

Qantas begins (1970)

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NARRATOR: 50 years ago, almost to the day, in Winton, Queensland, was born the Australian airline, Qantas, named after the local area it was to serve. Beginning with only two small planes, the company was to be the first to link the people of the vast outback of northern Australia. Ticket number one was sold to 85-year-old Alexander Kennedy. Since then, 5 million have followed, using a succession of aircraft that almost make up a complete picture of Australian aviation progress.