

Newsletter 54

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Our last newsletter for the year, and what a year it has been.

Our move to new premises has now been successfully completed, and the layout has proved to be one of the major points in highlighting the growth of aviation by the domestic operators over the years.

We have also now developed a theatrette with seating for 30 people, purchased a computer projector and laptop (as a result of a grant from the Victorian government), and we can now play all of the recovered film that we have converted to DVD.

As part of our operation we will soon be able to reproduce our photographic collection, and in an endeavour to upgrade our display facilities, we will have a suggested recovery cost, which will be directed to replacing many items that have been built since the museum opened, and we are confident that we will be able to recover considerable space for our display needs.

One major improvement that has been made since moving to York Street is that QANTAS have upgraded the air-conditioning, and we now have an environment that will suit the summer heat. This is obvious to all the volunteers who during the summer season in 2007, laboured in areas without cooling, and now visitors will experience this new comfort.

In addition we have also continued to develop our displays, with the purchase of 4 showcases obtained new at a huge discount (4 for the price of 2), and we now have the ability to protect some of our irreplaceable small items, whilst improving the physical layout of the museum.

Adding to our collection

Firstly I must thank the many people who have made donations of memorabilia to enhance our collection, and they still keep coming. To those who contributed to the operation of the museum with financial support, a special thank you, it enabled us to purchase and improve the visual aspects of your museum.

The interest in the museum has been growing steadily, and resulting from our appearance on Stateline, visitor number rapidly improved throughout October and November, and from our records, over 1000 visitors have passed through our doors. Many of these have been groups, Rotary, Early retirement, and aviation enthusiast, and all have passed favourable comments on our collection.

As a side issue, our collection has included a segment on QANTAS, which was originally quite small, but recently we have had a major inclusion of some 40 odd QANTAS models of various size (scale) and various livery, which we are now housed in two glass cabinets to protect them for safe keeping.

I am sure that every facet of the collection will continue to grow and hopefully we will have enough room to display it all.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 2008 will be conducted at our new location at 7 York Street, Airport West, commencing at 1200 hours, in the theatrette. This will be followed by refreshments – Tea, Coffee, and Soft Drinks (No alcohol is permitted in the building).

Since this is a normal opening day, take the opportunity to visit and see for yourself what we have that identifies that part of your working life in a great airline.

It would be appreciated if you could indicate your possible attendance by the 11th of March, to

Mr Ross McDonald – Events Co-ordinator
Trans-Australia Airlines 25 Year Club inc.
7 York street,
Airport West. 3042

Ross, **Annual General Meeting**
Please register my intention to attend the AGM, 18th march 2008 – 7 York Street theatrette.

Name
Date

Late acceptances can be made by telephoning the Museum on 9280 8113 between 10am and 2pm weekdays.

Joke --A good start for the day!!

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling ties.

The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5."

The Taliban shouted, "Idiot! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first."

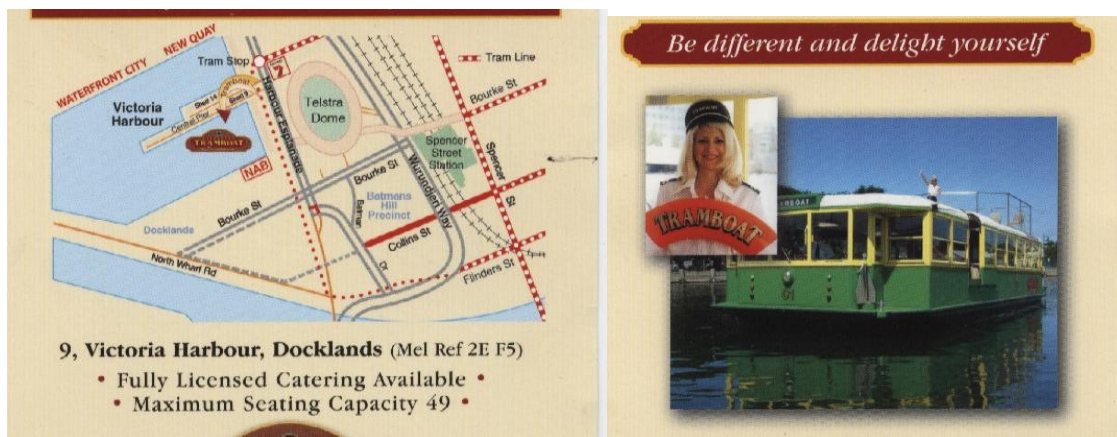
OK," said the old Jewish man, "it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that".

"If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom."

Muttering, the Taliban staggered away over the hill in the blistering heat of the day.

Several hours later he staggered back. Here's your \$5.00, your bl...y brother won't let me in without a tie."

