



# The Qantas Retired Staff Club Inc. News

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### Please note:

1. Wherever possible please email office holders. All general mail should be addressed to the **Secretary**.
2. Remittance of monies should be addressed to the **Treasurer**.
3. Payment can be made by cheque, or direct to the Club's Qantas Staff Credit Union account.  
BSB — **704-865**; Account No. — **00005254**; Account Name — **Qantas Retired Staff Club**
4. All phone enquires regarding events etc. to — **Function Co-ordinator—Linda White (02) 9567 7105**.
5. This newsletter is available on the Internet at — <http://qrsc.org.au>

### New Members - Welcome into membership !!

<i>RTR No.</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Name</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Ex - Dept./Position</i>

**Function Co-Ordinator Report & Social Events. Contact details — see top of page.**

### Upcoming functions for your diary —

1. Christmas Lunch — Earlwood—Bardwell Park RSL Club, Friday, 11th December 2015.
2. Sydney Rowers Club—Abbotsford, Thursday 11 February 2016.
3. Coogee legion Club—Coogee, Thursday 7 April 2016

**EVENT: CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**DATE:** 11th December 2015 (Friday)  
**TIME:** Meet at 11.30am, with lunch served at 12noon

**VENUE:** Earlwood-Bardwell Park RSL Club  
 Hartill-Law Ave. Bardwell Park

**COST;** Approx. cost \$20

**RSVP:** 27th November, Check with Linda for places  
You must book before hand otherwise you will not be catered for.

**There will be many raffles  
 THIS IS A FUN DAY !!  
 WITH LOTS OF PRIZES AND GOOD CHEER**

**EVENT: SYDNEY ROWERS CLUB**

**DATE:** 11 February 2016 (Thursday)

**TIME:** 11.30 am for a social get together before lunch

**VENUE:** Great North Rd., Abbotsford.

**COST:** Lunch at own expense

**RSVP:** 28 January 2016

**NOTE:** The Club can be reached by Rivercat, leaving Circular Quay. Ph. 131 500 for current ferry schedules.(10.28am)

<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>LUNCH AT COOGEE LEGION CLUB</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 7 April 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	12.00 Noon
<b>TRANSPORT:</b>	Bus from Bondi Junction Interchange No's 313 or 314
<b>COST:</b>	Approx. \$30
<b>RSVP:</b>	24 March 2016—Linda White—9567 7105 or functionsqrsc@gmail.com

## NOTICE BOARD

### **PRESIDENT: - December 2015**

I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. The AGM for your Club was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, with all office-holders re-elected. The Committee selflessly give up their time and talents to serve the members in many ways and for this I am very grateful .

### **SECRETARY:- December 2015**

I would like to wish all members and their families and friends a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Would you please send change of name and address details to the Secretary in a timely manner either by post or email, otherwise you will lose touch with the Club's activities. If you do not advise us of the change you will not receive further copies of the Newsletter.

The Retired Staff Newsletter is posted to the members so it will be received on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, August and December each year. It is also uploaded to our website <http://qrsc.org.au> at the same time. For members preferring to receive the Newsletter this way please contact the Secretary to enable this change. The change to viewing the Newsletter online will bring about savings in communicating with the members. It is not possible to send email reminders to view the online newsletters.

Notices for inclusion into the Newsletter should be emailed to the Secretary two months prior to the publication date. Other communications to the Secretary or Treasurer can be by post or email. If you have email you can save postage.

### **FUNCTIONS CO-ORDINATOR:- December 2015**

See upcoming functions for your diary — on page 1

## VALE

### **Clive Richard Wallace MARSHALL – 19 February 1926 – 29 June 2015**

Clive was born at Stanmore, NSW, Clive Marshall trained as a pilot in the RAAF and served in Korea from May 1952 with No.30 Transport Unit and then from April 1954 until the end of the year as a Flying Officer with No.36 (Transport) Squadron, flying Douglas C-47 Dakotas.

