

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 73 HCWA No: 13509	Place Name: RAAF Ansen Aircraft Memorial	Other Name/s:
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: Avro Ansen Road, Mokine	Lot No: 28827 Property Key: Plan Diagram: D87055 Vol Folio: Assess No: A1647
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Locality: Mokine	GPS:
Current Use: Memorial	Original Use(s): Memorial

HERITAGE LISTINGS

Listings: Statewide War Memorial Survey (1996)

CONSTRUCTION

Date of Construction: 1942 to 1984

Architect / Builder:

Architectural Style:

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Description:

RAAF Ansen Aircraft Memorial, located off Avro Ansen Road in Mokine, is a granite memorial commemorating four soldiers who died in a plane crash on the 9th October 1942.

The memorial is set back from the road on a sloping site with roadside gravel parking. A concrete path with a steel hand rail leads down to the memorial. The memorial is constructed of granite and boulders approximately 1200mm high. The stones are constructed on a concrete base approximately 2.5m². A painted steel cross is positioned on top of the granite structure reaching a height of approximately 2000mm. There are two plaques to the front of the concrete base, the main plaque reading:

"This monument was erected by members of the Bakers Hill / Clackline Volunteer Defence Corps and other local citizens and dedicated on 13th December, 1942, to mark the site where RAAF Anson Aircraft No. W2262 crashed on 9th October 1942, killing all four crew members.

*The City of Perth Branch of
the Royal Australian Air Force Association
carried out restoration of the monument,
and it was rededicated on 25th November, 1984, by
Bishop Denis Bryant, DFC.
'PER ARDUA AD ASTRA' "*

A second plaque is attached that reads:

*"In Memory of
F/Off Lynton V.H. Burt, Sgt Geoffrey L. Debenham,
Sgt Noel L. Nixon, Sgt Kenneth C. Hugo
of 68 Squadron.
Tragically killed when their Avro Ansen aircraft W2262
crashed near this site on the 9th October, 1942
"We will remember them"*

The memorial is enclosed by low steel posts connected by a steel chain. There are timber and steel benches surrounding the memorial on a concrete pad and additional larger boulders to the north of the memorial. There is a flagpole on entry along the concrete path.

The memorial is positioned in bushland with several mature eucalyptus trees and dense shrubs.

Condition: Fair

HISTORICAL

Notes:

The completed memorial was dedicated and consecrated on 13 December 1942. Ravages of time and the effects of an earthquake at Meckering had taken their toll and in early 1984 a small band of volunteers (all of World War 2 vintage) set about the task of restoration. This work involved the rebuilding in part of the stone cairn, refurbishing and painting of the cross, the erection of a low steel post and chain fence around the memorial and the provision of a bronze plaque.

The cross is of West Australian jarrah and was made by an Australian Army Works Unit in nearby Spencers Brook.

The names of the four deceased airmen and other details are carved into the cross as follows: - No. 406823 Flying Officer LVH Birth Age 25 Yrs

No 411295 Sergeant GL Debenham Age 25 Yrs

No 414073 Sergeant NL Dixon Age 28 Yrs

No 415255 Sergeant KC Hugo Age 21 Yrs.

Theme: World Wars and other Wars

Associations:

Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:

Public Access: Yes

SIGNIFICANCE

Level of Integrity: High

Level of Authenticity: High

Statement of Significance:

RAAF Ansen Aircraft Memorial is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The Memorial (1942) commemorates the site where RAAF Anson Aircraft No. W2262 crashed on 9th October 1942, killing all four crew members and is a site and symbol for mourning and remembering.

Level of Significance: Considerable

Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs



Memorial
Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012



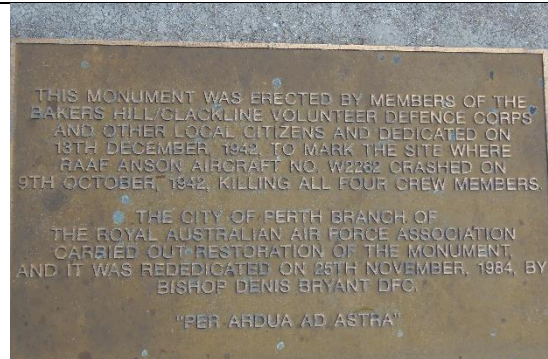
East side
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



View from Avro Ansen Road
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Concrete pathway
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Plaque 1
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Plaque 2
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021