



250 Guests Attend Red Tail Road to 100 Longreach Centenary Celebrations at the Qantas Founders Museum Airpark.

A Message from the Foundation Committee

Welcome to our Q2/2021 National Newsletter.

Apologies for the delay of this Newsletter. It has been a very busy Q2 with the lead-up and then aftermath of the Longreach Grand Milestone Event. We have also been busy planning the various upcoming State Chapter Events that will hopefully come to fruition in the second half of the year.

By now, many of you would have heard of our successful journey to our airline's birthplace, Longreach. More details on this incredible experience is outlined in the Newsletter. A big thank you to Red Tail Members who attended and to the many who supported our initiative.

We trust you will understand that with COVID19 still creating uncertainty, it has continued to disrupt our plans and prevented us from making early announcements. But we are descendants of strong-willed aviation pioneers and our resilience and determination will continue to see us through these tough times.

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A Message from our Worldwide Patron, John Hudson Fysh:



By all accounts the celebrations at Longreach at the end of The Road to 100 were an outstanding success. Appreciation must go to the Committee and Management for this and to all those who contributed. But isn't this so typical of Qantas People; rising to the occasion and doing it well. A tradition of Noble Endeavour. We that are still 'warm and vertical' as the late Russ Vasey would have put it, can be proud.

If we have concentrated on those who took the risks at the start we must allow full praise for those who followed and that is, for many, us! As to what the future holds, we must wait and see. Based on the standards of old, there should be no need to be concerned. Iconic status is hard to lose.

I am sorry not to have made it to Longreach, that small dusty town of my birth in 1925, for the celebration but to have it such a success means a great deal to me.

1. A Century of History and Memories Shared Over 4 Days between Colleagues at Longreach (23 – 26 April 2021)

Planning for this monumental effort begun in early 2019 when we decided that the only true way to celebrate the Centenary was to return to its birthplace of Longreach.

This initiative rings true to our Red Tail Road to 100 objective, and signals the beginning of recognition for our Red Tail Members contribution to the a Airline's achievements over a hundred years. A number of other initiatives are planned for the rest of the year including a second Grand Milestone Event in Sydney, and concluding with a ceremony in Longreach where we plan to seal our Red Tail Time Capsule in November.

Few other companies globally, if any at all, can boast of the loyalty and passion that our Red Tail Members have for Qantas.



A total of 250 attended the Gala Dinner and Show at the Qantas Founders Museum Air Park Precinct. Guests including both Mayors from the towns of Longreach and Winton, as well as staff from the Qantas Founders Museum. We also had special guests including the McMaster and Fysh families and Qantas executives lead by CEO Alan Joyce who all stayed for the full four day program.

The Longreach Milestone Event packages included transport (rail, air and caravans), accommodation, tours, events, breakfast and dinner on each day. For the rail package, we chartered the entire First Class section on the Spirit of the Outback train from Brisbane in both directions. We also chartered a Qantas 737-800 from Sydney to Longreach return, as well as group bookings on Qantas Link from Brisbane to Longreach return. Many of our Red Tail Members also travelled by caravans. We booked a total of 270 room nights and contributed over \$350,000 into the Queensland economy. More on Longreach in our special section below.

More photos on page 7...

2. Red Tail Members Contribute to our Longreach Time Capsule

As previously mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are planning to donate a Red Tail Time Capsule at the Qantas Founders Museum. The Museum has very kindly offered us a prime location under the nose of the 747 at the Airpark precinct.

Many of you who visited Longreach left your momentos and many more have since mailed-in their items to be included in the capsule.

We would like to encourage as many Red Tail Members to send your small memento with a message to the Qantas Founders Museum. It must arrive no later than the 31st of October 2021. Members are encouraged to consider leaving a Service Pin or something small as space is very limited.



Attached is a form that you can print out and complete to accompany your memento.

