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## 2020 JR REUNION

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## ANZAC DAY 2019

*Tingira Boys - On The March Nationally*

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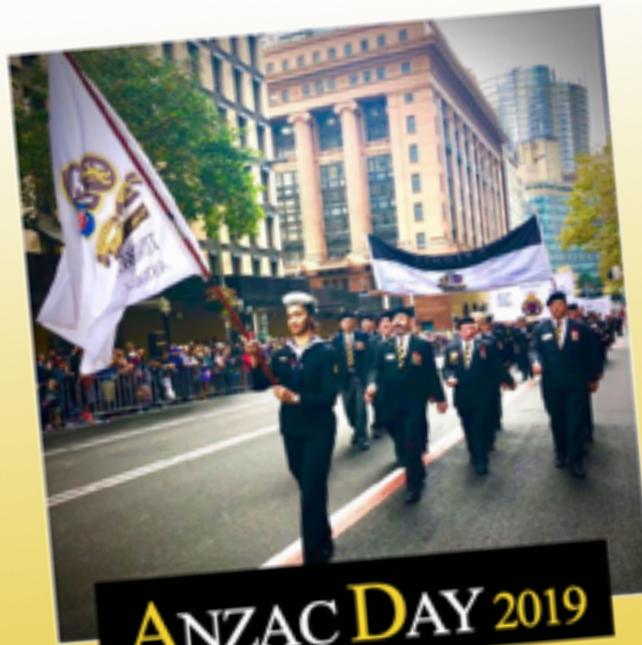


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2020 JR Reunion sub committee members Jeff Wake, Paul Kalazich and George Daniel hold the Tingira banner high in the middle of WA's OPTUS Oval after the venue is secured for the 2020 reunion Diamond anniversary dinner on the final night of the reunion.

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Thursday 25 April 2019

# PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

## Annual Reports - Words & Meanings - Our History



**Lance Ker**  
Tingira President

*Recently I wrote this review for the 2018 Annual Report.  
The committee members suggested 'it needed to go to the full membership and beyond'.  
Reproduced is m review of 2018 with a 1,000 odd words of "what we do"  
enjoy the read, we love our work!*

*Cheers Lance*

**"**The year in review 2018, this shouldn't take to long!  
ANZAC Day, Tingira Day, ANZAC Memorial Centenary dedication, now what else did we do? Secretary, some help please!

**AUSTRALIA DAY** - Rose Bay, Sydney, Tingira Memorial 7am, Tingira committee members break out the flag deck locker and complete the full 'dress ship' for a short ceremony at 8am, raising a new Tingira flag to fly for the following 12 months. Many of the local community members having morning beachside BBQ's join in. This year one old chap came up introduced himself, former XO HMAS Leeuwin 1968, and XO HMAS Melbourne in his day, loved our work and the great tradition of dress ship for 'happy times'.

**ANNUAL REPORT** - Well that doesn't just fall of the back of a truck. Treasurer Chris Parr and Secretary Mark Lee spend many hours with our accountant Artin Etmekdjian, stocktake our merchandise, crunching the income and expenditure numbers on the keyboards, balancing against the bank statements then combining into the graphic design of the 16 page Annual Report document. Patron Russ Crane emails his 750 words in between fishing deployments. We also print at Sydney ASAP printers, 100 hard copies of the report. One copy is delivered with every merchandise order - we believe it's good PR for new members and second time merchant customers! NSW Fair Trading forms are completed and submitted to the authority, lastly the

Annual Report PDF is formatted and sent to Arizonia for uploading to our website after it is presented at the Annual General Meeting. That's all done by the committee team over the Christmas break, every year.

**STONEHAVEN MEDAL** - Tingira Vice President, Stephen Beal gives us the heads up, joint winners for the second Stonehaven Medal that we intend to present on ANZAC Day. A few phone calls between Perth and Brisbane and an amazing circumstance arises. Winner, Phillip Lancaster from Perth and winner David Cassidy from Brisbane are reunited with their former JR shipmate Mick Sharp, who they assisted to raise funds for his successful brain surgery several years ago. I drove from Coral Coast, Queensland, Secretary Mark Lee flew from Sydney, Phillip Lancaster caught the late night red eye from Perth. The Secretary had us all assembled on the flybridge of the former HMAS Diamantina at the Brisbane Maritime Museum for the presentation with local families present. It was the highlight of my days as Tingira President so far, just brilliant there were tears all round! BZ Team Tingira!

