

The Dayboro Grapevine

BAREFOOT TO BOEINGS

MEMOIRS OF A JET JOCKEY

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Look closely at the sun 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 path 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 dream!



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 take 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 skies 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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