

GENERAL UPDATE 20/2019-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 30 Jun 19

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This week's NHF project report focuses on the activities happening in this last week:- rebuilding the fuselage of the Sea Venom, the move of the C47 wings off the HMAS Albatross base, and lodgment of the application to confirm 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 engineering checks by HARS volunteers, and our engineering team is preparing to give it a final check before releasing it for flight. In this last week they detected and addressed an electrical fault which required a considerable amount of diagnostic work by Keith Boundy and Hayden King – thanks guys!
- 845 is in open storage and Ken Jackson our painting team leader is still 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

***Dakota C47**

This week thanks to a number of HARS members who volunteered for the task, we achieved our goal of moving the C47 WINGS off the HMAS Albatross base, with the generous sponsorship and support of Air Affairs in making its vehicle which is suitable for that task (a very low loader) available. The wings are now in temporary secure storage at Air Affairs awaiting their final trip to HARS Albion Park. I again want to acknowledge the generosity and support of Chris Sievers the CEO at Air Affairs, in providing this vehicle when available. The wings were stored in wooden frames which were destroyed in the process and attached is a photo of the considerable amount of wood which we have donated to regional Scouts to take away and use in Campfires at Mt Keira Scout camp

***Wessex .**

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and this week we welcomed a new HARS member who served on Wessex in our RAN FAA, and a particular warm welcome to our new volunteer- James Taverner!
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes - no update received this week

We are still 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 seriously impressive progress work continues on the challenges of re-assembling the Sea Venom this last week, with Bob De La Hunty and a number of our volunteer HARS members continuing to make serious progress on reassembling the airframe. I have attached a series of photos taken in the last few days which record the impressive work happening, and our sincere thanks to everyone involved! I have asked Bob if he could send me the names of all who are helping so I can acknowledge them in a future NHF update report -but a general "thank you Very much!" to all who are helping Bob.

*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. Last week I received a summary of their purchase history from an ex RAN Huey pilot and I encourage all who have some interesting part of the history of any of these airframes to please send it in and share it!

*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:-

This week HARS received confirmation from EIG (The Estate and Infrastructure Group) of Defence, that we had successfully lodged our application for the block of land next to the FAA Museum, to be confirmed as allocated as the future home of the HARS Navy Heritage Flight.

We Request Your Support:-

Don't forget that donations to HARS of over \$2 are tax deductible so please reflect on whether a tax deductible donation would assist you in the next few weeks, please act now and IF YOU CAN ASSIST IN ANY WAY-PLEASE EMAIL ME AT:- harsnhf@hars.org.au. or contact me through our HARS NHF Facebook page

How To Donate

Please find attached a simple step by step set of instructions for how you can donate via of our HARS website OR you can do it by an electronic deposit (e.g. "Pay Anyone" is the NAB term) from your bank account into our HARS Public Fund account , and I have attached the HARS Public Fund account details to this report, and if you do choose this method, please put an identifier on it, (e.g. HOUGH TRACKER or HOUGH HUEY) for a targeted donation, and then email me the details of the confirmed deposit including the identifier and the \$ amount. Thank you!

We especially need your help on the following:-

- ***Raising Funds To Support Tracker 844 Flying Again,***
- ***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***

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In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF related activities at HARS Albion Park (C47 wings wood packing frame on HARS semi-trailer/ Sea Venom re-assembly progress/Wessex 832 cockpit details/ Sea Fury in Hangar 1)

Enjoy!

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HARS bank account details in pdf format

PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots attached-taken by MH and all are copyright free:-

MH:-

Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3 a series of photos of the reconstruction progress being made

Wessex 832 in HARS Hangar 3 with details of cockpit access and instruments

C47 wing packing loaded on HARS semi-trailer awaiting cutting up and disposal to Scouts