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GENERAL UPDATE 21/2019-  
**The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 07 JUL 19**

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This week's NHF project report focuses on the activities occurring in this last week, which were:- Continuing to prepare TRACKER 844 for flight/ rebuilding the fuselage of the Sea Venom, the move of the C47 wings off the HMAS Albatross base, and continued painting of the Wessex blades.

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 received its regular weekly runup and engineering checks by HARS volunteers, and the engine run last Thursday confirmed the effective repair of electrical fault with diagnostic and repair work done by Keith Boundy and Hayden King – well done guys!
- 845 is in open storage at our major sponsor AIR AFFAIRS

HELP REQUEST

Tracker 844 requires the replacement of two (2) batteries in preparation for flight, and the **battery specifications** are

Marathon Norco Part # 27177-001 (alternate Pt# 20-S102)

24 Volt Ni-Cad Storage Battery (Potassium Hydroxide electrolyte)

Dimensions: 298 mm Long, 230 mm High, 294.1 mm Wide.

Military Stock # 6140-00-866-6815 (the batteries are still used by ADF according to NATO NMCRL- and they may be in stock at Aviall Bankstown.

**OUR APPEAL:- *Can any of you out there help with buying or donating two of these batteries please? If so please contact me through our email address:- harsnhf@hars.org.au***

\*Dakota C47

This week thanks to a number of HARS members who volunteered for the task and went down as a work group on a recent Friday morning to HMAS Albatross,, we achieved our goal of moving the C47 WINGS off the HMAS Albatross base, again 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 were then held in temporary secure storage at Air Affairs, and are scheduled to be road moved to HARS Albion Park any day now. I again want to acknowledge the generosity and support of Chris Sievers the CEO at Air Affairs, in providing this sponsorship. A side bonus:-The C47 wings were stored in wooden frames- which were dismantled in the processes of moving them, and the wood has been donated to regional Scouts to take away and use in Campfires at the region's Mt Keira Scout camp.

\*Wessex .

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and this week Ken Jackson's painting team have completed repainting of the Wessex blades- see photo attached. Thanks Ken and your team, and now our HARS Wessex volunteers can now start the processes of re-mounting the blades into the airframe
- 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 and if accepted, coming to assist with a particular project such as the Wessex.

\*Sea Venom

Some **very serious** commitment and effort in re-assembling the Sea Venom has been made in the last week or so- as shown by the accompanying photos taken over just a few days. It is now an observable fact that our remarkably effective team of HARS volunteers has achieved really significant progress on the major task of re-assembling the Sea Venom. This team has been led by Bob De La Hunty, and 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 for now- a general "Thank You Very Much!" to all who are helping with this challenging project.

\*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. Recently I reported that I had 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! *For example, can anyone assist with actual data or evidence that the RAN Hueys were built as commercial airframes-* if so, can you send it to me for future posting on our weekly NHF Update report

\*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

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and if you can assist 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

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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 and purpose 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 specific projects:-

- ***Raising Funds to Support Tracker 844 Flying Again,***
- ***Raising Funds for our Sea Fury Restoration project***
- ***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 related activities at HARS Albion Park (Wessex 832 Blade repainting/ Sea Venom re-assembly- significant progress/ Sea Fury and Tracker in Hangar 1/ Historic photographs from FAA Museum archives)

Enjoy!

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HARS bank account details in pdf format

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PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots attached-all are copyright free OR Permission to use given:-

M Hough or Bob De La Hunty:-

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 blade painting

Sea Fury and Tracker in HARS Hangar 3

FAA Museum archive

Photos of Trackers, Hueys and C47