



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 **Qudos Bank 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 0409 902 184**.
 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>
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Function Co-Ordinator Report & Social Events. Contact details — see top of page.

Upcoming functions for your diary for 2018
AGM:- Wednesday 19th September 2018.
Christmas Lunch:- 14th December 2018. Bardwell Pk. RSL Club.

Functions Co-ordinator Report – July 2018

2018 events started with our annual trip to the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford, this event is now our Neville and Margaret Rose memorial lunch, it always well attended and enjoyed, by all who attend. Our next outing was to Cockatoo Island, on Wednesday 16th May 2018, we met at Circular Quay and enjoyed the short ferry ride, there was only a handful of us but we all found it very interesting and informative, lots we didn't know about the early settlement in Sydney.

Wednesday 20th June 2018, 20 of us met at the Coogee Legion Club. A good time was had by all, the company was great and the food was delicious.

Wednesday 25th July 2018, we have a trip planned to Dapto on the train. This is a really enjoyable train trip with some beautiful scenery and some interesting sights, and a couple of long tunnels before we get to Dapto. Once there it is only a very short walk across the street and our previous visits have always been enjoyed. Hope to see some new faces on this trip. See your previous newsletter for train timetable times for **Central (country platform), Hurstville and Sutherland where we usually sit in the 2nd carriage from the front.**

Remaining events for 2018 will be the AGM on 19th September 2018
Christmas Function on 14th December. 2018 You must register with me for both of these events to allow us to organise the catering.

Linda White
Functions Co-ordinator



EVENT:- CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DATE:- Friday 14th December 2018
TIME:- Meet at 11.30am, with lunch served at 12 noon.
VENUE:- Earlwood –Bardwell Park RSL Club
COST:- \$20
RSVP:- Friday 7th December 2018,



THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT LET “LINDA” KNOW YOU ARE COMING, YOU WILL NOT BE CATERED FOR.
THIS IS A FUN DAY !! THERE WILL BE MANY RAFFLES
WITH LOTS OF PRIZES AND GOOD CHEER

Event:- AGM Meeting

Date:- Wednesday 19th September 2018

Time:- Morning Tea at 10:30am then Meeting at 11:00am

Venue:- Earlwood –Bardwell Park RSL Club. 18 Hartill Law Ave. Bardwell Park 2207.

RSVP:- By Wednesday 12th September 2018

Linda White Mobile 0409 902 184 or email:- functionsqrsc@gmail.com

NOTICE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We have had some successful activities recently, it is good to catch up, relax and forget about the everyday worries for a while and talk about the old Qantas that we all loved so much. I look forward to seeing as many members at our two remaining functions for 2018: the AGM and Christmas Lunch. I would once more like to express my gratitude to the QUDOS Bank for their continued support in the funding of the Club’s activities.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

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 future copies of the newsletter.

The Retired Staff Newsletter is posted to members so it will be received on or about the 1st April, August and December each year. It is also uploaded to our website <http://qrsc.org.au> at the same time. For member preferring to receive the newsletter this way please contact the Secretary to enable this change. By viewing the Newsletter on the computer, it can reduce the running costs of the Club.

NEW MEMBERS

RTR No.	Surname	Given Name	Partner	Ex – Dept/Position
Nil				

A request from Qantas Heritage Collection.

Colin Lock, a volunteer at the Qantas Heritage Collection, is seeking information on the **Atalanta Trophy** which was awarded to the winner of an annual golf day inaugurated by **Arthur Baird in 1949**. It seems the golf days continued until the late 1980s. Any information appreciated to Colin Lock at heritage@qantas.com.au

'Arthur Baird presenting the 'Atalanta' golf trophy,.



Internet Web News

Frank Purvis has installed a hit counter on the very bottom of each website page.

This will count how many people have looked at The Qantas Retired Staff Club web Site. There have been 5,070 times (Hits) the web site has been visited since 15th May 2018.



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Brian John Van de Water passed away peacefully at the SAN Hospital on the 16th April, 2018. Aged 87 years. Adored husband and best friend of Barbara. Caring and inspirational father to Sue and Sandra. Loved like a father by John, Gary and Narelle. Best Ever Granddad to Chrisso, Rachel, Jonathan, Daniel, Megan, Patrick and their partners. A private family Service was held and a public Memorial Celebration of Brian's life.

Aviation expert who devised new ways to improve safety

Brian Van de Water was a visionary, mathematical whiz and highly regarded in Qantas engineering circles to this day. His contribution to Qantas's safety record with groundbreaking changes to engine overhaul practices has been recognised by the aviation sector and Qantas Engineering.