He joined Qantas on 3 January 1957 as a First Officer Grade II on Lockheed L.1049s. In September 1959 he transferred to the Boeing 707 and was promoted to First Officer Grade I in December 1960. He was issued with his Flight Navigator Licence six months later and in March 1962 was posted to San Francisco. On his return to Sydney he gained his command on the Boeing 707 and subsequently became a Promotional Training Captain on that aircraft.

Clive took early retirement on 1 July 1976

He married Bev Kenyon in 1977, who was flying as a hostie. They lived in country NSW until 2002, when they moved to the Gold Coast and then moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2012. Clive was diagnosed with advanced Prostate Cancer in August 2014 and Bev cared for him at home until a couple of days before his death.

# **Proudly supporting this year's Qantas Staff Retirees Christmas Function**

This year we are again proud to sponsor your Christmas function. Our involvement and support of the QSR will continue as it has for many years.

It's still us! Even though our name is changing everything else will remain the same. We will continue to be a mutual, 100% owned by our Members, and you will continue to be served by the same friendly and helpful staff as you always have.

If you would like any further information we are happy to spend time with you to answer any questions you may have. Please call us on 1300 747 747 or visit us at your local branch.

Wishing you all the best for the festive season and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas function.

**Call us on 1300 747 747**  
**[qantascreditunion.com.au/supportourfuture](https://qantascreditunion.com.au/supportourfuture)**



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### **Douglas Coulton NOLAN – 22 February 1919 – 27 July 2015.**

A country boy from Young NSW, Doug joined the RAAF in 1941, qualifying as a Navigator. He served in various squadrons, mainly in PBY Catalinas, in the North of Australia, PNG and Indo-China regions, on bombing, mine-laying, convoy protection, and latterly in Air-Sea Rescue missions. He was discharged in February 1946 having achieved the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

Following WW2 he returned to the family business in Young, but wishing to continue his flying career, he applied for and was accepted into QANTAS in 1950 as a line Navigator. He commenced in DC4s, and rose through the ranks to be appointed Supervisory Navigator in January 1957.

Doug had a number of notable firsts during his QANTAS career. He navigated the first Qantas Super Constellation to arrive in Australia, arriving at EXACTLY the right time to coincide with the official opening of the new Qantas Building by the PM Sir Robert Menzies. He also navigated the first Qantas Boeing 707 to be delivered to Australia, and then in 1965 was on the flight delivering the first Australian troops into Saigon for the Vietnam War.

For his achievements Doug was elected a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Navigation, and also awarded the Master Air Navigator Certificate by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators.

Having been promoted to Chief Navigator in 1971, Doug retired from QANTAS in 1974. He then commenced a new career teaching Navigation at TAFE at Brookvale and Sydney, and later at a private Flying School in Bankstown.

Doug's last major life project was in writing a book about his wartime and civil aviation experiences. This was his everlasting legacy to his family, but his crowning glory was the award of the Order of Australia Medal, an OAM, in the June of this year, for services to War History and Navigation.

Doug lost his dearly loved wife of 62 years, Lorraine, in 2005. He remained active right up until the end – he played bowls even on the day before the stroke which ultimately took him from us. He is survived by his four children David, Judy, Laurie and Pete, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

### **Desmond L R EDWARDS – April 1926 – 26 March 2015**

Des passed away on 26 March 2015 at Nepean Hospital Penrith of a heart attack after being unwell for many years.

He worked at Qantas from 4 March 1959 till his retirement on 30 June 1986 as a Passenger Reservations Control Officer at Mascot Airport. Des would have been 89 in April 2015.

### **Bruce CUNNINGHAM – 27 November 1947 – 26 July 2015.**

Bruce joined the Number 3 Course of the Qantas Cadet Pilot Training Scheme in January 1967 and, on graduation on 30 March 1968, was appointed to Qantas and seconded to general aviation for 18 months. When he returned to Qantas in February 1970, he became a Second Officer on the Boeing 707. In July 1975 he moved to the Boeing 747 as a Second Officer but due to the economic conditions at the time, in July 1978 he was seconded to Air Pacific as a First Officer on the HS.748. Two years later he resumed flying the Boeing 747 as a Second Officer, being promoted to First Officer in January 1981.

