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1. Wherever possible please email office holders. All general mail should be addressed to the **Secretary**.
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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
5198	Orlando	Cosimo	Maria	Ramp Serices PERTH

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

Up and coming functions for your diary for 2019

- Coogee Legion Club:- Wednesday 12th June 2019.**
- Dapto Leagues Club:- Wednesday 7th August 2019.**
- Christmas Lunch:- Friday 13th December 2019.**



Friday 14 December 2018

In December 1958, Super Constellation *VH-EAB* departed for the first Melbourne-Auckland-Nadi service on behalf of Tasman Empire Airways. Last month, teams from Qantas, the Qantas Founders Museum and the Australian Defence Force recovered parts of *EAB* from Kuwait. The parts will be on display at our Mascot Campus for the next few weeks and will move to the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach next year. They're the only major surviving pieces of our former Super Constellations.

EVENT:- Lunch - Coogee Legion Club
DATE:- Wednesday 12th June 2019.
TIME:- 11.30am for a pre Lunch drink
VENUE:- Coogee Legion Club.
Transport:- Buses from the Interchange at Bondi Junction No. 314 leave from Stand "J" or red bus from Central.
COST:- \$30.00 Approximate cost.
RSVP:- Wednesday 29th May 2019.

EVENT:- DAPTO LEAGUES CLUB
DATE:- 7th August 2019
TIME:- 12 noon
TRANSPORT:- Train 2nd carriage from the front Central Station:- 9.27am (**Illawarra Line**)
Hurstville Station:- 9.46am
Sutherland Station:- 9.58am
Arriving at Dapto Station:- 11.08am
Only a short 100m walk to the Club
Return train, leaves Dapto Station:- 2.22pm
COST:- approx. \$20
RSVP:- 22nd July 2019. Linda White

NOTICE BOARD

PRESIDENT:

CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB? Your Committee has decided to phase out the printing and posting of the physical newsletter as of this edition. This move is consistent with other magazines and periodicals where they are only available on-line. Your Committee is undertaking testing to send members an email link to view the Newsletter on-line.

For all members who are familiar with the internet, and have email for themselves (or have family or friends who have), I am asking them to elect to view the Newsletter on-line. Why not view the entire site today at <http://qrsc.org.au>?

There will be an exemption for our elderly members who cannot get the Newsletter by any means other than electronically.

Can you please send an email to secretaryqrsc@gmail.com advising your email address, so that the email link can be sent to you when the Newsletter is on the internet.

Be aware that we currently have 320 members currently viewing the Newsletter on-line and we are looking to double this number if possible. It is also a means whereby we can advise members at short notice of important information.

Beryl and Patrick Driscoll have decided to resign from the Committee after many, many years of service. Members who have attended any of the Sydney functions will remember Beryl and Patrick carrying out their duties of "meeting and greeting" and assisting Robyn with the collection of monies. The Driscoll's are a lovely couple and a magnificent example of how all couples should be. We hope to see them both at future functions as they truly "light up the room".

I would once again like to thank Qudos Bank for their support of your Club.

SECRETARY:

Would you please send change of name and address details to the Secretary by email to secretaryqrsc@gmail.com to keep the Club's records up to date.

The Retired Staff Newsletter is published on or about the 1st April, August and December each year where it is uploaded to our website <http://qrsc.org.au>.

FUNCTIONS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Manly 16ft Sailing Club Outing the weather was perfect for our trip on the Manly Ferry followed by a short walk around the bay where we enjoyed lunch. It was nice to meet Keith, a member we had not met before.

We look forward to seeing him again at our future outings. Next outing is **Coogee Legion Club** on 12th June followed by **Dapto Leagues Club** on 7th August, a favourite for some of our members, the train trip is relaxing, scenic and enjoyable. **Hope to see some new faces!**



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Vale

John Yallop 15/11/1953 - 6/11/2018



Gday there. My name is Steve Melchior and on behalf of all the boys at Qantas I am privileged to say these few words about John

We started at Qantas just a year apart in the 70's . we did our apprenticeship there and worked on the Engine line. John quickly found his calling there and he became a leading Hand and then a foreman and then General Foreman. He earned the respect of all under him with his cool way of handling situations and his knowledge of the job. I can honestly say I never saw John lose his cool.

