

# Wall of Service Plaque – Information & Application

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Serving and ex-serving members of the RAN Fleet Air Arm (FAA) and other ex-serving personnel attached to FAA units now have the opportunity to have a bronze plaque denoting their service mounted on a wall just outside the Fleet Air Arm Museum at HMAS Albatross.

## General Information



The plaques are simple - cast in bronze and denoting the member's name (with decorations and awards), rank/rate, official number, date of entry/date of discharge, and with a logo (modified) of the Fleet Air Arm Association with the acronym 'RAN' replacing the word 'Association'. They are half brick in size and are permanently affixed to a commemorative brick wall.

The plaques indicate Service to the FAA. They are not memorials and you do not have to be deceased to have one.

The layout of the plaque is locked in, there are no 'nick-names' and the listed name is as was on the records of the RAN. All plaques are similar and no alterations to the format will be accepted. This is to ensure that everyone stays "equal" and the Wall stays in state that is in keeping with the service we all were part of.

Groups of old classmates, relations or just good friends can be placed side-by-side as long as the plaques are ordered at the same time.

A plaque could be a very good present for someone 'who has everything' or 'is hard to buy for' and would certainly be a nostalgic surprise. If you have any ex-service (FAA) friends who have not heard of the scheme, please mention it to them.

To keep the costs and paperwork to a minimum plaques are ordered from the foundry in lots of not less than 12, so there may be a delay between your application and its production. Notification of the actual affixing is by *Slipstream*, the FAAAA magazine, or via Email.

## Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria apply (If in doubt, please check with the FAAAA Secretary):

- Must have been or is a current member of the FAA and been posted to a unit of it – for example, Stores, Victualling, Cooks, Writers, Stewards and conforming RAAF/ARA personnel who were posted (drafted) to actual Squadrons.
- CBGLO is also a qualifying posting, but a posting to AJASS is not as they were not actual squadron personnel.
- RN members who served with the RAN on loan are also eligible as long as they were actually posted or attached to an FAA unit.
- Allied Forces personnel on Exchange Posting to an RAN FAA billet/unit also qualify.
- Duration of service is **not** a factor.
- Postings to Ships' Companies, even if air capable, are **not** sufficient. It must be to an FAA unit.
- You do not need to be a member of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia (FAAAA) but there is a significant price discount if you are.

## Policy

- Applications for a plaque must be made by the person whose name will appear on the plaque, unless they are deceased.
- If the member is deceased an application may be made by a third party but only with the specific approval of the Next of Kin. If the person making the application is a full member, then the members' discount will apply to the deceased person's plaque.
- The layout of the plaque is 'locked in'. No changes to the format will be accepted. This is to ensure the symmetry of the plaques and that everyone is treated equally. Please note also that 'nick-names' or other abbreviations cannot be accepted.
- The Wall does not differentiate by rank and the plaques are mounted on a 'first in, first up' basis. An Admiral can therefore be alongside a Naval Airman (or Seaman in today's language).
- Groups of old classmates, relations or just good friends can be placed adjacent to each other as long as the Plaques are ordered at the same time.
- Plaques are ordered from the foundry in lots of 12 or more, so there may be a significant delay from the date of your application until your plaque is affixed.
- When new plaques are fixed to the wall an article is placed in the next *Slipstream* magazine. You can be notified by email if you elect to do so on the application form.

## Approval Process

Approval for inclusion on the Wall of Service is granted by the Executive Committee of the NSW Branch of the FAAAA. The Committee may request additional or more precise information to assist in their determination. If your application is rejected you will receive a full refund of your application fee. You may also appeal the decision by writing to the Committee at the address below.

## Notification

Once your plaque is affixed to the Wall of Service, notification is normally in the next issue of Slipstream magazine, which is available to paid-up members of the Association. If you prefer you can ask for an email notification by clicking in the 'email' box towards the end of the application form. Updates will also appear in our monthly newsletter 'FlyBy'.

## Cost and Payment

The cost of each plaque is **\$200.00 for FAAAA members**, which includes fitting to the wall. If you are not a member of the FAAAA the cost is **\$250.00** but this will also include a minimum of 12 months of membership to the NSW Division of the Association.

Payment is required at the time of application. As you are submitting your application on paper, you can simply attach a cheque or money order (see box below) and post it to us. Your application will be processed once we have received your order and your payment has been cleared. If your application is subsequently rejected you will receive a full refund.

A cheque made out to "The Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia" and sent to:  
The Administrator, Wall of Service  
PO Box 4022  
East Nowra Post Office NSW 2540

**Any Questions? Go to our website:**  
<http://www.faaaa.asn.au>  
and use the 'Contact Us' box

# APPLICATION FORM FOR FLEET AIR ARM WALL OF SERVICE PLAQUE

**PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY – ERRORS CANNOT BE CORRECTED AFTER THE ORDER IS SUBMITTED**

## Identity Check:

Are you a member of the FAAAA?  Yes /  No (Circle one)  
If you are **not** a member, then payment of the full fee will entitle you to one year's membership of the FAAAA NSW Division.  
Please indicate how you'd like to receive the free "Slipstream" magazine:  Hardcopy /  Softcopy (Circle one)

Are you the person whose name will appear on the Plaque?  Yes /  No (Circle one)

If **NO**, what is your name and phone No? .....

*Note: If NO, a letter/email must be attached from the Next of Kin, giving approval for the plaque.*

## Details to go on the Plaque:

First Name.....

Surname.....

Official (Service) Number .....

Specialisation/Category.....

Highest Achieved Rank/Rate .....

Period of Service From..... To.....

Qualifying FAA Service .....

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## Your Contact & Payment Details:

Address .....

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Phone: .....

Email (print clearly):.....

I have attached a cheque for \$ .....

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK OF THE CHQ**

**Certification:**

I certify that the above details are correct.

Signed

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**Notification:**

Please notify me by email:

Please include a photo:

Send form and payment to:

The WoS Administrator, PO Box 4022  
East Nowra Post Office NSW 2540