**ANZAC DAY PLANNING** - The Secretary goes into overdrive here with LJR's set upon in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth to march our banner and fly our flag on this most commemorated veterans national day. It's also the birthday the original HMAS Tingira when she was commissioned on 25 April 1912.



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We now have our own Tingira Day, the birthday that celebrates the first day of the first intake at HMAS Leeuwin, 13 July 1960. The Secretary and the LJR's spend many days and weeks working with statewide RSL representatives to get the details and form up destinations in place. The national 'Tingira ANZAC Day guide' for the march is a great production the LJR team produce during February to keep us all on track for the event. Many Tingira members drop in on interstate groups on the day due to these published details.

**ANZAC DAY** - It's a long day for us all that march, however one of great camaraderie for all who participate. Berets and Pussers rum, what a way to reunite with shipmates! After seven years of marching in Sydney alone the new friendships many of the wives and families members have made has been an awesome achievement by the association. I believe we have finally matured as an association and accept all JR's as part of our brotherhood who shared in those first days of our recruit life in the navy. It makes me feel very proud when I pull on my beret and blue badge for the ANZAC Day march each year with the Tingira banner and flag flying high amongst our fellow naval associations. My march in Perth for 2018 was as good as any other I have experienced with the Tingira members.

**AGM** - Held within six months from our last trading day in our financial year, which is December 31 annually. We try to take this meeting on the road and drop in with some of the Junior Recruit intake reunions. We did this in 2016 to Canberra for the 46th intake reunion, deploying the Tingira bell and recruiting some new members along the way. Last year I went to Perth for ANZAC Day. Vice President Stephen Beal flew into Sydney from Adelaide at his own cost, took the Tingira helm and conducted the AGM after he led the boys in the March down Elizabeth Street, BZ that man! Picture front cover this years ANZAC Day booklet.

**CORAL SEA - CANBERRA** - For the past six years Tingira Australia Association have laid a wreath at the Coral Sea commemoration, Canberra. As our ship Tingira never saw sea service during the war years, many of her boy recruits saw their first sea service in WWI participating in the 'Battle for the Coral Sea' on board HMAS Australia.

**TS TINGIRA - HMAS CERBERUS** - Several Victorian Tingira members are invited to see the first intake of new TS Tingira Australian Naval Cadets present their marching and parade ground skills at the first Saturday morning of winter on the hallowed rectangle, the HMAS Cerberus parade ground, with friends and family looking on very proudly.

**TINGIRA NATIONAL BIRTHDAY** - It all starts in the Beecroft family kitchen when Navy chef, Leading Seaman Mitchell Lee, knocks up eight TINGIRA birthday cakes annually. Format may be different in 2019 as the lad has just sailed onboard HMAS Canberra for seven months Asia deployment! The cakes are delivered for 2018.

**TINGIRA DAY** - 7am on this day 13 July, Tingira Memorial, Sydney. Tingira dedicated committee members break out the flag deck and complete the full 'dress ship' for a short

ceremony at 8am. The LJR's come to light again after sunset at 6pm nationally. Celebrating the first intake that walked through those gates in East Fremantle to join HMAS Leeuwin and the navy way of life for the voyage of their lifetime! Wreath laying ceremony at Tingira memorial, Sydney, A national party with birthday cake is the order of the day with 'happy birthday' sung with a national Facetime hookup at 8pm, lots of fun and friendships on the night!

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** - We have two meetings most years, every six months approximately. The July meeting was very special in 2018. Our Patron, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, put a motion on the table, *"That Tingira Australia Association should consider to conduct the 60th Diamond Jubilee birthday reunion in Perth on 13 July 2020"* - motion passed unanimously! Secretary Mark Lee rolled his eyes and invented a new word "TEAM TINGIRA" and instantly formed a sub-committee of reunion members, including all committee members, to assist, all going well so far! Our meetings are brief and accurate with video hook ups to the members in the West, again Steven Beal fly's in at his own cost to the Sydney meetings from Adelaide, Secretary provides dinner and B&B for all, its life a big family after three years with this team!

**ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY COMMEMORATION** The committee gathers for one last big REUNION meeting on the 10th day of November. It's all good on the newsfront as the navy have responded from the deputy Chief of Navy to give full support to Tingira for the planned 2020 JR Reunion. Then at razor sharpe 8am on a Sunday morning, Secretary Dixie Lee has us all showered and shaved, polished medals, poppy Tingira tie and set to go. Coffee all round and the lads with partners set off to the local Beecroft Train station en route to Martin Place, Sydney. Tingira committee made our own special dedication to WW1 TINGIRA Boy, John Varcoe, see front cover pic, with our beautiful centenary life buoy wreath made by Len Gallo of Ryde. The lads marched as a team down the construction site of George Street Sydney's towards ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park. After a hot Sunday morning commemoration service, The Tingira boys were introduced to VIP party, the committee laid our Tingira wreath at the 'Pool of Reflection' Anzac Memorial. This was truly a big day for us as an association, we gathered local media PR and received a large following on social media from our members and visitors nationally, big BZ all round.