Include the form with your memento and mail it in a "small" Australia Post Padded Envelope to:

**Qantas Founders Museum
Attn: Red Tail Time Capsule
PO Box 737, Longreach. QLD 4727**

After initial discussions with Qantas and the Museum, our plan is to seal the capsule on the week commencing the 8th of November followed by a reception. Final date to be confirmed.

The Red Tail Foundation Committee will return to Longreach to seal the capsule - signifying the conclusion of the Qantas 100th Anniversary, and preserving momentos for another 100 years.

All interested Red Tail Members and partners who are interested in attending this ceremony are most welcome. We anticipate a one night stay which will include a function after the ceremony.

Expressions of Interest:

Please [click here](#) if you are interested in joining us at Longreach in November to seal the capsule.

For more information on how you can participate email admin@redtailroadto100.com



This is a Qantas Airways endorsed event.



3. Qudos Bank



[Click here](#) or on the image above to find out more

We're proud to announce that we've been awarded Canstar's Customer-Owned Bank of the year and Mozo's Australia's Best Large Mutual Bank for the second year in a row.

Providing outstanding value to our customers, through our product and service offering has helped us achieve these industry recognised awards.

We started as Qantas Credit Union more than 60 years ago and have grown to be a bank for all Australians'. We're incredibly proud to be recognised through these awards, as a reflection of our commitment to putting our customer at the heart of everything we do.

Our brand tagline, 'For all life's destinations' reflects our ethos of empowering our customers through a partnership, working together throughout their life, to achieve their goals and pursue financial freedom.

Thank you to our loyal customers for sharing and continuing to share the benefits of Qudos Bank with your friends and family.

To find out more about our awards or how you can share Qudos, visit our [website](#).

4. Upcoming Chapter Reunion Events

- **Far North Queensland Chapter – 7 August 2021**



When: Saturday 7 August 2021
Registration 1430
Event 1500-1900
Cost: \$30.00 p/person includes Welcome drink and Small Plate selection from Soy Kitchen Street Food.

RSVPs are essential due Covid-19 QLD Government restriction on numbers attending. RSVP – ESSENTIAL – [Click here now!](#)

- **Victoria Chapter: 7 November 2021**



Save the date for our Centenary Milestone Reunion.

When: Sunday 7 November 2021
Where: Pier Port Melbourne
1 Bay Street, Port Melbourne (cnr Beach Road)
Time: From 11.30am to 3.00pm includes hearty finger food
Cost: \$45 per person
Expressions of Interest:

We are keen to hear from you. Please [click here](#) and complete your expression of interest.

- **Western Australia Chapter – 16 November 2021**



When: Tuesday, 16 November 2021
Where: Mount Lawley Golf Club, 1 Walter Road West, Inglewood WA 6052
Time: From 6pm till late
Cost: \$49.00 per person
RSVP: [Click here](#) to save your spot

5. Longreach Special Section

Event Program

The event program was comprehensive and included entry and dinner at the Stockman's Hall of Fame, entry to the Diggers Day Cup (Country Races), entry and gala dinner at the Qantas Founders Museum, Anzac Day Dawn Service at Longreach as well as Anzac Marches at both Longreach and Winton. To conclude our visit to the Outback, we had a Farewell to the Outback dinner at a woolshed at the Longreach Showgrounds.



EVENT PROGRAM



Friday 23rd April

1145 Train
Arrival into Longreach

0905 1205 QF BNE Flight
QF2530 - 23 Apr BNE - LRE 0905 - 1205

Afternoon - On Your Own
Make use of Multi Visit Pass for Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and/or Qantas Founders Museum

1830 2100 Dinner
Dinner and Show - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

Shuttle
Regular Shuttle service will operate between hotels and venues

Saturday 24th April

0700 1000 Breakfast
Enjoy breakfast at your own pace

0950 1250 QF BNE Flight
QF2532 - 24 Apr BNE - LRE 0950 - 1250

0930 1150 QF SYD Charter
QF1302 - 24 Apr SYD - LRE 0930 - 1150

1300 1630 Country Races
Entry for today's "Diggers" races is included in your package.
Gates open at 12.00 noon, 1st race commences 1.30pm, last race 4.30pm.

