



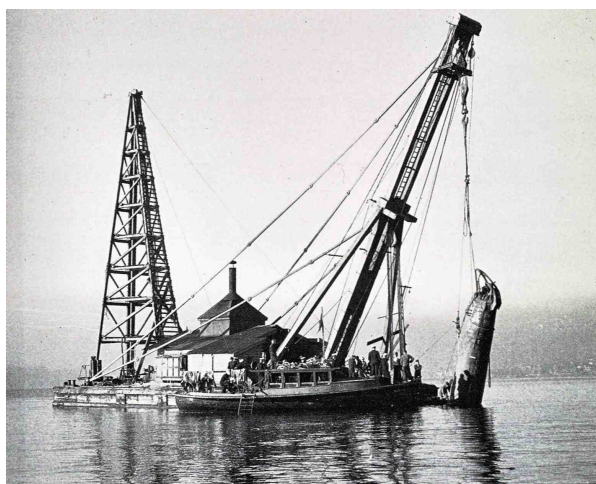
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The Attack on Sydney Harbour

31 May-1 June 1942

by

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A Japanese midget submarine being raised from Taylors Bay in Mosman, 10 June 1942 (Australian War Memorial)

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney RFD (Ret'd), MA (Mil Hist), Grad Dip Mgt (Def Studies), Dip Acc discusses how in 1942 three Japanese midget submarines attacked shipping in Sydney Harbour with the USS *Chicago* as the main target. A torpedo fired at the *Chicago* missed its target but sank the depot ferry *Kuttabul* instead. Nineteen Australian and two British sailors died. None of the midget submarines returned to any of the Japanese mother submarines, which later shelled Sydney and Newcastle as they sailed north. The bodies of the four Japanese crewmen killed during the attack were buried with full naval honours.

Peter served for 35 years in the Australian Army Reserve as an infantry officer, being awarded the Reserve Force Decoration for his service. He is a military historian, battlefield guide and speaker on Australian military history.

Venue: Mosman Library (doors open 6.45 to 7.15 PM)

Date: Wednesday 10 July 2019

Time: 7.00 PM

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