

TEAM RED THUNDER

Red Thunder One



Gill Vardi

Gill Vardi started his flying in Perth at the age of 16. At 17 he joined the RAAF to fly fighter aircraft and the FA18 Hornet. Gill joined Qantas in 1989 becoming a Check & Training Captain on B767 and A330 aircraft, before retiring in 2017. Gill keeps himself busy as an aviation consultant and flying warbird aircraft. He is a director of the Red Thunder Tactical Formation Clinic and is the organiser of the Brisbane Airshow. Gill is flying his YAK52TW one of only very few remaining in the world today.

Red Thunder Two



Andrew Horsburgh

Andrew was born in country QLD. He started flying straight out of school at Archerfield Airport and completed 16 years in General Aviation before joining Virgin Australia Airlines in 2001. In General Aviation he was a flying instructor, night freight pilot and has been a Captain on the B737 for Virgin for the last 17 years. He has been flying his Red Yak 50 since July 2018. Not quite the prestigious aviation pedigree of other members in the formation but more the Self-Improver out of The Bush by Beechcraft.

Red Thunder Three



Shane Tobin

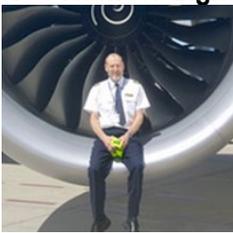
Shane took his first flying lesson at age 14, and after school was accepted into the Qantas Cadet scheme. Shane flew the B767 as a Second Officer and First Officer for Qantas before taking a Leave of Absence to fly with All Nippon Airways. Shane obtained his B767 command at age 33 and returned to Qantas in 2018 to fly the B787 Dreamliner as a Check & Training Pilot. Shane is active in the aviation community having held several key positions within the industry.

Red Thunder Four



Jeremy Miller

Jeremy started flying at age 14 and has built a career as a Flight Instructor. He currently own's two flying businesses and has built a reputation as an Aerobatic instructor. Jeremy specialises in teaching Upset Prevention and Recovery Training and Formation Training. He is one of a handful of Instructors in Australia that can teach Formation Aerobatics. Jeremy is a Flight Examiner and has worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Jeremy has a truly infectious passion for aviation and seeks to inspire the next generation of budding aviators

<p>Red Thunder Five</p> 	<p>Richard Waugh</p> <p>Richard is a New Zealander who joined the RAAF shortly after completing University in Auckland. In 11 years with the Air Force he flew the CT4A, the Macchi 326, the Mirage 3 and the F15 Eagle with the USAF. Richard is currently a Captain with Qantas flying the B737 in Brisbane after flying the B767 and the B747 Jumbo. He has been active with Australian Warbirds for 12 years and is today flying the blue single seat Russian Yak 50.</p>
<p>Red Thunder Six</p> 	<p>Ross Parker</p> <p>Ross served in the RAAF for 14 years flying Caribou aircraft and later, BAC1-11 and B707s in the RAAF VIP Squadrons. He then spent more than 30 years flying Boeing 747 and 777 aircraft with Cathay Pacific Airways in Hong Kong and has been involved in vintage warbird aircraft for over 20 years. Ross has been active with Australian Warbirds for many years and is today flying his Wirraway which is one of only three airworthy Wirraways still flying in Australia.</p>
<p>Red Thunder Seven</p> 	<p>Cam Rolph-Smith</p> <p>Flying solo since he was 15, Cameron has performed aerobatic, low-level and formation flying in air shows throughout Australia and around the world. He is an experienced pilot, having flown many warbirds including the P-51 Mustang and Spitfire. Cameron has dedicated an enormous amount of time developing his skills and passion for all things aviation. Cameron has been active with Australian Warbirds for many years and is today flying his Grey YAK 52 which will perform a low-level aerobatic display.</p>
<p>Red Thunder Eight</p> 	<p>Gianni Serafino</p> <p>Gianni grew up in South Africa and developed his passion for flying from his uncle, who flew for the Rhodesian Airforce. From being an Air Traffic Controller Gianni went on to earn his pilot's flying airliners throughout the world for South African Airways and All Nippon Airways. Gianni has been involved with warbirds for the past 5 years and enjoys flying his Yak52 and Yak18. He is an active member of Red Thunder and Queensland Warbirds.</p>