

GENERAL UPDATE 16/19-  
**The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 02 Jun 19**  
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The NHF project continues very actively with a particular focus in this last week on:-  
Refreshing the paint on the Wessex at Parkes / planning to move the C47 Dakota wings from HMAS Albatross,, and continuous work on Tracker 844 as we prepare it for flight.

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
- 845 is in open storage and Ken Jackson our painting team leader is 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- that we would really welcome your financial assistance with the costs of bringing 844 back to flying status, plus the 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 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 has started to repaint the rotor blades.
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes received a very welcome visit by Ken Jackson and his painting team and over two intensive days of work they refreshed the paint job, and in my opinion this airframe is looking in excellent external condition!  
Thanks again Ken and your team!

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**

No change from last week's report, but one of our senior engineers Bill Smith has committed to restoring the cockpit instruments, so we look forward to seeing the interior of the fuselage 'tub' looking more complete soon- and thanks Bill!

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\*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 is still on display in HARS Hangar 1 and is already a very popular display item. I attach two very recent photos of this iconic aircraft (last Saturday in fact) 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!***

For those of you who watched the You Tube clip recommended last week on a *Sea Fury* restoration would have soon realized that it was rebuilt with a non-standard engine type. I received some feedback about this after it was posted, and I want to assure our supporters that at this stage Mark Thurstan the Sea Fury project manager and his team are planning a full rebuild with the original engine type fitted (i.e. Bristol Centaurus)

\*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.

We Request Your Support:-

IF 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

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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) OR at our Major sponsor site-Air Affairs at Albatross Aviation Technology Park via Nowra (1 X C47 and Trackers 844 and 845). Of particular pleasure is the shot of the newly refreshed Wessex at HARS Parkes  
Enjoy!

***Michael Hough***

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PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots Taken by Keith Boundy. Ken Jackson or me and all are copyright free:-  
Tracker 844 and C47 at Air Affairs (KB)

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Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3

Sea Fury and Tracker 851 in HARS Hangar 1

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

Ken Jackson:

Refreshed Wessex at HARS Parkes