**TEAM TINGIRA** - Is well oiled at this stage. The 2020 JR Reunion sub-committee has many years of event management experience between them, with our resources we plan to deliver a great event as we say a final farewell to HMAS Leeuwin on the Swan River, East Fremantle. When she is finally sold some time after 2023 we believe, old Leeuwin will take on a very different look in the decades ahead. However the JR Memorial will still stand and *"Tingira will live on forever"* — as our original 1912 HMAS Tingira junior sailors at Rose Bay would say in loud voice from the wooden upper deck!

**2018** - Was our past, today is the present and tomorrow our future, these words and meanings are our history! The year was a warm up for what lays ahead, we look forward to the challenge, roll on July 2020, the Reunion is our big focus hurdle for this year!



# 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## CALL THE HANDS

You Hear There - Members, Associates and Friends ...

The Tingira Australia Association will hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25 April 2019 at approximately 1130 hours at the Primus Hotel, Pitt Street, Sydney, in the main foyer lounge, after the ANZAC march, presenting the Annual Reports from President, Secretary and Treasurer, presenting General Business as received and submitted to the Secretary by the 'Close of Business', Friday 19 April 2019 only via email:  
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**Mark Lee**  
Secretary  
Tingira Australia Association  
1st December 2018



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# LEEWIN BOATSHED

East Fremantle's Riverside Road Landmark



*Former Junior Recruit and well known Perth identity, Roy Stall, recently joined the 2020 JR Reunion sub committee and told us of his most recent visit to the old Leeuwin boat shed along Riverside Road.*

*"Few pics and some words" requested the VoicePipe editor from his Sydney desktop.*

*Roy delivers - enjoy his journey down memory lane*



*“From the earliest days of the operation of the Junior Recruit Training Establishment the Boatshed, located several hundred meters west of the ‘gangway’ and entry to HMAS LEEUWIN in Riverside Road, East Fremantle, was an integral part of the training program at the base for JR’s.*



*After some basic theoretical training in boat handling and seamanship we were soon introduced to those heavy, bulky 27-foot ‘Montague’ whalers. We learned the difference between the stems and sterns, we learned about thwarts, tillers, rudders, drop keels, gaff rigs, rowlocks and oars. We also learned to pronounce items properly, e.g., rowlocks were ‘rollicks’, and gunwhales were ‘gunnels’. Added to our vocabulary were ‘carvel’, ‘clinker’, and ‘hard chine’ hulls.*

*The solid timber masts of the whalers were heavy and cumbersome and the canvas sails were often stiff and unyielding. The sheets and shrouds were manila hemp rope, not synthetic. Not surprising these vessels, while sturdy and usually long-lasting, ‘sailed like a brick,’ compared to modern dinghies and skiffs.*

*My own memory of the place is somewhat hazy, given that 58 years have passed since my first visit there, as a 16-year-old.*

*Other ex-JRs may recall that we always marched ‘on the double’ between the gates at HMAS LEEUWIN and that always got the blood flowing.*

*Via a recent contact on Facebook in the “HMAS LEEUWIN Junior Recruits” pages I was fortunate enough to be put in contact with Laurie Adams, the current Manager of Safety Education at the Boatshed, now managed by the WA Department of Transport.*

*And so on Thursday 7 February 2019 I made a nostalgic visit to the shed and had a tour of the current facility. Well, it would have passed ‘Captain’s inspection’ as it was neat, clean, tidy and well organised.*



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*There are several small offices, a place for theoretical instruction and teaching, and adequate storage for the range of canoes, lifejackets, and other paraphernalia one would expect to find. By the way, the davits on the main jetty are still there but rarely used, I was told.*

*These days the Boatshed aims to provide marine safety programs for school and community groups, develop safety materials, and also train marine safety educators. To ensure its viability, fees are charged for access as well as 'staff assistance'. (Details can be obtained from their website, easily found via Google.)*

*The photographs show the improvements and alterations made to the 'Navy boatshed' we used and it's interesting to compare them with how it was in our day. Many of us will also recall using the 43-foot workboats (especially on trips to Garden Island) and their reliable Gray Marine Diesel engines, as well as the old SDB1325, now on the bottom of Cockburn Sound.*