1800 2200 Red Tail QF Dinner
Tonight is the main event and it's a casual affair and comfortable foot-wear is recommended. You are encouraged to wear a touch of red. Enjoy a magic night under the new Airpark Roof with food stations from around the world, international entertainment and a world class light and sound show. Beverages will be sold (cash or tab) by tickets onsite.

Shuttle
Regular Shuttle service will operate between hotels and venues

Sunday 25th April (ANZAC DAY)

For those staying in Longreach

ANZAC Activities

- 0430 RSL Opens**
Rum and Milk, 34 Duck Street
- 0515 Form up and walk across to the cenotaph for dawn service**
Anzac Park, Sir Hudson Fysh Drive (Landsborough Hwy)
- 0545 Dawn Service**
- 0630 Return to The Club for the Gunfire Breakfast**
- 0830 Fall in for main parade**
- 0845 March commences**
- 0900 Main Service at the cenotaph**
- 0930 Return to RSL for Morning Tea**
Entertainment, Food & Drinks
- 1400 Two Up**
Drinks Tab for patrons wearing medals

Alternatively

- 0700 1000 Breakfast**
Enjoy breakfast at your own pace if staying in Longreach
- 1200 1230 Camden Park**
Option: Coach transfer to Camden Park Station for Lunch
- 1430 1500 Longreach**
Depart Camden Park for Longreach

For those travelling to Winton

- 0530 0630 Breakfast**
Early breakfast for Winton day trip participants
- 0630 0830 Winton**
Depart Longreach for day trip to Winton
- 0900 1030 ANZAC Parade**
ANZAC Parade commences at the Waltzing Matilda Centre and concludes at the Winton Club
- 0900 1400 Waltzing Matilda Centre**
Your name tag will allow entry to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- 0900 1400 Local retail opportunity**
Local shops and pubs, which are typically closed on Sundays, will be open for the benefit of Red Tail participants, so enjoy a leisurely stroll around the main street and support the local business enterprises.

- 1200 1400 Lunch**
Lunch is included at the Winton Club *Note: For any other purchases, the Winton Club can only accept Cash. ATMs available in the town*

- 1200 1400 Historical Tour**
Enjoy a historical tour of Qantas in Winton. 3 x 30 minute tours will be conducted between 1200 and 1400

- 1430 1630 Longreach**
Depart Winton for Longreach

Farewell Dinner - Longreach

- 1830 2130 BBQ Dinner**
Guests will dine in the Wool Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds in good old fashioned country style with local entertainment, slow roasted meats finishing off with homemade desserts.

Shuttle

Regular Shuttle service will operate between hotels and venues

Monday 26th April

- 0700 1000 Breakfast**
Enjoy breakfast at your own pace

- 0830 1230 On Your Own**
You may want to visit Stockman's Hall of Fame and/or the Qantas Founders Museum

- 1000 Check-out**
Check-out of your accommodation by 10am. You can store your luggage at reception while waiting for your flight back