The youngest of two sons of John Van de Water, a builder, and Dorothy Beavis Tucker, Brian grew up in Tumut as a "refugee" from Sydney during the Depression. The family moved there when his father could not find work in Sydney. They lived in a dirt-floor shack on a mate's property so were literally "dirt poor".

Many airline employees vividly recall the first time they experienced the magic of flying. For Brian, it was when a group of aircraft visited Tumut and a lifelong love affair with aviation was sparked. The family returned to Sydney in 1936, when the worst of the Depression was over. Brian attended Homebush High where his mathematical and physics abilities shone. On November 15, 1947, he spotted an ad in *The Herald*, was interviewed by the Qantas chief engineer and was selected as the first cadet engineer, to begin in January 1948.

For a young aircraft enthusiast and a lad who had experienced poverty, his job was a dream come true. He attended Sydney Tech and graduated in aeronautical engineering in 1952. For the next seven years, his work involved mathematics and he writes in his memoir that he "greatly enjoyed the beauty and power of maths to solve seemingly impossible problems". During this time he also learnt to fly on Tiger Moths.

With the aid of the Royal Aeronautical Society he secured a job at Vickers, in Surrey UK, and started in 1953. Van de Water was immersed in calculations and graphs concerned with the design and development of the Viscount and Vanguard airliners.

Having learnt so much in the UK, it was time to return to Sydney in 1955. Travelling home by sea on the Iberia, while in the Bay of Biscay, he bumped into an English school teacher Barbara McCarter on her way to Australia for an adventure. They fell in love and, after a whirlwind romance, married.

When Van de Water rejoined Qantas in February 1956, he quickly established himself as a valuable member of the engineering team in one of the most pivotal eras in aviation history – the arrival of the jet engine in the 1950s. It was his technical ability that saw him take up a post in Seattle as assistant resident engineer at the Boeing factory and be part of history when the first 707 in Qantas livery rolled out of the hangar.

Brian Van de Water (holding plans) with VH-EBH on the production line at Seattle, 1961.

His four years in Seattle were a highlight of his career, he and Barbara made lifelong friends and both daughters were born there. He was in the delivery room for both births, unheard of in Australia in the 1950s. As in many things, he was forward thinking and always looking for a new and better way of approaching his life and work.

This was reflected in his career after Qantas when he was appointed to the new position of senior reliability engineer in 1965. He was given the task of introducing a radically new system for overhauling and maintaining jet engines.

Until then, engines were removed for the very expensive overhauls at fixed intervals. He was often away overseas, leaving his young family, visiting Europe and the US where change was under way.



Brian Van de Water holds his daughter Sandra at the Boeing Plant, in August 1959, as the first Boeing 707 was handed over to Qantas for delivery to Australia.



Brian Van de Water (holding plans) with VH-EBH on the production line at Seattle, 1961.

Photo: Supplied

John Eden, of Air Canada, was the pioneer on engines and with Van de Water's skills in written and oral communication the Department of Civil Aviation was persuaded to let Qantas follow the emerging changes. Over the next five years his team slowly transformed the Qantas system to "conditioned monitored maintenance".

Those who worked for him remember his determination to challenge the way engine maintenance was performed and inspire change. It wasn't easy. Van de Water's technical knowledge meant he liaised directly with engine manufacturers, devising new ways to improve safety and extend the life of engines. His efforts to change established practices resulted in the company saving millions of dollars annually in overhaul costs.

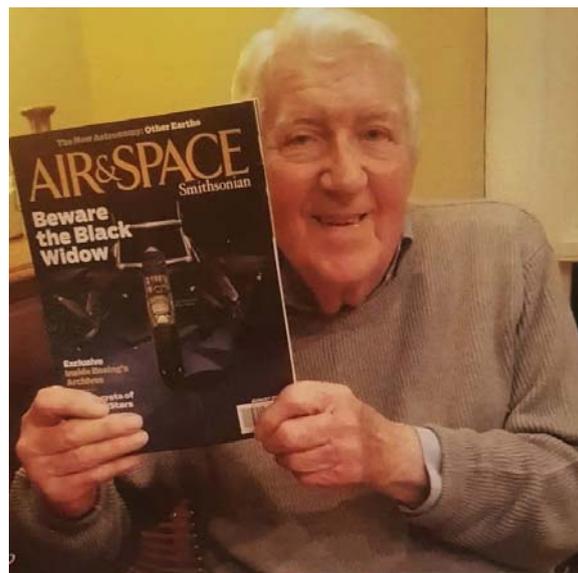
His achievements were many, but some most notable in his later years at Qantas were increasing engine on-wing life for the 707 and 747 fleet, he was at the forefront of "reliability-centred maintenance at Qantas and, similarly, he introduced the benefits to the RAAF after drawn-out discussions. This was pivotal to the oversight and support of the RAAF's program, in particular on the C130's Allison T56 Turboprop.

