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# *Explanatory Note to this Edition*

The original version of this book was written many decades ago by Barry Pattison and Geoff Goodall. Titled *Qantas Empire Airways (Western Operations Division) Indian Ocean Service 1943 – 1946*, it was published in 1979 by the Aviation Historical Society of Australia and printed by Qantas.

Research for the book in those days involved visits to physical archives and interviews with many of the aircrew and ground personnel involved with the service. In subsequent years Geoff Goodall continued his research, a task made easier with the internet era from the 1990s onwards. Indeed, Geoff had a broad interest in aviation history and maintained a website named *Geoff Goodall's Aviation History Site*.

In recent years Geoff prepared a manuscript for a revised and expanded version of the book, titled *Double Sunrise - Qantas Empire Airways Indian Ocean Wartime Services 1943-1946*. Geoff wrote a preface dated December 2021 but sadly the book

had not been published at the time of his passing on 5 January 2024.

The book has now been published through the efforts of Geoff's widow, Jane Goodall. Geoff's 2021 preface is included in this edition, in which he acknowledges several people who helped with his research and manuscript. In addition, Jane wishes to acknowledge Tony Arbon, Ian McDonnell and Nigel Daw who have assisted her with the publishing process. Thanks also to Ron Cuskelly for maintaining Geoff's website ([goodall.com.au](http://goodall.com.au)) which has also been archived by the National Library of Australia.

This edition includes Geoff's revised manuscript in entirety except for two appendices. These were very large files, comprising tabulated movement records for Qantas Catalinas and Liberators, and it was impractical to include them in a printed book. Instead, they have been uploaded to *Geoff Goodall's Aviation History Site*.