

Unveiling Boots at the Cenotaph

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On 25 April 2021 a pair of boots were unveiled at the Riverstone War Memorial. The boots are now a permanent part of the Memorial, a legacy of the Cenotaph 100 commemorative events, held at the time of the centenary of the Memorial in 2019. The following posts from the Cenotaph 100 Facebook page capture the story of the boots and their unveiling.

18 April 2021

Looking forward to unveiling these replica Diggers boots from World War 1 on ANZAC Day this year (don't worry, they're not finished yet!). Couldn't have done it without the generous support from the businesses of Riverstone's Chamber of Commerce, and particularly

Blacktown City Council Mayor Tony Bleasdale, and the Riverstone RSL Sub-Branch. The idea? A permanent reminder and tribute to the countless people who stood on the platform and served their country, from the steadfast and remarkable community that is Riverstone. A massive thanks to James Downey for the boots, which sculptor Val Jelobinski of Sydney Sculpture Studio has replicated, down to the stitching and laces. 7 days and counting... 🇦🇺 🙏



18 April 2021. Val Jelobinski of Sydney Sculpture Studio. Photo: Cenotaph 100 Facebook page.



The newly unveiled boots on Anzac Day. Photo: Rosemary Phillis.

23 April 2021

Thanks to Kerry Rogers of Repurpose Australia for this free work, getting ready for Sunday's unveiling. Kerry is one of our tenants in Riverstone Business Park, and made the Sydney Sprinter we see when we drive past our Olympic Stadium at Homebush. Very talented, all round good bloke.

25 April 2021

With great community pride and respect we bring you Riverstone's Version of ANZAC Day 2021. Thank you to the Riverstone Chamber of Commerce Members, the Riverstone-Schofields-RSL-sub-Branch and Blacktown City Council for their generous donations

Today we mark another day of Riverstone's Fighting Spirit and commemorate the courage of our local heroes, as we pay tribute to all those that left home here in Riverstone to serve not only our community but our country.

Lest We Forget

(The boots have been removed this morning and will be professionally installed on Monday)



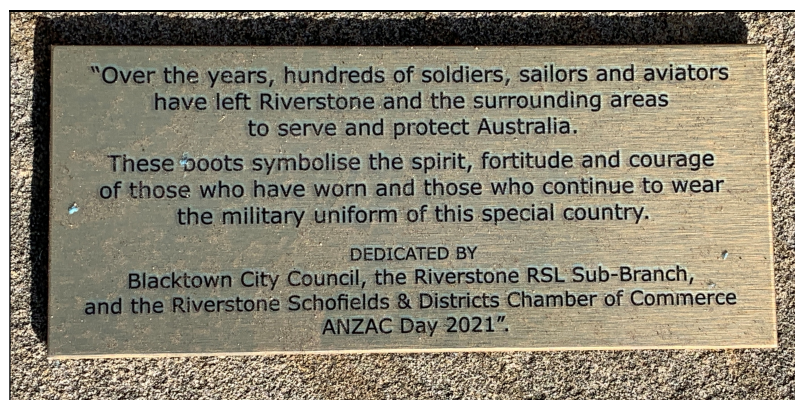
April 2021 the boots after Anzac Day.

Photo: Rosemary Phillis.

27 April

The boots are now in place and "on parade". They serve as a permanent reminder of the human sacrifice that countless soldiers, sailors and airmen and women have made, and will continue to make, serving this special country. With each other, with their mates, for us. Tell your friends, and explain what they mean, so our Community stands guard over their legacy.

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A plaque was added to the boots in July 2021.

Photo: Rosemary Phillis.