

GENERAL UPDATE 34/2019-  
**The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 06 Oct 19**

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It is my pleasure to again update you on the progress we are making on the range of NHF airframes, thanks to a lot of very enthusiastic people!  
Here is a summary of each current NHF project-

**Tracker 844 at HARS Albion Park Rail**

I am pleased to report that since its arrival 844 at HARS Main base 844 has been run regularly with no major issues and we have also restored "Navy" to both sides of the airframe.(

The CONTINUED good news is that Tracker 844 has settled quickly to its new 'home' at HARS Albion Park Rail airport and subject to technical availability, is planned to fly again at our October Tarmac weekend (12 Oct) as well as the mid-week Tracker re-union in October, (see following)

**OUR ANNUAL INSURANCE COSTS**

I advised in the last two reports that our total insurance bill for covering 9 (nine) NHF airframes for liability and Hangar keepers' insurance this coming year is \$5300 (which includes the Tracker in flight status))

I AM DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FAA ASSOCIATION (NSW BRANCH) AND ALSO FROM A GENEROUS (ex RANHF) SPONSOR have now covered the Tracker insurance aspects fully.

Please contact me if you can contribute towards the REMAINING insurance costs- and thanks for your help!

CLAIM THE DATE:- **Tracker Reunion 23-24 October 2019**. Venue: HARS at Albion Park, over two days. This event is being organised by Bruce Saville, who runs the "Friends of the RAN Grumman Tracker" Facebook page. You can register interest in attending the re-union by going to:- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/703844286295816/events/>

**\*Tracker 845 at Air Affairs**

- 845 is in open storage at our major sponsor AIR AFFAIRS, and our short-term intent still is (courtesy of our major sponsor Air Affairs) move it to HARS Albion Park for the Tracker reunion in October so that we plan to have three Tracker airframes for that event- 844 / 845 and 851. Our longer-term intention is to repaint it externally at HARS Albion Park, and then use it as the first display aircraft on the block of land next to the FAA Museum when this is granted by EIG.
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**\*Dakota C47**

We are planning to move the C47 to HARS Albion Park soon with the generous sponsorship of Chris Sievers at Air Affairs.

**\*Wessex**

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and being continually updated by our enthusiastic HARS volunteers.

- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes - no update received this week

Our longer term plan is to restore the ASW configuration inside the airframe Wessex 832, and 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**

Following are very recent progress shots taken this week of the Sea Venom restoration, and the team is still focusing on re-assembling the cockpit AND we now have a small team of volunteers focusing on the engine unit.

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 we have rearranged its location and the attached photos show the Sea Fury on display in HARS Hangar 1 next to the interesting range of other historic airframes

***We continue to promote our major Sea Fury appeal- help us with your donation(s) to fund and develop the engineering analysis which is the start the rebuild of this magnificent Sea Fury historic airframe back to flying status!***

**\*Other Historic Navy airframes**

FAA Tracker 845 and replica ex FAA Auster, and please again enjoy photos of these airframes in this NHF report

**\*Our future home adjacent to the FAA Museum**

We are continuing the dialogue with EIG to negotiate the allocation to HARS of the block of land adjacent to the FAA museum reconfirmed for the building of a future hangar and admin complex for the HARS Navy Heritage Flight.

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 each ex FAA airframe remaining at HARS Main base, plus some historic photos courtesy of the FAA Museum archives  
Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A number of NHF airframes photos attached- all are copyrighted with permission to use in non-profit usage - given by M Hough and Phil Mason, and the remaining airframes in service photos are from the FAA Museum archives. Enjoy!