

Bushies/Air Queensland Facebook group

In December 2012 a Bushies/Air Queensland Facebook Group was established. In August 2014 there were 73 members representing most areas of the company.

This is a “closed group”, which in Facebook means non-members can’t see what has been posted although they can see who the members of the group are. Therefore you have to register to join the group and be accepted before you can view the posts. Requests can be sent by going to this web site <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/455172154518245/>, or searching for Bushies/Air Queensland in Facebook.

The introduction to the Facebook group states:

“This group is for any former staff members of Bush Pilots Airways (BPA)/Air Queensland which operated in Queensland from 1951 to 1988. The purpose of the group is to share memories and photos and to communicate any reunions or events. To limit the size of the group, membership will be restricted to staff only, not family/friends etc. Former staff members must use their own name and not group or organisation names, so as all former staff can be easily identified.

Further information and photos about Bush Pilots and Air Queensland can be found in the book “Bushies: A history of Bushies – Air Queensland” written by Ron Entsch and on the website <http://bushies.net/>

If you wish to receive emails about Bushies events and reunions contact Lionel at bushiesinfo@gmail.com to be added to the email list.”

The Bushies website is an ongoing record of Bushies and includes history, photos of aircraft, people, places and events and a list of names of employees is being progressively developed and updated. In contrast, the Facebook group is constantly changing as people post new comments and photos. As one member suggested, the group is “much like an electronic Bushies Bash”, a place to catch up and share stories.

If you know of any ex staff who may be interested in joining please share the link.

If you don’t wish to join Facebook, but have stories or photos that you wish to share, they can be emailed to owenbpafacebook@gmail.com to be added to the group page. In return you will be sent a copy of the post and any comments made in response.

It is amazing that more than 25 years after the closure of Bushies, we still have such strong connections and friendships as well as great memories of our days with Bushies. Thanks to all of those people who make it happen.