In October 1986 he moved to the Boeing 767 for command training, becoming a 767 Captain in March 1987. A year later he became a Check and Training Captain on the 767 and a Senior Check Captain in May 1992. He converted to the Boeing 747-400 in December 1996 and became a Check and Training Captain on that type. He retired as a Line Captain on the 747-400 on 21 September 2011.

Bruce passed away after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He had returned home to be with his family after receiving care at the Mater Hospital in North Sydney, aged 68..

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### **Peter Alan (Alan) McKern – 22 November 1934 – 9 April 2015**

After serving as a pilot in the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm, Alan McKern migrated to Australia to join Qantas in November 1966. He qualified as a Second Officer on the Boeing 707 and then, in August 1972, he transferred to the Boeing 747. Alan was promoted to First Officer on the 747 in April 1975. Unfortunately, medical problems led to the loss of his licence, cutting short his career, and he retired on 22 November 1982.

Alan McKern passed away at Moss Vale, aged 81, but his spirit lives on with his sons, Captain Peter McKern and Captain Bob McKern, both currently flying with Qantas.

### **Howard John (Joe) BARTSCH – 10 November 1919 – July 2015**

Joe was Born in Port Pirie, SA, Joe Bartsch enlisted in the RAAF on 10 October 1942 and trained as a navigator. When Qantas began its Indian Ocean Catalina service from Perth to Ceylon in July 1943, Joe Bartsch was one of six sprog navigators loaned by the RAAF to the company to help operate the service. He flew a total of 271 Double Sunrise flights between Perth and Colombo, more than any other crew member.

Joe continued flying as a navigator until 1 November 1971, when he and other navigators were made redundant by the introduction of the Boeing 747 with its Inertial Navigation System.

### **Cecil Edwin French-Kennedy – (03/06/1921 – late March 2015)**

Cecil was Born at Boonah, Queensland, Cec French-Kennedy completed an apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner before joining the RAAF on 13 May 1940 as a Flight Mechanic. He subsequently re-mustered as a pilot, gaining 800 hours experience on Avro Ansons and Consolidated Liberators. He was discharged from the RAAF on 17 January 1946 with the rank of Flying Officer.

He joined Qantas as a Ground Engineer on 16 January 1947 at Rose Bay. He transferred to Flight Operations on 15 July 1948 as a Flight Engineer on Short Hythes and was one of the last to leave that type. He transferred to the Lockheed L.749 on

1 February 1949 and then to the L.1049 on 1 January 1955, where he became a Check Engineer.

Cec began Second Officer training on the L.1049 in September 1957 but returned to Flight Engineer duties. He was promoted to Senior Check Engineer Officer on the L.1049 in the UK in April 1960.

He moved to the Boeing 707 on 7 February 1962 and to the Boeing 747 on

12 October 1971. He retired on 1 June 1976, having accrued some 24,000 hours' flying.

### **Allan John (Jack) HOWELL - (5/8/1931-16/3/2015)**

Jack was born in Longreach Queensland. He attended Longreach primary school, passing the Qantas shopfront on his way to school dreaming that one day he may work for Qantas. John attended The Southport School (TSS) an Anglican boys boarding school for his secondary education.

After finishing his secondary education he applied to and was accepted into the Royal Australian Navy.

After sitting for exams he was assigned to aircraft carriers where he studied and gained his electrical/ aeronautical engineering qualifications. John served on the Sydney and Vengeance. In 1954 he was selected to be a member of the guard of honour who accompanied Queen Elizabeth during her tour of Australia and the South Pacific. John left the Navy after his six year term ended.

John joined Qantas in 1957 in the engineering department. John was posted to many overseas postings, he was also sent to Seattle to study the jet engine at the Boeing factory. John retired in June 1989, his position at the time was Senior Quality Surveyor Military Aircraft Maintenance. After retirement John was retained by Qantas as a consultant at the Avalon engineering/maintenance department in Victoria.

