



## The Old Fliers' Group

Attached to the Royal Aero Club of WA (Inc).

Coordinator: Stephen Rogers – Email: henol@bigpond.net.au

## Bulletin No 130 January 2016

### NEXT MEETING

Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>

### November 2015 Report

#### Mini-speaker

Our *Mini-Speaker* for the November meeting was Mal Yeo who related the story of a failed throttle linkage in a Royal Aero Club Cessna 206 at City Beach in December 1966. The engine gradually lost power and he was forced to make a landing on McGillivray Oval in Mount Claremont.



*The Cessna on its back on McGillivray Oval.*

Mal explained how wind direction, buildings, power lines and a sprinkler system limited his choice of landing spots. Another factor that worked against him was the fact that the playing fields were at different levels with a steep slope between each section – and the slopes were not initially apparent from the air.

Mal managed to avoid most of the obstacles – but not the sprinkler network and the steeply sloping ground that divided the playing fields. The result was that the aircraft flipped over onto its back on a section of upward-sloping ground. The six people on board were injured to varying degrees, with the worst going to those in the front seats.

#### Speaker of the Day

It was a family affair with Mal's daughter, Dr Robyn Yeo, who was our *Speaker of the Day*. She continued with Part Two of her talk on her experiences as a RAAF Medical Officer in Rwanda.

You may remember that her first talk on the subject was in April of this year. In her second

appearance she told how she and others were deployed to Rwanda as part of a UN medical team. In the conflict between ethnic groups there were many injuries. Robyn and others in her group worked for some of the time in a children's orphanage where they made many young friends – some with serious medical issues.

On return to Australia, Robyn worked in Townsville and Amberley before her discharge to civilian life. She now works in Perth.

Thank you Robyn and Mal for memorable talks.



*Mal, Shelley and Robyn Yeo at the OFG lunch.*

#### Annual Subscription

With the increase in postage the subscription for 2016 will be \$20.00. You can pay at the next meeting, or any future meeting should you wish. Alternatively, you can mail a cheque to Brian Hernan, 1 / 4 Kings Park Ave, Crawley, 6009. Cheques must be made out to "Royal Aero Club".

#### Parking

The new parking arrangement has not worked well for OFG members. We are hoping for an improvement in procedures very soon.

#### Next Meeting

The next OFG meeting on Friday January 29th will feature Andy Anderson who will tell us about his post-WWII flying in Australia, Europe and the Middle East. We will also hear from Tim Jones who will talk about life as a test pilot in the RAAF.

Hope you can make it to the Royal Aero Club just before noon for lunch and to hear our speakers.

Brian Hernan