



# 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 **Secretary**
  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 !!**

RTR No.	Surname	Given Name	Partner	Ex – Dept./Position
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**Function Co-Ordinator Report & Social Events. Contact details — see top of page.**

**Up and coming functions for your diary for 2019**

**Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club:-** Wednesday 6th February 2019.  
**Sydney Rowing Club - Rose Memorial:-** Wednesday 20th March 2019.  
**Coogee Legion Club:-** Wednesday 19th June 2019.  
**Dapto Leagues Club:-** Wednesday 7th August 2019.

**EVENT:- CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Please Note The change of Date !**

**DATE:-** Friday 7th December 2018

**TIME:-** Meet at 11.30am, with lunch served at 12noon.

**VENUE:-** Earlwood – Bardwell Park RSL Club

**COST:-** \$20

**RSVP:-** Friday 30th November 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:- Lunch at Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club**

**DATE:-** Wednesday 6th February 2019

**TIME:-** 10:45am Meet on the wharf.  
 Manly Ferry Leaves Circular Quay at 11.00am  
 Followed by a 7 minute walk around the bay.

**VENUE:-** Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.

**COST:-** \$30.00 Approximate cost

**RSVP:-** Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

<p><b>EVENT:- Rose Memorial Lunch - Sydney Rowers</b></p> <p><b>DATE:-</b> Wednesday 20th March 2019</p> <p><b>TIME:-</b> 11:30am for a social get together before Lunch</p> <p><b>VENUE:-</b> Abbotsford Great North Road,</p> <p><b>Transport:-</b> Rivercat Leave Circular Quay at 10:37am Meet on the Wharf at 10:15am</p> <p><b>COST:-</b> \$30.00 Approximate cost</p> <p><b>Note:-</b> The Club can be reached by the Rivercat, leaving Circular Quay Phone 131 500 For travel information.</p> <p><b>RSVP:-</b> Wednesday 6th March 2019</p>	<p><b>EVENT:-</b> Lunch - Coogee Legion Club</p> <p><b>DATE:-</b> Wednesday 12th June 2019.</p> <p><b>TIME:-</b> 11.30am for a pre Lunch drink</p> <p><b>VENUE:-</b> Coogee Legion Club.</p> <p><b>Transport:-</b> Buses from the Interchange at Bondi Junction No. 314 leave from Stand "J" or red bus from Central.</p> <p><b>COST:-</b> \$30.00 Approximate cost.</p> <p><b>RSVP:-</b> Wednesday 29th May 2019.</p>
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## NOTICE BOARD

**PRESIDENT:**

I would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to thank the members who have attended recent events, it is good to catch up and talk about "the good old days" at Qantas. If you are able to I encourage you all to attend as many of the events as you can. You must let Linda know that you will be attending. All monies will be collected on the day of the event.

In order to reduce the running costs of the Club, you can elect to view the Newsletter on-line, so if you have a computer, and are confident to view the Club's news online, please let the Secretary know. The most recent Newsletter had a per unit cost of \$2.27 each for printing, folding and postage. The on-line version of the Newsletter is generally available on 1<sup>st</sup> of April, August and December each year.

Nineteen members recently attended the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Club. I am pleased to advise that your Committee was returned. I am fortunate to be supported by a willing and competent Committee who have given their time and talents happily to serving the membership of our Club.

We receive advertising revenue from the Qudos Bank which greatly assists our finances. As the Qudos Bank supports our Club, it would be fitting if you could also support it.

Unfortunately, we have lost many of our members due to their passing. With this in mind I wish you all good health and happiness.

**SECRETARY:**

I would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Let's hope 2019 is a very successful year for you and your families.

It is proposed to close down the Treasurer's email address. In future all Secretary and Treasurer emails should be addressed to [secretaryqrsc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryqrsc@gmail.com).

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Total membership is currently 670.

It is not possible to send email reminders to view the updated online Newsletters.

Notices for inclusion into the Newsletter should be emailed to the Secretary two months prior to the publication date.

