

“Liberator Relives”

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LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERS MATTER

Vale

Cecil ‘Boz’ Parsons

We were notified on 1 February of the passing of Cecil Parsons of Geelong. Cecil ‘Boz’ was a World War II veteran and B-24 pilot. We send our condolences to his family.

President’s Message

As winter sets in, it is wonderful to be able to report consistent progress with our three aircraft restoration/rebuilding projects. The summary reports and photos in this Newsletter show that we have great teams of dedicated volunteers working on these projects.

Meanwhile, although initial stages of the Hangar 1 project have been moving slowly, we have not been notified of any change to the final date for

the handover of the restored Hangar 1 in 2027. I recently signed the Land Transfer Agreement (after our solicitor had looked at it and made a couple of recommendations) that will come into effect after we have Hangar 1.

Do, please, contact us if you have not yet renewed your membership of our association and have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes until the next Newsletter.

Lyn Gorman, President

Hangar activities

Pre-Anzac Day Reunion

On the Saturday before Anzac Day there was a wonderful reunion and barbeque lunch at the hangar. We were delighted to welcome three of our World War II veterans, Bill Mackie, Vern Roberts, Norm Wilson as well as some of their family members. Bill's, Vern's and Norm's ages total almost 300!

The lunch was attended by a good number of volunteers, many of whom helped in the organisation (buying provisions, barbecuing meat, laying tables, cleaning up, etc.).

Veterans who hadn't visited the hangar for a while were impressed with the progress made on our aircraft restorations.



*Left to right
Margot Mullet, Vern
Roberts, Lyn Gorman and
Lesley Knights*

*Vern Roberts with his
daughter Glenda and
friend from France, with
Lyn Gorman*



Anzac Day Activities at Werribee and in Melbourne

Paul Rourke represented the B-24 Memorial Australia Inc. at both the Werribee Dawn Service and the march in Melbourne.

Paul laid a wreath at the Werribee Cenotaph during the Dawn Service.

Our No. 24 Squadron banner at the Melbourne march on 25 April was supported by family members of veterans and the Air Force Cadets.



Liberator, hangar activities

The cable transition pulley assembly for the flying controls has been restored. Areas in the bomb bay are being cleaned, the corrosion removed and then the areas repainted.

Oxford, hangar activities

Construction of the rear fuselage is proceeding slowly, with individual parts taking some time to complete. The main body of the fuselage is nearly complete. The basic structure of the cockpit is done and is awaiting installation of fittings and controls / gauges.



*Sections of the Airspeed Oxford fuselage:
Photographs by Paul Rourke.*

Anson, hangar activities

The Anson restoration is progressing at speed, thanks especially to volunteers who came from Point Cook. They are great team players and have fitted in well. Recent work has included the turret entry door and bulkhead, and assembly of the first undercarriage. The sandblasting room is in use every day and is proving a great asset to the restoration.



*Volunteers working on
the Avro Anson: Photos
by Paul Rourke.*

Electrical section activities

The electrical division has been very busy in various areas. They include refurbishment of the Automatic Flight Control Junction Box, which will be installed in the aircraft shortly; work on the bomb bay station 4.0 LHS Main Splice Reinstallation, on the sub-wiring in the wings and the preparation of the landing light; the bomb bay bail-out alarm system is almost complete and ready for installation; and work on the Bomb Release Terminal Panel in the forward compartment has begun.

Hangar 1 progress

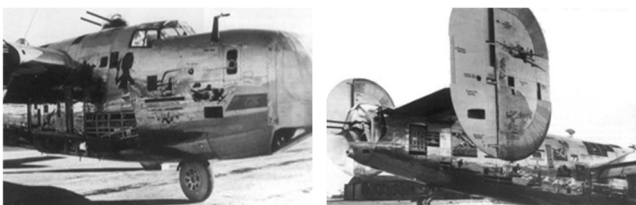
Tender submissions have been received and early assessment is in progress.

Strange, but true

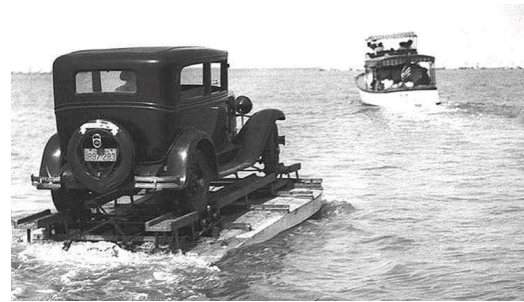
1995 – The Beginning



A sad ending – RAAF Liberator reduced to instructional airframe status, 1947



Early car ferry to Tassie!



Just a reminder

Information Required for B-24 Liberator Association Membership Renewals

If you have paid to renew your membership but not yet received your receipt, please contact Graham Collis, our Treasurer and Membership Secretary, on:

b24lma.graham@gmail.com giving your name, the date and amount of your payment and, if you included a donation, if you want it to be tax-deductible and used only for relevant aircraft restoration costs.

If you still need to renew, please ensure you provide your name and the above information so that Graham can easily identify each payment.

Wanted

If someone has an unwanted (used) mono (B&W) A3 laser printer they would care to donate, it would be much appreciated (and used).

For Gabrielle

*I bought a pen that can write underwater.
It can write other words as well.*

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