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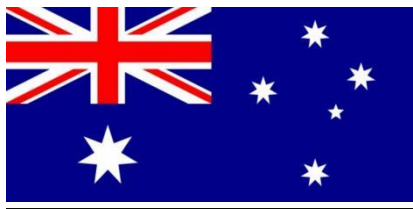
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MEMBERS MATTER

Vale

Mr Ian Young

It was with sadness that we received the news that Ian Young had passed away on Saturday, 2 September, aged 98.

Ian was a respected, long-term member and hangar volunteer and Committee member.

Ian was a gentleman of the old school, politely explaining his concerns and encouraging positive responses for the benefit of our organisation.

Ian was also noted for his low tolerance of ‘She’ll be right’ attitudes and insisted that

all tasks he was involved with met the drawing and test standards defined.

Mr Bruce Kerr

We received a further notification that another member Bruce Kerr passed away on 22 July, aged 97. Bruce referred to our site as 1CRD (Central Recovery Depot), an attached maintenance unit.

Bruce donated a hand-built, solid scratch built model B-24 that he built during his time at 1CRD.

Both these former members of the B-24 Liberator group were valuable links with our past.

Lyn Gorman, President

AGM and committee nominations for 2024

Our AGM will be held at our hangar on Saturday, 18 November at 11.00am.

Nominations for the 2024 committee are as follows.

President

Lyn Gorman

I am standing for re-election as President for 2023-24 as I can provide continuing leadership of the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia based on my considerable knowledge of our organisation, of the Australian museums' context, and of the Aircraft Museums National Network (AMNN).

Apart from aircraft restoration work, the Hangar 1 project is the most crucial for our future as a viable museum. During the past year I have maintained regular contact with the Senior Project Manager at Melbourne Water and I have chaired the very useful quarterly meetings of stakeholders. I have provided leadership of our Committee of Management, and I have regularly informed volunteers at toolbox meetings of matters of particular interest.

Over the next twelve months I believe I can lead successful negotiations regarding the Hangar 1 project, covering not only the dismantling, relocation and restoration of the large hangar but also the grant of additional land to our organisation. This will require work with Melbourne Water, the National Trust, Heritage Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning, Development Victoria, Wyndham City Council, and the office of the state MP for Werribee.

I believe I can lead the Committee of Management so that its contribution to the organisation is optimal. I will also assist in

ensuring that recent volunteers are well integrated with existing teams, and I will liaise with the company that maintains our website to ensure that content is current and accurate.

Vice-President

Vacant.

Secretary

Paul Rourke

Over the last three years I have filled the role of Secretary and Public Officer of the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia and also that of Hangar Manager for the last 12 months. As Secretary, I have seen to day-to-day administration, participated in the regular Stakeholders' Meetings with the various government representatives for the H1 project with other senior members of the committee to ensure our requirements are being considered and provided for.

I see myself continuing to serve in this role during 2024 as we move toward the 2026/27 relocation and handover of H1 and the expanded Museum Precinct.

Treasurer

Graham Collis

I have been associated with the Liberator group for the last 20 years, but more recently in the capacity of Vice-President, with the additional responsibilities of Membership Secretary. I have offered to stand as Treasurer at the next AGM because Gary Singline, our current Treasurer, has to step aside from this role

for personal reasons. I have had lengthy mentoring sessions with him over several months to ensure I know what is required and how to deliver the necessary financial statements, etc. over the next 12 months.

Committee members

Marge Albert

For the last 12 months I have been a member of the Committee of Management as well as an active member of the Acquisition Subcommittee.

The Acquisition Subcommittee is responsible for deciding which donated items should be added to our heritage collection.

I am also the cataloguer on the Victorian Collections site for items added to our collection. My other responsibilities include the storage, preservation, insect and environment control of the heritage collection held by the museum.

I would continue to fulfil these responsibilities to the best of my ability in the coming year.

Gary Singline

I have held the position of Treasurer since 2018, but circumstances have caused me to resign from this position. I would, however, like to remain on the Committee so that I can continue to contribute to the successful future of this organisation. Part of my ongoing brief is to train Graham Collis who has expressed a willingness to take on the position of Treasurer. Because

of my knowledge of the organisation, I can contribute constructively, especially at Committee meetings, by scrutinising and questioning proposals, and assist Graham in the transition.

Ron Gillis

I have shared responsibility for 'Marketing' on the Committee of Management during the last financial year. During this time, I was involved with the Wyndham Volunteers Expo, Anson Open Day, Scoresby Steam Fest, numerous visitor tours and the recruitment of volunteers. I enjoy the opportunity to be involved with such a worthwhile museum and hope to continue as a Committee member during the next 12 months.

Colin Gutierrez

In the last 12 months the electricians' group, of which I am a member, has achieved a number of things including completion of the wiring and plug connections for the cockpit instrument panel, and it has almost completed construction of the pilots' compass support bracket. I also commenced a test and tag program for the hangar's equipment and started a first-round re-test.

From a Committee perspective, I have attended all the meetings I was able to and provided updates on the progress of the Electrical Team, as well as participating in the many discussions and decisions during those meetings.

If accepted, I would continue in this role for the next 12 months.

John Keevins

I have been a member of the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia Committee of Management for the last 12 months. My role has been as a representative of the Acquisition Subcommittee. I have been responsible for convening acquisition meetings and participating in the assessment of artifacts donated to the B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia. I have also been restoring and refurbishing small subcomponents of the B-24.

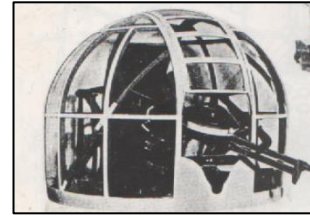
I would like to continue in these roles for the next 12 months.

As no positions were challenged, an election is not required.

Visitors to the AGM are cautioned that the entrance to the hangar has had the road guidelines modified.



Anson turret



Some time ago at a hangar function (Anzac lunch?) Tony Maher recalls having a conversation with a visitor/guest about the potential offer or location of a gun turret for our Oxford/Anson project.

Due to urgent personal circumstances, Tony was unable to pursue that offer. If anyone has any recollection of, or participated in, that conversation, we would like to hear from them.

For information

Hangar update and projects update will be included in the next edition of the Newsletter.

For Gabrielle

Last night my neighbour came home drunk and banged on his own door for five minutes. He lives alone, so I went outside and told him he wasn't there, and he left!!

Sage advice

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

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