



# TAA / Australian Airlines 25 Year Club

## Newsletter No. 97

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### President's Report

- ➔ Following the AGM we had a Committee meeting where I was elected as President of the TAA 25 Year Club, and by choice, Editor of the Newsletter. I hope we can continue the good work for another year. We welcome Eddie Creaney to Committee – you may remember Eddie from Finance Dept HO or as the 25 Year Club poet-in-residence at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The rest of the Committee you already know, and they carried over from last year.
- ➔ With the ever-increasing number of inter-active displays we are installing, we are getting more and more people coming back to the Museum on an annual basis because of the changes and improvements we are constantly making. And we are planning lots more additions and enhancements.
- ➔ Good news about next year's **Avalon Airshow** in late Feb / early March. We have been invited back to exhibit memorabilia from the Museum. So, if you are planning to go, make sure you pop in and see us.
- ➔ **Just a reminder – if you are due to make your annual donation in 2018 – it's due now.** This is really important to allow us to continue our work at the Museum to make as many people as possible aware of the fabulous history of TAA / Australian Airlines and, to continue enhancing the Museum collection.
- ➔ We have just completed a big project sorting through all our copies of TAA Timetables and Fare Schedules [including PNG]. We now have one master set [a few Timetables and Fares missing] so we can now make use of the details easily and progress new projects based on the data. More on that later.
- ➔ Our **Xmas function dinner** has been firm booked with William Angliss again on 26 November 2018. This is always a great event and we would all recommend you come along for a lovely meal and a catch up with friends from TAA the friendly way. Full details will be in later Newsletters but please add the date to your diary now to reserve the date.

### Newsletter

The envelope your Newsletter arrived in has your 25 Year Club financial status printed on it, so you will know if you need to help us with another donation now, or when in the future. The Newsletter will be emailed to members who request it in lieu of surface mail [saves on postage]. The email group will also be able to establish their financial status from the covering email. Surface mail will always be available.

### Next STAARS dates for 2018

14<sup>th</sup> August and 13<sup>th</sup> November

## New Committee [following AGM elections]

Your new TAA / Australian Airlines 25 Year Club Committee are pictured below.



## Founding Day Lunch – 7<sup>th</sup> September

This year we are moving away from the William Angliss facility [as they are booked out] for our Founders Day Lunch. We try to get a date as close to the 9<sup>th</sup> September – our Foundation Day.

So, we discovered the **Anglers Tavern at 2 Raleigh Rd, Maribyrnong**. We will be in their Riverside Room which overlooks the Maribyrnong River – very pretty. And for the public transport enthusiasts; the No. 57 & 82 trams stop at the door. There is easy wheelchair access, we have access to our own outside area and there is a bar next to our tables where you can purchase whatever drink you like.

They have tables for ten – all of them very close to the Buffet where you can select from a very extensive grill selection, ‘garden’ selection or carvery choice. **Cost for members is \$38pp; non members \$43pp.**

### You get 4 items from the grill, 2 items from the garden, 1 item from the carvery

**Grill** – pork ribs marinated in smoky BBQ sauce

Lamb loin chops marinated in garlic and mint

Gourmet sausages

Moroccan lamb noisettes with mint yoghurt

Mediterranean vegetable skewers

Yakitori chicken tenderloin skewers

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|                  | Smokey BBQ chicken wings                             | Portuguese chicken medallions               |
|                  | Lime, garlic and chilli prawn skewers                | Cajun spiced calamari                       |
| <b>Garden -</b>  | Roasted pumpkin, beetroot and feta salad             | Anglers coleslaw with apple and horseradish |
|                  | Pasta salad with spinach and semi dried tomato pesto | Garden salad                                |
|                  | Potato salad with egg, bacon and garlic dressing     | Traditional Greek salad                     |
|                  | Mediterranean cous cous salad                        |   |
| <b>Carvery -</b> | Roasted chicken with lemon and thyme butter          |   |
|                  | Roasted scotch fillet beef & mustard                 |   |
|                  | Roasted leg of lamb with garlic & rosemary           |   |

We'd love to see you at the Founders Day Lunch; it's a lovely location with views out over the Maribyrnong River, and we have a big screen to show you some more movies that we have recovered from our Museum archives. Application Form on last page.