*Perhaps another visit could be arranged for the individual intakes by their LJR's when the 2020 JR Reunion comes to the shores of the Swan River East Fremantle?"*



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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Lance Ker  
President, Tingira Australia Assoc





# 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Tingira President, Lance Ker**

"Today we celebrate Australia Day. The Australian Flag flying high atop the mast of Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle, Western Australia and atop the mast of Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, New South Wales with the memorial also dressed in nautical signal flags at 'full ship' in true naval tradition. It is appropriate on this special occasion that I am proud and privileged as President of Tingira Australia Association and on behalf of our committee, to announce - TINGIRA AUSTRALIA members and all former Junior Recruits of HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Cerberus, are invited to unite for the celebration of the 60th Diamond Jubilee of the Junior Recruit Training Scheme with the 2020 JR Reunion to be held in Perth on the second weekend of July 2020."

Deputy Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN has given his full commitment towards the Tingira Australia Association to make this historical Junior Recruit reunion a great success for all members incorporating navy local level support during the Western Australia activities in July 2020.

The opening reunion event will be held in East Fremantle, commencing Thursday 9 July 2020 with RAN Naval Ceremonial Sunset Service, followed by a 'meet and greet' function of the former Junior Recruits at their original navy base on the Swan River, HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle.

This will be the last occasion that the former Junior Recruits will be able to gather in the Leeuwin establishment in its present status. Leeuwin Barracks as it is known today, is presently in use by the Australian Army. The base will be sold by the Federal government in the near future when Army move their operations to new facilities. The site is expected to be re-developed to become part of the local East Fremantle suburban community.

Planning is under way with the RAN and Fremantle local government authorities to conduct a daytime local tribute 'Naval Salute - Leeuwin Junior Recruits' on Friday 10 July, in the Fremantle port district.

13,000 15-16 year old boys trained at the HMAS Leeuwin establishment from 1960 to 1984 for the start of their naval careers. This was part of a great navy tradition following on from the 3,000 'Tingira Boys' who in 1912 also aged 15, trained on board the navy's first training ship, HMAS TINGIRA, anchored in Rose Bay, Sydney, before they commenced their naval careers, of which many served in both World Wars of 20th century.

Many of the former Junior Recruits that formed the 89 intakes during the period from 1960 to 1984, will unite with intake reunions of their former shipmates over the Saturday and Sunday that weekend. Many will also link up with former sponsors, that were like second parents to them on weekend leave periods during the 12 month training at the HMAS Leeuwin base.

On the final night of the reunion, Monday 13 July - 'Diamond Jubilee' 60th birthday dinner to be held at the new Optus Stadium to conclude the five day event. This birthday dinner celebrates the Junior Recruits birthday on the occasion when the first intake of Junior Recruits entered HMAS Leeuwin, 13 July 1960.

Complete details and booking procedures for Tingira Australia members and former Junior Recruits for the '2020 JR Reunion' will be released in early May, with all communications posted on the TINGIRA website.

**ENDS RELEASE**

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From: Rear Admiral Mark D. Hammond, AM, RAN  
Deputy Chief of Navy

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Mr. Mark Lee  
Secretary Tingira Australia Association

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2018 to RADM Jonathan Mead, AM, RAN, Commander Australian Fleet, requesting Navy support to the Tingira Australia Association's Former Junior Recruit 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Reunion at Leeuwin Barracks, 6 to 13 July 2020. It is with great pleasure that I respond on his behalf to advise you that the Royal Australian Navy is able to provide local level support for your event.

Unfortunately, I am unable to align the 2020 Navy Week to your event. Navy Week is designed to celebrate Navy's current activities and is generally scheduled towards the end of the calendar year. Nevertheless, Navy looks forward to supporting your event in July.

I understand you have been in contact with my team and my point of contact remains the Director Navy Reputation Management, Commander Natasha Burney, RAN, on 02 6265 5059 or [natasha.burney@defence.gov.au](mailto:natasha.burney@defence.gov.au). Commander Burney will contact you shortly to confirm Navy's level of support and to provide you a HMAS *Stirling* point of contact.

I thank you for your efforts in recognising Navy's former Junior Recruits and their contribution to our Navy.

