

## NEW ZEALAND WARBIRDS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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### Canberra Support Group Update #1

#### Fund Raising

A month ago we set out to raise \$20,000 to cover expected costs for relocating Canberra WT346 to Ardmore. Thanks to each one of you for your contribution we have well and truly exceeded that target; included amongst the contributions are two very generous donations swelling the current total to \$32,000 held by the New Zealand Aviation Heritage Trust. And all of this with no public involvement! These funds have come from former Canberra crew members as well as members of NZ Warbirds. That's a great result and all of the funds in excess of transportation costs will now be channelled towards the actual restoration. Your formally receipted donation accompanies this update.

#### Relocation to Ardmore

There's been a great deal of interest by prospective transport companies nationwide. Within the next 10 days, we expect to make a decision on the successful transporter and liaise with them on an arrival date. Given the pending Christmas break it will be early 2021 before the task of transporting 20 metres of fuselage occurs. As you will appreciate there's a need to coordinate the delicate task of loading at Wigram and unloading of the fuselage at Ardmore. You will be kept posted of progress.

#### Restoration

The first requirement will be to clean up the exterior of the fuselage. When the rest of the components arrive there'll be a need to assess, in detail, the restoration required to allow complete assembly. We'll advise you by way of a call for volunteer input –we are sure there'll be no shortage of takers when required!

#### Recent News

The Air Force Museum have made a formal announcement about the Canberra heading to a new home. Details can found at this link <XXXXXXXXXXXX> or on the NZ Warbirds Facebook page <XXXXXXXXXXXX>

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