He did create a little empire during his time there with his brother David and then his son Geoff working at Qantas.

After approx.. 20 years on the workshop floor John started as a Technical specialist and progressed to a Snr Tech specialist in the PIG group acronym "product Improvement Group".

He was involved in Fault finding on the engines and then coming up with the rectification of the fault.

I have spoken to other people who worked in this dept with John and they have all said john did his job to the best of his ability was extremely professional and did not go looking for pats on the back.

Unfortunately, around 2004 due to management decision Johns group was given redundancy. This came as a shock to John and it took him many years to get over this.

He did get on with life and went and worked in a Pot shop in Sutherland selling flower pots . he spent about 2 years there and then decided to get back to his trade. He went to Turbo Meca at Bankstown airport where he spent around 7 to 8 years.

He became ill there and left to have surgery and other treatment to overcome the barstard of disease called CANCER . He also suffered from Shingles which gave him terrible pain. He suffered over many years with different treatments but his sense of humour and his great one liners were always there to break the silence. I will always remember his cheeky grin.

He next career move was to assist me in running my trailer manufacturing business at Helensburgh. He certainly kept me on my toes. Everything had to be put in its place. I could never find anything, but I just had to ask John and he knew where it was. I gave him the title of Director of Excellence and I even had business cards made up for him. I do remember one of his pet hates was Ray Hadley who I used to play on the radio. When John turned up this was changed to country music.

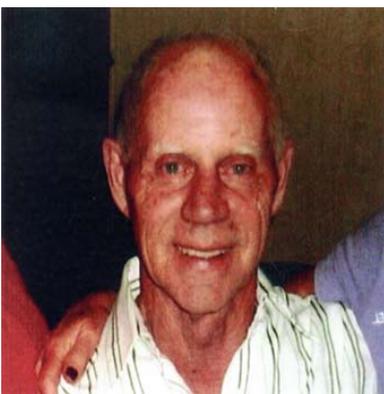
I remember the shingles was set of by cloth rubbing on the affected area so he would wear sleeveless shirts. He would turn up at the factory in the middle of winter with this sleeveless shirt. I still do not know how he did his. During this time he was getting regular treatment for his cancer and was almost blind. he had suffered a mini stroke which did not allow him to grip with his left hand. John never complained and just got on doing what he could do. He made the best coffee and I would provide the tea cake and we would have about 5 smokos a day so we could discuss world problems and our time at qantas.

We spent many hours sorting out the problems of the world in this small factory complex. I can honestly say it was a privilege to have this time with John.

Over the last few months John was diagnosed with a return of the Brain Cancer and was told it was inoperable. He accepted this and just kept on going. Here I would like to say how much love I have seen from his wife Narelle and his 3 children and their family. They decided to keep John at home and look after him there. This was a daunting task, but they never wavered. It was only the last few days of his life where he went to Calvary hospital where he passed away last Tuesday.

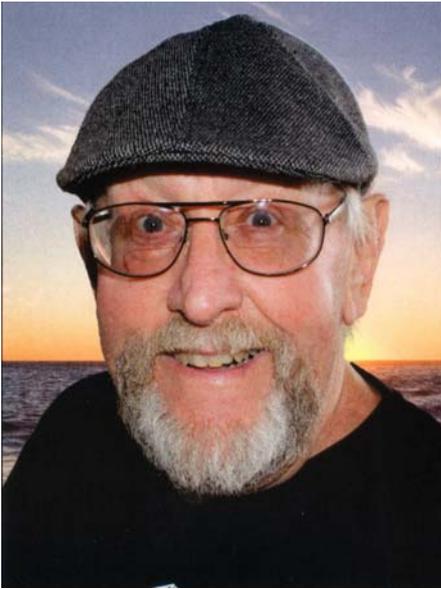
I would like everyone to remember John as a great husband, father and grandfather who lived his life his way with out complaining.

