

Centennial Celebrations

ROYAL PAPUA YACHT CLUB

LIFE MEMBERS

ALAN FLEAY



Alan was born in 1952 and returned to PNG in 1953 where his family was based. His father was a coast watcher during the war and served in the colonial government becoming Secretary of the Department of Labour and Industry (handing over to Kipling Uiri) then worked as an adviser for Sir Michael Somare until he retired.

Alan attended Boroko East Primary in Port Moresby whilst his secondary schooling was undertaken at Hale College, Western Australia. He then obtained a Certificate in Structural Engineering from the Western Australia Institute of Technology.

Alan returned to Port Moresby in 1969 and started working part time with Cyclone Double Grip and 8 or 10 years later he was managing the company. He then joined Atlas Steel and progressed through the ranks to become General Manager of Kenmore's Industrial Division. Alan retired in early 2021 after 35 years of employment with Kenmore.

In his early years Alan sailed a Cherub at Nedlands Yacht Club and the cruising class at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club both in Western Australia. Upon returning to Port Moresby in 1969 he joined the RPYC and represented the country at the 1969 SP Games on a Fireball. He sailed Cruising Class and was a keen fisherman at the Club for many years before he became Commodore; a position he held for 3 years from 1996 through to 1998 at the crucial time of the building of the current Club house. Upon the completion of the build Alan decided to concentrate on golf and fishing.

Upon taking up golf he got more and more involved with the Golf club however he refused to be on another committee after the Commodoreship of the RPYC.

He enjoyed his fishing more than his golfing and fished on many boats including a 38ft cat. Alan was awarded Life Membership in 1999 – 2000.

Coincidentally Alan was also made a life member of the Royal Port Moresby Golf Club in 2004 for 5-6 years of voluntary work on golf course improvements working with "Gus" the course curator of the time. Obviously, once the RPYC clubhouse was completed, he needed a new challenge and that was the golf course. In recognition of his notable contribution is a large stone pitched drain built across the 14th fairway nicknamed "The Fleay Canal".

When asked what his most memorable time was about being involved with the RPYC he said "Building the new Club house and all of the challenges – to meet the expectations of everyone was challenging".

Alan is now enjoying his retirement at Brampton Beach south of Cairns and we thank him for his time and energy building the facilities we now enjoy and wish him all the very best in his retirement.

