

UPDATE 12 05 May 19

GENERAL UPDATE 12/19-  
**The NHF Project- Progress In WEEK ENDING 05 May 19**

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This week at HARS been dominated by the annual Wings Over Illawarra annual Air Show over Sat 04/Sun 05 May 2019 at the Illawarra Regional Airport Albion Park Rail. HARS does NOT run Air Shows, and the WOI 19 event is run by Mark and Kerry Bright from Bright Events Management, and is always scheduled for the first weekend in May each year. HARS is proud to be a major participant and this Year we displayed our recently acquired NHF assets - the Tracker, Sea Venom , Sea Fury and Wessex. I am writing this report after returning home from a very busy two days of assisting to run the WOI 19 event, and the photos attached have all been taken at Wings 19. 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

I would like to remind all interested in assisting with NHF projects- that we have committed to a significant Tracker project --to Fly Tracker844 over the Friday 13 Sep 19th SHIPP Division graduation at Navy Recruit School HMAS Cerberus Victoria

**\*Dakota C47**

No action this week

**\*Wessex**

- Wessex 832 was been on display at HARS Albion Park- where our Painter team led by Ken Jackson have primed and painted trim markings, and 832 has been paint refreshed and is sparkling
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes on long term display with no update report received this week

**Sea Venom**

No change from last week's report

**\*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 this weekend. A series of photos taken by either Ken Jackson or myself show Tracker 851 and the Sea Fury- on public display In HARS Hangar 1- together with an amazing array of other famous Piston Engine Fighters- Spitfire Kittyhawk Mustang!
- ***At the WOI 19 Air Show we also commenced our major appeal- to help start the rebuild of this magnificent Sea Fury historic airframe back to flying status!***

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Wings Over Illawarra was a great two days of a high quality Air Show, and sadly the Sunday weather was not great with several periods of rain and winds preventing flying for periods across the day. However, an unexpected side-benefit of the bad weather was that nearly all the crowd came into the HARS Hangars and viewed the NHF airframes on display including Tracker Wessex and Sea Fury and attached is a shot of the big crowd viewing the Sea Venom and Wessex projects! Enjoy!

***A request:-***

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

In the meantime, please enjoy the accompanying photos of SELECTED NHF activities at Wings Over Illawarra this weekend,

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**PHOTOS:-**

Panorama of HARS Hangar 1 on the Friday evening of Wings Over Illawarra by Ken Jackson

All other Photos by Michael Hough