

The Dayboro Grapevine

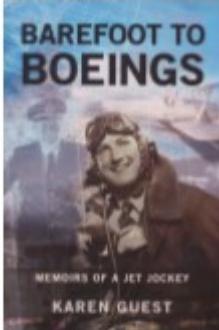
BAREFOOT TO BOEINGS MEMOIRS OF A JET JOCKEY

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*Look closely at the
man on the cover
of this book. . . .
YES it is a very
beautiful photo of
Dayboro resident
Brian Crane.*

*This book is the
story of Brian's
quest to achieve his
dream of
becoming a pilot. . . .
... the long road
from walking
barefoot to school
to achieving his
dream*

*Read this and be
inspired to achieve
your dreams.*



What does it take to be a Boeing pilot?

A dream and persistence.

Brian Crane worked as a pilot for most of his working life. But his dreams seemed a long way off when he walked barefoot to school in country New South Wales. Brian's biography takes the reader on a look behind the scenes of the aviation industry — the rigorous testing, the industrial manoeuvres and the persistence and hard work that takes a boy from wooden model aeroplanes to the pinnacle of his career as a Boeing pilot for TAA.

The success Brian enjoyed didn't just happen without drama or serious obstacles being put in the way. In many ways, it was a hard road to take. So hard at times, that another might have given up and taken a different road.

Karen Guest is the former editor of a vintage aeroplane newsletter. She came across the story of Brian Crane through an aircraft tragedy — a friend's husband had been killed in a plane crash, and while cleaning found Brian's details and passed them on to Karen. Karen was fascinated by the story of a boy who walked barefoot to school and how he managed to become a Boeing pilot. She pursued Brian to tell his story. Well, luckily for Karen, Brian had already compiled some memoirs for his children:

"I saw it as a story about passion, love, a behind the scenes look at Australian aviation, and a story that had to be told. In explaining why I was compelled to write it, I just knew I had to, even before I discussed it with Brian. Well, I did discuss it with Brian, he is 86-years-young and very happy with what I am doing to share his story!" said Karen.

In Brian's words:

"To realise one's dream of a flying career, to share the stories with wonderful colleagues and to have those lovely aircraft respond to you is a joy that will remain with me forever."

Author, Karen Guest, lives in Brisbane with her partner. Karen has a passion for writing and this biography is about a gentleman, Brian Crane, a retired Boeing pilot.

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