

Barrow Memorial Service held for World War One Submarine Crews



The Barrow community came together last weekend to honour the lives of crew members who went down with two locally-built submarines.

A Re-dedication Service was held at the Barrow Memorial on Sunday, September 14th in tribute to the WWI Australian submarines AE1 and AE2. This date was chosen because it was the 111th Anniversary of the loss of Submarine AE1 – the first Submarine loss of WWI

These were the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) first two submarines, built by the Vickers Shipyard in Barrow and commissioned into Service in February 1914.





The Service of Rededication was organised by the Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association in conjunction with the Barrow Town Council and BAE.

It was also the Unveiling Ceremony of a QR Code Plaque - sited centrally at the foot of the Memorial - enabling access to an 'Online Book of Remembrance' (OBOR) listing all Submariners lost in Royal Navy Submarines.

The OBOR is an ongoing project by the 'Society Of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum' to record the story of all those lost Submariners - also allowing family and friends to contribute their memories. The QR Code Plaque was provided by the 'Friends' and the black marble plinth on which it is mounted was funded by BAE.

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