- 1000 Train**
Depart Longreach Station for Brisbane

- 1330 1545 SYD Bound Flight**
QF1303 - 26 Apr - LRE - SYD 1330 - 1545

- 1530 1725 BNE Bound Flight**
QF2533 - 26 Apr - LRE - BNE 1530 - 1725

Shuttle

Regular Shuttle service will operate between hotels and venues



Red Tail Charter: QF 1302 24 APRIL SYD – LRE

QANTAS					
Departures					
Flight	Destination	Scheduled	Boarding	Gate	Run
QF 427	Melbourne	09:00	08:40	5	
QF 512	Brisbane	09:05	08:45	13	
QF 578	Hamilton Island	09:25	09:05	12	
QF 1302	Longreach	09:30	09:10	4	
Red Tail Road To 100 Charter Flight					
QF 922	Cairns	09:30	09:10	10	
QF 993	Hobart	09:35	09:15		
QF 1786	Maroochydore	09:50	09:30		
QF 433	Melbourne	10:00	09:40		
QF 516	Brisbane	10:05	09:45	3	
QF 1433	Canberra	10:20	10:00	1 C	
QF 645	Perth	10:25	10:05	11	
QF 594	Gold Coast	10:30	10:10		
QF 2009	Orange	10:35	10:15	1 C	
BA 7433	Adelaide	10:35	10:15		
QF 2162	Port Macquarie	10:40	10:20		
QF 437	Melbourne	11:00	10:40	1	
QF 520	Brisbane	11:05	10:45		



Country Races



Red Tail Gala Dinner – Qantas Founders Museum Airpark Precinct









ANZAC Dawn Service – Longreach



ANZAC Parade – Longreach



ANZAC Day – Winton



Farewell to the Outback – Woolshed Longreach Showgrounds



Charter: QF 1303 26 APRIL LRE - SYD



Thank you

The Foundation Committee of John Fysh, Brian Wild, Jim Eames, Max Hill and Rafael Toda would once again like to thank all those who made the journey to Longreach. As you all know, Red Tail is run on a pure voluntary basis and it is humbling to have seen so many Red Tail Members and other Qantas fans roll-up their sleeves and contribute to the success of our Grand Milestone Longreach Event.

The Foundation Committee would like to acknowledge their contribution with our special thanks:

Red Tail Team:

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| • Peter Kinnane | Longreach Event Director |
| • Max Ellerman | Event Planning |
| • Ken Groves | Event Planning |
| • Cameron McDougall | Airline Pax Logistics |
| • Martin Ryan | Rail Pax Logistics |
| • Mike Whitehouse | Legal Counsel |
| • Mark O'Donnell | Finance and Audit |
| • Peter Quayle | Finance |
| • Terry Harper | ANZAC Day Coordinator |
| • David Thompson | ANZAC Day Coordinator - Winton |
| • Jim Bradfield | Patron - NSW |
| • Ian Robinson | Reunion Director – NSW |
| • Pat Williams | Reunion Director – VIC |
| • Stephen King | Reunion Director – TAS |
| • Laurie Willoughby | Reunion Director – Freight |
| • Frances Mellick | Reunion Director – Far North Queensland |
| • David Fisher | Reunion Director - ACT |
| • John Auld | SA Committee |
| • Bronte Sterk | SA Committee |
| • Dick Collard | ACT Committee |
| • Judy Rose | NSW Committee |
| • Val Jolley | WA Committee |
| • Robyn McGaw | Qantas Flight Hostess Club |
| • Peter Clark | NSW Chapter |
| • Sue Boettcher | SA Chapter |
| • Greg Brown | SA Chapter |
| • Jim Gray | QLD Chapter |

Qantas:

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| • Alan Joyce | Group CEO |
| • Stephanie Tully | Chief Customer Officer |
| • John Gissing | Group Executive, Associated Airlines and Services |
| • Lauren Halliburton | Senior Manager, Partnerships & Events |
| • Samantha Wheatley | Events and Activations Manager |
| • Guy Waddle | Head of Revenue Management |
| • Matt Fisher | Manager – Network Planning |
| • Melinda George | Head of Charters |

Qantas Founders Museum:

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| • John Vincent | Chairman |
| • Tony Martin | CEO |
| • Alleyne Johnson | General Manager |

Qantas Founders Families

- Ferguson McMaster II, David Myles, Rosemary Fordree, Elizabeth Fysh, David Fysh

Others:

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| • Vincents Accounting | Paul Vincent, Kim Reynolds, Peta Smail |
| • Lion's Den | Saturday Night Entertainment |
| • Fun Over 50 Tours | Toni Brenan, Rob Archibald, Cassie Fitton |
| • Boolarong Press | Dan Kelly |
| • Longreach Leader | Kate Kiernan |
| • Queensland Rail | Ivana Andacic |

15 May, 2021

Road to 100

Qantas celebrates 100 years

By Kate Kiernan <https://www.longreachleader.com.au/business/road-to-100>



Over 200 former Qantas employees dined at the Qantas Museum as part of the Airline's 100th Centenary celebrations. Photo: Kate Kiernan.