Yours Aye,

MD Hammond, AM  
Rear Admiral, Royal Australian Navy  
Deputy Chief of Navy

6 September 2018

# 2020 JR REUNION

JR's Unite - Leeuwin's Final Farewell



*The WA contingent of the 2020 JR Reunion Tingira sub-committee, Paul Kalazich, Jeff Wake and George Daniel at the new Western Australian OPTUS Stadium venue, where they secured the diamond anniversary dinner for the final night of the 2020 JR Reunion.*  
Photograph: Nadia Owen

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# 2019

## **STONEHAVEN MEDAL** **NOMINATIONS REQUIRED NOW**

Tingira Australia Association has set about to reward a member who has gone beyond the normal requirement of duty, either in navy, civil or community projects during the period of 2017.

If you know of a ship mate that has performed to an elite level, we need you to nominate him for this year's Stonehaven Medal. A brief explanation 100 - 500 words to describe the task is all that is required by the person making the nomination. Group projects are also encouraged to be nominated.

**Nominations close last mail Monday 6 May 2019**

Nominations to be sent via email only to:

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# FIFTY YEAR JR

## Feat for Chief Mobley

BY LEUT Ryan Zerbe



*Commander Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead presents Chief Petty Officer Mark Mobley with his Third Federation Star, marking 50 years of service with the Royal Australian Navy.*

In 1967 'The Monkees' were at the top of the charts, The Dirty Dozen was in cinemas, and teenager Mark Mobley from Blacktown, Sydney joined the Royal Australian Navy for a career that would span over 50 years.

Now a Chief Petty Officer, Mark received his third Federation Star from Commander Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead last week in front of his family and colleagues in recognition of five decades of service.

Chief Mobley said the compelling urge to put on a uniform and represent Australian remained strong.

"Every day I come to work is a career highlight. I still, after all this time, get a kick when I pull on my shirt and see the name of my country on the shoulder," he said.

"I was extremely gratified to have my years of service recognised in

the company of members of my family and my shipmates."

"A professional highlight was enlisting my younger son Alex as a sailor in 1996."

After his initial training at HMAS Leeuwin and first sea posting to HMAS Vendetta in 1968 as a Junior Recruit Writer, CPO Mobley undertook Initial Employment Training at HMAS Cerberus in 1969 and returned to Nirimba for consolidation training.

He posted to HMAS Stalwart (II) in November 1969 for 14 months then spent two years on the Fleet Writer Team, moving around the fleet, including to HMA Ships Sydney (III), Melbourne (II), Anzac (II), Yarra (III) and Swan (III).

CPO Mobley returned to Nirimba throughout the 1970s between postings to the Destroyer HMAS Vampire and the Oceanographic Research vessel HMAS Kimbla

before transferring to the Naval Police branch in 1977.

"My advice to new sailors starting their careers would be to learn the history of the Royal Australian Navy, learn the traditions and absorb the culture," he said.

CPO Mobley became a reservist in 1988 and has undertaken reserve service, often completing full-time stints of up to six years supporting Recruiting, New Generation Navy initiatives and Navy's Technical Training Unit.

He was also the penultimate Commanding Officer of the Naval Cadet Training Ship Campbelltown at Ingleburn.

CPO Mobley retained an affiliation with the Australian Defence Force in his civilian work as an Assistant Curator at the Naval Historical Collection and as Assistant Manager of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park.

