

96 years in the making.

Qantas livery throughout the ages.



The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is the next flagship of the Qantas fleet. Like other remarkable aircraft before it, it lets us do more and take Australians further. And like at other big moments in our history, we're marking a new era with a new look. It is only the fifth time we have changed the iconic 'roo', paying tribute to our past and pointing the way to an exciting future.

1944



The original roo was first painted beneath the cockpit of the Qantas Liberator at Brisbane's Archerfield airport after the Indian Ocean Route was officially renamed the 'Kangaroo Service'. The design, inspired by the one-penny coin, was later featured on all of Qantas' Liberator aircraft.

1971



In September 1971, the first Qantas 747-238B Jumbo landed in Australia. This new, wide-bodied aircraft was able to carry 370 passengers (over two and a half times as many as the Boeing 707), making travel more affordable and accessible for future generations of Australians.

1954



In 1954, the winged kangaroo was the first roo to appear on the tail of a Qantas aircraft, the Lockheed Super Constellation. These state-of-the-art planes were also the first Qantas aircraft to cross the Pacific in May that year.

1984



In June 1984, the Flying Kangaroo lost its wings and was given a more slender, stylised look. The new roo first appeared on the B747-300EUD in 1984 and preceded the launch of the cutting edge Boeing 767 in 1985.

1959



On 29 July 1959, the Boeing 707 made its inaugural flight from Sydney to San Francisco, making it the first passenger jet service to cross the Pacific. The Boeing 707 cut the travel time from Sydney to London from fifty hours, to just twenty-seven.

2007



In 2007, the iconic roo evolved again. The polished, contoured Flying Kangaroo reflected the next generation of aircraft. In 2008, the first Airbus A380 landed in Australia, and with it, a new standard of in-flight service and comfort on long-haul routes.

1961



When the Boeing 707 fleet received new fan-jet engines, a V-Jet livery was introduced. The V stood for 'Vannus' which is Latin for fan. The fan-jet provided improved fuel efficiency and lowered noise emission.

2016



The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is the next flagship of the Qantas fleet and will take Australians further than ever. The latest Flying Kangaroo design, overseen by Qantas design consultant Marc Newson in partnership with Australian design agency Houston Group, marks a new era in aviation.



1930



1944



1947



1968



1984



2007



2016