THE Central West was a buzz last month with Qantas officials and ex-workers travelling from across Australia to celebrate the centenary year.

Guests were encouraged to wear a touch of red as they dined under the 747's wing.

There were food stations that represented the cultural food from around the world.

One of the co-founders of Red Tail, Rafael Toda said the night was the most emotional and the most charged experience and that they looked forward to this event for two years.

"The Red Tail initiative started in 2015, and us, the four founders, got together to discuss and get as many Qantas people as possible from around the world reunited together," he said.

"We wanted to give a platform to be able to rekindle the friendship that we had many years ago.

“Red Tail is all about the Qantas spirit in us no matter how long ago we left.

“We have to give thanks to the museum for everything they have put on today, and the town of Longreach and Winton and how they welcomed us.

“I have to thank the co-founders, Brian Wild, Jim Eames, and Max Hill who shared my vision and helped make this all happen, and it moves the boundaries from just Australia to the international market,” said Mr Toda.

Betsy (Elizabeth) Fysh wife to her late husband Frith Fysh who was related to two of Qantas's founders Hudson Fysh (Frith's uncle) and Fergus McMaster (Frith's grandfather) returned to Longreach in attendance of the Red Tail reunion event.

Elizabeth and Frith moved to Longreach, home of Qantas's first headquarters, where they were involved in the establishment of the Qantas Founders Museum.

“It’s fabulous to be back here today, I always love coming back to Longreach but to be here for this event is really special it's equal to any other Qantas event I have ever attended,” said Ms Fysh.

“It’s so special to be here where it was founded as it is quite a sentimental occasion for a lot of people there tonight.

“Qantas seems to engender a culture of loyalty and affection, and there is a demonstration of that tonight,” said Ms Fysh.

CEO of Qantas Alan Joyce said it was incredible to be able to celebrate the centenary with over 200 former Qantas staff.

“There have been a lot of highlights from being in Winton and seeing the first boardroom and having the kids in the Winton school giving us ideas about the future of Qantas and also having the kids in Longreach sing us ‘I still call Australia home’ in the 1922 hangar,” said Mr Joyce.

“Seeing all our employees with the passion they have for the company and seeing that history portrayed on a 747 with the most amazing light show,” he said.

“We have been working with the Red Tail group for some time, and they have been passionate about trying to make sure we can celebrate 100 years.”

Alan Joyce said one of his favourite planes in the Qantas fleet is the 747.

“I came to Australia on my first trip on Qantas on a 747, in the early 90s, most people say that the first memory of feeling at home and feeling like they are in Australia is getting on a Qantas aircraft,” he said.

“Qantas is so happy to be part of the history of Western Queensland, I know everybody debates where was it born, where it grew up but Western Queensland, that is where it came from and we are proud of that,” said Mr Joyce.

The Red Tail initiative plans to host another centenary celebration in Sydney later this year.

14 May, 2021

New exhibition at Qantas Founders

Qantas has a new exhibition at the Qantas Founders Museum

By **Kate Kiernan** <https://www.longreachleader.com.au/latest-news/new-exhibition-at-qantas-founders>



PHOTO: Kate Kiernan.

LAST month a replica of the iconic Boeing 747-200 First Class lounge was unveiled at the Qantas Founders Museum.

Qantas board members including CEO of Qantas Alan Joyce unveiled a new exhibit as part of their ongoing centenary celebrations.

Alan Joyce said it was an incredible milestone to celebrate 100 years of one of the world's oldest continuing airlines.

“We are immensely proud of that and it's always part of our roots that we started as a regional airline and grew to this massive airline carrier,” he said.

“I come back every five years to celebrate those milestones, every year I come back I am blown away as to how the museum has been enhanced each time I visit.

