

## Presidents Report

On Thursday we welcomed Chris Mara as the newest member of the club. Chris is a Past President of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central but now lives in Beaumaris hence his transfer. Chris was accompanied by his wife Jenny. Chris has a particular interest in Indigenous matters so we will team him up with David Hone, Robert McArthur and the youth committee.



Four of us attended Mordialloc's meeting on Tuesday evening at Woodlands. They featured a very interesting speaker about the Victoria Police Special Operations Group – how they train and what they do. Lynda has his details, we are following up to see if we can get him to speak at Beaumaris in April or May.

Our speaker on Thursday was John Kneen who talked about the Japanese raid on the British, Dutch American and Australian flying boats and transports in Broome in March 1942. In all some 22 aircraft were destroyed and at least 88 people killed.

Also, on Thursday, Peter Flude represented the club at Bayside Council's Awards Reception at Sandringham Yacht Club. Congratulations to Sergeant Arran Ferguson who was awarded the Bayside Australian Citizen of the Year. The award was presented to Sergeant Ferguson in recognition of his outstanding contribution to making Bayside a safer place by bringing the police and community together. The 2018 Young Citizen of the Year was awarded jointly to Millicent Roper and Stevie-Lou Answerth for their work to develop an inclusive culture at Firbank Grammar and other local Bayside schools. Community Event of the Year Award went to the PRG 24 Hour Charity Bike Ride which raises valuable funds for Sandringham Hospital.

Congratulations to the international team who have been awarded a District grant of \$3,000 which will go towards the purchase of mosquito nets for Sabu. This area is not covered by the RAMs program so our efforts are important in helping to

## Next Meetings

**THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

**SHOW & TELL**

CHAIR; TONY MCKENNA

AV; KEN MIRAMS

CASH DESK; LOIS LINDSAY & MARY CUNNINGTON

**THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY**

**SPEAKER; KYLIE STANLEY**

TOPIC; PNG HIGHLANDS FOUNDATION

CHAIR; TRISH SMYTH

AV; GREG EVERY

CASH DESK; PETER FLUDE & CLEM QUICK

**THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**VISIT TO COAST GUARD**

**THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

**SPEAKER; AIDAN COLEMAN**

TOPIC; FORMER CEO OF BEGA CHEESE

CHAIR; FRED HOFMANN

AV; ADRIAN CULSHAW

CASH DESK; JAN COOPER & ROY SEAGER

**THURSDAY 1 MARCH**

**NO MEETING**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Unless stated otherwise venue is  
Victoria Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00

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stop the spread of malaria and other mosquito borne diseases.

The folks at Beaumaris Sports Club have again asked for our help with the BBQ at this year's Day on Oak Street which is on Sunday 18th February. At this week's meeting, Chris Werner will be asking for volunteers for two shifts on the BBQ. This year's headline act is Richard Clapton. Details of the event are on the Beaumaris Sports Club web page and our Facebook page.

We will shortly be making our first donation to the Trachoma 2020 appeal. The "Dog" and the Indigenous Art sales have so far raised \$1,500 which will be sent to the District co-ordinator. We have about another \$2,000 yet to come from picture sales and I expect the Dog to raise another \$500 or so. We will therefore be making a donation of \$1,000 to Sandringham Hospital who helped promote the art shows and hopefully another \$1,500 will be available to go to Trachoma 2020.

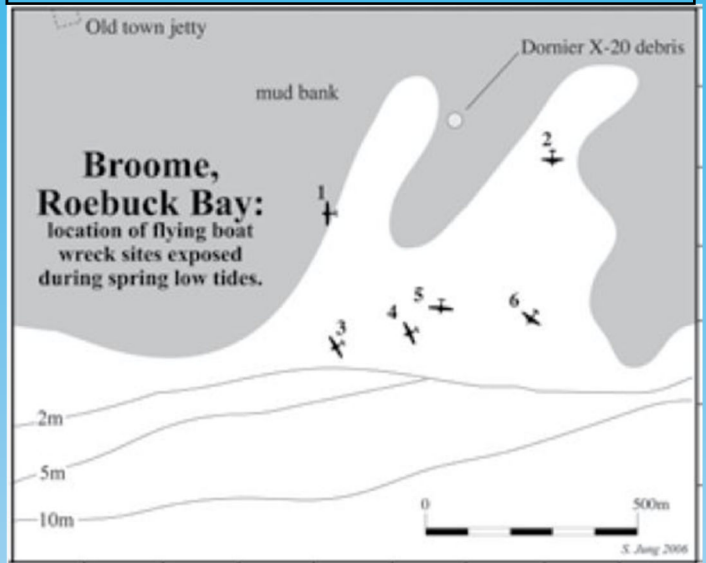
Our next board meeting is on Tuesday 13th February. If there is anything you would like raised see Vivienne who is the board member without portfolio and is there to represent and raise any issues that members may have. If you can't get hold of Vivienne, then obviously bring it up with any board member.