When the 747 fleet was introduced, Van de Water set about learning about "super alloys" – metals used in advanced jet engines due to the heat they can withstand. He became an expert in this field, communicating with the engine makers.

As a result, he assisted in developing some highly advanced repair processes using exotic techniques such as electron beam welding and vapour deposition metal coatings. His speciality was little known in Australia at the time and by the late 70s he had enough expertise to be invited to lecture on the subject to various technical organisations around Australia.

As a result of these lectures he was awarded the Society of Automotive Engineers' medal in 1978 for "outstanding contributions to gas engine turbine technology". This work continued until his retirement in 1991.

Not only was he an expert in his field but he loved to share his knowledge with other airlines and technical bodies around the world, including China. He inspired the next generation of engineers, some still working at Qantas, to continuously push the boundaries of what was possible.



Brian Van De Water Photo: Supplied

Passengers flying around the world on jet airliners were oblivious to the hardworking engineer behind the scenes. His devotion to duty, brilliant foresight and imagination to see what others didn't, to push for better engine maintenance (despite opposition), made for safer aviation.

His love affair with the sector did not stop on retirement. He continued to liaise with Pratt and Whitney and he was an active member of HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) at Albion Park, conducting tours and consulting on engines, especially the Constellation, his beloved "Connie".

He painted aircraft all his life, one of the most prolific aviation artists in Australia, and at 85 took on a new career as aviation journalist. His article, *The Impossible Flight* was published in the Smithsonian journal *Air & Space* in 2016.

He believed in equality for women, encouraging his two daughters to have careers and challenge established viewpoints. Having overseen the first Boeing 707 flight from Seattle, the family regret he will not be present when John Travolta's 707, which has been donated to HARS, touches down at Albion Park in the near future.



A painting of a Qantas 707 flying past Mount Rainier near Seattle.

Photo: Supplied

He is survived by Barbara, daughters Sandra and Sue, and six grandchildren. Sandra Van de Water.

Brian John Van de Water 1930-2018

"Extracted from the Sydney Morning Herald 7th June 2018"

Retiree Staff Travel

People Services is open 8am 6pm Monday to Friday for all Staff Travel enquiries, and 8am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday for urgent travel only

You can book Qantas, Jetstar and interline flights via <http://sto.qantas.com>

Qantas eligible employees can find information and book interline travel on selected carriers via myIDTravel. Search myIDTravel in document library search function.

Limited services are also available from the Sydney Staff Travel office—see below for details

TELEPHONE: For all Staff and Duty Travel queries contact:

People Services on x86111 or 1300 303 411 (Option 1)

Or

SHR Staff Travel—stafftravel@qantas.com.au

SHR Duty Travel—dutytravel@qantas.com.au

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR NEW STAFF TRAVEL. There is a single email address for the Staff Travel Team - stafftravel@qantas.com.au. Before you email the team, make sure your query hasn't already been answered in the user guides and FAQs in the Document Library section of the [Staff Travel website](#). You can also call Staff Travel on 1300 303 411 during business hours for assistance with your staff travel queries

Please note, your password for Staff Travel Online is unique and is not synchronised with other Qantas Group passwords. After 3 unsuccessful password attempts, your account will be locked. If you are unsure of your password, please click on the "Forgot your password" link above to reset your password

REMINDER – STAFF TRAVEL REFUNDS You will need to perform these refunds using the 'Leisure Travel' > 'Offline Refund Request' option in the [Staff Travel system](#). For more detail on how to process your refunds, log in to sto.qantas.com, click on 'Document Library' and search for 'refund'. You can also read the [employee FAQs](#) which contain further info on how to process refunds for any bookings made in the new system.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Please mail form to Secretary or —
 email details to — secretaryqrsc@gmail.com.

NAME (Please Print) _____ RTR No. _____

Previous Address _____ New Address _____

Previous Phone Number (____) _____ New Phone Number (____) _____

Email address _____

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

or

**Ring 9691 8381 on a Tuesday and Thursday or Qantas Heritage Collection,
 Qantas Jet Base Hangar 407 or Sydney Domestic Terminal T3, Mascot 2020.**