



# TINGIRA

AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION





**TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Inc**  
ABN - 72 952 167 649

## **ANNUAL REPORT     2011 & 2012**

## PATRON'S REPORT



Tingira Patron  
Vice Admiral  
**RUSS CRANE**, AO, CSM RAN (RET)

**I**t is a great pleasure to see the very clear progress evident in our Annual Report. I want to congratulate all concerned in getting our Tingira Australia Association up and running in such quick time. There are many of our mates still out there who need to be engaged but the rising membership is something from which we should all gain enormous confidence.

I want to particularly thank and congratulate our President Chris Perrin, Vice President David Ruckett, Secretary Mark Lee, Treasurer/Webmaster Alan Rodgers along with Committee Members Chris Parr, Norm Wall and Neville Phillips for their leadership and commitment in getting the Association up and running and ready for the next step in our ongoing development. It is no easy task getting a bunch of ex sailors organised and I am sure there were times when each of them wondered whether they would achieve the aim.

Well gentlemen your efforts and dedication are now clearly evident in our most successful Tingira Australia Association membership and

you can all take enormous pride in what you have achieved to date. On behalf of all of us (ex JRs that is) BZ.

The journey for our Association however has really only just begun. Approximately 13,000 of us marched through the gates at HMAS Leeuwin or HMAS Cerberus between 1960 and 1984 so there are many more potential members in our society who would benefit from membership in our Association.

I had the pleasure of attending my own 32nd intake reunion in Coffs Harbour last year and I took the opportunity to brief all who attended on the Tingira Association Australia.

Interest was very high and hopefully this will translate to increased membership.

I know there are many JR reunions taking place from time to time around the country and I encourage all Tingira Australia members to spread the word and let's see if we can double the membership next year.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Tingira President  
**CHRIS PERRIN**

It is my great pleasure to present to you the inaugural Annual Report for Tingira Australia Association. I am sure you will find the information contained within this report interesting. Included you will find the 'Tingira Journey' that our Secretary has put together, the financials and of course the various office holder reports.

As a member you may wonder what has been going on, what we are doing and where we are going. It is a extremely difficult task to start an organisation from scratch. Apart from the obvious revenue required as a start up association, discerning the appropriate method or methods to interact with members and grapple with the need to build a purpose for membership; maintaining the momentum has been the most challenging for your volunteer committee.

In our busy lives it is sometimes easy to forget that there are some who work for us in their spare time. Our association is only a couple of years old. It was built on the ties made from shared experiences as boys turned into men by the Junior Recruit Training Scheme.

The seeds were germinated by the 50th anniversary reunion in Perth in 2010. I now call on representatives from all states and territories around Australia to consider helping your committee out and becoming a representative

for Tingira to assist us in spreading the camaraderie among our members and their families. We need help in organising ANZAC Day Marches in capital & regional cities and arranging other social events, no matter where on the island you are.

One of the unique things of our association is that we include our partners. Not just in our social gatherings but as members of the association. Funny that, we were taken from our families when we were just boys and found a family with our fellow JR's. It only seems right that we include our families in our memories of those happy times.

It has indeed been an honour to be the inaugural President of Tingira Australia Association. I will not be seeking re-election this year. I feel my job is done. We have set up a strong and vibrant association that will engage and embrace the Tingira spirit. I have decided to allow a new President to invigorate the association with fresh blood and enthusiasm.

May I thank your Vice President David Ruckert, your Secretary, Mark Lee; your Treasurer, Allan Rodgers; your committee Chris Parr, Norm Wall & Neville Phillips for their dedication and commitment to the association. If there was a President's commendation, then you would all get such an honour. I thank you sincerely.