Family was important to John, he adored his children and grandchildren and they loved him dearly.

His partner Elaine was the love of his life, they travelled the world. John loved flying but Elaine converted him reluctantly to cruising, John at first saying "I cruised for six years in the Navy and got paid for it". After one cruise he loved it. At the time of his death they had cruised a total of 120 days.

John passed away at Bethany Aged Care Facility at Port Macquarie on 16 March, aged 84, (Elaine's birthday) after a long battle with Asbestosis and emphysema.

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### **John Alexander Du Ross – 3 March 1934 – 14 July 2015**

Following his graduation in 1951 from Canterbury Boy's High School, where he was a member of the Air Training Corps, John Du Ross joined Qantas as a Notifications Clerk in Flight Operations. In 1952 he was called up for National Service and the following year he joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a trainee pilot, initially training on Tiger Moths before being posted for advanced training to the Experimental Jet Training Course flying de Havilland Vampires.

He was next posted to Gloster Meteors in No.77 Squadron, and then serving with the Woomera Trials Flight, flying Douglas C-47s and Lincolns. He was subsequently posted to Richmond, flying C-47 rain-making duties with No.38 Squadron. A Flying Instructor's Course followed in 1959 and he then spent two years as an instructor at Pearce WA.

John re-joined Qantas in 1962 as a Traffic Officer and in 1963 was accepted for Flight Staff Duties, initially on the DC-3 and then moving to the Boeing 707 for Second Officer training. Already holding a Flight Navigator Licence, in 1965 he became a First Officer on the 707 and in late 1969 a Captain on that aircraft. He converted to the Boeing 747 towards the end of 1976 and remained a 747 Captain until he retired on 1 October 1990, having flown 18,500 hours.

Late of Caringbah, John passed away at Ulladulla at the age of 81.

### **John Robert Oliver ("Dinger") Bell - 2 November 1933 - 22 August 2015**

John served in the Royal Australian Air Force from 1950 to 1970, during which time he attained the position of Deputy Flight Engineer Leader with No.36 Squadron, flying on Lockheed C-130s. He joined Qantas on 30 September 1970 as a Flight Engineer on Boeing 707s.

In 1972, he took leave of absence to fly with Singapore Airlines, resuming with Qantas in August 1973. He converted to the Boeing 747 in February 1977 and remained as a flight Engineer on that aircraft until he retired on 6 July 1990, having accrued 14,285 hours of flying on C-130, Boeing 707 and Boeing 747 aircraft.

Late of Umina Beach, John passed away at the age of 81.

### **Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS)**

**Invites all members of  
The Qantas Retired Staff Club Inc.**

**To visit our facilities at the Illawarra regional Airport  
(Albion Park Rail) where there are some 40 aircraft on  
display.**

**Ph 02 4257 4333 Web: [hars.org.au](http://hars.org.au)**

**\$20/adult, \$15/senior or student concession, \$8/  
child (5-14 years) or \$55/family (2 adults plus  
up to 4 children).**

**Please allow 1-2 hours for a comprehensive  
tour.**

## Staff travel notice

CHANGES TO STAFF TRAVEL MANUAL FORMS From Monday 14 September, all manual staff travel forms will be changing. References to credit card information will be replaced with a mobile number for you to provide for the Staff Travel Office who will contact you for confirmation of bookings and payments. Ensure you are using the updated forms which are available on Staff Travel Online. Like all organisations that deal with credit card information, Qantas is governed by Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) which exist to protect cardholders. These standards are enforced by global card schemes such as Visa, AMEX and MasterCard JCB and we're implementing these standards across the business.

