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## **Remembering the air raid on Broome**

Thursday 3 March 2016 will mark the 74th anniversary of the World War II air raid on Broome that killed 88 people and destroyed 22 Australian, Dutch and US aircraft.

On the morning of 3 March 1942, nine Japanese Zero fighters and a reconnaissance plane swooped down over Broome, leading to the second-greatest wartime loss of life on Australian soil.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, said that while there was no official ceremony taking place this year, the Shire and the Broome RSL would lay wreaths at the war memorial in Bedford Park at 9am on Thursday 3 March.

"I would encourage others in the Broome community to join us at this time to commemorate this very significant occasion that played a big part in shaping our town as we know it today," Cr Johnston said.

"I hope the people of Broome will keep turning out to Bedford Memorial Park each year to keep alive the memory of this very important event.

"As part of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration in 2012 the Shire of Broome erected an interpretive sign in Bedford Park that has plenty of information about this event, and I would also recommend that anyone interested in finding out more visit the Broome Historical Society Museum."

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