

DON FLETCHER

With sadness I wish to advise of the passing of Don Fletcher Friday evening 11th August 2017.

Don commenced his apprenticeship with TAA in Brisbane as an Airframe apprentice on the 19 January 1970 and retired from Qantas on 4 November 2010. (40 years)

Don served a 4 year apprenticeship with TAA at the old Brisbane airport working on a variety of aircraft including, the historic Douglas DC3 & Royal Flying Doctor Beechcraft Queen Air.

Don completed his apprenticeship in early 1974 & became a LAME in 1975 with a Fokker F27 airframe license, he achieved this through his own effort, not with a company sponsored type course.

The F27 license was quickly followed by type training on the Douglas DC9 & the Boeing 727. Don was selected for one of the very early Airbus A300 course held in Melbourne in early 1981, before aircraft introduction into domestic operations in July 1981. With the dedication, practical knowledge, analytical thinking & the respect of management & his peers Don again participated in the introductory programmes of the Boeing 737-300 in 1986 (Seattle & Southern California) & the Airbus A330-200 in 2001 (Toulouse & Hong Kong)

Don also became involved in the project to relocate all the maintenance facilities to the new Brisbane airport in the 1980's, a man for all occasions.

To all those who knew Don, despite the stubbornness & often cranky attitude was a gentleman with a warm & generous heart, who really only wanted enjoyment, happiness & contentment for all his colleagues & peers. We'll miss you Don!

Our sympathies to his family, Chris, Tanya & Dean. R.I.P. Don.