



## Werribee Hangar 1 relocation and restoration project

### Community bulletin - August 2025

We are committed to enhancing liveability for the greater Melbourne region, today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Melbourne Water manages large areas of land across Greater Melbourne for operational purposes including water supply, sewerage, drainage and biodiversity. Some of this land can also be used for commercial and community uses.

We're committed to preserving the legacy of the Werribee Satellite Aerodrome complex whilst supporting the development of community infrastructure for the Riverwalk Estate. That's why we are undertaking works to dismantle Hangar 1, relocate and reassemble it next to Hangar 2 (B-24 Liberator Museum).

The land currently occupied by Hangar 1 and the workshop will be released and made available – subject to planning approval – for the development of a P-12 independent school, as part of the Riverwalk Estate community infrastructure development.

### What does the work involve?

- Restoration and relocation of Hangar 1 adjacent to Hangar 2.
- The disassembly process will include removing and numbering each piece, then reassembling each segment in its new location.
- Removal of the workshop (which is of lower heritage value).
- Reinstatement of the work area.

### What is the Werribee Satellite Aerodrome?

The Werribee Satellite Aerodrome was constructed in 1942 on land leased from the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works.

It served throughout the World War II as a satellite to the nearby Point Cook and Laverton RAAF airfields. In 1952 the land and buildings were returned to Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works. The remaining structures on the site include two Hangars and a workshop.

The former Aerodrome site and surrounding land are no longer required by Melbourne Water.

## What is the heritage significance?

The Werribee Satellite Aerodrome is significant for architectural, historic, social, and technical reasons at a state level for the following reasons:

- Its association with the United States Army Air Corps and the direct influence of American engineers on the Allied Works Council.
- The land is also of historical significance as a unique and only surviving expression of a World War II Satellite aerodrome to remain in Victoria.
- Unique timber truss design using steel shear connector plates - the only one of its kind in Victoria.

## Site establishment

In preparation for our construction works, our delivery partners Safety Focused Performance - Joint Venture will be establishing site facilities at the B-24 Liberator Museum site. You will notice:

- Temporary fencing and site offices.
- Site investigations (surveying, geo-testing, dilapidation reports, tree protection).
- Construction of a temporary vehicle crossings via Princes Highway for construction vehicle/plant movement.
- Storage for plant, equipment and materials on a temporary laydown area.

### PROJECT BENEFITS



The released land will be made available for the development of a P-12 independent school, subject to planning approval, as part of the Riverwalk Estate community infrastructure development.



Restoration of Hangar 1 will enhance the appeal of the B-24 Liberator Museum as a tourist destination in Werribee.



Hangar 1's restoration will give it a fresh lease of life, preserving heritage and significance.



B-24 Liberator Museum will have a new entrance from Dutchelm Avenue via Farm Road.

### WHAT TO EXPECT



We will make every effort to minimise the impact of these essential works on the local community and the environment, however during construction you may notice:

**Construction vehicle traffic:** Increased truck and machinery movements for the delivery of equipment and machinery. A traffic management plan will be followed, and traffic controllers will be present to safely manage traffic and pedestrians in the area.

**Driveways:** We expect to maintain private property driveway access but will notify you if short-term driveway closure is needed.

**Dust:** We expect some dust throughout construction. However, we will cover truckloads and use street sweepers to minimise this impact.

**Asbestos:** We may encounter asbestos while we work. Removal will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal company. An asbestos removal control plan will be developed to ensure that adequate measures are in place to minimise risk and to meet regulatory requirements.

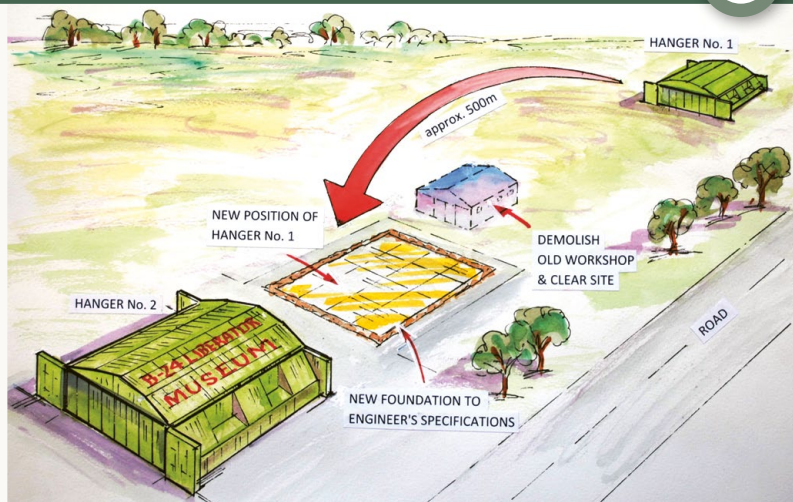
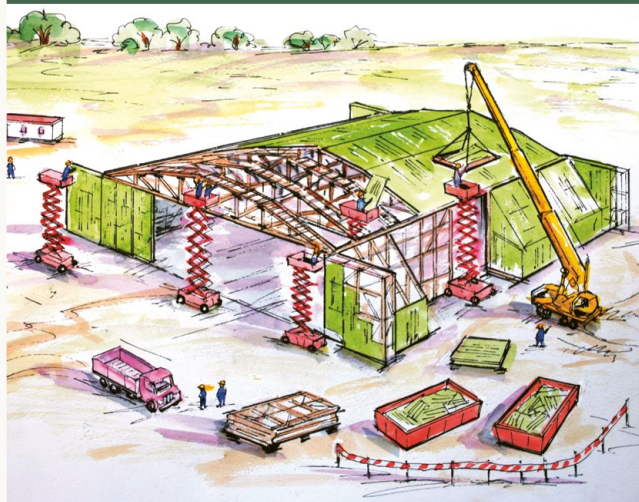
**Noise and vibration:** There will be some noise and minor vibrations associated with the construction. We will use noise blankets to minimise noise where possible.

**Timing:** Standard working hours are Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday 7am to 1pm. This is in line with EPA guidelines.

Should urgent work occur outside of standard hours, notifications will be issued to the surrounding area. Some night work may be required, and prior notification will be provided to impacted residents and businesses.



## Hangar No.1 deconstruction and relocation - Approximately 500m to north of field



## PROJECT AREA







#### ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE



**MID – LATE 2025**

Site establishment and early works



**LATE 2025 – EARLY 2026**

Workshop demolition



**LATE 2025 – EARLY 2027**

Hangar 1 removal



**EARLY 2026 – MID 2027**

Hangar 1 reconstruction



**MID 2027**

Project completion

#### A TRIBUTE

Melbourne Water pays respect to the brave men and women who contributed to the World War II effort, including those who trained at the Werribee Satellite Aerodrome. We also thank the dedicated volunteers at B-24 Liberator Museum for their commitment to preserving this rich history.

#### MORE INFORMATION



### Keep up to date

We are committed to keeping the community updated as the project progresses. As updates become available, we will communicate with residents and businesses about the works through door knocks, letters, phone calls and site signage.

If you have any further questions, please contact the project team:



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