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DC-3 Dakota Warbird on the Move

Bland Shire's iconic warbird, the DC-3 (C-47) Dakota aircraft was recently relocated to begin a significant and thorough restoration, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

The meaningful piece of Australia's aviation history and local cherished landmark was moved from West Wyalong Lions Park to a secure, undercover shelter to commence extensive refurbishment by experienced local business, West Wyalong Service and Repairs.

The historic aircraft, which has been a part of the local landscape since its relocation from Cootamundra to West Wyalong Lions Park in March 1983, is being carefully restored to maintain its historical significance.

Once the warbird is back to its former glory, the DC-3 will be placed back in Lions Park to continue to be a popular drawcard for locals and visitors alike.

Thanks to a grant from the NSW Government, Bland Shire Council is overseeing the extensive repairs and upgrades, which includes site improvements, concrete work, paint removal, and re-coating the aircraft.

Bland Shire Council's Mayor Brian Monaghan says the refurbishment is well overdue. "The DC-3 is an iconic landmark to our Shire and its importance cannot be overstated. I cannot wait to see it back in Lions Park, standing proud, for many years to come."

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