
VULTEE VENGEANCE AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE

Location

RUNNING CREEK WHITTLESEA, WHITTLESEA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7923-0071

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Other Names 1944 plane wrecks.,

Hermes Number 195118

Property Number

History

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Designed under the designation V-72, the aircraft that would eventually be named Vengeance by the British was developed and manufactured as a dive bomber by the U.S. Corporation Vultee.

- Wing span 14.64 metres.
- Length of plane 12.12 metres.
- Engine One 1700-hp Wright Cyclone R-2600-A5B-5, fourteen cylinder radial air cooled.
- Maximum speed 446.4 km/h.
- Service ceiling 6797 metres.

- Armament 6 forward firing 0.5 inch machine guns in the wings, and capable of carrying a maximum bomb load of 907 kg.

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