



MODEL "HMT DUNERA" FINISHED

On the first day the Waverley Men's Shed opened for public membership in July 2013, **Tom Wolf** arrived at the Shed with a jig to make a model of **HMT Dunera**, a hired military transport that made a number of significant voyages in 1940. One of the voyages involved the transport to Australia of thousands of German and Austrian "enemy aliens" then living in Britain to be interred here, even though virtually all of them were escapees from Nazism, they were feared to be a danger to Britain at that time of WW2.

One of the men on board (collectively known as "the Dunera Boys") was Tom's late father-in-law, the model is dedicated to his memory and honours all the Dunera Boys.

After 7 years of working on the model on-and-off (more "off"), and after it seemed the model would never be finished when Tom was struck down with the COVID-19 virus earlier this year, he recovered and finished the model, it is ready to be presented to The Dunera Association to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Dunera's arrival in Sydney in September 1940.

The model is of "bread and butter" construction involving layers of timber being placed atop each other (just like a sandwich) and is scratch built from plans obtained by research at the Vaughan Evans Library (Australian National Maritime Museum) in Sydney.

It is built at the scale of 1:350, a semi-miniature scale which makes construction more difficult. Progress of the building of the model is best illustrated by photos.

