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Canberra Support Group Update #2

Progress at last !!

The intervening Christmas/New Year break meant some delay in determining the successful transporter but the good news is that an order has been placed with PTS Logistics, headquartered in Palmerston North. They will transport the Canberra fuselage from the Air Force Museum at Wigram to its new home at Ardmore.

Meantime, our thanks to the AFM personnel, Darren Hammond and his merry crew, for undertaking the construction of a narrower cradle to allow road transportation.

Timing at this stage is scheduled for load up 16- 19 February and we'll keep you posted on an ETA at Ardmore.

We're also working on some basic signage to indicate that the Canberra is "Heading to my new home – NZ Warbirds at Ardmore" It's not every day of the week that 20m of aircraft fuselage makes a 1200 Km journey by road from Christchurch to Auckland!

Hopefully, this may turn mere passing curiosity into tangible funding contributions!

Fund Raising

Again, thanks to all donors for your contributions – funds received by the New Zealand Aviation Heritage Trust now total \$38,000 which will ensure that funding is secure for the balance of the Canberra components and a great start to actual restoration costs.

A formal receipt for your donation was sent with Update#1 but if for some reason you have not received one please let us know.

Restoration

A reminder that the first requirement will be to clean up the exterior of the fuselage.

As and when the rest of the components arrive there'll be a need to assess, in detail, the restoration required to allow complete assembly.

Rest assured we'll advise you by way of a call for volunteer help – any input will be welcomed.

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