Tramboat Cruise Thursday 13th March 2008 –



Depart Victoria Harbour at 11.00am – BE THERE BY 10.30 Please

We will travel upstream on the Yarra River, through the City as far as Hawthorn (tides and weather permitting)

Morning tea will be served enroute, and making a stop at Herring Island for a stroll.

Lunch will be gourmet sandwiches served on board as you relax and view the beautiful homes of the rich and famous around Toorak.

Cost Member /partner \$28.00 per person

Cost Non Member /Guest \$33.00 per person

RSVP -4th March 2008

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 TAA 25 Year Club inc.
 QANTAS EP Building
 1-7 York Street
 Airport West 3042

March – TRAMBOAT

Members name	/partner	@ \$28.00 PP
Non Member	/ Guest	@ \$33.00 PP

Please find enclosed my Cheque (Number) or other to the value of \$ _____ and please ensure that it is marked payable to TAA 25 Year Club inc.

It will be another great day

Farewell

Many will have heard that the Chairman of QANTAS, Ms Margaret Jackson, retired in November (2007), and we would like to record our sincere thanks to Ms Jackson, and QANTAS, for the opportunity to again house our collection within a QANTAS facility.

The ability to maintain the commercial aviation history of all major operators within a specific historical environment is significant, permitting this comprehensive collection to reflect and recall Australia's airlines and the development of our world-wide reputation for service and efficiency.

The Volunteers - Worth their weight in Gold.



James Meehan



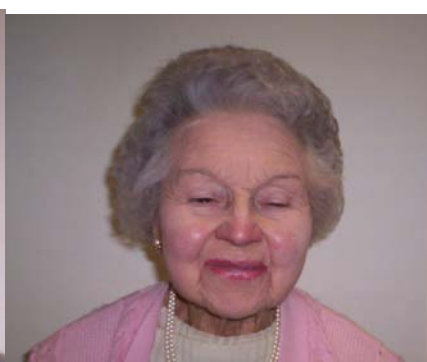
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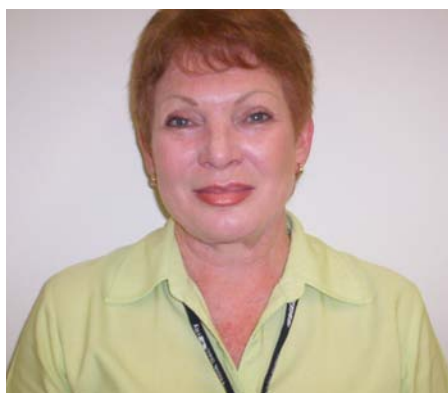
George Wren



Dorothy Tuff



Lois gale



Helen Stanley



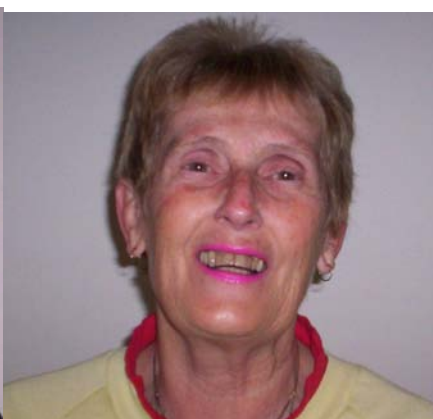
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Don Owen



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Nancye Hesketh



David Laing



Peter Farrall



Alan Whatman



Duncan Cameron



Barry Gawne



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Alan Nock



Bill McGuinness



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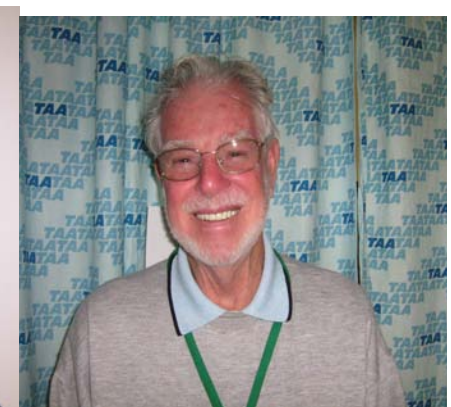
Alan Swanton



Kelvin Hawthorne



Jeff Fry



Roy McLean



Eden Joseph



Robert Masters



David Laurie



Mick Kelly



Peter Brocchi



Frank Sullivan



Ron Austin

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Ian Johnson

Murray Watson

Max Bomford

Ray Woodford and the QANTAS staff
who have assisted us over the last 10
months –

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New
Year for 2008 and beyond.

**And to the many ex employees, their families and friends who have donated personal effects, keepsakes, and treasured items, so that they will be preserved and publicly displayed – again a special ‘THANK YOU’
The volunteers have created the impossible dream of saving our history for future generations.**

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Capt. Denis Mahoney-Tonks - Flight Operations – November 2007.