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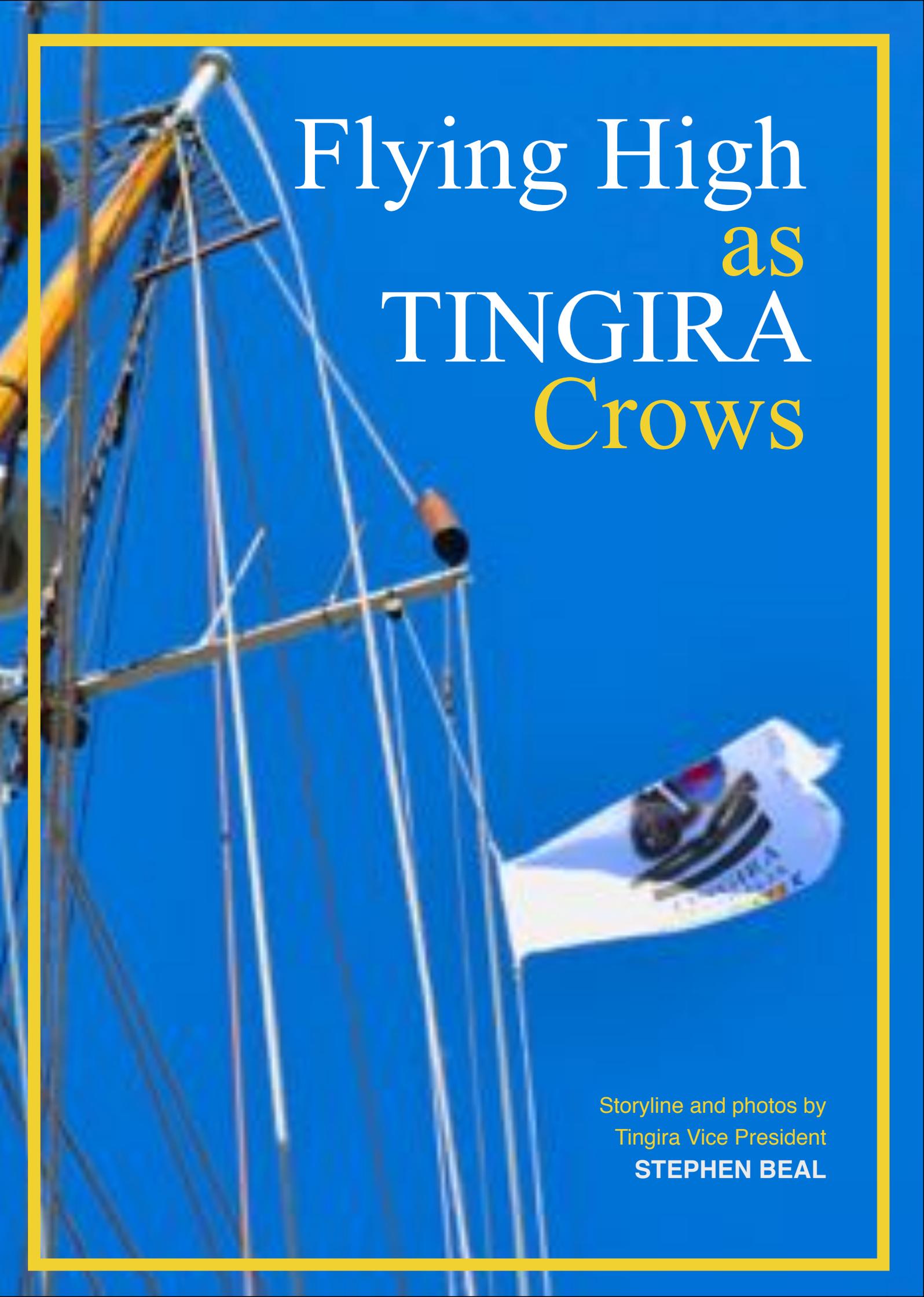
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# Flying High as TINGIRA Crows

Storyline and photos by  
Tingira Vice President  
**STEPHEN BEAL**

*“Tingira Australia Association, South Australia, was contacted in the early months of 2018 by a gentleman named Ian Vayne. Ian wanted to discuss a way of keeping the Tingira name afloat in South Australia. I made contact with Ian, over a cup of tea and we discovered Ian had a very close bond with Tingira, his grandfather, Roy Vayne, was an original Tingira Boy from 1914.*

*Born 1st Aug 1900 in Perth, Roy Vayne was one of many young Australian lads at 14 years of age who enlisted in the RAN for the 1915 February intake. After graduating from 12 months of seamanship training on the decks of HMAS Tingira, Roy spent the majority of WW1 serving on board HMAS Sydney. Late in 1916, Roy was drafted to serve with the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet in the North Sea, what an honour in his day.*

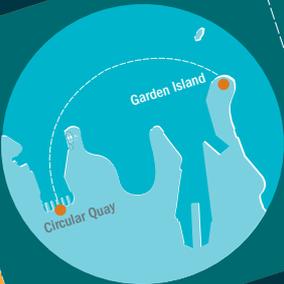
*Returning home after the war, Roy married in 1927. At the outbreak of WW11 Roy again served his country as part of the auxiliary service both in Adelaide and at HMAS Cerberus. Discharged on 31 July 1950 with the rank of Chief Petty Officer, Roy purchased an apple orchard in the Adelaide Hills living a full life until his final days in 1967.*

*Fast forward 2018 - He son Ian, is now the senior training officer at ABC – Boating Youth Programs – for Scouts Australia and talked of the idea to name the Scouts National Sailing School ‘Tingira’. Our national Tingira committee had no problem with the proposal, keeping the name Tingira on the nautical the sea lanes in South Australia is an impressive suggestion. The association gave Ian's group permission to use our Tingira name with his association as a rightful Tingira descendent.*

*On 12 Jan 2019, South Australian Tingira members were invited to the first Scouts National Sailing School graduation day at the Port Adelaide Sailing Club. However, before that big day the sailing team had another generous surprise for us. We were also invited to meet the scouts and their instructors on a day sailing on board the Sail Training Vessel ‘One and All’, a local South Australian tall ship.*



