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“Liberator Relives”

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LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERS MATTER

Hangar activities

A functional public address system has been obtained. This will improve communication inside the hangar, particularly during our Annual General Meeting.

President's Message

Recently, we remembered those who served during the Second World War, especially in the Pacific area, on the anniversary of the Japanese surrender on 15 August 1945.

Progress continues with the Hangar 1 relocation project. We are in frequent contact with the Senior Project Manager at Melbourne Water to resolve any issues that may arise.

After experiencing some especially cold days in the large space of the aircraft restoration hangar, I am especially grateful to our volunteers who come to work regardless of the temperature and to visitors who brave the cold to spend time viewing our aircraft and heritage items. We continue to welcome groups as well as individuals and families to the hangar. No doubt numbers will increase with the advent of spring.

Hangar 1 relocation. Update report,
August 2023

Melbourne Water has commenced discussions with contractors who will tender for the project. (Tendering won't commence until we have resolved the key

outstanding issues with the Heritage Permit and Planning Permit.)

Stakeholders' meeting, 11 July 2023

The stakeholders' meeting resulted in some pleasing progress.

Wyndham City Council has accepted Melbourne Water's plans for the Hangar 1 restoration and relocation.

Also accepted is the relocation of our Princes Highway entry/exit to Farm Road or Dutch Elm Avenue. This will allow us to make full use of the traffic lights at the Princes Highway/Farm Road intersection and improve safety for those entering or exiting our museum precinct.

The Heritage Council has now approved the size of the site allocated to the B-24 Memorial. This encompasses additional land extending to Dutch Elm Avenue.

The next stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2023.

Small items for our rear gun turret were re-manufactured locally by Graeme Hore, patterned from remnants received from the US.



Airspeed Oxford, hangar activities

Manufacture of details and sub-assemblies continues.

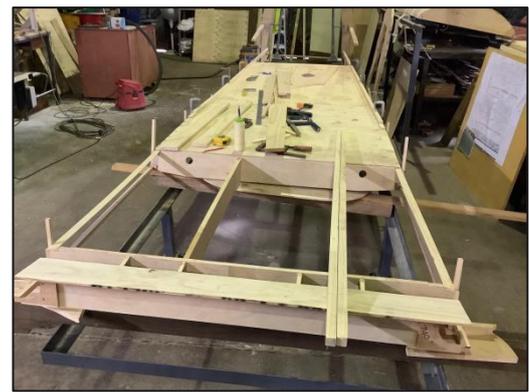


A vertical stabiliser rib in progress.

Liberator, hangar activities



Recently completed and tested, the second bomb selection panel, this one will be installed and functional in the aircraft.



Our Oxford rear fuselage floor is now in the assembly stage.

Consideration is now being given to position the rear fuselage floor assembly on its edge. This would reclaim some hangar floor space and allow work to be

carried out on upper and lower surfaces at the same time.

Avro Anson, hangar activities



Progress continues on the Anson, with rear fuselage stringers and side frames being manufactured and fitted.

Strange, but true

On 31 December 2006 Britain paid the United States \$83 million, the final instalment of debts incurred during the Second World War.

Not quite right!!

In our last edition we published a photo of an XB 24 N. Nathan, one of our hangar volunteers, pointed out that the twin nose wheels were a trick of the camera. Close examination reveals the port nose wheel illustrated is actually the port main wheel! In addition, the number ordered and cancelled (138 or ??) is still being investigated.

Boomerang progress

Also making good progress is Nick Knight's Boomerang, a welcome companion for our collection.



Additional B-24 communications

B-24 Liberator Memorial, Werribee

Further information on our activities and events is available on our website at: <https://www.b24australia.org.au/> Information includes photographs, library holdings and previous Newsletters.

Facebook page

Our Facebook page also contains information and photographs of the aircraft we are restoring. See: <https://www.facebook.com/B24Werribee/> There is also a Facebook group called Friends of the RAAF B-24 Liberator. See: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/767617526598776/> It includes information on, and photographs of, the Liberator in active RAAF service.

**Information from Flt Lt Ed Crabtree's
logbook/personal photograph collection**



A72-63 FLOWN 16-2-45.
GAVE CAPT. POLLOCK (QANTAS)
DUAL INSTRUCTION.

In the beginning



Buffalo, New York, 1928

Consolidated Aircraft's first factory

For information

We have been notified that a new book is available by author David Coles entitled *Australian Military Aircraft from Boxkite to Ghost Bat*.

Further information is available on the Facebook page Australian Military Aircraft - The Book.

Wanted

We still require British 1940s-era tools, nuts, bolts and screws to service our Anson and Oxford projects. Can you help?

Forthcoming events

Nhill Airshow, 13 January 2024.

Southern Peninsula classic car show at our hangar, 20 August 2023.

For Gabrielle

Thanks to the kind people at the Tax Office who wrote to me recently to tell me that my tax return was outstanding, which is funny because I don't remember sending it.

Artificial intelligence (AI)

In which battle did Napoleon die?

His last one.

**What can you never eat for
breakfast?**

Lunch and dinner.

**How can a man go 8 days without
sleeping?**

Easy, sleep at night.

**If it took eight men 10 hours to build
a brick wall, how long would it take
four men to build it?**

*No time at all, the wall was already
built*

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