Airbus A380 Qantas Implementation Challenges



Why the A380 aircraft?
Magnitude of the A380 Program
Key challenges



29 November 2000... A Historic Day For Qantas

Worth A\$9.6B over 10 years. Largest fleet investment programme ever.



Challenges for The New Century

Escalating costs

- Fuel and distribution costs
- Falling Australian Dollar
- Efficiency pressures
- Declining yields
 - Increased competition
 - Liberalisation impact on market access



Challenges for The New Century

Globalisation and alliances

- Improved access to major hubs

Qantas fleet renewal

- Replacement of B747 Classics & B767-200s
- Payload range on Pacific and to London

- Preserve fleet flexibility



1960S Introduction to the jet-age

1970s The era of the jumbo jet

US Decade of the widebody twin



1990 Non-stop longhaul operations

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New Aircraft Commitments

7 x A330-200 from 2002 6 x A330-300 from 2003



A330-200

A330-300

12 x A380-800 from 2006



6 x 747-400ER from 2002



Program Benefits

New technologies and design

Range Superior performance

Fuel Efficient Silence





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Airport access

The Key to Flexibility

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Commonality with A380 and other Airbus types

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Overcoming Congestion at Sydney



Constraints also in London, Los Angeles and Tokyo



A330/A380 Strategy for Qantas

Low-risk growth strategy:





230 seats Increasing capacity and reducing unit costs





Magnitude of the Program

• \$9.6b

- Ist non-Boeing airliner since the B707 in 1959
- Step changes
 - new technologies and designs
 - detailed technical specifications
 - maintenance
 - pilot training and systems



Magnitude of the Program

Leveraging new type to drive step changes

- dual aerobridges
- latest e-distribution and workflow software
- major increase in GE engine numbers
- new RR engine for A380
- innovative in-hold concepts
- new EBAs
- major new supplier relationships



A330 Program

• 13 A330 aircraft delivered Dec 02 - May 05

- Smoothing the introduction for the A380
 - Airbus relationship development
 - Program experience on new "Type" introduction
 - Experience with Airbus "family"
 - Strategic step changes introduced



Product

Qantas pioneer in longhaul travel

- 1st to sign A380 contract
- 1st to introduce Business Class
- end to end experience
- New aircraft and hence new cabin design
 - new manufacturing technologies & materials
 - intelligent use of space
- Ground Experience
 - highly efficient and seamless ground proposition



Flying environment

- New cockpit technologies; fly by wire
- New training techniques introduced
- Different aircraft characteristics
- New EBA
- Security implications



New Cockpit Technology

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Electronic Flight Bag

- Instant access to aeronautical charts and flight planning information
- Ease of access to necessary flight information
- Navigate around airports whilst taxiing
- Eliminate folders of charts and books



Head Up Display Development

Enhanced Operational Safety

- Improved situational awareness
- Precise flight path and energy control
- Improved windshear awareness
- Operational Benefits/Improved Aircraft Capability
 - Lower take-off, approach and landing minima



Cockpit Door Surveillance System (CDSS)



Flight Simulator

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Cabin Technical specification

Lining and servicing
seats & galleys
safety systems
door arrangements



TRAINING

- 2,500 shorthaul crew, pilots & LAMEs
- 1,350 airport staff
- Custom flight simulator and cabin service trainers





Cabin Service Trainer

Business and Economy Class galleys
Business and Economy Class seating
IFE simulator
CIDS simulator
Functionality as per aircraft





A380 Training

- 50% higher than A330
- First of type Flight Simulator
- Custom Cabin Service trainer
 - 2 storey
 - new building to house



Maintenance

Maintainability
reliability / cost
technical data
concepts, tooling, formats



New maintenance philosophy

- phased maintenance
- new technology aircraft
- non-Boeing aircraft and related change pain barrier
- new maintenance systems; IT systems, etc
- new tools, hangar
- Interim arrangements



Facilities

- New tailored A330 hangar
- ground support equip
- test equipment
- airframe / avionics & line station spares

A380 specific hangar



Innovative In-hold system

Innovative Concepts

 Incorporating specific design features that improve safety on the ramp, efficiency & reliability

... a significant investment in safety for Ramp







A380 Program

- 12 A380 aircraft delivered from 2006
- Leveraging the A330 program
 - Airbus relationship & "family" experience
 - Program experience on new "Type" introduction
 - New flying environment, technologies and systems
 - Lessons learnt



Airport Formalities

"Pulse" impact:

- "Clean skin" analysis at each airport
- No decrease in performance standards
- Most areas of the terminal need consideration.

Airport readiness



A380 Turn-time

Drivers

- Compatibility / interchangeability
- On Time performance
- Passenger connecting times

Parameters

- GSE positioning in typical ramp layouts being assessed







Airfield study items

Runway and taxiway width and separations
Cross wind implications for runway operations
Environment



QC2 Noise Target



Rolls-Royce Trent 900
80,000 lb thrust
Larger fan
Low exhaust velocity
Optimised blades
Advanced acoustic liners



Safety Implications

- Transformational change
 - Maintain strong safety culture
- 'New type' risks
 - New routes / product
 - New cockpit technologies and systems
 - New aircraft characteristics
 - New maintenance approach, procedures and systems

OH&S issues



A330 Lessons Learnt What worked well - Safety

• Managing transformational change

- Step change strategies
- Innovative program structures
- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Benchmarking & peer reviews
- Vendor management focus



A330 Lessons Learnt What worked well - Safety

Extensive tech crew training and off-shore line flying
Benchmarking with other A330 operators

Best practice focus and risk mitigation

Comprehensive end to end proving flights
Substantial investment in operational training
Peer review by Cathay Pacific
Comprehensive SAFE assessments e.g. OH&S



A330 Lessons Learnt What worked well - Safety

• Underwritten by strong focus on:

- Extensive planning
- Minimising changes to plans and staffing
- Operational procedural manuals, reference data, etc
- Best of breed training simulators, facilities, IT tools
- Leveraging experts and experience
- Risk areas; high risk projects, load control, etc
- Strong safety focus during EIS phase



A330 Lessons Learnt Areas for improvement - Safety

Some OH&S reviews left late raising risk

- impacted vendor schedules and delayed training
- Initial training & familiarisation commenced later than planned
 - increased pressure on training schedules
- Access to Qantas configured aircraft was limited to EIS
 - increased pressure during EIS period
 - increased pressure on Airports staff training



Airbus, Airports and Airlines

..... working together towards the A380 vision

