Get a group of your friends, family and work colleagues together and join the rest of our naughty audience for a Christmas party with a difference at our all singing, all dancing Revue pantomime 'A Qantas Christmas Story' that's sure to get your festive season off to a hilarious start.

We challenge you to dress up and get in the Christmas spirit - Santa might even have a special surprise in his stocking for the best dressed! Best seats available Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Each year our team of talented Cabin Crew, Pilots and friends generously volunteer their time and talents to bring our show to life. This year marks our 45th Revue and together with other Pathfinders events, we've raised over \$8 million to support the kids at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC).

For more info please visit  
[www.qantaspathfinders.org.au](http://www.qantaspathfinders.org.au)  
or @qantaspathfindersrevue.

**Don't miss out on a night that will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter!**

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