This week our meeting will feature a presentation by Ken Mirams on the survey we took of market customers in November. We will then be having a "Show and Tell" session featuring six well known club members. Want to know more, make sure you are there on Thursday.

*Yours in Rotary  
Chris*



## Graphics from John Kneen's Talk



### Wreckage of flying boats exposed during spring low tides.



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**Speaker; John Kneen**

**Topic: Zero Hour in Broome**



The following are John's notes from his talk:

Background to this presentation was that I was given a gift card by daughter Catherine, so I purchased book "Zero Hour in Broome". We later visited Broome.

Japanese had been very aggressive in SE Asia. USA, where they received most of their oil placed an oil embargo. Japan needed oil from Netherlands East Indies (NEI) and rubber from Malaya. At 1.15am on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1941 they landed at Kota Bharu in Malaya. A few hours later (7 Dec US time) they attacked Pearl Harbour.

Attack on Pearl Harbour intended as warning to America not to be involved.

However, the Americans were enraged. The attack on Pearl Harbour came from carrier-based aircraft —this was similar to the attack on Darwin — not so relevant to attack on Broome.

A few hours later the Philippines were hit. (Note when discussing the Pacific War the Date Line adds confusion.

in Manila B17s had just arrived. When Japanese struck Luzon the B17s were put in air so would not be a bombing target. Back on ground to refuel when second wave hit Manila. Important note here is that some of the attack aircraft were Zeros —fighters not usually used in this role. The mode of attack on the Philippines by the Zeros is the reference point for the attack on Broome.

Map highlights the rapid penetration of the Japanese into the NEI.

Penetration so fast they didn't have time to upgrade their code books. Rabaul was still Rabaul. 30 Jan QANTAS flying boat "Corio" shot down near Timor. — QANTAS

ordered to look for connection from Java to WA Coast. Also, Japanese penetration into the NEI cut off the island route for the US to the Philippines.

Broome: With knowledge Broome available USAAF kept fighting in Java right up to Japanese landings Australian Aircraft could continue to Port Hedland before returning to NEI

US B17, B24 had to continue to Perth - no 100 octane at Port Hedland.

Claims of 57 aircraft in one day. 6000-7000 evacuees

Broome Harbour — Issues: Mooring, transferring, refuelling, huge tides -One per hour under good conditions. in practice much longer at tum of tides.

B24A Liberator "Arabian Nights" Jan 1942 Regular Australia-Java Transport

March 1; 1 of 4 B24As departing Jogjakarta with evacuees. Java -> Broome ->Perth

March 2 returned to Jogjakarta (circled 30 minutes but no signal to land)

Last US Mission over Java

Arrived Broome dawn 3 March

Dawn 3 March 1942: "Arabian Nights" loaded with most critically wounded patients from Broome Hospital.

Status at Broome March 3 1942

- Overnighing at Airport: (3)
- Arrivals: (5)
- Overnighing in Harbour: (9)
- Arrivals: (7)
- DC5 PK-ADC departed for Sydney
- SOC-3 floatplane departed south.
- B24A Arabian Nights departed for Perth

Just after 9 am the Japanese attacked from the South West.

Observation aircraft (Babs 2 seater) three waves Zeros—top fighter protection, centre airport, bottom harbour

Two flights had left Koepang.

First attacked Wyndham — destroyed one Dragon Rapide — ship in harbour pulled part of pier over when tide went down. -

Second flight — 600 miles to Broome - using the experience of the Formosa Philippines flight. Zeros dropped their tanks in harbour, so locals thought it was a bombing

raid.

Attack on aircraft in harbour. Only 3 permanent moorings available — rest just anchor. Waiting for tides — overnight Dorniers for crew/passengers to load. Dorniers that just arrived for boat to jetty. -

First pass little damage, second pass cannon fire struck all flying boats.

Some defensive fire from flying boats but after three passes the Zeros were on target.

At airport: Hudson was stopped as pilot forgot his maps. Multiple passes. All aircrew able to escape after first pass All aircraft destroyed including Gus Winckels.

He ran on to /tarmac with aircraft machine gun. Shot down one Zero. He was badly burnt holding weapon.

When Zeros arrived Curtiss Seagull was taking off from the harbour. Chased by lead

middle level Zero who then observed the B24 and attacked B24. Zero returned to lead attack on airport — this is when he was shot down. B24 crashed into sea. Two people from B24 made land one found in a coma and died in Perth. Second found wandering down airstrip.

