



Junior Recruit Memorial Project Newsletter 23 November 2010



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Our Charter

This committee was established in 2007 for the purposes of raising funds and to construct and dedicate a memorial to the Junior Recruit Training Scheme.

The committee is representative of both Leeuwin and Cerberus JR's.

Welcome to Newsletter Number 23. Some time has now passed since the completion of the JR Memorial and the anniversary celebrations and with the dust now almost settled we are back to work dealing with the final phases of the project.

Tingira Award

As I announced at the dedication ceremony, the project was able to finish the construction of the memorial and retain a surplus. The money will be used to extend the concept of the Junior Recruit Memorial to create a "living memorial" in the form of an annual bursary award to be known as the "TINGIRA Award".

As all ex JR's would be aware, the JR scheme was intended to provide young men with further education opportunities that would enhance their future naval careers. This has presented the idea for the Tingira Award

that will be an annual prize awarded to the best all round Cadet in selected ANC units. The prize will provide financial support towards further education or life experience that will provide encouragement and enhance the prospects for a future career in the RAN. The first award will be in 2011.

In addition the successful Cadet will also receive a suitably engraved commemorative medallion.



More announcements on the Tingira Award will be made in due course.

Memorial Plaque Relocated

Those who are familiar with the layout of the memorial garden prior to the construction of the JR Memorial will recall the existence of a Memorial Plaque on a large granite boulder at the site.



Following approval to construct the JR Memorial, Leeuwin Barracks staff kindly allowed the old memorial plaque to be relocated. The size of the boulder presented some problems that would not allow it to be retained in the area of the garden. In recent weeks the JR Memorial Fund has undertaken work to have the plaque remounted on a smaller granite slab and set on a plinth at the base of the mast.



Chief of Navy attends Remembrance Day Ceremony 2010



Chief of Navy takes the salute at the Remembrance Day Ceremony JR Memorial

The site of the Junior Recruit at Leeuwin Barracks was used on Remembrance Day this year. Those serving at the barracks, including RAN members formed a Cataphalt Guard for the ceremony. As part of the ceremony the newly relocated general memorial plaque (see above) was re-dedicated by the Barracks Chaplain Reverend David Jackson.



Chief of Navy meets with Legacy widows at the Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Chief of Navy Vice Admiral RH Crane who was in WA on other business and took time out to attend the ceremony held at the JR Memorial along with other ex JR's, staff from Leeuwin Barracks and a group of Legacy widows who were invited to attend morning tea in the drill hall.



HMAS *Cerberus* Junior Recruits

There were two intakes of Junior Recruits at HMAS *Cerberus* during 1963/1964 who undertook training identical to that at HMAS *Leeuwin*. Those who entered at *Cerberus* would have under normal circumstances gone to *Leeuwin* however the facilities there were not capable of meeting the demand and two intakes were located at Crib Point as an interim measure.

The 50th anniversary of the *Cerberus* intake will take place in 2013 and a number of ex JR's have been approached to begin the task of organising an event. Discussions in WA in July with a number of ex *Cerberus* JR have indicated a high level of interest and we expect that planning for this will begin shortly.

Some discussions have been undertaken with staff at *Cerberus* about the commemoration of the scheme as it was at that site and the JR Memorial Fund is to provide a suitable bronze commemorative plaque for the occasion. It has been suggested that this be placed in the lawn near the Chapel where a number of similar commemorative plaques are located.

Historically *Cerberus* has a strong relationship with *Tingira*. When HMAS *Tingira* was decommissioned the training of sailors was established at the *Flinders Naval Depot* site and some artefacts from *Tingira* were stored there including the ship's figurehead. There is a memorial to HMAS *Tingira* immediately outside the main gate.



Tingira Memorial Crib Point

Those ex *Cerberus* JR's who would like to be involved in the 50th anniversary work should contact me by email.



***A Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year
To all of our readers***



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