



Lockheed Light bomber A59-96: secrets.

Hopes to shed Light on plane

IT may not look like much more than a chunk of metal, but some Sunshine Coast historians are eager to find out all they can about this World War II bomber.

Already workers at the Queensland Air Museum at Caloundra have found the plane, a Lockheed Light reconnaissance maritime bomber, has a colorful past.

Originating in the United States navy, the aircraft spent four years in the RAAF before being demoted in 1948 to a life as a farm shed in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

The Queensland Air Museum acquired the plane in May from a Gold Coast museum which closed down.

Museum president Ron Cuskelly said the 15-metre fuselage still held a few secrets.

The museum will eventually restore the plane to its original condition.

And Mr Cuskelly hopes a museum visitor may recognise it as an aircraft they once flew.

The bomber's registration number is A59-96. Mr Cuskelly urged pilots to check their old log books.