### NEW MEMBERS

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



Catch of the day

**2.85** %<sup>#</sup>  
p.a.

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## The Jumbo Pocket Rocket

PUBLISHED ON 5TH OCTOBER 2018 From Qantas News Room



**Pocket rocket:** After taking delivery of the aircraft, one Qantas pilot said the SP “handled like a sports car”.

The Boeing 747, one of the world’s most loved and iconic passenger aircraft, turned 50 recently. Once a regular sight at airports around the globe, the 747 with its distinctive hump is slowly fading into the twilight of aviation history, although the freighter version remains popular. But the birthday got us thinking about a lesser known version of the 747, the shorter *but* formidable 747 Special Performance. Or the 747SP for short.

It first took to the skies in 1975 and just over 40 of the type were ever made. The SP ranked as having the longest range of any passenger jet aircraft until the arrival of the Boeing 747-400 in 1988.

Qantas engineers had their own definition of what SP stood for, given it was a shrunken version of the other 747s in our fleet – they affectionately dubbed it the ‘Stubby Puppy’.



**Lining up:** More than 25,000 people had a look inside the first Qantas SP during a promotional tour. Eighties fashion at its best

It was 14 metres shorter than the 747-100 but had the same amount of engine thrust and was said to handle like a sports car.

We first deployed the SP on our flights from Sydney to Wellington instead of the long haul missions the aircraft was originally designed for.

But we had our reasons. A comment from the Qantas staff newsletter in the early 1980s said the aircraft flying out of Wellington, “was a spectacular performer from a short and hairy New Zealand runway with around 5800 feet of available concrete at the time.”

One memorable trip across the Tasman saw the SP carry six million doses of sheep vaccine, 1.3 tonnes of hair dryers and one dog (breed unknown). Also, people.

Qantas would go on to operate two of the type, regos VH-EAA and VH-EAB.

They spent most of their time flying across the Pacific to Los Angeles and San Francisco and on flights into Asia.

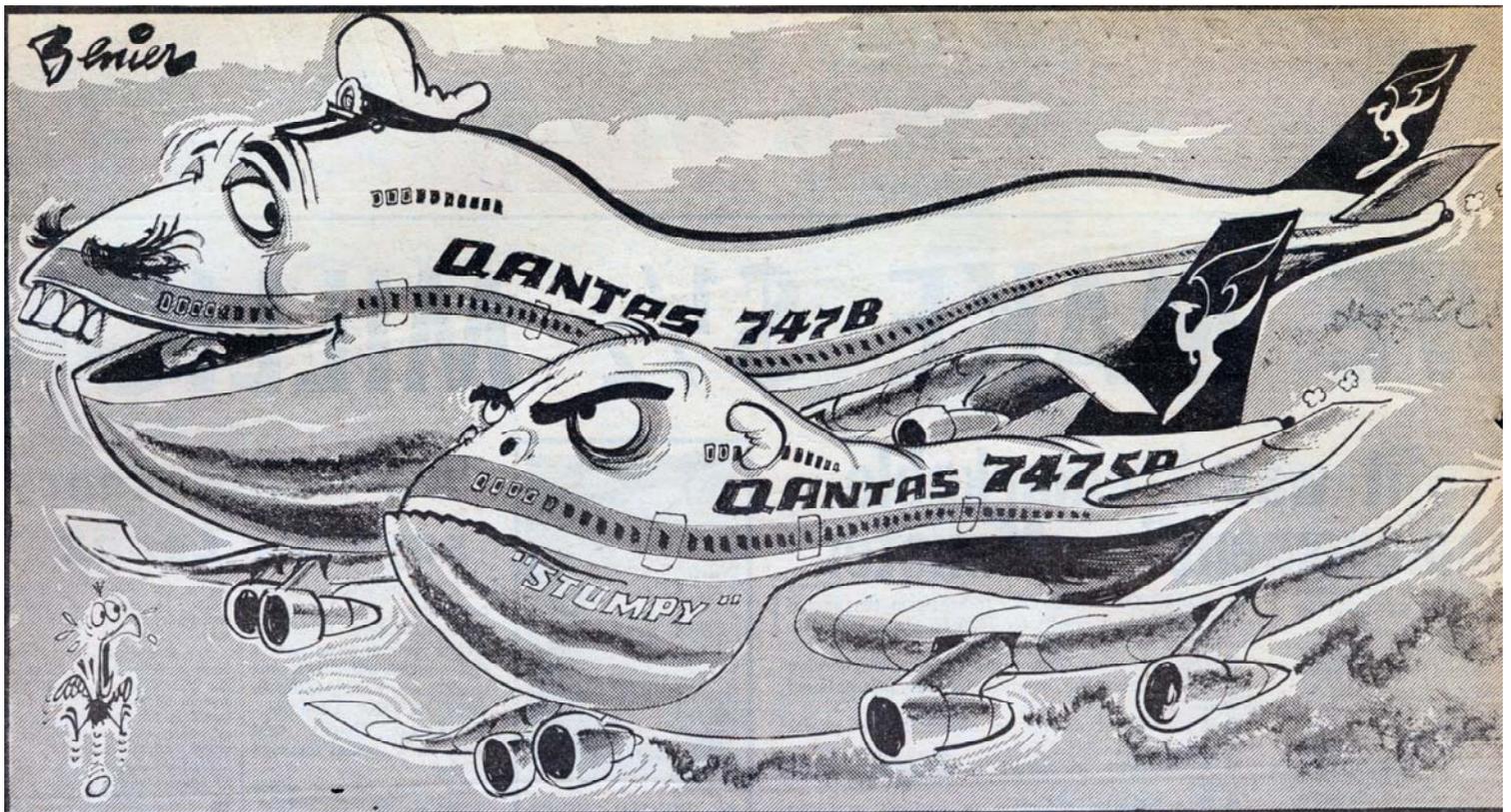
The SP is still remembered fondly by Qantas pilots.

