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UPDATE #8

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Coming down the Home Straight

Although Covid Level 4 lockdown stopped progress for 7 weeks we have come a long way since our last update to donors. To those who follow the Canberra Facebook page you will have seen that we managed to complete two coats of Medium Sea Grey a few days before lockdown.

Now at Level3 and following the proscribed requirements, we have very limited numbers back on the project. However, we have made great strides firstly, with the camouflage lines in place, then two coats of the Dark Green and finally, the underside Silver/Grey completed. Touch up expert Paul Johnston added the piece-de-resistance by creating a feathered edge as a 'soft' margin' between the Green and Grey. Special thanks to Dave Smith and Paul for their input.

Yesterday was a real milestone day for the restoration – the basic painting is complete! Our thanks to all of those who cleaned, sanded, painted and generally pitched in! Now, the real fun starts with the all of the individual markings to be applied.

Meanwhile, the team at Classic Flyers under the guidance of Mike Feisst have been making great progress with the fin repairs. Our thanks to Andrew Gormlie for transporting the rudder back north on a recent 'collection sortie'.

The plan is to display the fuselage as part of the Ardmore Collection in the Visitor Centre and a decision on placement will be made shortly.

Next Step

Obviously, we want to get the wings to Ardmore as soon as we have settled on a work area: They require 14m X10m to work on the flat and options for transport and restoration are being considered. In any event we are now planning for the first quarter of 2022.

New Facebook Link

The new NZ Warbirds website does carry a Canberra specific Facebook page; please use this link for further information: <https://nzwarbirds.org.nz/association/canberra-restoration/>

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