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MEDIA RELEASE

New Memorial and Signage for Nhill's WWII RAAF Training Base

Hindmarsh Shire Council, in cooperation with Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre, have been successful in receiving funding from the Victorian State Government to install a memorial and interpretive signage at Nhill's historic WWII RAAF Training Base.

The funding, through the Victoria Remembers Minor Grants Program, will see the development of a memorial dedicated to the over 10,000 RAAF personnel who lived and worked at the base between 1941 and 1946. The memorial will act as an entranceway into the Nhill Aerodrome, and introduce visitors to the significance of the training base during the Second World War.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "It will be exciting to see a memorial at the entrance to the aerodrome that truly reflects the importance of the training base both to the RAAF and to the township of Nhill."

The funding will also be used to install interpretive signage around the Memorial Walking Track which winds around the site giving visitors an insight into what the base looked like during its active years.

Minister for Veterans, the Hon. Robin Scott MP said "I am proud to be able to continue the Victorian Government's track record of supporting communities that are working hard to maintain our proud war heritage and pass it on to future generations."

The memorial and signage will be in place for the Air Show celebrating the Centenary of Aviation in Nhill being held this November.

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“Representatives from Hindmarsh Shire Council and Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre look over the plans for the new memorial”. People in photo L-R: Len Creek, John Deckert, Merv Schneider, Garry Salt, Don Munro, Jeff Woodward, Rob Lynch, Jennifer Goldsworthy.