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MEDIA RELEASE

Skyhawk bound for Ardmore

Warbirds enthusiasts will be elated at the news that they will be able to see and touch a real Skyhawk at Ardmore.

Minister of Defence Wayne Mapp has announced the allocation of the remaining Skyhawks to 3 sites including the NZ Warbirds Association at Ardmore.

NZ Warbirds President Frank Parker said *“This allocation of Skyhawk NZ 6209 is great news – we had a visit from the Minister in May followed by a very recent inspection by Defence force personnel and the vibes certainly appeared to be very positive. It will be a major drawcard to our on-going development of the Visitors Centre at the Warbirds hangar and although there are approval formalities to be concluded, we are hopeful that the Skyhawk will be in place by year-end.*

There is huge anticipation amongst Warbirds members, particularly those former Skyhawk pilots and groundcrew, who can't wait to catch sight of this important part of Royal New Zealand Air Force history”.

Plans will be announced shortly to raise funds not only to cover the transport but also the on-going care of this aircraft to keep it in pristine condition.

Donations can be made to the 'NZ Aviation Heritage Trust', C/- NZ Warbirds, Private Bag 14, Ardmore Airport, Papakura 2110.

NZ Warbirds

The New Zealand Warbirds Association Inc is an umbrella body dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of service aircraft in full flying condition for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations of New Zealanders.

Based at Ardmore Airport, the majority of these former Service aircraft are syndicate owned.

The 'Roaring Forties' precision aerobatic team, flying ex RNZAF Harvards are the flag bearers for NZ Warbirds on the summer air show circuit nationwide.

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