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

**Colin Lock's research** - a former Qantas employee and a current volunteer at the Qantas Heritage Collection, also the author of - FINISHED WITH ENGINES, the story of Qantas' Longhaul Flight Engineers -1941 - 2009.  
He is currently researching former Qantas Navigators and Radio Officers to archive in the Qantas Heritage Collection.  
He is keen to hear from former N/O and R/O or their families at PO Box 1, Cronulla, 2230

### The Flying Kangaroo

Great untold stories of Qantas-- the heroic, the hilarious and the sometimes just plain strange. Due for release end of October.

It's not a chronological history of QF but does trace some of the major reasons, particularly since WW2 which created the airline's renowned reputation for safety through its operational training through the 707 days at Avalon and its dedication to engineering excellence, of which there are numerous examples. It also recounts some of the things we got away with, including the Mauritius Connie accident, the Bahrain Bomber, and some of the other near misses, some of our strange corporate leaders etc. It's also about the New Guinea years and has a fair amount of humour in it. But above all it's the first Qantas book about the people who made the airline what it is today. It doesn't touch the current airline but goes up until the completion of the 'reverse takeover' between QF and Australian Airlines!!

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**Staff Travel**

**WARNING!** Travelers are encouraged to use the Department of Foreign Affairs website at [www.dfat.gov.au/travel](http://www.dfat.gov.au/travel) or contact the Department of Foreign Affairs for information on specific issues or events which may effect Australian travelers. There is another website [smartraveler.com.au](http://smartraveler.com.au) which also gives information for overseas travelers.

**MASCOT STAFF TRAVEL COUNTER CLOSURE**

There is no counter for face to face dealing with Staff Travel.  
As a result, all paper tickets and letters of introduction will be posted via GPO or OCS mail.  
The Staff Travel mail box will remain in QCD reception for refund applications.

**The main sources of staff travel information are now :**

Direct from Staff Travel on one of the phone numbers listed on the right,

Through the Internet on – <http://qantas.com.au/stafftravel/>

under **Staff Travel Notices**

**Premium Economy class** will not be available to staff travel on

either the A380 or the limited 747 aircraft. Staff will not be able to purchase a Premium Economy class staff travel ticket. The Staff Travel fare structure will remain status quo - i.e. Normal economy class plus business and first to those who are eligible. However, any staff traveller who has purchased either a first or business class upgrade and the upgrade class is unavailable, then that staff member "may" be seated in Premium Economy class, if available. If this is the case, the travel will be deemed to be in economy class and an appropriate refund between economy class and the paid upgrade class will apply.

**The International Air Travel Association (IATA)** has launched a website to assist airline travellers & provides valuable information on passports, visa & health requirements in addition to data on airport arrival & departure taxes & consumer & currency regulations. Called the IATA Travel Centre it can be found at - [www.iatatravelcentre.com](http://www.iatatravelcentre.com)

**Staff Travel Offices Details**

**Hours of operation:**

Monday to Friday: 8.30am — 4.45pm  
Saturday & Sunday: .8.00am — 4.00pm  
(limited service for same/next day bookings )

**Phone numbers**

Sydney	(02) 9424 8747
" Fax	(02) 9490 1818
Melbourne	(03) 8336 4747
" Fax	(03) 8336 5301
Brisbane	(07) 3666 3747
Adelaide	(08) 8237 8450
Perth	(08) 9477 8181
Hobart	(03) 6210 4889
Darwin	(08) 8982 3384
Canberra	(02) 6275 5508
Cairns	(07) 4050 4081

**Mail**

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - Please mail form to Secretary or — email details to — [secretaryqrsc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryqrsc@gmail.com).

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 Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Previous Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ New Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**QANTAS HERITAGE COLLECTION**

If you are moving, down sizing, cleaning up or simply throwing out unwanted material about your time in Qantas, please consider donating it to the Qantas Heritage Collection. The Collection is keen to have your manuals, copies of photographs (identified where possible) or any paraphernalia associated with Qantas. Please contact [heritage@qantas.com.au](mailto:heritage@qantas.com.au) or 9691 8381 on a Tuesday and Thursday or Qantas Heritage Collection, Sydney Domestic Terminal T3, Mascot 2020.