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UPDATE #11

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Our apologies for the lack of recent updates but apart from ‘behind the scenes’ activity there’s been little of substance to report.

Progress at long last!!

However, since the NZ Warbirds Committee gave their approval in December to relocate the fuselage to the Visitor Centre, we have been endeavouring to firm up engineering specs and costs with a local steel fabricator. Unfortunately ongoing delays, as a result of their other commitments, meant we have had to go elsewhere.

But, sometimes there’s a silver lining! As a result of a direct contact of Warbirds member Jeff Hunter, we now have a company who has the production of the extension legs and nose wheel stand underway this week. What’s even better Andy McKee of Northern Sheetmetals has generously offered to donate these components as their contribution to the restoration project. It goes without saying that we’re extremely grateful for this assistance.

All going well we plan is to have the fuselage in place in the Visitor Centre before the end of May - in time for our “Warbirds on Parade’ Open Day Sunday 5 June.

This means we’re now able to address the task of transportation of the wings from Wigram to Ardmore ... access to space has been an issue but the NZ Warbirds Committee have agreed to make space available in one of the hangars. Work will commence on one wing at a time – no doubt we will need plenty of volunteer input to make up for lost time!

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If you can't visit Ardmore in person to view the Canberra fuselage on display, here is a further reminder that the new NZ Warbirds website does carry a Canberra section and access to a specific Canberra Facebook page; please use this link for further information:
<https://nzwarbirds.org.nz/association/canberra-restoration/>

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