

GENERAL UPDATE 24/2019-  
**The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 28 JUL 19**  
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As usual, this week's NHF project report focuses on the actual activities occurring in this last week, which were:- Continuing to prepare Tracker 844 for flight/ rebuilding the fuselage of the Sea Venom/ Moving Sea Fury to be part of the Maritime Squadron reunion display at HARS/ adding to the inventory of the Wessex 832 support equipment.

It is my pleasure to now update you on the progress we are making, thanks to a lot of very 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 Tuesday continued the sequence of weekly checks with the Tracker running well! We have ordered some required specialist batteries and are awaiting delivery, as part of the final preparations before flight
- 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

**\*Dakota C47**

No change in status this week

**\*Wessex .**

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and this week Ben our lead volunteer is shown standing next to the ordnance holder rack we have just fitted. He is a tireless and dedicated Wessex volunteer, and on behalf of us all well done Ben! 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**

Here following is a report and progress shots from our restoration Team Leader Bob illustrating how much has been achieved in re-assembling the Sea Venom over a very short time period:-

**Quote:-** "SEA VENOM PROGRESS 19/7/19

This project team took a big leap forward today. The attached photos tell the story.

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P1,2 and 3 are the remaining Jigsaw Puzzle items that on arrival fell out of some very sad containers with what has now been reconstructed

P4 was taken moments before the first move on its wheels after 30 years or so today.

P5 was taken after the move and being set up for the outer wings and tip tanks being fitted..

Next the Cockpit fit out and then the paint shop !!! and then we move on to the next project the Blue C47

Regards

Bob

**Bob De La Hunty OAM**

Rebuild progress detail is as shown by the accompanying photos provided by Bob.

Once again- 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 weekend ( 27 Jul 19) HARS is hosting the Maritime Squadrons reunion and dinner and the Sea Fury has been moved to amongst some other Maritime airframes so enjoy the photos

***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](mailto:harsnhf@hars.org.au). or contact me through our HARS NHF Facebook page**

In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF related activities at HARS Albion Park :-Wessex 832 Blade Ordnance rack/ Sea Venom re-assembly- big picture progress photos / Sea Fury and Orion

Enjoy!

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Navy Heritage Flight Project Leader

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PHOTOS:-

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

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Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3- a series of photos of the reconstruction progress being made Wessex Ordnance rack fitted

Sea Fury and Orion outside HARS Hangar1