



Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Inc.
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The NAHC Inc Board is keen to communicate directly with the people, groups, organisations and authorities with an interest in this Association's achievements and plans.

1. Construction of the Aviation Heritage Centre at the Nhill Aerodrome – 10th October 2013



Left: Heritage Centre, with restored WW11 Flight Office behind, and water tanks to the right
Lower Left: Heritage Centre, with WW11 buildings to the right

Below: WW11 Hanger at left, Restored WW11 Flight Office to the right, with a corner of the Heritage Centre to the right – WW11 Bomb Target and notice board resting in front, awaiting re-location.

(Photographer – Jean Roberts, NAHC Inc Member)



2. 2013 Annual General Meeting – 10th October

A very enjoyable evening, attended by 40 Members and Guests. With six Board vacancies were filled by the six retiring Board members. **Shire of Hindmarsh Mayor, Cr Gersch**, chaired the election, and updated the meeting on current progress with construction of the Aviation Heritage Centre – see photographs above.

NAHC President, Rob Lynch, advised that **NAHC membership** has grown from ninety-five to one hundred and twenty-five during FY2012-2013. We have members in most Australian States and Territories.

Guest Speaker, Mr Neil Thomas from Horsham/Halls Gap, shared memories and experiences from his many years at the Government Aircraft Factory in the early days of aircraft safety, and his retirement some years ago. His audience greatly appreciated his generous, humorous and detailed talk. Neil is Convenor of our Link Trainer Sub-committee.

Our President's 2012/13 report is posted on the NAHC website – along with his 2011/12 report.

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3. Restoration of the Nhill Aeradio Station

In June 2013, an Aeradio Sub-committee was formed, comprising **Roger Meyer (convenor), John Deckert, Len Creek, Trevor Borgelt and David Williams.**

The Sub-committee met at the Aerodrome in August 2013 with **Mr Ian Ballinger**, a Horsham Building Consultant, who has experience with National Trust buildings. Following an inspection of the site, Ian recommended that our first course of action should be to inform the Hindmarsh Shire Council of the historical importance of the site to Nhill and to the State of Victoria.

A Proposal for the Heritage Protection of the Nhill Aeradio Station is presently being prepared.

4. NAHC Sub-committees

- **Finance Subcommittee:** Trevor Borgelt Treasurer Convenor and members Len Creek, Mick Kingwill, Joan Bennett and Rob Lynch
- **Planning Subcommittee:** Jean Roberts Convenor and members Trevor Borgelt, Nathan Wheeler, Rob Lynch, and Joan Bennett
- **Link Trainer Subcommittee:** Neil Thomas Convenor and members Bill Day, Alan Conquer, and John Deckert
- **Nhill Aeradio Station Subcommittee:** Roger Meyer OAM convenor and members Len Creek, Trevor Borgelt, John Deckert, David Williams, and Rob Lynch

NAHC is represented on the **Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee** by Board Members **John Deckert, Trevor Borgelt, Allen Scott and Joan Bennett (Secretary).**



5. Avro Anson Restoration

Project Manager Mick Kingwill continues to amaze us with his rebuilding and restoration of our Avro Anson W2364.

Recent visitor Richard Taylor, who had a distinguished career in the RAAF, remarked after seeing the restoration, that the rarity of the skills displayed by Mick, Whimpey Reichelt and Len Creek has virtually been lost in this fast moving technical age. Richard went on to say how very fortunate we are in Nhill to have these three men working together to restore Avro Anson W2364.

6. Board Planning

2014 will be a year of celebration for NAHC – the Heritage Centre will be opened, and the restored Avro Anson will be moved to become the major feature and attraction at the Centre.

A Board Planning Workshop is scheduled for 21st November. We look forward to sharing our plans for this celebration year of 2014 on our website, through the Nhill Anson Newsletter, and through our Summer 2013/14 Board Bulletin – to be published in January 2014.

7. Our resources

- **NAHC Inc Sponsorship Package:** details of sponsorship opportunities are being finalised – enquiries to Secretary Joan Bennett are welcome.
- **Nhill Anson Newsletter:** current and previous issues can be accessed on our website www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au - follow the Nhill Anson link on the Homepage
- **Association membership applications forms:** these can be downloaded from our website, or obtained from Treasurer Trevor Borgelt – contact details below.
- We are pleased to advise that **Deductible Gift Recipient status has been granted by the ATO.**

Your comments or queries on any of our activities are very welcome.