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STARS (Simply TAA Retired Staff) Lunch - 2011

The next STARS Lunch get-together at Moonee Valley Race Course is on **23 August**. The final Lunch for 2011 is on **22 November**.

The 17th May STARS get together was well attended as usual with Lance and Kevin in the background ensuring everything was going to plan. The photo below captured some of those attending, including at the head of the table (left) our new TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club President – Bill McGuinness..



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Bus Trip – Flowerdale

Wow, the bus trip for 39 TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club members to Flowerdale on 5 April 2011 was fantastic. The Donnybrook Cheese Company will probably go broke (kidding) after all the sampling that went on. And some of the looks after trying blue vein were priceless!! The 2-course lunch at the Flowerdale Hotel also went down well. Seeing all the fire damage / re-growth was a grim reminder of the fires but it was also good to see the rate of bush recovery. See details below of the next trip.

Membership Renewal 2011 - 2012. It's that time again.

Thank you for your continuing support which helps all of us protect the great memories with TAA / Australian Airlines through the continued enhancement of the Museum, member trips and dinners etc. Please mail your membership form below to: Ross McDonald, TAA Museum, Qantas GT Building, 7 York Street, Airport West 3042. Membership is due on 1 July.

Please find enclosed a cheque / money order for \$20.00 for my 2011 – 2012 membership of the TAA 25 Year Club (make payable to “25 Year Club”).

NameSpouse Name.....
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Phone.....Mobile.....
E-mail.....

This official receipt will be endorsed once your Subscription is received.

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Membership Arrears

It seems that few of our members are not financial in 2010 - 2011. If you are currently in arrears, it would make a real difference to the 25 Year Club if we could also receive your current year's membership fee with the above renewal for next financial year. You can tell if your current years membership has been paid, or not, by looking at the envelope that this Newsletter came in. **If it has “FM10”, or a lower number, you are not currently financial.** Again, thank you for your continuing support.

Avalon Airshow 4th – 6th March

This year at the Avalon Airshow the TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club was sponsored by the Airshow Organising Committee. They kindly provided a huge tent out near the aircraft parking flight line and various other little things that made the display we were able to present a real beauty. Aply organised by our two joint curators (Ron Adams and Jim Meehan) and committee members, all the display items were selected, packed, transported and set up in the Airshow display tent ready to go on opening day.

The interest shown by the big crowds in all the memorabilia that we had on display made it all worthwhile, and a lot of our sale items were snapped up by souvenir hunters and of course, ex TAA/Australian Airlines employees. We even had a yank (airforce) wanting to buy our prized TAA flag!

TAA's first DC3 'Hawdon' VH-AES flew in too and was parked as a static exhibit near the RAAF's new Wedgetail surveillance aircraft (a much modified B737). A few photo's below were taken before the crowds got in the way.



Picture gallery within the display hall, included a mannequin dressed in a F/A uniform.



Main enquiry area with pictures, posters and aircraft model – and great lighting.



Another shot with the sales table in the foreground.



TAA's first flight DC3 'Hawdon' VH-AES parked in the static display area.



Looking from one end to the other of our display tent.



Some of the aircraft models that were on display from our collection.

Busy, busy, busy at the Museum – by the bus load!

If you would like to visit your Museum (7 York Street, Airport West), we are open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1000 to 1500 (closed on Public Holidays). Free entry for 25 Year Club & Museum members.

Well, it's still been busy at the Museum with all the groups coming through. We are able to cater (sandwiches and tea/coffee) for the groups which allows time for all the exhibits to soak in, and later allow a revisit to some of the items that were really interesting, or to have one more look at an old photo (the apprentice 'passing out' photo's are very popular).

After the long walk around the Museum, many of the oldies like to sit down in the aircraft seats (ex DC9) within our theatre where they can watch historical footage of TAA/Australian Airlines, or even some of the old TV ads (up up and away theme seems to be the favourite)

If you would like to assist us at the Museum doing computer work, painting, rearranging exhibits, photographing / cataloguing the assets, dusting, carpentry – you name it, we could use your talents if you have a spare day now and then.

'Hawdon' DC3 Flights – will be back in 2011

After a bit of a break, the flights we all so enjoyed will be back in 2011, but **only for financial Members** (see there are some advantages to being a financial Member!) Details are still in the planning stages, so watch out for our next Newsletter with all the details.