Malcolm Smart



It is with sadness we report the passing of Malcolm Smart who died on 12th November 2018. Malcolm and his wife Jean and their two sons Stephen and Ian emigrated to Australia from Scotland in 1970. Shortly after arriving in Sydney Malcolm started work at Qantas as a baggage handler and worked in various ramp positions until his retirement in 1989. Malcolm will always be remembered by his workmates for his great sense of humour and his pride in his Scottish heritage. To honour this heritage his sons and grandsons all dressed in full Scottish dress for his funeral and mourners were greeted by a piper who also farewelled him.

John Hamilton Steven, 16/11/1948 - 19/12/2018



Welcome to the farewell of John Steven. Please note that it is Steven with no "S". This was a pet hate of John's.

This is the second funeral I have attended in the last month. This bastard of a disease, cancer, has taken two of my best mates. Please keep a check on any symptoms and have them checked immediately. I do not want to go to any more funerals.

My name is Steve Melchior. I have known John for over 50 years.

I am here representing the Qantas family that John has been a part of for over 50 years. John started as an apprentice engineer in 1964 at 15 and 2 months of age. I believe John was the youngest apprentice to start at Qantas. He did a 5 year apprenticeship working in different sections and came out of his time in the hospital section. This was where JT3 engines are completely rebuilt. In this section he worked his way up to Foreman. He then transferred to the Big Engine Line where JT9 engines were rebuilt. He worked his way up to General Foreman in the area.

One of the funny stories to come out of this area was that John was a serious bodybuilder and took pride in his physique. Some of the crew members who

will remain anonymous set up a bench and loaded all the drawers with very heavy weights which weighed over half a ton. The drawers were then all nailed up. They then bet John he could not lift the desk and a lot of laughter was had after he found out what they had done.

In the early 1990s John went to be a Tech Specialist and he worked his way up to being a Senior Tech Specialist where he was located until he was given redundancy in 2004. John was devastated when this happened.

At home, John loved cooking up a storm on his barbeque.

John's hobby was building and maintaining motorbikes in his man-shed. One of his favourite bikes was a 1950 Norton ES2. This was his pride and joy. When John became sick about 2 years ago, he sold this bike to a collector. John helped deliver the bike to Mosman on a very wet day. He was extremely surprised and very pleased to see that it had pride of place in the lounge room right next to another Norton. He was content knowing that his beloved Norton had gone to someone who loved bikes!

Another favourite thing to do was to have a beer and a bet with his mates at Revesby heights Ex-servo's Club until this was sold about 4 years ago, and then he went to the Padstow Pub.

Ray, John and I spent many times travelling around NSW on our motorbikes. They were great times.

John was the instigator of the get-togethers for the retired and working employees of Qantas. Every month there was an email from John to join the noisy ones at the Gynea Tradies. There are now over 400 on the mailing list and I hope this will continue.

John fought 3 battles with cancer during his life and finally succumbed last week. He fought a brave battle.

We would like to offer our condolences to his wife, Marilyn, son Leigh and his partner Erin, his daughter, Mardi, and his adored grandkids, Audrey and Winnie.



Fred Croft 5/11/26 - 28/1/19

Qantas Senior Flight Training Engineer. Boeing 707

Fred sadly left us on 28th January, 2019 at the incredible age of 92.

He started work at Qantas Empire Airways as a Ground Engineer at Rose Bay in 1949 and went on to become a Flight Engineer on Lockheed Constellations, Lockheed Electra's & Boeing 707's.

He retired from Qantas as the Senior Flight Training Engineer Boeing 707's.

Fred's early retirement in 1979 allowed him to enjoy his last 39 years on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Our father was one of a kind. A true gentleman and always had a tale to share from his adventures in the early days of Qantas.

From our family to Qantas. Thank you for allowing our father to pursue his childhood dream and succeed tenfold.

Kind regards,
Rebekah & Andrew Croft
(Daughter & Son)

Kind regards,
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Or

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

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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

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