“I don't think the original founders would have imagined that this airline would have been as big as it is 100 years later,” said Mr Joyce.

The exhibit is a replica of the iconic Boeing 747-200 First Class inflight lounge.

The custom-made replica was built as a set for the airline's centenary safety video and was recently gifted by Qantas on long-term loan to the Founders Museum.

The new safety video goes through every decade of Qantas.

The replica will feature in the museum's main exhibition hall, alongside an original Qantas 1970s uniform by designer Emilio Pucci and onboard products from the era including menus, silverware, and crockery.

“This Captain Cook lounge was the most exclusive part of flying because it was for first-class passengers that could come up, have a drink and have a cigarette,” said Mr Joyce.

“This lounge was exclusive territory back in the 1970s and it was unfortunately taken out in 1979 to make way for business class seats, and Qantas is the airline that created business class.”

The lounge had space for 15 passengers, a cocktail bar, and included seats that swiveled 360 degrees.

The lounge was considered revolutionary at the time and was part of a new era in travel brought in by the 747.

The replica lounge has been built to scale using original plane wall panels taken from a retired Qantas 747-200 in the Mojave Desert.

It features fabrics and vivid colours of the decade meticulously recreated to match the originals.

Qantas donated funds raised from the 747 retirement joy flights in 2020 to help cover installation costs.

The Qantas Founders Museum is hosting a program of events through the airline's centenary year.

For more information visit the Qantas Founders Museum website.

<https://qfom.com.au/2021/04/22/retro-lounge/>



6. Chapter Newsletters:

Far North Queensland



Patron
Phil Thow



Reunion Director
Frances Mellick



Committee
Val Dudley



Committee
Geoff Jensen



Committee
Fiona Nicholl

FNQ Chapter - Cairns

Our FNQ Reunion is Saturday 7th August 2021, Reef Hotel Casino, BAR 36, ground floor.

When: Saturday 7 August 2021
Registration 1430
Event 1500-1900
Cost: \$30.00 p/person includes Welcome drink and Small Plate selection from Soy Kitchen Street Food.

RSVPs are essential due Covid-19 QLD Government restriction on numbers attending.

ITINERARY

1430-1500 **Check-in:** You will need to register on arrival due to QLD Gov Covid-19 requirements.
1500 -1900 **Event**
1900 **After-party:** Sports Arena Bar (level 2 inside Casino), BAR36

COST

\$30.00 per person (partners welcome) –

- Includes a Complimentary Welcome Drink –house wine (red, white, or sparkling), beer, juice or soft drink, with a Cash Bar available to follow.
- Small plate food selection from Soy Kitchen Street Food
- Please advise of any dietary requirements with RSVP

RSVP – ESSENTIAL – [Click here now!](#)

Please provide name/phone contact/email address/home address with RSVP for Covid-19 Group QR registration to be done by the Casino.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Bank: ANZ
Account: FNQ Red Tail Road to 100 Reunion
BSB: 014734
Account: 227030546
Reference: Your full name

DRESS CODE - Staff travel standards apply

CANCEL / NOSHOW

Full refund if cancelled on or before Monday 26th July
No refund after Monday 26th July or if No Show on the day

Contact FNQ Committee for more details: fnqchapter@redtailroadto100.com

Victoria



Patron
Rod ('Chirpa') Robson



Reunion Director
Pat Williams



Secretary
Ian Carrawaid



Committee
Robyn Walters



Dave DeBono
Committee



Mike Menner
Committee

Victoria Milestone Reunion: Early November 2021

Save the date for our Centenary Milestone Reunion.

- When:** 7 November 2021
Where: Pier Port Melbourne
1 Bay Street, Port Melbourne (cnr Beach Road)
Time: From 11.30am to 3.00pm includes hearty finger food
Cost: \$45 per person

Don't forget - Save the Date for reunion number 3, the last in our RTRT100 series before QF turns 101. Let's gather as many as possible, especially those who couldn't make it to Longreach.

