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..." my journey North"

Anticipation followed by jubilation... that's the best way to describe the arrival of WT346 at Ardmore on Saturday. Those of you who followed the Facebook page will have seen the loading operation and shots of the journey north. If there are others who haven't done so go to <https://facebook.com/canberrasupportgroupnz> and view the coverage of its departure from the Air Force Museum, in transit, overnighting in Cambridge and arrival at Ardmore on Saturday morning.

Unloading took a little longer than expected but she finally touched down on Ardmore tarmac at 1000. Initially, a shower and shampoo was the order of the day but since Saturday was fine, warm and with many volunteers present, the decision was made to see if we could delicately remove the protective coating.

Lo and behold a container of degreaser was found and this proved to do the trick so much so that after at least 28 and possibly 45 years, Kiwi sunlight flooded the cockpit for the first time! Like magic, the roundels appeared along with the camouflage pattern. A selection of photos are attached for you to view with thanks to the Air Force Museum, Dave Homewood and Trish Reynolds. .

Great degree of interest shown on the drive north. Truckdriver Marcus reckoned it was the best long haul trip he'd ever done – wherever he stopped there were questions such as .."Is it a submarine?"

Welcome to the Canberra

Now that she is comfortable in her new home an invitation is extended to all donors to come along and view WT346 in Hangar 4 at Ardmore. It will be an informal get together- a chance to mix and mingle with those closely involved in the project.

An invitation is attached – please diary **5pm Saturday 13 March at NZ Warbirds**

We look forward to meeting as many donors as possible; if you require directions please call the NZ Warbirds office (Tuesday and Thursday 0900 -1700 09 298 9207)

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