

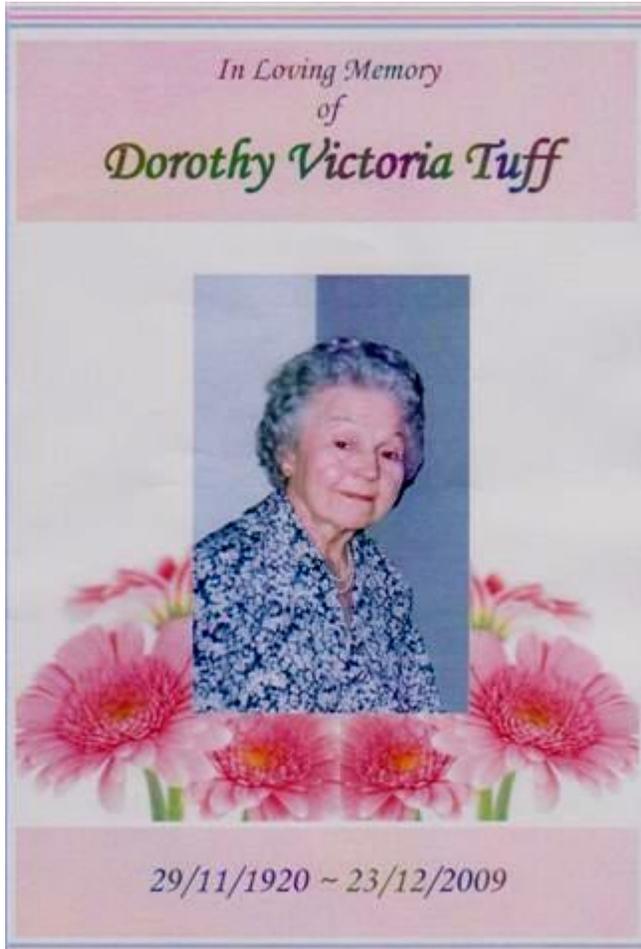
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It is with great sadness that we advise that one of our original volunteers, Dorothy Tuff (89), passed away in December 23rd 2009. Dorothy was part of our team of volunteers who started and expanded the memorabilia collection when the TAA 25 Year Club took control in 1994.

Although burdened with a visual impairment, Dorothy attended the museum every Wednesday, sorting and cataloguing the many hundreds of photographs from the original collection and many others that we received over this time.

When the Museum moved from Franklin St in 2006 we were concerned that the extra journey to Airport West from Camberwell would prohibit Dorothy's attendance at the museum, but no, Dorothy was determined to continue to 'do her bit' with the creation and establishment of the collection, and in conjunction with Lois Gale, this was completed late in November 2009.

A gallant, brave and lovely lady, Dorothy will be missed by us all at the Museum and especially by her family.

RIP Dottie.



Our last official picture of our 'Dottie', taken recently to renew her QANTAS ID card for the museum and as always "Dottie" had her usual happy smile and impeccable appearance.

Dorothy will be a great loss to her friends at the museum and a hard person to replace as Dorothy, come rain or shine, would religiously arrive every Wednesday, make her contribution to the development of the museum then depart for another week.

There are people who make a difference and an impression that is unforgettable, Dorothy was one such person.

You will be missed by your 'mates'.

# Miss Ambassador – TAA introductory training film.

Another gem has surfaced as Ray Splatt diligently investigates our film stock in an endeavour to convert these 16mm films to the modern DVD format that can be played on DVD players.

This film was found in a canister labelled ‘Miss Ambassador’ and appears to have been produced in the late 1940’s from both the uniform style and the presentation format emphasising that every employee, especially cabin crew, were ambassadors or the front line staff of the airline.

It is really historical and falls into the category of ‘must save’ and thanks to Ray this has been achieved.

The museum has over 70 conversions now listed and if requested they are for sale to members of the TAA 25 Year Club for \$11.50 which includes postage.

## Old photos from Yesteryear –

Our old photos continue to be discovered in odd places, like the ones below



The first photograph is an engineering workshop with dismantled DC3 aircraft, presumably CAC at Fisherman’s Bend

The second is the promotion of a luncheon as provided by TAA on all flights departing between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, supported by that TAA Friendly Way smile.

The third is TAA’s Operations Control room with the aircraft departure board being compiled or adjusted by Vin Hegarty and Charlie White.



**TAA was the first airline to introduce dedicated freighter aircraft, and establish a national aviation School at Point Cook to train or convert pilots for commercial aviation.**

# Essendon Football Club Tour.

Date Wednesday 12th of May 2010.

Location – Napier Street Essendon (Melways ref: 28 G3)

Cost \$ 15.00 per person - Members and Partners

Parking is available at the ground and we will meet at the front entrance at 0945 to begin the ‘behind the scenes’ tour including visits to the player areas and coaching facilities.

The cost includes entry to the Essendon players ‘Hall of Fame’ and a ROAST LUNCHEON after the tour. Irrespective of who you follow this is a tour well worth the effort and cost to visit.

Numbers will be limited due to the football clubs restrictions, so please book early and due to numbers the tour will be closed when the limit is reached.

