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## Flying to Antarctica with Captain Bob Meek



**Helen Egan**  
**Capt Rob Meek**  
**Ross Egan**

Last Monday night Qantas captain Bob Meek took us to Antarctica.

Bob has been flying with Qantas for some 32 years including 22 as a Captain and 17 years on a 747, the aircraft of choice for Antarctic flights. He is also a training manager for the Qantas simulator.

The Qantas Antarctic flights – actually a Qantas charter operated by Croydon Travel of Melbourne, depart from Sydney and Melbourne and occasionally Adelaide and Perth. In the past there have been up to 7 flights a season (obviously only in the Ant-

arctic summer) but this year there are 4 scheduled. The cost ranges from \$1,500 for the “cheap seats” (the ones in the middle to up towards \$5,000 for business class.

Flight time is around 12 to 13 hours and is accompanied by expert commentary including, on occasions, voice contact with researchers on the ground at the various Antarctic basis as well as substantial quantities of complimentary food and drinks. As Captain Bob said, “it seems like a long time in the air but after



**Georgia Manning**  
**Michael Watson**

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eight hours the passengers are usually mostly asleep.”

Captain Bob’s preferred method of presentation was by way of an interview with Rotarian Ross Egan and then questions from the floor. Not surprisingly most of the questions focussed on two areas – what could be seen from the aircraft and how safe was the flight.

On the first, Captain Bob was able to assure potential travellers that the view was spectacular and that even those in the “cheap seats” got the chance to sit at a window. More interestingly, he said that because of its vast wing area the new A380 was unsuitable for such scenic flights. The 747 was perfect for the journey.

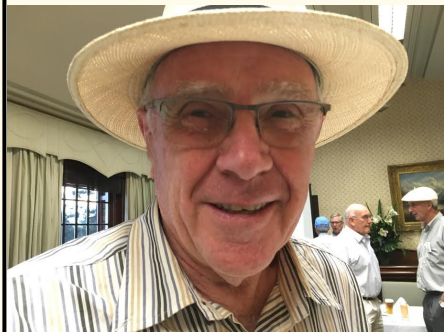
In regard to safety he was reassuring. The flights lasted 12 to 13 hours but the 747s carried over 17 hours of fuel. What was more, in a 747 is the aircraft “lost” an engine there were three more – it was “no big deal.” But as he said, in a two engine aircraft such as the new 787 if you lost an engine down there you were “in a world of pain.”

To ensure that the conditions for the flights are suitable there are three alternate routes, planned carefully in advance by the Qantas meteorological office, QMet starting a week before the flight, then 48 hours before then finally on the morning of departure. Nothing is left to chance.

To some of his audience there was only one disappointment. The flights are at around 12,000 feet to 18,000 feet (airlines have yet to be metricated) and from that height; although the landforms are startlingly clear it’s hard to see any life. The huts are mere tiny boxes in a white landscape and you can only see penguins by the brown stains of guano deposits. And, of course, as he has to disappoint quite a few passengers, there are no polar bears.

**Our Kenny**

**Judy Timms Jan Kerr**



## ShelterBOX

A Ku ring gai shelter box was delivered to Haiti.

It was dispatched two days before Matthew hit the U S.

### Letter of thanks—Chatswood Legacy

Mr Michael Midlam

Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai

PO Box 117 Gordon NSW 2072

Dear Michael

I am writing to you on behalf of Chatswood Legacy to thank you and your Members for ongoing support of our Badge Week activities and in particular your Members recent efforts in support of our 2016 fundraising activities in late August/early September.

We were most pleased with our overall result this year, although modestly impacted by inclement weather on our main selling day. Please extend our grateful appreciation to your member volunteers who gave time and capacity, their efforts were appreciated and contributed significantly to our positive financial outcome.

Please remember the “reciprocity” nature of our arrangement with Ku-ring-gai Rotary in that we are again willing to support your major fundraising activity in 2017 and I hope you will be willing to assist us again next year.

Thank you again Yours Sincerely

Gregory Wrate Chatswood Division Sydney Legacy

### Hat Day

Joy Newling again organised Hat Day this year

The \$75 raised goes to Australia Rotary Health.

All funds support mental health

### Roger Desmarchelier

Roger presented a banner from a Rotary Club he visited in England.

## Can you Ride a Day in My Wheels?



### **Come to Hornsby Mall**

**on Saturday 10 December**

Studio ARTES is celebrating the International Day for People Living with Disability by hosting the annual Ride a Day in My Wheels at Hornsby Mall.

The event is fun and open to everyone to take part. It includes stalls, a barbeque and performances by Studio ARTES members!

### **Are you up for the challenge?**

Teams or individual riders will embark on an exciting and challenging course which they need to complete while riding in a wheelchair!

The course runs through both Hornsby Mall and in amongst shoppers in Hornsby Westfield to the Studio ARTES shop and back!

The team or individual who raises the most money for Studio ARTES wins the Ride a Day in My Wheels Prize.

All participants receive a commemorative medallion. It is easy to **REGISTER online to become a rider!**

DATE: Saturday 10 December

TIME: 10AM-2PM

WHERE: Hornsby Mall, Hornsby Westfield

## Tim Gorman our Pride of Workmanship winner 6 years ago

### Parents cut out to be butchers.

#### Husband, wife work on way to meat-ing newborn

Doug Conway North Shore Times



WHAT does any self-respecting husband and wife butcher team do on their way to hospital in the middle of the night to have their first child? Pop into their shop, of course, to organise their sausages, chops and steaks for the day ahead.

That story is typical of Tim and Sarah Gorman's devotion to customers,

which -helped win them an award the day before for running one of Sydney's best retail butcher shops.

"You wouldn't get too many ladies in labour doing that," said Mr Gorman, back at work at their Butcher's Delight shop in East Lindfield after the healthy delivery of baby Jack.

There seems little doubt the new arrival will be a butcher, too, just like Mr Gorman and his forebears from central western NSW — his great grandfather, grandfather and father, who later switched to agronomy. "For sure, mate, 100 per cent," Mr Gorman said. "Even if he doesn't want to, he's got no choice."

Mr Gorman, 31, who hails from Cowra, came to Sydney 10 years ago, bought the shop three years later. His wife started as an employee. "She fitted into the team and ended up fitting into the family," he said.

Son Jack's arrival might cut into Mr Gorman's normal 80-hour working week.

But it also meant the Gormans were unable to travel

to Bathurst to accept their award for excellence at- the NSW finals of the annual Sausage King and Bes Butchers Burger competitions, run by the Australian Meat Industry Council. Mr Gorman said he had tried to bring the feeling of a small country community.

"From a very young age I was taught manners and respect. We try to go that extra mile," he said.

"We pride ourselves on good quality produce, knowledge and service."

## This week

Pride of Workmanship

## Rotary membership Subscriptions

Your subscription of \$300 is now due, please pay at your early convenience

## Hat Day

## Door Team

October	Nov	Dec	Jan
Don Riddell	Dawson	Aitken	
17 Lam Rolfs	Mahjoub	Kipps	
24 Keating			
31 Coenen			

## Calendar of events

10-Oct	Antarctic Qantas Flight Presenta-	
17-Oct	Pride of Workmanship	
24-Oct	Belinda Howell	Education as an export
31-Oct	Cameron Kerr	100 years of Taronga
07-Nov	Ted Price	What the doctor prescribed.. or thought they did.
21-Nov	International evening	

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