



# TAA / Australian Airlines 25 Year Club

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### Our 'first' DC3

### President's Report

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- Paul Gluschenko is pushing ahead with a project to put items not wanted by the Museum on EBay.
- We have had 2 laptops donated to the Museum by Volunteer Frank Greco which will come in handy for some of the projects we have coming up.
- Don't forget our Founders Day dinner get together at William Angliss in the city – see application below.
- Many of our Volunteers have headed north for winter – so if you would like to assist at the Museum [in warm air-conditioned comfort] now and again, please come by the Museum to see me.
- John Booth is well on the way to assembling a 1/72 DC6B model [in TAA livery of course]. It will have registration VH-TAD, which was the only DC6 TAA owned. The decals for it came from a company in Canberra. Well done John.
- **If you can help** with scanning documents / slides (we'll show you how if needed), I would love to hear from you.

### Million to one shot

Here's the [true] story. Lady [no aviation connection] in Frankston rents her house out for 6 months, comes home and settles in again.

Went to the garage a few weeks later and finds an F27 Galley. Looks at the identification plate and punches the data into Google which points her to the TAA Museum, as the data plate said "Manufactured by Trans Australia Airlines". The lady emailed the Museum, asked if we wanted it resulting in Volunteers Barry Gawne and Jim Moore retrieving it with a trailer.

It will require a bit of a clean and some minor repairs before we put it on display, but what were the chances!!!!



## Donation

We had a visit to the Museum on 30 June from the **Australian Airline Flight Engineers Association** bearing gifts (\$2000.00 donation). In the picture below [left to right] is John Wren, President of the TAA / Australian Airlines 25 Year Club accepting the cheque from AAFEA members Jeffery Seaburn, John Burgess and Gordon Smith [unable to attend were Brian Hill, Ron Hare and Jeff Fry]. The donation is cheerfully accepted and will be put to good use.

After the presentation we had a tour of the Museum to catch up with recent changes and additions and discussions about expanding the Flight Engineers display material at the Museum.



## Research

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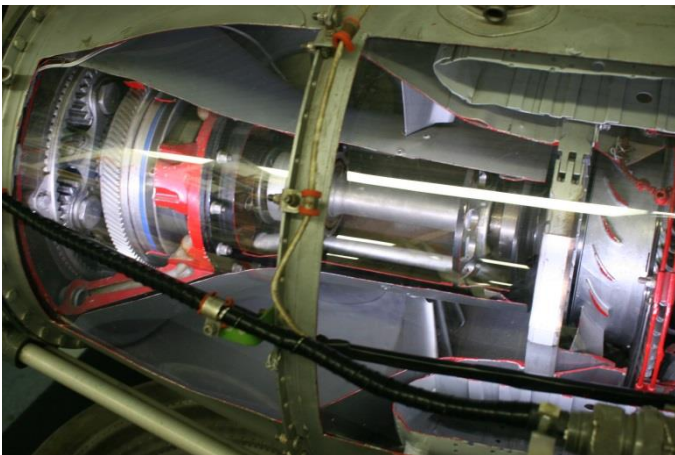
## Museum Office Renovation

The office area at the Museum has had a major renovation thanks to some help from member Allan Evans and his son. Volunteer Ronny Reece did a great job with the wiring and Kevin Anderson with the painting. It has opened the whole area up and given us more space so we can keep up with the administrative load.



## Modifications & Repairs

The recently acquired P&W PT6 Engine [from one of our Twin Otter aircraft] has had clear guards and LED lighting installed to illuminate the internal workings [pic at left] thanks to Ian Wood, Barry Theodore & Sam Favazza. Ronny Reece [pic at right] has been repairing video players for us to allow playback of all the different formats [Beta, UMatc etc] that TAA accumulated over the years. This is part of our film library digitisation project.



## Newsletter

The Newsletter will be emailed to members who request it in lieu of surface mail. The email group will also be able to avail themselves of our movies that we have started making. Approximately 230 members have now requested delivery by email, and if this is your preference please let us know. Surface mail will always be available. Our Newsletter is being printed with the assistance of the Office of Bill Shorten MP. Many thanks are extended.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **STAARS (Simply TAA Retired Staff) Lunch – 18 August & 17 November**

The STAARS (Simply TAA Retired Staff) lunch is held on a quarterly basis from 11:15am–2:00pm at the Moonee Valley Legends Bistro, corner of Thomas & Wilson Streets, Moonee Valley, where approximately 200 people attend. If you haven't been to a STAARS lunch or want more information, give Kevin Anderson (0419 511 179) or Lance Erwin (03 9386 4056) a call for details.

### **Founders Day Dinner 2015 [the 69<sup>th</sup>]**

This year's Founders Day dinner will be held on 10 September with drinks starting at 6:30 at the William Angliss (Melways 1AB2) facility [entry from Lt. Lonsdale St. off Spencer St]. Application below.

### **Christmas Lunch 2015**

The Xmas lunch will be held on 12 November starting at 11:30 for drinks at the William Angliss (Melways 1AB2) facility [entry from Lt. Lonsdale St. off Spencer St]. Application below.