## Recent Visitor



We recently had a visitor to the Museum who just happened to find a picture of his wife [former Hostie] on display.

Former Captain Keith Barr was being shown around the Museum by Volunteer [former Captain] Barry Gawne when Keith spotted the picture of his wife Nan [in uniform] standing in front of an aircraft door with a passenger. Couldn't resist taking a pic!

## TAA Queensland 25 Year Club News

Recently a number of our TAA/Australian Airlines 25yr Club (South QLD) Chapter Committee members [see pic below] visited the RFDS Base at Brisbane Airport to present them with a donation, which comes from the proceeds of our raffles and functions. The presentation was to the Base Manager Mark Bell by our President (Bob) Robert Merson in front of a Beechcraft 350 which is a relatively new addition to their fleet and has a glass cockpit which is a vast improvement to the older aircrafts instruments driven by vacuum from the engines and a communication system far advanced to the pedal wireless of those early times.

The Committee members are [from L to R] Carol Barnes, Geoff Hill, John Coutts, Robert Merson, and David Walsh. [Ed. – thanks for the article and pics David Walsh]



## Ex TAA Airbus VH-TAB

Here's a story that might surprise a few members. TAA received A300B4 VH-TAB in August 1981. Apart from its brief lease to Condor in 1984 the aircraft operated with TAA / Australian Airlines until March 1987 when it was sold to TOA Domestic Airlines in Japan as Reg. JA263.

Then JAS [Japan Air Systems] and Japan Airlines Domestic had the aircraft until it went to Turkish airline Fly Air as Reg. TC-FLK. Apart from a few Hajj leases it stayed in Turkey until May 2009 when it went to Iran Air as Reg. EP-IBI. She's still carrying passengers and is now 37 years old and going strong judging from the pic below of a landing at Tehran Mehrabad Airport.



[Pic from Airliner by Mehrad Watson]

## TAA wins another award



John Booth's F27 model of VH-TFF in its TAA colour scheme that won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2018 Australian Open Model Competition.

Courtesy of 25 Year Club member [and all round great aircraft model builder] John Booth, TAA again featured at the recent Australian Model Expo – an Australian open, plastic modelling kit competition.

John entered the F27 he recently made for the Museum and won second prize! A great achievement in an Australian open competition. Keen Newsletter readers will recall John won at last year's competition as well with none other than a TAA DC6 model which also graces our Museum. [can't wait to see the next model he is building for us – with

## Vale

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

<b>Max Peters</b>	FEO	aged 74	15/04/18
<b>Jean Pierre Van Velzun</b>	Aircraft Maint	aged 96	27/04/18
<b>Peter Patti</b>	QA	aged 63	07/05/18
<b>Paul Cousins</b>	LAME	aged 50	04/05/18
<b>Bev Collin</b>	Hostess		13/05/18
<b>Rosemary McAfee</b>			20/03/18
<b>Des Fahey</b>	PSS	aged 87	11/05/18
<b>Richard Axisa</b>	TSD	aged 91	30/03/18

## Flat Screen Displays

To continually improve the Museum collection of interactive displays we're looking for additional flat screen displays and computers to drive them [both desktop or laptop]. If you are upgrading and would like to donate your old equipment to the Museum we'd love to hear from you [ [taamuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:taamuseum@bigpond.com) ].

## Hostess Records

Libby Watkins, Alma Barron and Ann Masters have been working away on putting names to faces from a huge cache of Hostie pictures from the Museum files. The intent is to identify [name and time served, where known] all our Hosties / Flight Attendants from the records we were able to salvage. It's a big job and started by first going through old 'Hostie School' records to identify names / years and then matching them to the pictures. We found a supplier of plastic holders [the expensive type that don't damage the pictures] to place the details in and then filed them in books for easy display, and away from sticky fingers.