TAA Uniform items

At the Museum, we have dressed mannequins in all the different uniforms - starting from 1946 through to the last day of Australian Airlines. Helen Stanley, who looks after all things uniform at the Museum, is still looking for:

- Female navy and white jockey hats (early 70's)
- Female navy pillbox hats (late 70's)
- Male and female wings for uniforms (1964 - 2003)
- Wings and kangaroos for TAA uniform hats

If you can help us, or know of someone that might be able to assist with these items, please drop the items into the Museum, mail them or call Helen Stanley or Ron Adams (Curator) on 03 9280 8114. Many Thanks.

Coming up

Just a quick plug for the TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club **Annual Dinner on 7 September** (night) which is as close as we could get a reservation to our foundation day (09/09/1946) at the William Angliss

Centre in the city. Also, at the same venue, our Xmas break-up on the **22 November for lunch**. Please put the dates in your diary so we can have the usual great roll up.

Come join us and celebrate “Christmas in July”

Where: Golf House Hotel in Ballarat

When: Tuesday 12th July 2011

Cost: Member/Partner \$35.00 (Non Member/Guest \$40.00)

The trip will include: travel by coach, morning tea en-route, a three course meal, and musical entertainment. If time permits; a stopover at St. Annes winery on the way home.

Coach pick-up: 8.30am Therry Street (in front of old TAA Building)

9.00am Airport West (Westfield Shopping Centre), (between the Safeway petrol station and the Skyways Hotel)

Any queries - call Ross McDonald (0419 115396). **RSVP no later than 28th June 2011 please.**

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Ross McDonald, Events Coordinator, TAA Museum, Qantas GT Building, 7 York Street, Airport West 3042

XMAS IN JULY

Member Name _____

Partner _____

Non Member _____

Guest _____

Please find enclosed my cheque / money order for \$.....

I will join the bus at (*please tick one*) Therry St Airport West

BRITISH AIRWAYS MOVING TO E-TICKET FOR INTERLINE STAFF TRAVEL Effective 12 May, British Airways (BA) will no longer accept paper tickets for Interline Staff Travel.

From 1 June 2011 Qantas is changing its domestic checked baggage policy from a weight based system to a **piece and weight based system**. Where weight or number of pieces exceeds the baggage allowance, **excess baggage charges will be imposed**. See the Qantas web site for details www.qantas.com.au Some details:

Domestically: Checked Baggage Allowance - 2 pieces - maximum 23kg (50lb) per piece

Carry on Allowance - 2 carry on bags Each bag not to exceed 105 linear cm (41ins)
Maximum weight of 7kg (15lbs) each bag

Or

1 carry on bag not exceeding 105 linear cm (41ins) plus
1 garment bag (non-rigid frame/unfolded) not exceeding 185 linear cm
Maximum weight of 7kg (15lbs) each item

Or

1 bag not exceeding 115 linear cm (45ins) Maximum weight of 7kg (15lbs)

Vale

Richard Forrest Edwards (Cabin Service – Perth, 26 years) died in a tragic surfing accident at Stanwell Park south of Sydney in January 2011.

Tommy Bradbury (Dock Maintenance Tulla) 14 February 2011

Bruce Deahm (GM LMO, 27 years TAA / Australian 10.5 years Qantas) 24 February 2011. Cancer.

Gerard (Gary) Owen McPherson “Doc” 93 (Engineer Adelaide) 25 February 2011

Steve Memes (Despatch Sydney) February 2011

Joyce Ilma BULL – Flight Operations – Hostess Section – MEL

Joyce joined TAA in 1948 as TAA was accepting the Convair and was part of school No.15. In 1954 Joyce was the hostess on the aircraft that was to create an international incident when Russian (Soviet Union) embassy personnel endeavoured to remove Vladimir and Evdokia PETROV from a TAA aircraft in Darwin (seen in newspapers with the Petrov’s and Joyce standing on the aircraft stairs).

We have again lost a little piece of history. Joyce was 89 years of age.

Gwladys Jane (Taffy) Strong – Flight Operations – Hostess Section – MEL

‘Taffy’ was born in Wales, maturing during the war years and marrying an Aussie pilot who did not survive the war. Taffy left the U.K. as the war ended and came to Australia, joining TAA in 1946 and staying with her husband’s family. Training as a Hostess in school No. 4 she later married another pilot, Captain Don Strong, also working for TAA, a union that would last a lifetime, produce 2 children, Paul and Sian, who also had a strong bond with TAA. Taffy was 90 years of age. R.I.P

Helen Bevan – Supply ADL 2011

Helen Bevan was the long-serving secretary of the TAA 25-Year Club in Adelaide. She was loyal and devoted to the airline as well as to the Club, and this continued into her retirement. Seen here with Ron Adams (centre) and Basil Gill at Basil’s 90th birthday celebrations 9 months ago.

