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GENERAL UPDATE 17/2019-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 09 Jun 19

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The NHF project continues with work on selected airframes- with a particular focus in this last week on:- Planning to move the C47 Dakota wings from HMAS Albatross; continuous work on Tracker 844 as we prepare it for flight; planning for the Sea Fury rebuild; continued work on rebuilding the fuselage of the Sea Venom, and active dialogue on our proposed long term home for the NHF next to the FAA Museum.

It is my pleasure to update you on the 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 both still located in secure but open storage at our major sponsor Air Affairs at the Albatross Aviation Technology Park (AATP), where:-

- 844 is receiving its regular weekly run-up and engineering checks by HARS volunteers. It ran very successfully last Thursday, and our engineering team is preparing to give it a final check before releasing it for flight
- 845 is in open storage and Ken Jackson our painting team leader is still actively scoping the costs associated with giving 845 an external paint job with a view to it becoming a 'gate guard' on our proposed new home adjacent to the FAA Museum

I would like to remind all interested in assisting with NHF Tracker projects- especially with donations towards the costs of bringing 844 back to flying status, plus the (mainly fuel costs)- approx. \$6000 --to Fly Tracker 844 over the Friday 13 Sep 19th SHIPP Division graduation at Navy Recruit School HMAS Cerberus Victoria

***Dakota C47**

We had planned 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, but unfortunately the Air Affairs vehicle suitable for that task (a very low loader) had to be tasked elsewhere - so we have put it off for a few weeks until that vehicle becomes available again. I again want to acknowledge the generosity and support of Chris Sievers the CEO at Air Affairs, in providing this vehicle when available.

***Wessex .**

- Wessex 832 was been on display at HARS Albion Park- where our Painter team led by Ken Jackson has started to repaint the rotor blades.
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes - no update received this week

We are really short of qualified/ knowledgeable Wessex support team members so if anyone out there can assist us, we would really welcome your enquiry about joining HARS OR coming to assist with a particular project

***Sea Venom**

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Some active progress since last week's report, with Bob De La Hunty our President and Chief pilot and one of our senior engineers Bill Smith have both started to restore the cockpit interior, and will soon begin refitting internal controls and instruments, so we look forward to seeing the interior of the fuselage 'tub' looking more complete soon- and thanks to both!

*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
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*Sea Fury

- Sea Fury WG 630 airframe is still on display in HARS Hangar 1 and is already a very popular display item, 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!

*Our Future Home:-

We have maintained active negotiations with Navy Heritage and 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.

We Request 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 (Approx. \$6500 Total)***
- ***Raising Funds To Bring The C47 Dakota From Nowra To Albion Park So We Can Commence Restoration (Approx. \$5000)***
- ***Joining Our Sea Fury Restoration Team (Led By Mark Thurstan) as we begin the Engineering Evaluation Project and develop the Restoration Plan. We need skilled assistance Here Please***

In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF activities at HARS Albion Park (Sea Fury/ Sea Venom/ Wessex 832).

(As it is the Long weekend in NSW at least, I was on grandparenting duties, and I posed my 9 y.o. grandson next to most of the photos this week.

Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

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A Number of shots Taken by Keith Boundy. Or me and all are copyright free:-

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Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3

Sea Fury and Tracker 851 in HARS Hangar 1

Wessex 832 in HARS Hangar 3