The books are proving popular with visiting ex Hosties keen to see not only their own uniformed pic but also all their mates they worked with. A common theme is their regret that the Company had a policy that when you married, you had to resign. Most seem to have wanted to stay on, as you would working for TAA the friendly way.



## Stop Press

We have just been offered two very large B727 training aids by Ausjet at Essendon Airport. We were investigating at press time for some more details, and whether they were actually ex TAA units. More to come in the next Newsletter.

## Recently discovered at the Museum

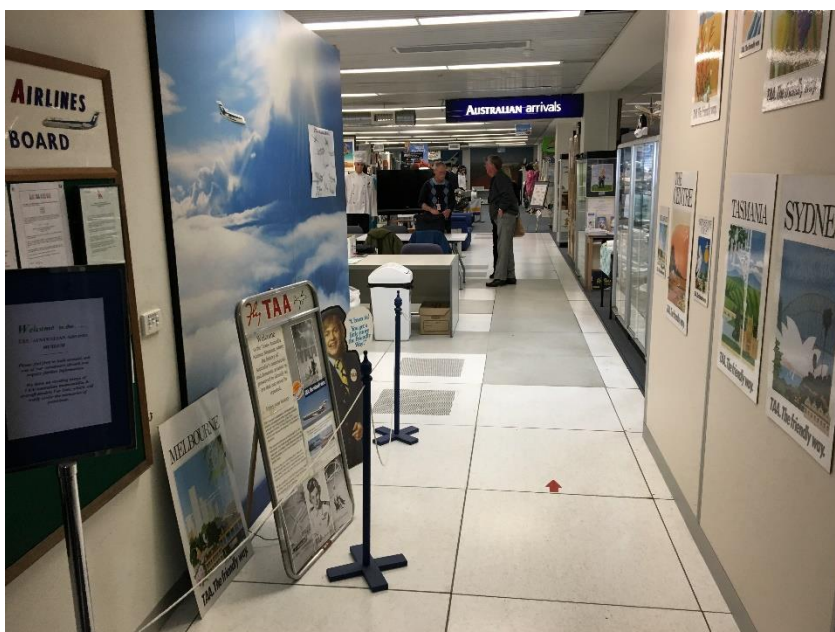


A collection of early advertisements were recently discovered at the Museum, with the earliest graphic an extract from the Australian Women's Weekly dated 19 October 1946 – just over a month after TAA's first revenue flight.

Our only 'tail dragger' at the time was the twin-engine Pratt & Whitney powered venerable DC3, however the picture shows the aircraft with four engines. Very inventive those marketing guys.

It also advises that our Melbourne H.O. was at Chart House, 372 Post Office Place, Melbourne.

H.O. moved many times in the early days until the Franklin Street building was purpose built for TAA [now office space for the Victoria Government Justice Department].



The Maintenance Gang [Terry Masocco, Ian Wood and Brian Cain] have struck again – this time it is the entry way into the Museum.

It was always a bit of a bottle neck, but now it has been opened up and looks very spacious and allows great views into the Museum for all the passers-by. In coming weeks, the re-decoration of the area will be completed.

# Founders Day Lunch 7 September at Anglers Tavern

## Booking Form for group bookings or individuals

Individual Booking Name/s: .....Mobile Number: .....

Number of guests attending:  For group bookings, please insert attendees' names below:

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**Phone Bookings: TAA Museum on 9280 8113 or 9280 8114**

**or John Wren on 0402071539**

### Method of Payment:

Cheques payable to: 'TAA 25 Year Club' mailed to Qantas GT Building, 7 York St, Airport West VIC 3042

Bank Transfers: TAA 25 Year Club; BSB: 063 007 Account: 0090 1577

Please ensure you include your name on the transfer and return this form by post or email  
[TAAmuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:TAAmuseum@bigpond.com)



## 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)      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 FTC, 7 York St, Airport West, Vic. 3042

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

Please include your name on bank transfers and, return this form by mail **OR** send by email to:

[taamuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:taamuseum@bigpond.com) . **For enquiries:** Phone: 03 9280 8113 / 03 9280 8114.