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GENERAL UPDATE 14/19-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 05 May 19

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The NHF project continues on a wide range of fronts as usual and it is my pleasure to update you on the continuous progress we are making, thanks to a lot of every enthusiastic people

Here is a very brief summary of each current NHF project-

***Trackers 844 and 845**

These are still located at our major sponsor Air Affairs secure areas at the Albatross Aviation Technology Park (AATP), where:-

- 844 is in temporary open but secure storage within the grounds of our major sponsor Air Affairs, and 844 is receiving its regular weekly run-up and engineering checks by HARS volunteers
- 845 is in open storage and I have sked Ken Jackson our painting team leader to scope giving 845 an external paint job with a view to it becoming a 'gate guard' in the short term

Additional Comments about Tracker 844. We have received written advice from Defence that we are approved to fly Tracker 844 and depart from HMAS Albatross- so we have begun the active program of final planning for this marvelous event.

This will involve serious extra costs such as fuel upgrading our insurance cover on the airframe to flying status and similar, and I have begun the process of quantifying these extra costs and will be asking for your assistance with them please

I would like to remind all interested in assisting with NHF Tracker projects- that we have committed to a significant Tracker project --to Fly Tracker 844 over the Friday 13 Sep 19th SHIPP Division graduation at Navy Recruit School HMAS Cerberus Victoria

***Dakota C47**

No direct action this week , but we want to move this C47 up to HARS Albion Park so we can restore it to flying, and so we will be starting a fundraising appeal for the approx. \$5000 transport and approval costs (e.g. RMS approvals and Police escorts). I asked our local NHF volunteers to take some fresh photos and thanks to Keith Boundy- please find attached some very recent photos of both the C47 and Tracker 845 . Thanks Keith!

We are planning to move the C47 WINGS from HMAS Albatross to HARS Albion Park on Thursday 7 June by road again with the generous sponsorship and support of Air Affairs and I want to acknowledge the constant and ready support of Chris Sievers and his team at Air Affairs in supporting the Navy Heritage Flight

***Wessex .**

- Wessex 832 was been on display at HARS Albion Park- where our Painter team led by Ken Jackson are about to repaint the rotor blades. Please see extra Wessex 832 very recent photos attached
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes on long term display with no update report received this week

Sea Venom

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No change from last week's report but I have attached some fresh photos to remind you of the massive task we have ahead to restore it to e.g. taxiable!

*Hueys

- Iroquois UH-1B Numbers 893 and 898 are at Air Affairs at AATP in secure storage and there has been no change in their status this week

*Sea Fury

- Sea Fury WG 630 airframe has been temporarily reassembled and WG 630 was a major interest display item at Wings Over Illawarra 2019 over 04/05 May. I attach some very recent photos of this iconic aircraft and this will be a BIG CHALLENGING Project and we invite your involvement and assistance please

We have commenced our major Sea Fury appeal- help us to develop the engineering analysis which is the start the rebuild of this magnificent Sea Fury historic airframe back to flying status!

By the way if you have not seen the following You Tube clip- have a look and see if you can spot the major difference in the rebuild project – answers in the next weekly update

A Sea Fury Restoration on You Tube:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZD-neFelxc>

*Our Future Home:-

We have recommenced negotiations with EIG (The Estate and Infrastructure Group) of Defence, for confirmation that the block of land next to the FAA Museum is allocated as the future home of the HARS Navy Heritage Flight.

A Request For Your Support:-

IF YOU CAN ASSIST THE NAVY HERITAGE FLIGHT IN ANY WAY-PLEASE EMAIL ME AT:- harsnhf@hars.org.au. or contact me through our HARS NHF Facebook page

We especially need your help on the following:-

- *RAISING FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE INSURANCE TO SUPPORT TRACKER 844 FLYING AGAIN, AND THEN PAYING FOR THE FUEL FOR 844 TO PROVIDE A FLYOVER OF THE HMAS CERBERUS NAVY RECRUIT SCHOOL 'SHIPP' DIVISION GRADUATION PARADE ON FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER*
- *RAISING FUNDS TO BRING THE C47 DAKOTA FROM NOWRA TO ALBION PARK SO WE CAN COMMENCE RESTORATION*
- *JOINING OUR SEA FURY RESTORATION TEAM (LED BY MARK THURSTAN) AS WE BEGIN THE ENGINEERING EVALUATION PROJECT AND DEVELOP THE RESTORATION PLAN*

In the meantime, please enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF activities at HARS Albion Park (Sea Fury/ Sea Venom/ Wessex 832) OR at our Major sponsor site-Air Affairs at Albatross Aviation Technology Park via Nowra (2 X Hueys/ 1 X C47 and Trackers 844 and 845). As we have got some C47 activity happening soon, I've also added some shots of our existing C47 fleet taken by me at Wings 19 recently

Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots Taken by Keith Boundy or me and copyright free:-

Tracker 845 and C47 at Air Affairs (KB)

C47 at Air Affairs (KB)

Remainder MH:-

Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3

Sea Fury in HARS Hangar 1

Wessex 832 with Ken Jackson's painting team scoping out the repainting of the rotor blades

Shots of HARS C47's and Dakota at recent WOI 19