
Vultee Vengeance Aircraft

Location

POINT GELLIBRAND , Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0313

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 125407

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Unburied, partially intact (the tail and nose of the plane are missing).

Estimated length 2m, width 13m, height 1.5m.

The site appears to be that of a small single engined monoplane with low slung wings. The plane is lying upright in 10-11 metres of water, and appears to have been extensively salvaged. Both the engine and cockpit instrumentation have been removed, leaving the two wings and centre section of the fuselage. The rear section of the fuselage including the tail fin is missing. The cockpit is situated immediately above the wings and approx. 0.5m wide by 1.3 metres long. Wingtip to broken wingtip is 13.4m wide. Aluminium A frame behind cockpit, maybe part of missing glass canopy. Rest of plane constructed of aluminium cladding on an aluminium frame.

American dive bomber, twin seater, monoplane. Wingspan 14.46m, length of plane 12.12 m, engine Wright Cyclone R2600-13 fourteen cylinder radial air-cooled, max speed 446km2.

Veterans Description for Public

This Vultee Vengeance aircraft crashed at the back of the Williamstown Rifle Range was salvaged and then dumped back into deep water. The wreck is unburied and partially intact. The tail and nose of the plane are missing.

The Vultee Vengeance was in service with the RAAF but not considered a successful plane and the orders for the last 58 were cancelled. Vultee Vengeance flying ended in 1946 although a few were retained in reserve until 1951. Twelve were sent to the Fleet Air Arm at HMAS Albatross for ground duties and fire fighting practice between 1948 and 1950.

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