

# **AIRCRAFT OF THE QANTAS GROUP.**

**Boeing 737-838 – VH-VXB.**

**‘Yananyi Dreaming’**

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**The in-depth history of the Qantas Airways Boeing 737-838 c/n  
30101-1045.**

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This aircraft was originally ordered by American Airlines as N980AN but it was not taken up  
The order was taken over by Qantas Airways Ltd and officially announced - October 28, 2001

It was allocated the Boeing Block Number 'YC879'

Rolled off the Boeing production line at Seattle (Boeing Field) - December 07, 2001

This aircraft was painted in a traditional aboriginal livery

To read more about this particular livery go to the bottom of this history

It was first flown as 'VH-VXB' - December 18, 2001

Powered by CFM International CFM56-7B26 engines and fitted with winglets

Entered onto the Australian Aircraft Register as VH-VXB - December 20, 2001

Registered to Qantas Airways Ltd, Sydney

The aircraft was named 'Yananyi Dreaming'

Accepted by S. Skimin for Qantas Airways at Seattle (Boeing Field) - January 17, 2002

This was the 119th Boeing airliner delivered new to Qantas Airways

It was the 5th Boeing 737 delivered new to Qantas

Departed Seattle (Boeing Field) on the delivery flight to Australia as QF6020 - February 12, 2002

It arrived at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) on completion of the delivery flight - February 14, 2002

Delivery route: Seattle - Honolulu - Nadi - Sydney

Operated its first revenue service Sydney (Kingsford Smith) - Melbourne (Tullamarine) as QF415 - February 16, 2002

Registered to 738 Leasing 2 Pty Ltd - August 15, 2005

Leased to Qantas Airways Ltd, Sydney as the registered operator

Registered to Qantas Airways Limited, Sydney - August 29, 2014

Operated its last revenue service in the 'Yananyi Dreaming' livery Sydney - Darwin as QF849 - September 07, 2014

Ferried Darwin - Singapore (Seletar) for overhaul and repaint as QF6019 - September 08, 2014

Ferried Singapore (Seletar) - Darwin as QF6014 - September 23, 2014

Returned to service in the standard Qantas livery Darwin - Sydney (Kingsford Smith) as QF848 - September 24, 2014

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The 'Yananyi Dreaming' artwork that was applied to the Qantas Boeing 737-838 aircraft, was designed by Balarinji using individual motifs painted by Rene Kulitja whose vibrant colours are inspired by the dramatic landscape surrounding Uluru.

Uluru has dominated the Australian Western Desert landscape for millions of years. The Anangu people have lived in the region for more than 40,000 years, maintaining their special sites and unique culture.

Through song, dance and art, they tell their Tjukurpa - Anangu stories of land and journeys that hold their knowledge and their Law. Dances from the Tjukurpa teaching Anangu way of life and history of their land are passed on from generation to generation, keeping culture strong.

'Yananyi' means going or travelling. In 'Yananyi Dreaming' radiating pathways lead to the symbol of Uluru, depicted both as a physical form surrounded by Kurkara (desert oak trees), and as an abstract representation of concentric circles.

Blue hills (Tali) rise from the desert landscape, and mala (Rufous Hair - Wallaby) tracks are imprinted on the sand. Lungkata (Blue tongued Lizard) basks in the hot sun in this fragile and ancient place. 'Yananyi Dreaming' is the strong Uluru story.

Rene Kulitja describes her artistic works for 'Yananyi Dreaming.' "This is my traditional place. I am a Pitjantjatjara woman. My pictures tell about the landscape, the animals and the plants of Uluru. We go hunting in the desert for tjala (honey ant) and lungkata (Blue-tongued Lizard). I am a traditional owner at Uluru. My husband, my kids and I - we love this country."

VH-VXB was painted at Boeing's Seattle headquarters using 484.5 litres of paint and over 2,000 man hours across six days. 200 large plastic stencils, each 7mm thick and measuring 1.27m x 3 m defined the overall design. 63 pieces of nylon stencil ranging in size from 0.5m x 1.5m to 1.25m x 5.6m created the more intricate designs.