

◀ **Baggage hole:** The famed Qantas bag — from the 1950s maroon version to the more discreet contemporary issue with kangaroo insignia — has been almost as symbolic of change as the aircrafts on which it has travelled.

▼ **Flying koala:** Years before Paul Hogan threw his first shrimp on the barbie, the Qantas koala, featured in a highly successful series of press and television advertisements, was the most identifiable Australian in the United States.



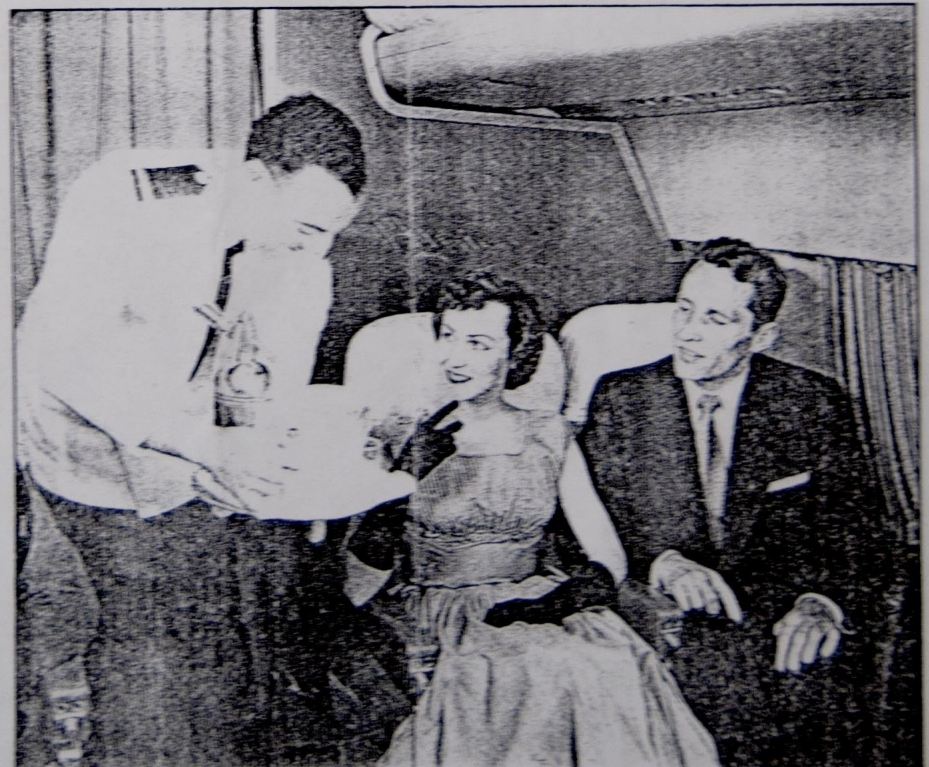
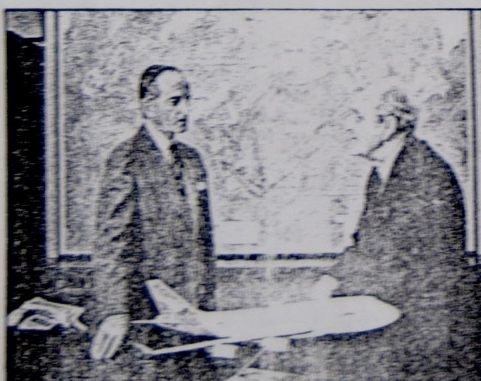
◀ **First lady:** It was almost seven decades ago, in the backblocks of western Queensland, that a youthfully adventurous Mary Yeoman paid three guineas to Hudson Fysh, founder of the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service Co Ltd, for a 15-minute joyride. The experience has etched Yeoman's name in the airline's annals as its oldest surviving passenger. It wasn't until 1976 that she ventured beyond Australian airspace — on a Qantas flight to Europe. "I'm treated as part of the family," says Yeoman, who turned 90 years old on Anzac Day this year. "I'm invited to all the Qantas Christmas parties." She is pictured in the cockpit of a Qantas jumbo.

"Qantas. What a name for an airline!"



QANTAS The Australian Kipper

▼ **High flyers:** In the Qantas boardroom in Sydney are former chairmen James Leslie (left) and Sir Lenox Hewitt. Leslie retired in 1989 after almost a decade as chairman; Sir Lenox in 1980 after five years.



▶ **Eight miles high:** Life in the clouds aboard a Super Constellation of the late 1950s appears idyllic, despite the fact that the flying time to London was then more than two days with no less than nine stopovers en route.