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GENERAL UPDATE-
The NHF Project- Progress In WEEK ENDING 17 FEB 19

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This week ending on 17 Feb 19, February 2019 has again busy for the newly activated HARS Navy Heritage Flight, during which a large number of HARS volunteers and friends/ supporters drawn from e.g. Air Affairs (AA), continue to undertake activities connected with moving the recently acquired 9 airframes and associated stores off the operational HMAS Albatross base.

The main activities that have already been achieved this week are now listed- NOT in any order of time sequence of events or of relative importance:-

Trackers 844 and 845

These are now located at Air Affairs secure areas at the Albatross Aviation Technology Park (AATP) where:-

- 844 has been moved back out of the maintenance hangar at Air Affairs, and has received it's regular weekly visit by HARS volunteers to maintain its engineering readiness status
- Tracker 845 is in temporary storage at AA with no immediate plans to work on it or to move it short term

Dakota C47

- The aircraft fuselage of N2-90 is at AA for short term storage and at this stage the wings are being stored separately to the fuselage. There has been no planned work on this airframe in the last week

Wessex

- Wessex 832 was been on display at HARS Albion Park- where our HARS volunteers have continuing to do an impressive job in cleaning it up and re-attaching components which were being stored separately. It was a very popular addition to our monthly HARS tarmac days this month and attracted much interest from our visitors
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes on long term display
- This week we trucked up another container of Wessex spares to HARS Albion Park, and our volunteers are beginning the task of sorting through what is actually in storage!

Sea Venom

- The completely dismantled Sea Venom is being transported in containers or as loose spares e.g. wingspars to HARS Albion Park- where a team of enthusiastic HARS volunteers are unpacking and cleaning components as they are removed from e.g. their containers, and HARS has allocated a dedicated space in Hangar 3 for the rebuilding of the aircraft. The final status of the Sea Venom restoration is still unclear at this time. (THE PHOTOS ACCOMPANYINGV THIS REPORT SHOW OUR HARS SEMI-TRAILER ARRIVING AT HARS ALBION PARK WITH ANOTHER LOAD OF SEA VENOM COMONENTS)

Sea Fury

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- Sea Fury WG 630 is temporarily in secure storage at AA and our current efforts are focusing on RMS approvals to move the Sea Fury by road to HARS Albion Park- where it will be on public display whilst being assessed by our HARS engineering staff for developing an approved schedule for repair and restoration – hopefully back to airworthy.

Hueys

- Iroquois UH-1B Numbers 893 and 898 are at Air Affairs at AATP in secure storage. Subject to appropriate approvals being obtained e.g. from Defence, Air Affairs is prepared to sponsor both the operation and maintenance of the B Model 'Hueys', The current plan is that after required HARS remote site approvals have been finalized with e.g. CASA, Air Affairs will take full responsibility for the maintenance and operation of 1 flyable Huey acting at all times under HARS licences and accreditations.

Once again we have had a solid week of very positive list of achievements, and I continue to pay my tribute and sincere thanks to all who have so actively and enthusiastically been involved in undertaking and completing a very significant project- the removal of 9 airframes and associated stores from the operational Navy base to either a sponsored short term location (e.g. C47) through to a direct move to a 'home' either with a sponsor (e.g. Hueys at Air Affairs, or the HARS main base at Albion Park.

The airframes are in a very wide range of condition, and therefore represent many challenges, and I restate that HARS is, in principle, committed to the future return of operational airframes back to the long- term home of Naval aviation at Nowra Hill

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PHOTOS OF HARS SEMI TRAILER ARRIVING WITH SEA VENOM COMPONENTS TO HARS ALBION PARK