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Mr Ross McDonald Events Co-ordinator  
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7 York Street  
Airport West Vic 3042

**Essendon Tour and Luncheon**

**Member Name** ..... **Partner** .....

**Please ensure that your cheque/money order # ..... is endorsed to TAA 25 Year Club Inc.**

## **Reminder** - **Cruise on Corio Bay Geelong – February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010**

Refer to previous newsletter for details but **seats are still available**. Pickup points are at Therry Street and Airport West, but it is important that you contact ROSS MCDONALD ON 0419115396 if interested.

**Donation** – Recently received was a Viscount Model found in a shed in the A.C.T. by Mrs Barbara Mitchell who was aware of the existence of the TAA Museum and made contact to see if we were interested. Barbara explained that it was in poor condition and would need a lot of restoration.

This model arrived and it was decided that since it was a solid original aluminium model that we would restore it to its original condition. Thanks Barbara and when it is finished we will proudly display it and identify your contribution.

## JOKE

A group of primary school infants, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to Cheltenham races to see and learn about thoroughbred horses.

When it was time to take the children to the toilet, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's toilet when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal.

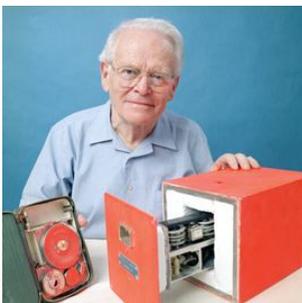
Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their underpants, and began hoisting the boys up, one by one, to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was slightly different.

Trying not to show that she was staring, the teacher said, 'You must be in year four.'

'No, madam,' he replied. 'I'm in race 4, riding Silver Arrow in the 2.15.'

## David Warren – inventor of the ‘Black Box’



Above David Warren with a modern example of his flight data recorder making a comparison with the second photograph of the original flight data recorder and the third photograph of the latest FDR.

This essential machine was an Australian invention but like most local inventions David's was not supported here so he had to 'go overseas' to have it accepted. TODAY THIS IS A COMPULSORY ITEM FITTED TO ALL COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

**Volunteers** With the passing of Dorothy and the inability of some members to attend regularly we seek 3 volunteers to assist with the running of the museum who are prepared to make a commitment so that the attendance can be organised to satisfy the numerous jobs that require to be undertaken.

**We are proud of our museum and the airlines achievements but we cannot do it alone – if you can help then please contact either the museum Monday to Thursday 10am til 2pm, or Jim Meehan on 0438540842 anytime..**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –**

**This will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> (2010) at the museum, commencing at 1200 hours. Light refreshments and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available – alcohol is not permitted to be consumed on the premises.**

**One for the computer geeks** – want to waste hours trying to beat the odds, then this is one for you – See Daffy Duck (with your help) land on target – Are you prepared to give it a try ? then type [www.bassfiles.net/parachute.swf](http://www.bassfiles.net/parachute.swf) to have a go.

## **Museum revisions**

Again we are revising the space availability within the museum as we have created a retail section for the sale of model aircraft from 3 suppliers plus surplus items that we have numerous examples of, and are surplus to our initial and secondary collections.

This will include a revision of the office and café seating areas. We now offer Tea Coffee & biscuit at a small fee and can be arranged when making a tour booking.

These changes will enable us to create a new area dedicated to the foundation members who established the airline and a redeployment of the pre TAA era memorabilia to a more central and time sequenced location as we continue to receive item and ‘on loan’ donations.



The café area revisions will ultimately accommodate up to 60 guests with the inclusion of 2 new trestle tables and chairs.

The picture to the left shows the new configuration with Lois Gale at work to put into perspective the physical area and ease of access when bus groups visit your facility.



The second area will now permit the ‘Hall of Honour’ to be created dedicated to all the foundation members of the airline and numerous original items used in establishing the airline.



The third area associated with this re-arrangement is the space previously reserved for a special display which has not come to fruition and now provides an ideal space for our early exhibits.

# Vale

**Gordon Smith** – Manager UK - Airport Admin Sydney & H.O. – November 2009.

**Royce Sullivan** – Engineering Powerplant – Melbourne - November 2009.

**Alf Astell** (93) – Engineering Records – Melbourne – December 2009.

**FEO John Howard** – Flight Operations – Melbourne – November 2009.

**John Sherwin** - Cashier Tullamarine – December 2009

**Dorothy Tuff** – Finance Victoria Branch – December 2009

**Manfred Blank** – AMD Line Maint. A300 Specialist – Melbourne - December 2009

**David Graham** – Engineering Melbourne – December 2009.

**John Tweedley** – Maintenance Planning Melbourne – January 2010

**Alexander (Scotty) Porteous** – Airport Traffic Essendon Tullamarine – January 2010

Scotty was an identity at Essendon Airport back in the 60's on the Traffic Counter, known for his sense of humour and larrikin ways. Scotty also appeared on television in Homicide and other programs and therefore he was immediately recognisable on the TAA counter. He had been unwell for some time and our sympathy go out to his family.

**Stan Fletcher** (81) – Maintenance Foreman – Brisbane – November 2009.

(Stan was one of the three Brisbane engineers on ferry flight of VH-TJB and in 1978 made Maintenance Foreman in Brisbane. Stan retired in 1987 – information supplied by Bob Merson)