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Famous Qantas Airbus A380 Captain to speak at the 2011 RAAA Convention

Captain Richard de Crespigny will be a special guest at the Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) 2011 Convention, to be held at the Hyatt Coolum-Sunshine Coast, 7-9 September.

It was at the controls of a Qantas Airbus A380, the world's largest and most advanced airliner, when Captain de Crespigny and his fellow officers were faced with their greatest challenge. One of four engines exploded in flight, causing extensive damage. For two hours Richard and his crew remained calm as they looked after the 460 passengers, planned how to stabilise the damage, configure the overweight aircraft, manoeuvre towards Singapore, and get the aircraft back on the ground. After landing, passengers faced a new environment for potential disaster, remaining on board for two hours with an engine that would not shut down and fuel leaking near white hot brakes.

Captain de Crespigny's considerable skills involving teamwork, problem solving, judgement, knowledge, experience and putting years of highly-skilled training into practice, will form the centrepiece of this incredible and compelling story to be presented at 4:00pm Thursday 8 September 2011, Hyatt Coolum-Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

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For more information about the RAAA and the 2011 RAAA Convention go to www.raaa.com.au

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