See you all on Sunday 07 Nov 21, from 1130 for lunch and till late. No border closures allowed then! Spread the word.

We are keen to hear from you. Please [click here](#) and complete your expression of interest.

Pat Williams - Reunion Director Victoria - pat.1203@gmail.com



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Western Australia



Patron
Dick Chandler



Reunion Director
Chris Sheanwood



Secretary
Robbie Murray



Committee
Tony Mc Grath



Treasurer
Val Jolley

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"WA RED TAIL ROAD to 100/101st FUNCTION for 2021 is ON !!!

We're delighted to advise that our final Red Tail function will be happening on Tuesday **16 NOVEMBER 2021**, in honour of Qantas's 101st birthday!!

As you know we had to postpone last year's Centenary 2020 Birthday due to the Covid lockdown. This will be your chance to celebrate The Big One as we have been building up our database during the past 4 years for this event.

So we'd really, really love to see you there again on this momentous occasion. Ticket cost will be \$49 each including sumptuous finger food and parking. A paid bar will also be available. Venue will be at the Mount Lawley Golf Club from 6pm til late. You are very welcome to bring a paying guest 😊

How to book? It's easy.. Just [click here](#) for full details and RSVP

Tony McGrath
on behalf of the **WA Red Tail Road to 100** committee
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Australian Capital Territory



Patron
Charles Wade



Reunion Director
David Fisher



Treasurer
Dick Collard



Committee
Pat Williams (nee Esguerra)



Committee
Mike Torpy

ACT Milestone Reunion: February or March 2021

When: Q3 2001 - Dates TBA
Where: Sebel Hotel Canberra Civic
197 London Circuit, Canberra ACT
Time: TBA
Theme: Cocktail style function

David Fisher – Reunion Director – ACT

New South Wales



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

Sydney Grand Milestone Event: Second half of 2021

The recent COVID lock-down in Sydney has delayed our planning however we are continuing to review the situation for an event date in Q4 of 2021. We will keep you informed as soon as we are able to firm up these plans.

Date: Q4 of 2021

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



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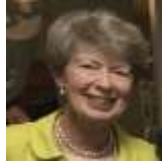
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50th Anniversary Book
Karen Hayward



From the President

Greetings Ladies as we slide into a beautiful Autumn. Hope you are all enjoying the seasonal changes after the ups and downs of our COVID restrictions. Still not out of harm's way but with travel within our various States being freed up I hope you are all able to take advantage of the many short vacations on offer.

Speaking of which, I know quite a contingent of QFHC members took to the skies, roads and trains to get to Longreach Queensland to celebrate the centenary of Qantas (even if a year late). Robyn, I know, has lots of tales and photos of this significant event to share with you and I'm sure you will enjoy the stories.

Please do keep in your diaries our coming AGM lunch to be held at the *Deckhouse* -Woolwich - on Monday 7 September 2021. We traditionally organise our reunions years ending in '... so guess we look to see all those ladies that started in years e.g. 1951,61,71,81 and 91. So make up a table and do come and join us, especially those from interstate, you would be very welcome.

On a sad note, we lost a long time flyer Vivian Hansberry (nee Swanston) who passed away in Kamloops, B.C. Canada in November 2020 but we have only recently been advised. She was an avid skier and tennis player and who could forget her 'happy snaps' moments. Vale Viv and RIP.

Enjoy this special edition of our newsletter and know we always appreciate any news from afar.

Warmest wishes

Annie Oeding
PRESIDENT



Luncheon Cruise on Sydney Harbour

On a perfect sunny autumn day 44 members and guests enjoyed a cruise on our magnificent harbour which included drinks that flowed constantly and a succulent lunch. There was so much talking that I believe we forgot to look at the view as we cruised! Photos of some of our guests.



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FROM THE MELBOURNE BRANCH

CHAMPAGNE HIGH TEA
Thursday 29 April 2021

A very enjoyable afternoon tea was held at the Toorak home of Peter Cotton and Geraldine Black. Arriving guests were welcomed with a glass of champagne and the event was very quickly in full swing! Our guests numbered 14 which was a fabulous turnout for our branch.