Koen's story '- Life was hell for Dutch living in NEI. They walked away from their home. Hid in sugar plantation. At night taken to river where Dornier was hidden. Very over crowded flew to Broome (40+ passengers?) 'They were safe" They were relaxing on the Dornier' s wings. Then attacked. Koens family ended up in water — alive. Many from the Dornier (X-1) did not survive.

Action after raid. Gus Winckel's flight 7 March flew out high ranking NEI officials. NEI surrendered two days later.

Broome Museum —

- photos of Gus Winckel
- engines from Dornier & Empire Flying Boat on display
- Rudder from DC3 that was shot down at Carnot Bay.

Survivors wandered around for days until discovered by aborigines escaping from Broome — taken to mission at Beagle Bay

Believed diamonds on board one of the aircraft to pay for Dutch war effort "recovered" by local who then had plenty of cash.

Wrecks still in the harbour. Wreckage above water at extreme tides

## Bombing Raid?



Under belly drop tanks (320L).



Exhibits at Broome Museum.



## Gus Winckel

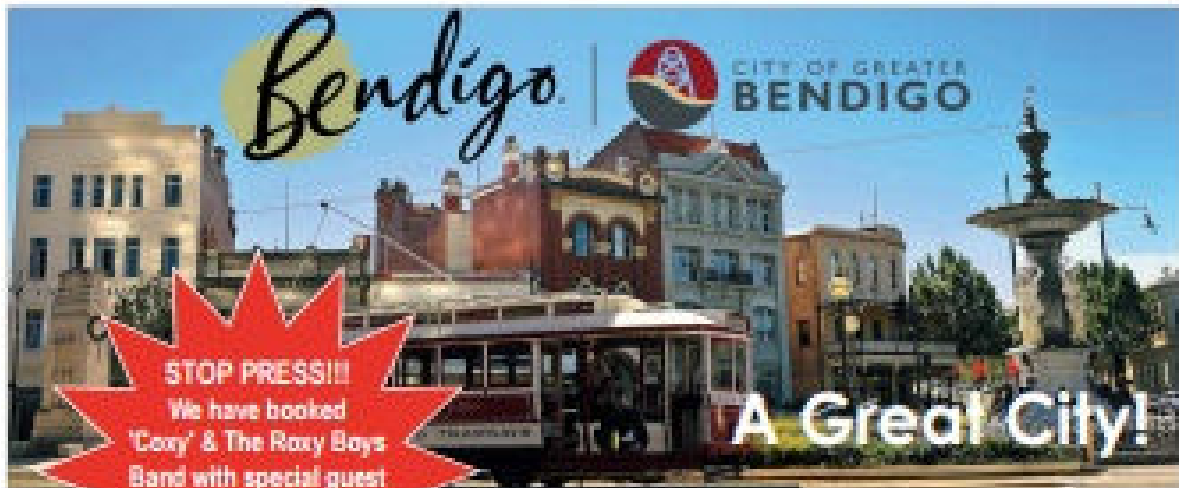


Zero pilot Osamu Kudo, right, fell victim to the machine gun of Flt-Lieut. Gus Winckel. Winckel was awarded the Dutch Gold Cross.

Photo at Broome Historic Museum



## Your invitation to:



**STOP PRESS!!!**  
 We have booked  
 'Coxy' & The Roxy Boys  
 Band with special guest  
 Wendy Stapleton  
 for the Saturday  
 Night Dinner

**A Great City!**



**A Great Venue!**

[Conference Website](#)

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## Great Speakers!

Top left to right: RPPR Pat Hoyer, Sarah Brown, Noel Pearson (Friday), Beth Wilson, Professor Eoin Killickay, PP Jordan Fallon, Tom Gleeson, Brendan Foran (Saturday). Bottom left to right: Murray Baird, Kirsty Sward-Guarnao AO, David Burt (Sunday) For detailed CV's of speakers refer to page 2

## Flexible Pricing!

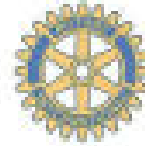
- Full Registration - Rotarians, Partners and others (includes Gala Dinner) - \$388
- Full Registration - Rotaractors and Interactors - \$188
- Full Registration - Youth Exchange Students - \$188
- Saturday only Registration (includes Gala Dinner) - \$238
- Gala Dinner only - \$128
- Rotary Foundation Cocktail Party (5.15 - 6.15pm Friday)
- For: Paul Harris Fellows, Rotary Foundation Alumni, Centurion and Paul Harris Society Members, Donors and First Time Attendees - \$48



**District 9810 Bendigo Conference March 2 - March 4 2018**



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 invite you to



**THE INTERPLAST GOLF DAY**

*"Repairing Bodies, Rebuilding Lives"*

**WOODLANDS GOLF CLUB**

**White Street, Mordialloc**

**Friday 6th April 2018 (Good Friday is the 30<sup>th</sup> March)**

Shotgun start at 12.35 pm – Aggregate Par (3 best scores per team)

**CHECK IN TIME 11.20AM**

**Cost \$70 includes:**

- 18 holes of golf on a highly ranked sand belt course
- After game snacks
- Lunch is available at own cost from Woodlands -select menu

**PRIZES for:**

- Best score – Names on Perpetual Trophy
- Runners up
- Nearest the pin (11 and 17)
- Straightest drive
- Longest drive
- Best individual score

**SPONSORS**

- For \$650 you can nominate eight players and have your company advertisement displayed on the course.
- For \$350 you can nominate four players and sponsor one hole.
- Be listed as a sponsor of prizes and/or gifts.