# IN PEACE & WAR



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*Mustering early on the wharf at Port Adelaide, Tingira members met with Ian and his crew of 25 young graduates from the Sailing School. The young sea scout crew were somewhat weary, they had been conducting sailing adventures for the previous week at the national scout jamboree on SA waterways, ship wrecked was a good description of a few, but we were up for a sail!*

*After a formal welcome by the captain, safety briefing and the official hoisting our Tingira Australia Association flag, "cast off" was the next order. My sailing legs were back in action on the wooden decks on the river Torrens as we headed for the horizon a far.*

*Under power through the huge swing bridge on the Port River, we motored out of the district, past a huge liner at Outer Harbour and to our delight a stiff 35 knot breeze was blowing via some rich blue sky, the weather gods were with us. This was the young scouts big day. They were all encouraged to get involved, climb masts, set sails and generally run the days voyage, There were VIP's on board, eyes watching every move and we were all very impressed!*

*Over the next 35 minutes, 11 of the ships sails were set high and strong, the small of canvas was strong, engine switched to off and heading through the gulf with wind in our sails. We reached speeds of 11.5 knots, (maximum speed ever achieved was 14) just a thrilling experience, the wind in my hair, I wish! Then for a tack, not an*

*easy manoeuvre but completed without incident, now heading to the Glenelg Beach. Another change of direction and we were back in the river heading for home, it was all to quick but I tasted the salt air and had many flashbacks as a quipped a few stories to the lads and scouts around us, ah those were the days!*

*Truly what a wonderful day and impressive crew of young people; enthusiastic, polite and interested in who we were and what Tingira Australia was all about, this really had my pulse going, this was Tingira from the old to the new, we were as proud a punch.*

*Then I had the honour, after a dinner cooked by the scouts, to present each of the 25 graduates with their black 'TINGIRA neckerchief', (a yellow and black neck scarf) to be proudly worn when in their sea scout uniform. A number of the graduates following soon after would be sailing the 'One and All' to Melbourne and then onto Hobart attending the Tasmanian Wooden Boat festival, these teens are onto a good thing!*

*As special thank you to Ian Vayne and his team, the new graduates of the Tingira Scout Sailing School and their dedicated instructors, the captain and crew of the One and All, Tingira members Werner Augsdorfer and Kevin Button with their partners for giving Tingira something to be really proud of, this is just the start of something big us in the crows nest down south, long live Tingira."*





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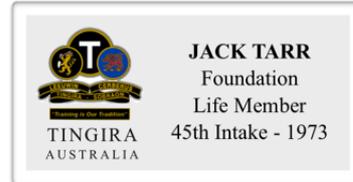
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# WHITE ENSIGN

Who Served Under Two Flags?



***A recent Facebook post with the above artwork asked the question, "who of us in the Junior Recruit era served under the two naval flags? Many JR's in the early days served both flags, the history of our Australian White Ensign is an interesting part of our history***

First used on RAN ships in 1967. A defaced British White Ensign without the cross. The cross is replaced with the Southern Cross and the Commonwealth Star/Federation Star.

The Australian White Ensign (also known as the Australian Naval Ensign or the Royal Australian Navy Ensign) is a naval ensign used by ships of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) from 1967 onwards.

From the formation of the RAN until 1967, Australian warships used the British White Ensign as their ensign. However, this led to situations where Australian vessels were mistaken for British ships, and when Australia became involved in the Vietnam War, the RAN was effectively fighting under the flag of another, uninvolved nation.

Proposals were made in 1965 for a unique Australian ensign, which was approved in 1966, and entered use in 1967.

The Australian White Ensign is identical in design to the Australian National Flag, but with the reversal of the blue background and the white Commonwealth Star and Southern Cross.

Before Australia's Federation, the Colonial navies flew the British Blue Ensign, defaced with the symbol of the relevant colony. When operating outside colonial waters, these ships had to be commissioned into the Royal Navy, and consequently flew the British White Ensign.

The British White Ensign was used as the ensign of the Royal Australian Navy from 1911 to 1967.