A long table was beautifully set for the arriving guests with Geraldine using linen napkins and runners that she bought in Asia over 40 years ago! Cake stands filled with delicious morsels were the centrepieces of the table and hot savouries added to the mix. Tea and coffee were of course available, but the bubbles kept flowing!

We had a lovely surprise visit from Cookie and Mike Harkin whom we had not seen in some time. It was marvellous to see them back and Mike promised that they would definitely be at our next event.

The afternoon tea was a complimentary event given as a thank you to our members for their continued support of our club.

The following people were in attendance:

Geraldine Black and Peter Cotton, Jane Shipp, Lorraine McKenzie, Patrice Rush (Dinley), Louise Dobbins, Carol Lipman, Catherine Newman, Rosalea Rogers, Loretta Paterson, Janet and Barry Aarons, Cookie and Mike Harkin.

Apologies: Myra Scott, Peter Rush

A big thank you must go to Peter and Geraldine for opening their house and their generous hospitality on the day.

Our AGM meeting was locked in for Thursday 15 July and a Christmas Luncheon date was suggested for the last week of November. Date and Place to be advised.

A "Back to Paynesville" weekend at Jane and Warren Shipp's new house (nearly finished!) was suggested and greatly received by all. This event will be on the last weekend of February 2022 and coincides with the Paynesville Music Festival which is a major community event held on that weekend every year.

Jane Shipp
VICE PRESIDENT

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FROM THE MELBOURNE BRANCH (continued)

It was great to see so many happy faces at our Champagne High Tea staged at the house last Thursday 29 April. Thank you so much for attending and your continual support for our group... it is awe inspiring how loyal you all are and what fun and happy times we share when we see each other again.

Some of our members have now relocated to country Victoria and it is particularly nice to see you when you "come on down" to lovely Melbourne to join in the fun.

This is really a diary date so please, put this day aside for our AGM being held on 15 July 2021 at Vaporetto Restaurant in Hawthorn. Details will follow on the invitation a bit closer to the time.

Our Christmas party is underway and you will be notified when we have the date and venue locked in.

In the meantime, keep well and happy.

Geraldine, Lorraine and Jane
MELBOURNE BRANCH

FROM THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH

As Judy Potts has not been well, Cathy Haynes (past president) and I decided to have a tribute lunch for Judy as soon as possible.

Elizabeth Grace, Judy's sister is fully in agreement and will come for support. Also, as Anne Lewis started our club with Judy, we have contacted Anne to make her aware of the lunch and that we shall honour them both. As it turns out, Anne has been in hospital after having a fall and no one knew.

Cathy has suggested a restaurant, Dovetail, in Ipswich being a good half way position for all. The lunch will be held on Thursday, 3rd June. Our invitation will be sent when I have a suitable photo of Judy. Hopefully, someone from Sydney could attend.

The Gold Coast lunch to be held on Wednesday 7 July will now be postponed. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 11th August. A Red Tail Road Brisbane reunion and casual event will be held on 8 October. Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, 24th November.

The Sunshine Coast lunch was held at The Boathouse, Noosa. Ten members enjoyed lunch including Julie and Aiden Whitham, June and Peter Rogers, Geraldine and Peter Black, Pat and Bill Guest, Toni and Stuart Grant, Lyndel Elias, Kerry Field, Irena Harrington, Marion Rich and Jan Watts.

Pat Guest
PRESIDENT

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Hi Folks

COVID 19 seems to be getting under control and our life is gradually getting back to normal.

Vaccination level in the USA is nearing 70% but the pace has unfortunately slowed down

Domestic travel in the USA has opened up but our border with Canada is still closed and international travel is very limited.

I would like to plan Americas Reunion in Oct/Nov 2021 if all conditions are favourable and will have further details soon.

Cheers

James Prasad – Reunion Director, The Americas