### **The Viscount Articles**

You may recall that we ran two articles on Viscount VH-TVR in recent Newsletters. Well, one of our members [Mike Densley] happens to co-host a segment on Vision Australia Radio called "Planes, Trains & Automobiles". The two articles were read over the air and a copy of the broadcast has been sent to us. We got a nice plug for the Museum and I'm hopeful we can get further articles read over the air, particularly with our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up next year. Thanks Mike.

### **Hangar Cat**

Everyone has heard stories about the 'hangar cats' that keep the rodent numbers down and feast heavily on scraps thrown to them during lunch times by the hangar / workshop guys. The cats are usually as wide as an aircraft door so you didn't have to worry about them stowing away [only slight exaggeration]. Well, the Museum has a 'car park' cat that welcomes us each day and, especially during winter, hops up on the car bonnets [residual engine heat] to keep warm. With all the comings and goings at the car park, the cat stays warm all day – unless it's raining! Thought we'd share the cat with you. And on this occasion the cat thanks Arnold Rogers our 25 Year Club Secretary for the loan of the warm car bonnet.





## Adelaide get together

Jim Collins [Treasurer] recently attended a get together in Adelaide on the 18 July at the Henley Beach Hotel. In the photo are [from L to R] John Evans, Jim Collins, Geoff Stephens, Mike Turner, Grant Megaw and John Goslett.



## Vale

Our sincere condolences are extended to the families and friends of passed TAA/Australian Airlines work colleagues. Fond memories will remain. [FM - Foundation Member}

<b>Carmen Morris</b>	Res Centre SYD	aged 67	May 2015
<b>Geoff Gurry</b>	Machine Shop	aged 71	11/06/15
<b>Beryl Bailey</b>	Flt. Att.		26/11/14
<b>Richard Hearn</b>	Property HO	aged 90	13/07/15

## Rest in peace

We have lost a special supporter of the 25 Year Club & Museum – Nancie Duncan nee Coles [15/11/23 – 08/07/15]. As many of you would know, Nancie’s father [Arthur Coles] was the first Chairman of the ANAC and he arranged for Nancie to be a passenger on TAA’s first revenue flight from Laverton to Sydney on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1946 aboard VH-AES ‘Hawdon’. During her last visit to the Museum in Sept. 2012 she was captured chatting with George Wren [Foundation Member] about their recollections of that first flight. [see right] comparing memories of that important day.



John Wren – President, Arnold Rogers – Secretary, and Frank Sullivan attended the funeral where we heard that Nancie was an accomplished glider pilot of many years. Aviation blood must have been in the genes.

# Founders Day Dinner [the 69<sup>th</sup>] Thursday 10 September 6:30pm

The TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club Founders Day Dinner this year will be at the William Angliss facility (550 Lt Lonsdale St in the city) which is well serviced by tram and train if you do not want to drive into the city. Come join your mates for a great time:

Cost: Financial Member / Partner \$35.00 None Financial Member / Guest \$38.00

[Three course meal provided – drinks (at bar prices)] → **RSVP: By Thursday 27 August 2015 to:**



Events Coordinator

SEPTEMBER ANNUAL DINNER

TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club, Qantas FTC Building, 7 York St, Airport West VIC 3042

Financial Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

None Financial Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheque:** payable to 'TAA 25 Year Club' mail to Qantas FTC Building, 7 York St, Airport West VIC 3042

**Bank Transfer:** to TAA 25 Year Club BSB: 063 007, A/C 0090 1577



# Pre-Christmas Get Together – Thursday 12 November 11:30

The TAA/Australian Airlines 25 Year Club pre-Christmas daytime Luncheon this year will be at the William Angliss facility (550 Lt Lonsdale St in the city) which is well serviced by tram and train if you do not want to drive in to the city. Come join your mates for some pre-Christmas cheer; .....the details:

Cost: Financial Member / Partner \$28.00 None Financial Member / Guest \$31.00

[Three course meal provided. Drinks (at bar prices)] → **RSVP: By Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 to:**



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DECEMBER XMAS LUNCHEON

Qantas FTC, 7 York St, Airport West VIC 3042

Financial Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

None Financial Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership renewal is due

Members, please note your membership renewal is due at the end of June. Your commitment is not taken for granted, but is very much appreciated. Your fees go toward the ever continuing task of the addition, maintenance and preservation of the memorabilia and history of Trans Australia Airlines/Australian Airlines.



### TAA/AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES 25 YEAR CLUB INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name: ..... Spouse's name: .....

Address: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: ..... Email: .....

TAA/Australian Airlines/QANTAS service:

Start date:..... Finish date:..... Primary area of work & where: .....

Preferences (Please circle one for each)    Newsletter: Mail / Email    Other correspondence: Mail / Email

Additional comments: .....

Donation: 1 year - \$20.....3 years - \$60.....5 years - \$100..... Other amount \$..... Gift: \$.....

**Cheque** – payable to 'TAA 25 Year Club' mailed to:

Membership Co-ordinator, TAA 25 Year Club, Qantas Building, 7 York St, Airport West, Vic. 3042

**Bank transfer** – to 'TAA 25 Year Club':    BSB: 063 007    Account No.: 0090 1577

\*Please ensure you include your name on bank transfers **AND** to confirm your bank transfer:

Return this form by mail    **OR**    Send an email to: taamuseum@bigpond.com

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