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B24 Liberator Memorial Australia GAINS MUSEUM ACCREDITATION

The B24 Liberator Memorial Australia has gained Accreditation by Museums Australia (Victoria). A professional panel of museum experts has made a final assessment and compiled a positive report on the museum's operations. The B24 Liberator Memorial Australia has worked hard to meet set criteria from the *National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* and joins the 75 Victorian collections Accredited in Victoria.

Housed at the Werribee Satellite Aerodrome the **B24 Liberator Memorial Australia** was established in 1988 to support the restoration of an Australian service B-24 aircraft. The project was conceived by a keen group of ex-RAAF personnel who wished to create a memorial to air and ground crews involved in B-24 operations in Australia during the Second World War.

The **B24 Liberator Memorial Australia** undertakes aircraft restoration as part of a “working” museum structure and aims to reach international standards for static display. Alongside the aircraft, the museum holds a collection of photographs, books and personal memorabilia dated from the late 1930's through to 1947 which provides insight and understanding of the crew and pilots war services experiences. The Accreditation panel were particularly impressed with the museum's commitment to understanding visitation which has resulted in an overall visitor experience which is incredibly welcoming and friendly.

To become Accredited museums spend 3 -4 years developing procedures and policies, and practice to meet recognised museum standards. Training, advice and other resources are made available to assist museums in meeting these standards.

The Victorian-based Museum Accreditation Program (MAP) is now in its 24th year and is run by Museums Australia (Victoria), the professional association for the museum and gallery sector. There are currently 75 Accredited cultural organisations and a further 20 working towards this goal.

Simone Ewenson, Co-Manager, Museum Accreditation Program, Museums Australia (Victoria), says, *“We are delighted to recognise the hard work and commitment shown by the team at the **B24 Liberator Memorial Australia**. Caring for our shared heritage is an important task and by becoming accredited the **B24 Liberator Memorial Australia** has proven to be a leading museum in Victoria.”*

A formal presentation of the Museum's Accreditation certificate, will be made at the 2019 Victorian Museum Awards.

Further information:

The **B24 Liberator Memorial Australia** is located at Farm Rd & Princess Highway, Werribee, Victorian and is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 9.30am – 3.30pm. <https://www.b24australia.org.au/home>

The Museum Accreditation Program

https://www.mavic.asn.au/museum_accreditation_program

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Notes for editors:

Museums Australia (Victoria) was established as the peak body for museums in Victoria in 1994. Our 1,000+ museums include galleries, science centres, Indigenous keeping places, historical societies, historic houses, botanic gardens, zoos, aquaria, cultural centres, and archaeological monuments. Two-thirds of these are volunteer-run. Community museums care for an estimated 8 million objects in Victoria. We support and advocate for the development of quality museums, collections care, knowledge and specialised skills, and support the creative industries with key initiatives including the Museum Accreditation Program and Victorian Collections, the online portal to our State's cultural treasures:

<https://www.mavic.asn.au/> and www.victoriancollections.net.au

For an interactive map of Victoria's Accredited museums:

https://www.mavic.asn.au/museum_accreditation_program/victorias-accredited-museums

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