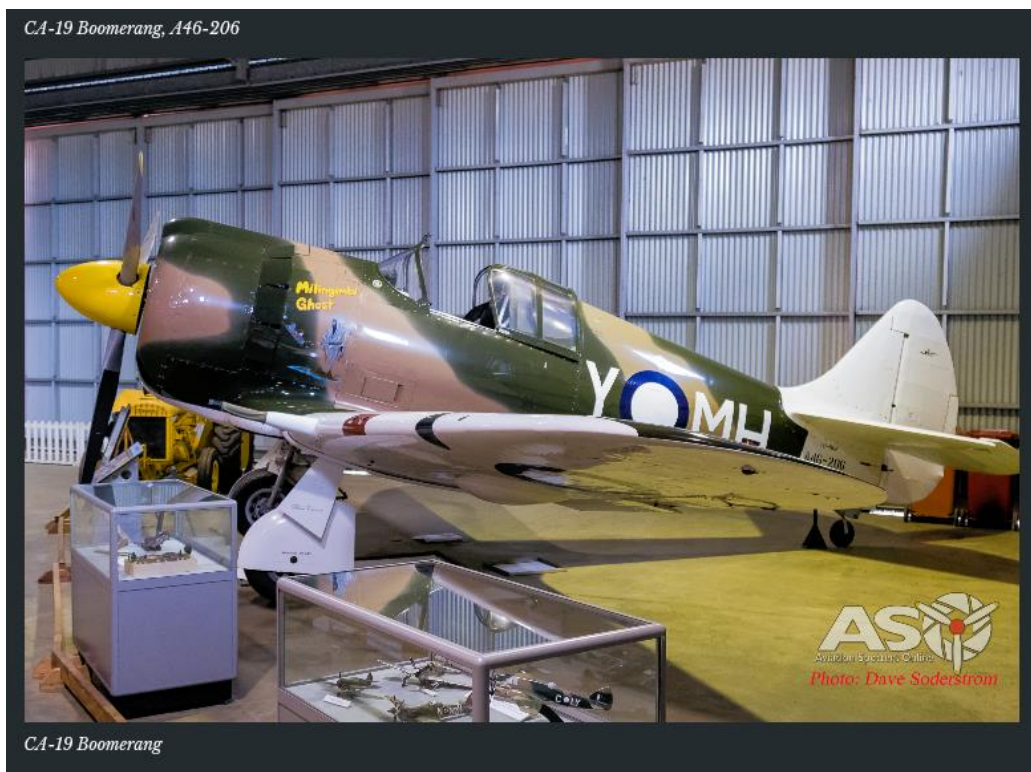


THE BOOMERANG



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Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-19 Boomerang

Another Australian design on display is the CAC Boomerang. Used in the Army co-operation role as it was outclassed by modern day axis fighters, the Boomerang was known as the panic fighter. The was due to the aircraft being designed, built and flown in the space of five months. Imagine Boeing or Dassault doing that today! The aircraft was built around tried and proven components such as the Pratt and Whitney Twin Wasp engine, and many items that were already in production on the Wirraway. Two hundred and forty nine were produced at the company's Fisherman's Bend factory. The aircraft on display was an actual flying airframe, flying as VH-BOM. This is CA-19, A46-206, is what remains of the aircraft acquired by Guido and Lynette Zuccoli in 1989, who had the aircraft restored by Sanders Aircraft at Chino. During WWII the aircraft had served with 83 Squadron RAAF coded MH-Y. 83 Squadron initially provided home defence for Brisbane before moving to Milingimbi and then Gove in the Northern Territory. Unfortunately Guido was killed in a flying accident on March 6, 1997, his wife Lynette, maintains most of the family's fleet even today. The aircraft was donated to the museum in 2007.

More on the Boomerang at <http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-air-support/ww2-allied/boomerang.htm>