

# Far East Strategic Reserve (FESR) War Memorial Foundation Inc.

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## PROGRESS TOWARD THE FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE (FESR) WAR MEMORIAL

This is an open letter to all members of the ships companies of current operational ships that bear the same name as those in which we served when we served in the Malaya Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation with the RAN.

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1st Lieut HMAS Anzac

You may not be aware that we, as a combined grouping of veteran associations, have for some years been working together to raise funds to get the design process up and running for our proposed memorial, which is to be placed in the Sculpture Garden of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra to commemorate our service.

To get the design procedures underway we require some \$50,000.

We have over those years tried many methods of fund raising, and at this time have raised in excess of \$37,000 plus we hold over \$2,000 in administration funds.

We have raised funds from members of all of the State Divisions of our various Associations, State Divisions of various RSLs, individual veterans, private individuals and other service and business contributors.

We recently received donations of \$1000 from an ACT/NSW Branch of an Army association towards the Memorial Fund and a further \$1000 from them and also \$1000 from a Victorian Naval Association. These latter two donations are specifically directed toward administration costs which are expected to increase during the next fundraising stage. An application is with DVA at the moment for a grant to build a website to support and promote our fund raising efforts.

We currently have a very strong working relationship with the executive of the Victorian State Division of the RSL. The CEO, Brig. Michael Annett CSC gave a very extensive and supportive talk at the recent National AGM of the FESR Navy Association.

The State President, Dr. Robert Webster OAM and Brig. Annett have both agreed to be two of three Champions that I have suggested we should have to act as a driving force when it comes to high level fund raising.

We are currently in negotiation with a number of potential candidates to fill the third Champion position.

Over the years we have been collecting for this memorial we have been told “That’s a lot of money you are trying to raise” and “We won’t donate until we are sure the project will go ahead.”

Yes, several hundred thousand is a lot of money but we have had many obstacles placed before us and we have overcome each of them in turn. We, as a Committee, are determined to see this project through and the \$50k barrier being achieved will open up the doors to Corporate and Government support.

Today we are closer than on any previous occasion to getting that \$50k to set the design phase in motion, so to those of you that are serving today we invite you to donate now and help us who served in the past to reach this milestone.

Now is the time for all of our Associations to get together as one and support our one cause - our own Tri Service Memorial in Canberra.

We are inviting all of the current serving members of our three services Navy, Army and Air Force that are linked, through history, with our service to consider supporting us to achieve this most important goal.

Once we break into the world of large donations we would not expect to be called upon again as we will be on the doorstep of our FIRST \$100,000.00 Commonwealth Grant.

**Donations** may be made direct to the Australian War Memorial through the following:

Bank:	National Australia Bank
Account Name:	Australian War Memorial Fund Account
BSB:	082-902
Account Number:	03501 8614
Reference:	11140 FESR

Any individual or company that makes a donation will need to provide their name, address and direct bank deposit details to the AWM bank account to ensure they receive their receipt. The address for correspondence in respect of **substantial donations** to the FESR War Memorial with the AWM is:

Australian War Memorial  
Chris Chapman  
Acting Head, Finance  
GPO Box 345  
**CANBERRA ACT 2601**

**Donations** can also be made through the FESR War Memorial Foundation. **Cheques** should be made payable to the **FESR War Memorial Foundation Inc.** and posted to the following address:

FESR War Memorial Foundation Inc.  
PO Box 1038  
**HAWTHORN BC VIC 3122**

To enable us to send you a receipt acknowledging your kind donation to the building of the Far East Strategic Reserve War Memorial you will need to provide us with your name and address.

All donations in excess of \$2.00 are Tax Deductable and the Australian War Memorial will provide the appropriate tax deductible receipts if details of the donor's name and address are provided.

In closing it may be prudent to point out that among the first to donate to this project have been widows and families of ADF personnel of the FESR who paid the ultimate price in service to their country.

If anybody needs more details on any matters in this Bulletin please give me a call.

Your assistance and support will help make this Memorial to our service become a reality.



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