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GENERAL UPDATE 22/2019-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 14 JUL 19

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As usual, 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 successful move of the C47 wings to HARS Albion Park Base, and finalizing the painting of the Wessex 832 blades.

I also attach to this week's NHF report a current inventory of ALL HARS' aircraft including the HARS Parkes and HARS NHF airframes- so you can see how extensive the HARS collection has become, and I would like to thank Doug Philpott for creating this summary- Thanks Doug!

It is my pleasure to now 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 successful engine run last Thursday continued the sequence of weekly checks with the Tracker running well!
- 845 is in open storage at our major sponsor AIR AFFAIRS, and our long term intention is to repaint it externally, and use it as the first display aircraft on the block of land next to the FAA Museum when this is granted by EIG

TRACKER RELATED HELP REQUESTS ANSWERED- THANK YOU!

In our last two weekly NHF Update reports, I have requested sponsorship assistance with:-

- 1) the costs of acquiring the Tracker Seats**
- 2) Acquiring two specialist Batteries for Tracker 844**

I am delighted to announce that each of the above requests has now been met by a sponsor, and I would like state a sincere "thank you very much" to each one of our sponsors who assist in this way!

Did I get it Wrong?

I reproduce, with thanks, a feedback comment from Owen Nicholls -one of our qualified Tracker pilots in the NHF:- "Regarding your latest NHF news, note that the black and white photo of Tracker 851 is not the HARS aircraft. It is S-2E 851 on a Royal Navy carrier (I think HMS HERMES when she visited Australia in 1969). Thanks Owen!

*Dakota C47

This week we achieved our goal of moving the C47 WINGS off the HMAS Albatross base, again with the generous sponsorship and support of Air Affairs, our HARS crews road moved

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the C47 WINGS to HARS Albion Park Rail last week. I again want to acknowledge the generosity and support of Chris Sievers the CEO at Air Affairs, in providing this sponsorship. I attach some photos of the wings in temporary storage at HARS Albion Park

*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.
- 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

Once again, some continued **very serious** commitment and **effort** with much progress achieved in re-assembling the Sea Venom in the last week- as shown by the accompanying photos taken over that period. Here is the list of those who are helping with the Sea Venom Project:- [Bob Butcher /Wendy and Alan Halford / Kate Lynn /Dave Pallas /Ed Duffey / Trevor Wallace / Merlinda Anderson /Bob Black /William Smith/ Matt De La Hunty/ Lachlan De La Hunty and Ethan De La Hunty](#)

So:- a big "Thank You Very Much!" to everyone who is 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.

*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!

We Request Your Support:-

Don't forget that donations to HARS of over \$2 are tax deductible so 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](#)

Plse find attached a simple step by step set of instructions for how you can donate via of our HARS website OR you can s do it by an electronic deposit. Thank you in anticipation!

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***

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In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF related activities at HARS Albion Park (Wessex 832 Blade repainting/ Sea Venom re-assembly- more significant progress/ Sea Fury and Tracker in Hangar 1/ C47 wings arrived at HARS Albion Park Hangars
Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots attached-all are copyright free OR Permission to use is 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 blade painting completed

Sea Fury and Tracker in HARS Hangar 3

C47 Wings on the ground at HARS Albion Park