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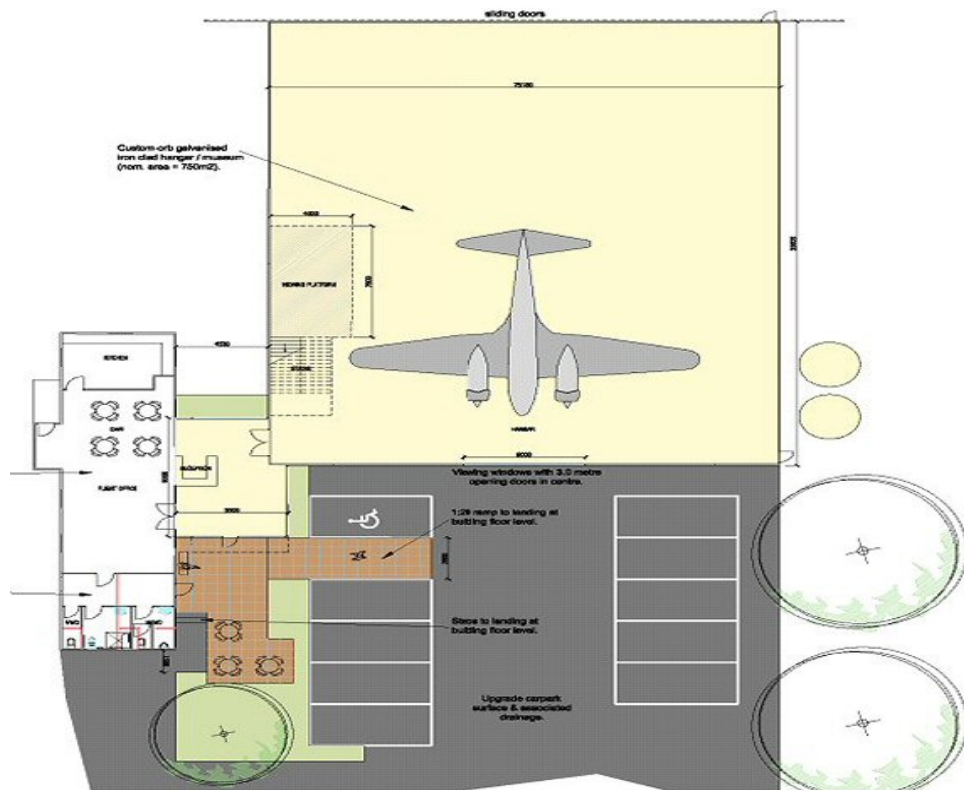
The NAHC Inc Board is keen to communicate directly with the people, groups, organisations and authorities with an interest in this Association's achievements and plans.

1. 2014 – a year of Celebration – and continuing hard work

2014 is going to be a year of celebration for the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Board, members and supporters. **The Main Event will be the official opening of the Heritage Centre at the Nhill Aerodrome – likely date is late Autumn.**

The Board is working closely with the Shire of Hindmarsh on the arrangements, to be publicised widely as soon as they are finalised.

Email secretary@nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au to register interest and receive early notice.



Proposed Nhill Aerodrome - Aviation Museum Floor Plan
 Aerodrome Road, Nhill

The vision of three Nhill aviation heritage enthusiasts captured the community just six years ago. And work will continue through 2014/15 to complete the plan as above.-

The Board's Planning Workshop was held at the Returned Soldiers' Rooms, Clarence Street Nhill on 21st November 2013.

2. NAHC Inc Business Plan 2014/15: *Realising the dream of housing the restored Avro Anson permanently at the Nhill Aerodrome*

The Board's Strategic Priorities for 2014/15 are based on the active discussion at the Board's Planning Workshop of 21st November 2013 – participants included Board and Sub-committee Members, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Infrastructure Services – Shire of Hindmarsh, and two Nhill business and community representatives. Apologies were received from the Shire of Hindmarsh CEO, one Nhill business and community representative, and one Board Member.

Our Strategic Priorities for 2014/15:

1. Strong and effective collaboration and agreements with the Shire of Hindmarsh,
2. Aviation Centre/Hangar/Museum as a Tourist attraction,
3. Aviation Centre/Hangar/Museum as a Community Facility and Function Centre,
4. Aviation Centre/Hangar/Museum as an NAHC Inc operational centre,
5. NAHC Inc Tourist sites,
6. Aviation Heritage – from 1919 to 2019,
7. NAHC Inc Special events,
8. Promotions to attract visitors,
9. Promotion and publicity for NAHC Inc activities, events and plans,
10. Attracting financial and community support, and
11. NAHC Inc Organisational structure.

As you can tell, we are planning a secure future for this important Nhill Community and Shire of Hindmarsh Heritage Tourist Attraction.

3. *Avro Anson Restoration*

- Work has been proceeding on the underbelly cover that goes between the nose section and the front spar: slight alteration to suit the new reconstructed nose section: fabric has been fitted, sealed and silver coated.
- Radio parts including the frame work; special TR9 radio seat; Aerial switch and accessories; also tail light – and the last internal gauge for the Anson an Altitude gauge for the nose section – will be on-site shortly.
- Remains of an MKX cheetah engine (ex Mt Gambier), which has been assembled and fitted to a display frame with rubber casters, is now waiting to be taken and blasted at Rainbow; the Higgins wooden propeller is fitted as this unit is from an Airspeed Oxford.

4. *Restoration of the Link Trainers*

- Restored bellows have been fitted to the NAHC Link Trainer
- Link Trainers and equipment to be moved to the Flight Office (adjacent to the Heritage Centre) for ongoing restoration.

5. *Restoration of the Nhill Aeradio Station*

- A Proposal for the Heritage Protection of the Nhill Aeradio Station is presently being prepared.
- A Case is also being prepared to inform the Hindmarsh Shire Council of the historical importance of the site to Nhill, and to the State of Victoria.
- These are essential steps toward preparation of the Restoration Strategy and Schedule.

6. *Your comments or queries on any of our activities are very 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
- **NAHC Inc has been granted Deductible Gift Recipient status by the ATO.**