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An Evening With Kevin O'Reilly

Kevin O'Reilly, author of the acclaimed book "In Just Five Years" is once again favouring us with an evening of stories, photographs and anecdotes about the aviation history of Nhill. There is no doubt that this will be an evening to remember. Much of the information will probably appear in his next book, if and when it is released, but to be able to sit back and just listen while Kevin explains the unique story of aviation in Nhill and to see the remarkable photos he has found will be of great interest.

Please join us on the 27th of October at the Nhill Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Campbell Street at 7.30 PM.

Kevin's great book about the WWII RAAF Base in Nhill, titled "In Just Five Years", will be available during the evening. It is a large book with heaps of information and is well priced at \$45.00. There is little chance that this book will be reprinted so make sure you have copies for yourself and your family. It also makes a wonderful Christmas present for those living far away who still call Nhill home.

Avro Anson Restoration

I only have time for a very quick report on the progress of the Avro. Work is progress almost continually with Mick Kingwill, Len Creek and Wimpey Reichelt all contributing to the actual restoration work. This does not mean that other members of the Committee are sitting around doing nothing. All are up to their ears with some sector of the organisation. We have taken on a huge commitment and the behind-the-scenes work is more than we ever expected.

I did start to talk about the Avro and allowed myself to be side-tracked. Wimpey Reichelt has completed the undercarriage including wheels, brakes, suspension, retractable gear etc. It all looks like and works like brand new. Mick Kingwill has completed much of the cabin including the control columns, some of the brake system, instrument panels, front and side windows. He is now starting on the final details of the fuselage working from the rear. Len Creek is working on the tail plane having completed the rudder and associated brackets etc.

I hope there will be more information on the website in due course.

Web Site

www.nhillavationheritagecentre.com.au

The website is still in a very raw state. An offer from a professional in this field is being investigated and it is hoped that the website will take on a completely new look in the next few months. Keep watching . It is hoped that more photos will appear soon.