**REGISTER**

Post cheque with detachable form or EFT and E/m form:  
 Rotary Club of Mordialloc, PO Box 289, Mentone 3194

**ASSIST us by FRIDAY 23rd of February. Confirm playing, TBA, Non play.** Using email/Telephone to contact any of the following: Barry Donaldson, Ernie Williams, Cliff Riley and Jack Cooper.

**ENQUIRIES**

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**VERY IMPORTANT**

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NAME	CLUB (or social)	GOLF LINK NO

Single competitors and pairs are acceptable

**Involvement:**

Because of your loyal support our Club provided the most consistent donations raising \$50800 over 9 years.

**Other information:**

Players are welcome to bring company business cards for distribution around the tables.

**Interplast Australia and New Zealand** is a non-profit incorporated company established as a joint project between the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary. Funds raised by the Interplast Golf Day will be used to finance volunteer surgical teams performing reconstructive surgery and training to correct severe facial deformities among young people in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

**Cleft palate reconstructive surgery, Vietnam:**



Before

After

**Solomon Islands:**



Before

After

Whatever involvement you can offer for these kids will improve their lives. Over the last three years our loyal supporters raised over \$18500, and are entitled to be proud of their contribution to eliminating the disfiguring cleft palate condition of these children. This life changing surgery can allow them to eat and breathe normally and spare them and their families being shunned by others. Please invite your friends to join us on the day. If this is our first contact with you we can assure you that you will have a good day at Woodlands Golf Club, rated number 16 in Australia and number 5 in Melbourne.

**Course and Dress Regulations:**

- No metal spiked shoes
- Sand buckets must be carried to fill in divots.

Woodlands Golf Club has a strict player dress code. See below for details

ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
<p><b>NOT ACCEPTABLE BY THE COURSE:</b></p>	



**RCOB Club Structure 2017 - 2018**

**RCOB Board.**

<b>President.</b>	Chris D'Arcy
<b>President Elect.</b>	Heather Chisholm
<b>Hon Secretary.</b>	James Glenwright
<b>Hon Treasurer.</b>	Richard Jones
<b>Projects Director.</b>	Roy Seager
<b>Immediate PP.</b>	Malcolm Sawle
<b>Independent Director.</b>	Vivienne Zoppolato

**International. John Sime (Chair)**

Fred Hofmann	John Manks
Ken Mirams	Ross Philips
Robert McArthur	Clem Quick

**Youth. Chris Martin (Chair)**

Jan Cooper	Lois Lindsay
Tony McKenna	David Rushworth
Vivienne Zoppolato	Bridget Hage

**Event Management.**

Jim O'Brien	Martin Fothergill
Robert McArthur	Geoff Stringer

**District Service.**

Youth Services.	Tony McKenna
Membership.	Trish Smyth
Assistant Governor.	Ken Mirams

**Club Service & Administration.**

Attendance & Dining.	Heather Chisholm
Foundation.	John Manks
Program.	Lynda Douch
Membership.	Adrian Culshaw
Fellowship.	Megan Glenwright
Auditor.	Tony Phillips
Club Protection Officer.	Ken Mirams
Communications.	David Lea
Social Media.	Kerry, Lynda & Trish
Archivist.	John Beaty
Almoners.	Lois Lindsay, Charmaine Jansz
Marketing & PR	Peter Flude
Club Photographer.	Max Darby

**Community. Chris Werner (Chair)**

Mary Cunnington	Max Darby
Martin Fothergill	Kerry Geard
Tony Phillips	Roy Downes
Mary Sealey	John Beaty

**Richard Shermom**

**Market Management.**

Vivienne Zoppolato (co-ordinator)	
Heather Chisolm	Ken Mirams
Greg Every	Peter Flude

**Indigenous.**

David Hone (Chair)
Heather D'Arcy (Trachoma)

**Close Encounter**

A tourist on a boat in Laguna San Ignacio reaches into the water in the hope of petting one of many gray whales that frequent the bay to mate and care for their young. Once feared by fishermen, the unusually friendly animals are now a crucial part of the economy.

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