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UPDATE #7

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Canberra 'Strippers' become 'Sanders'

Apologies for the time lapse since our last update 11 May but the stripping process continued to completion over a number of Wednesday sessions.

Just to prove that males can multi-task, our team of strippers then became sanders! It was a task that many of us weren't exactly relishing but the loan of a commercial dual orbital sanding unit complete with dust extraction system meant exceptional progress and equally important, no dust in the hangar! .

A big thank you to Gary Franklyn of Transform Spraypainters for the use of the unit and his welcome advice.

The sanding revealed a number of minor corrosion 'fizzes' which have been treated with etch primer incorporating a rust kill component. This was not unexpected given that it had its first lick of paint 65 years ago! Certainly proof positive that the protective coating did its job admirably.

The volunteer band of merry men have seen a few additions and special thanks go to newcomer Paul Campbell who scaled the heights of topside and to stalwart Paul Johnston for sanding the underside- both regions that the relatively 'elderly and infirm' amongst us considered as 'no go' areas!

Further paint and colour trials have occurred, masking is underway and we are just awaiting some slightly warmer temperatures to do an overall first coat of the grey camouflage.

Other Components

We hope to finalise transport options for the wings, tail plane etc over the next few weeks and the Classic Flyers volunteer group based at Tauranga have offered to carry out repairs to the fin – an offer we are more than happy to accept.

Please use this link for further information –www.nzwarbirds.org.nz/canberra

Thank for your continued interest as a donor.

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