



Junior Recruit Memorial Project

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The Big Event!

The JR Memorial Committee is pleased to announce that we are now on the final leg for the big event of 13 July 2010. The big event is of course the Dedication Ceremony and unveiling of the JR Memorial. How big will this event be? At this time the JR Memorial Committee is planning on a crowd in excess of 3,000. This crowd will comprise ex JR's and their wives and partners, family, friends and members of the ex navy community who have an interest in commemorating the service of Junior Recruits in the RAN.

It is also important at this time that we reflect on the project and where we have come from.



Where have we come from?

It has now been more than two years since the concept of establishing a memorial to the JR Training Scheme was first discussed. That idea was first established in a brief email exchange between Ken Dobbie and Ron Giveen. Ron thought it was a good idea and said "I think it would be a better idea if you looked after it Ken" and so here we are on the verge of creating something very grand that will stand in testimony to the service of all Junior Recruits.

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Then we formed a Committee.

Our committee is comprised of ex Junior Recruits that represent both Leeuwin and Cerberus intakes and as such our planning and decision making processes are intended to reflect generally those of the ex JR community. To establish this committee as a legal identity we went through the process of becoming incorporated.



Our committee members are:

**Paul Harris
Warwick Luttrell
Ron Giveen
Pedro Franklin
Kevin Rowland
Tony Bath
Ken Dobbie**



We adopted an Admiral.

Quite a number of Junior Recruits went on to make some significant success in their naval careers. One such person is Rear Admiral Brian Adams AO RAN (ret) who joined the RAN as part of the 22nd Intake or the “Royal 22” as they like to call themselves. Committees such as ours require mentoring and guidance from time to time. RADM Adams as the Patron of the JR Memorial Fund Inc has provided valuable advice and leadership that will ensure that the project will be a complete success.



We came up with a design

The design of the memorial was one of the bigger challenges to face the committee. We received many and varied ideas some of which were a little too grand and costly. There were a number of common features to what was received and these were that it should include a statue of a Junior Recruit and that it was

representative of all JR's and their service to the RAN. And so we have it, the memorial will feature a full size bronze torso of a JR in class 1 uniform, the crests of both Leeuwin and Cerberus will feature as well as a dedication statement that reflects the service of Junior Recruits. The Committee is confident that all ex JR's will hold this memorial dear.



Finally we raised the money.

The JR Memorial has attracted significant attention from the ex navy community and we have been in receipt of very generous donations that have come directly to us or via the reunion web site. Some of these donations have come from Ex Service Organisations throughout Australia We also set out to provide an opportunity to ex JR's to take ownership of the memorial and at the same time have a small replica of the main bronze feature of the main memorial. The Commemorative Medallions have provided this and those who have made the purchase have also contributed to the construction of the memorial. Contributions from those who had a part to play in the design and manufacture of the memorial cannot be understated; their input has been significant. Finally the Western Australian Government has also made available a grant to support the project. These valued contributions have allowed us to meet our target.



And now we are about to make it happen.

The planning meeting held in Fremantle during November has now put the JR Memorial Project into the final phase.

We have undertaken the selection of plants to decorate the memorial garden for the Dedication Ceremony and these will be planted in May 2010 to provide a full floral display for the day.

The bronze sculpture of a Junior Recruit is presently being installed in the centre granite panel. A recess will be carved in the granite surface to receive the bronze to provide a flush finish with the granite panel. Nothing will be installed at Leeuwin Barracks until just before the dedication ceremony.

Important matters such as seating, first aid services, disabled access, toilets and a myriad of other issues are now in the final stages of planning. Consultations have been undertaken with the RAN related to the ceremonial arrangements for the day including that for wreath laying and associated remembrance matters.

The access arrangement to Leeuwin Barracks will be via the main gate. We are conscious of the need to ensure that the ex JR community has priority of access to the ceremony and for those who are registered with the reunion function at Burswood arrangements are being made to provide buses to bring people to Leeuwin with pick up arrangements to be notified through the reunion committee web site. I would encourage ex JR's to take this option, as there will be some limitations to parking. The Council car park immediately opposite Leeuwin is set aside mainly for boat trailers and will be patrolled by Council Rangers. Parking within Leeuwin will be limited

There will be an opportunity provided in the Dedication Service for ESO's, intake representatives and individuals to lay a wreath of remembrance. For those wishing to participate in this phase of the ceremony I would ask that you contact me by email or phone closer to the event so that this can be coordinated.

Access to Leeuwin will be from 0830 via the main gate and the ceremonial activities are expected to commence from 0930 with the event concluding about noon.

Staff at Leeuwin have kindly allowed for some of the old JR accommodation and mess facilities to be opened on the day for a walk through.



Commemorative Medallions- Last Orders

The sale of Commemorative Medallions will need to cease with last orders to be taken up to 15 March 2010. This is to allow an orderly manufacturing and delivery process from the foundry at Ballarat. The manufacturing and delivery process can take up to 3 weeks. The display cases are made at a separate facility and can only be ordered in batches of 50 and as such we are planning not to hold surplus and unsold medallions or cases at the completion of the project.

Should we find that there is demand for the medallions after the cut off date we will hold those orders until we can establish that there is enough to do a full cost-recovery manufacturing run, if that cannot be assured we will not proceed.

Over the Christmas period the foundry at Ballarat will be closed for staff leave and maintenance and as such production of medallions for the remainder of this year has ceased. We expect delivery of medallions to recommence in mid January 2010



We wish all of our readers a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous
New Year



"Yours Aye"

Ken Dobbie

Junior Recruit Memorial Committee

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**The Commemorative Medallion
Order Form
Last Orders by 15 March 2010**



**Junior Recruit Memorial Fund
50th Anniversary Commemorative Medallion
Order Form**

Please Supply:

Number of Medallions Required @ \$85.00 per unit	\$	
Engraving of Name and Official Number (optional) @ \$10.00 per unit	\$	
Please write below <u>exactly</u> what is to be engraved		
Name & Initials.....		
Official Number.....		
Postage and Handling @ \$7.30	\$	
Total Cost (includes GST @10%) <i>(Payment by cheque or money order should be made to the Junior Recruit Memorial Fund Inc. Do not send cash)</i>	\$	

Your Name	
Home Address	
Postal Address	
Telephone	
Email Address	

**Please remit cheque or money order with the order form to:
Junior Recruit Memorial Fund Inc
75 Lovett St Devonport Tas 7310
Tel 03 64247198 Email ken.dobbie@bigpond.com**

All proceeds from the sale of the medallions will be passed to the Junior Recruit Memorial Fund .



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