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Intake Number	Date of Entry	Date of Graduation	Number of Boys Entered (see note 1)	Total Number Graduated (see note 2)
<i>Ensigns</i>				
1	13 Jul 1960	16 Jun 1961	155	142
2	10 Jan 1961	13 Dec 1961	151	142
3	12 Jul 1961	15 Jun 1962	155	143
4	7 Jan 1962	12 Dec 1962	154	134
5	11 Jul 1962	12 Jan 1963	179	142
6	9 Jan 1963	11 Dec 1963	180	162
7	10 Jul 1963	10 Jan 1964	201	167
8	8 Jan 1964	9 Dec 1964	205	162
9	8 Jul 1964	9 Jun 1965	201	181
10	6 Jan 1965	8 Dec 1965	204	175
11	7 Apr 1965	30 Mar 1966	102	86
12	14 Jul 1965	8 Jun 1966	201	182
13	13 Oct 1965	4 Oct 1966	104	89
14	5 Jan 1966	7 Dec 1966	203	177
15	6 Apr 1966	29 Mar 1967	104	92
16	13 Jul 1966	7 Jun 1967	207	194
17	12 Oct 1966	3 Oct 1967	104	89
18	2 Jan 1967	6 Dec 1967	207	189

*Junior Recruits from the 1st to the 18th intake served under both flags pending they stayed on and did their time over that period.*

During the early 1900s, several British dominions, including Australia, began to campaign for the right to create naval forces independent of the Royal Navy, and capable of deploying outside territorial waters.

During the 1909 Imperial Conference, Canada and Australia campaigned for this, and suggested that these ships fly the British White Ensign, defaced with an emblem representing the dominion.

No binding decision was made on the matter. During the lead up to the creation of the RAN, the issue was raised again: Australian politicians and the public wanted Australian ships to fly a unique ensign, while the British Admiralty wanted them to fly the British White Ensign. Suggested Australian ensigns included the British ensign defaced with a blue Commonwealth Star, or a variant of the Australian national flag.

Australian warships used the national flag as an ensign until the formal creation of the RAN from the Commonwealth Naval Forces on 10 July 1911: ships were ordered to fly the British ensign, while the Australian flag was used as a jack to identify their nationality.

Australian warships regularly found themselves mistaken for their British counterparts. One attempt to alleviate this was made by the executive officer of HMAS Anzac during the Korean War, when he had a kangaroo-shaped 'weathervane' made and mounted to the destroyer's mainmast: this became the basis for the red kangaroo symbol fixed to the funnels or superstructure of major RAN vessels.

Australia's participation in the Vietnam War put the RAN in a difficult situation: the United Kingdom was not involved in the conflict, and RAN ships were effectively fighting under the flag of another, uninvolved nation.

During a Naval Estimates hearing in 1965, Victorian politician Samuel Benson voiced concern over the use of the British ensign by Australian ships on wartime deployments, and Donald Chipp, Minister for the Navy, announced that an Australian ensign was under consideration.

In 1966, Prime Minister Harold Holt added his support to the idea that a unique RAN ensign was required.

The First Naval Member of the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board, Sir Alan McNicoll, proposed two designs to the board members: one retaining the St George's Cross from the old ensign but replacing the Union Flag in the canton with the Australian flag, the other retaining the Union Flag and replacing the Cross with the six stars from the Australian flag.

McNicoll was in favour of retaining the Union Flag, and in January 1966, the Naval Board recommended that the second design for the new ensign. The design was approved under section five of the Australian Flags Act 1953. Royal Assent was granted to the new flag by Queen Elizabeth II on 7 November 1966, and its creation was formally announced by Prime Minister Holt on 23 December 1966.

The official changeover occurred on 1 March 1967, with all ships and establishments hoisting the new flag that day. The date was brought forward from 1 May 1967 to correspond with the commissioning of the chartered cargo ship Boonaroo, which became the first ship commissioned under the new ensign.

However, the frigate HMAS Stuart was the first to use the ensign, when the ship's company unofficially flew the flag on 25 December 1966 as part of shipboard Christmas Day celebrations while deployed to the Far East Strategic Reserve.

Only two RAN ships served in conflict under both the old and new ensigns: the aircraft carrier (later troopship) HMAS Sydney and the destroyer HMAS Vendetta.

Regulations for the use of the Australian White Ensign are detailed in Australian Book of Reference (ABR) 1834. Although the flag is normally reserved for use by

commissioned warships of the RAN, special dispensation has been granted to the museum vessels HMAS Vampire and HMAS Onslow, and the sail training ship Young Endeavour.

The Blue Ensign of the Australian Navy Cadets uses the Australian White Ensign in the canton.

**Battle Ensign** - During battle, commissioned ships of the RAN will fly a large Australian White Ensign at the foremast of single masted ships, and at the mainmast of two masted ships.

**Navy News March 1967** - Front and back cover below credits HMAS Hobart to be first to officially fly the new navy White Ensign.



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## MEMORIES - RAN Junior Recruits



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