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UPDATE #10

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Latest Progress

Following the shift to a temporary home in Hangar 1, we've been able to remove the canopy to give it a deep clean. Originally, it was held in place by 10 detonator bolts but fortunately only two deactivated ones were left in place! One proved very difficult to remove but the efforts of Allen House and Craig Cunha prevailed.

Canopy off – then the removal of deep scratch marks, a good buff and the canopy was as almost as good as new...

Dave Smith and Tony Miller retrieved the fin and rudder from the Classic Flyers restoration group mid December – the Tauranga team led by Mike Feisst did an outstanding job of reskinning the fin and that just left the camouflage and marking to be completed.

The fin is now resplendent with the white Kiwi in the black circle and insignia colours.

Meanwhile, the tailcone also had a freshen up and everything really does look smart and sharp!

Our thanks go to the team at the Air Force Museum for their ongoing assistance on this project and whilst she will always retain the RAF Canberra B(I)8 WT346 heritage she has come alive as being representative of RNZAF Canberra B(I)12 NZ6102.

To those volunteers who have toiled away throughout the past 10 months – our sincere thanks.

Relocation to the Visitor Centre

The NZ Warbirds Committee have now given approval to relocate the Canberra to a position in the Visitor Centre that will provide maximum viewing impact for visitors. Engineering specifications for the elevated stand inserts are currently being worked on for this new site.

Next Challenge

We are still seeking suitable space to carry out repairs to the wings; space at Ardmore is scarce so the search is extending to surrounding areas... when we have a site we can then bring the wings up from Wigram....

Facebook Link

A further reminder that 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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