Captain Peter Probert, who now flies our Airbus A380s, described a flight he operated in 1990 between Bahrain and Singapore saying the SP “took off like a startled angel returning to heaven” with a phenomenal rate of climb even with a full payload.

“At the end of the day, she looked very cool and was a head turner,” Captain Probert said.

Sadly only a handful of the 40-something SPs made remain in service. NASA’s Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy uses a [modified SP \(opens in new window\)](#) which carries a 2.5 metre diameter reflecting telescope.

And if you have a spare \$13 million you can pick up the [Qatari royal family’s old SP \(opens in new window\)](#), first purchased in 1979. We imagine the for-sale ad reads something like: One owner, full service history, limited mileage and a whole lot of power.



**Compare the pair:** A cartoon from the Qantas staff magazine in the early 80s. We’re not really sure what it means either.

The Yallop Family are sad to announce the passing of John.  
15th Nov 1953 - 6th Nov 2018.

John was a caring, loving husband, a guiding father to his much loved children **Donna, Jeff and Steven**. Along with their partners Mick, Yvette and Elena and a proud Grandad to our 9 grandchildren.

His father Bob and brothers David, Richard and Ian will miss him greatly.  
As his friends know he was an all round good bloke and will be missed by all.

A special thank you to the people at Calvary hospital and his health care professionals for their loving care and support during his illness and final days.

A celebration of life service for John will be at South Chapel, Woronora on Tuesday 13th November from 11am. We will be continuing to celebrate John’s life and reminisce at Gynea Bowling Club, Kingsway Gynea.

As per John’s request – don your favourite Hawaiian shirt and put on a smile.

In lieu of flowers please help save sight by making a memorial donation to the Save Sight Institute. <https://crowdfunding.sydney.edu.au/johnnyallop>



### 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](mailto:stafftravel@qantas.com.au)

SHR Duty Travel—[dutytravel@qantas.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:secretaryqrsc@gmail.com).

NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ RTR No. \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ New Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto: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.**