## TINGIRA JOURNEY 2010 - 11

<b>10-10-10</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>Mark Lee and Vice Admiral Russ Crane meet to set a plan for setting up an association for all former junior recruits from HMAS Leeuwin. A steering committee is recruited with Chris Perrin taking the position of President.</p>
<b>1-1-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INCORPORATION &amp; CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>Tingira Australia Association Inc, logo and crest, constitution registered with NSW Dept of Fair Trading, steering committee appointed led by President Chris Perrin. Bank accounts established with WESTPAC by Treasure Alan Rogers.</p>
<b>2-1-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>START UP DONATION</b></p> <p>Treasurer deposits the first donation from the JR Reunion fund to assist with the establishment of Tingira Australia.</p>
<b>1-2-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR PATRON</b></p> <p>Former JR Vice Admiral Russ Crane AO, CSM RAN accepts the invitation to become the Patron to the Tingira Australia Association.</p>
<b>1-3-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISCOVERED - THE LAST TINGIRA</b></p> <p>Secretary discovers the last crew member of the original HMAS Tingira Dan Bowden is still alive and very healthy.</p>
<b>1-4-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEBSITE - <a href="http://tingira.org">tingira.org</a></b></p> <p>Website launched with newsletter content, links to other JR websites and a members only section.</p>
<b>1-4-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL</b></p> <p>Five levels of membership are launched with a special offer of a \$200 Life Membership opportunity. Associate members and friends have also been welcomed for allowing family members to become members of the association.</p>
<b>20-4-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RINGING HER BELL</b></p> <p>HMAS Tingira was the ship without a bell, the HMAS Leeuwin Bell is still missing, the association is born by christening their own bell, the TINGIRA Bell. Paton Vice Admiral Russ Crane performs the first ringing of the bell.</p>
<b>20-4-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Vice Admiral Russ Crane and Treasure Alan Rodgers are made Honorary Life Members of the association for their efforts with the JR reunion and the establishment of the Tingira Australia Association.</p>

## TINGIRA JOURNEY 2011

<b>1-5-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VOICE PIPE</b></p> <p>Secretary Mark Lee as Editor of 'Voice Pipe' the JR's newsletter continues to produce a minimum 24 page magazine quality publication approximately every six months for members. Email as a PDF version only, no costs involved.</p>
<b>1-5-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESIDENT MEETS DAN BOWDEN</b></p> <p>President Chris Perrin meets with Dan Bowden in Terrigal and realised we have a living treasure amongst us. Dan informs us we are known as the 'Tinny Boys'. Secretary Mark Lee conducts video interview and presents Dan Bowden with Honorary Life membership as he is taken to a nearby nursing home after a fall at home aged 101.</p>
<b>30-9-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA OPEN - SYDNEY HARBOUR</b></p> <p>Kayak racing on Sydney harbour name their race after Tingira as they start and finish from Lynn park site of the Tingira memorial. Association donates "The Bell" trophy in honour of Tingira Boys who were competitive sportsmen in local sports competitions at Rose Bay in the 1920's and Fremantle in the 60-70's.</p>
<b>1-10-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RIP - DAN BOWDEN</b></p> <p>Dan Bowen passed away two weeks before a special Tingira dinner was to be held in his honour. Minister for Veteran Affairs with many hundreds of locals and navy men attend Dan's Memorial Service, The last Tingira went in peace.</p>
<b>8-10-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA MEMORIAL PARK - ROSE BAY</b></p> <p>Searching the history of the original Tingira we discover a deep history when the original ship know as the Sobraon was in commission. The Tingira Memorial Park in Rose bay also is now on the radar. Tingira is 100 years old on 25 April 2012, commemoration and celebrations are in planning with Woollahra Council and Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch.</p>
<b>20-10-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA TIME CAPSULE</b></p> <p>Woollahra Mayor offers to assist with information on Tingira history. Leeuwin boys are invited to donate items for a proposed Time capsule of 'all things Tingira'.</p>
<b>11-11-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA ANNUAL DINNER</b></p> <p>Wardroom HMAS Penguin IN SYDNEY is the venue for the first formal annual Tingira Dinner. This was an annual event for the previous Tingira Old Boys Association who also kept their strong links with the local German attache as many Tingira boys served on HMAS Sydney who engaged the German ship Emden in the Coral Sea battle. The video of Dan Bowden's final interview with Mark Lee is the evening highlight.</p>
<b>23-12-11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEN DOBBIE - HONORARY LIFE MEMBER</b></p> <p>Ken Dobbie of tasmania was the driver behind the JR Memorial project at leeuwinn barracks in 2010. His efforts and continued support of the JR organisation reward him with Honorary Life membership of Tingira Australia Association.</p>



## TINGIRA JOURNEY 2012 - 13

<b>1-1-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEMBERSHIP GROWING</b></p> <p>167 Members join Tingira Australia Association in their first year. Secretary delivers new corporate style black and yellow tie with the 'White T' as the centrepiece for identification.</p>
<b>1-2-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINGIRA BOYS MARCH FOR 100th BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION</b></p> <p>ANZAC DAY March in Sydney, Tingira Boys to March with Patron to lead. Commemoration service at Tingira Memorial with celebration of Tingira 100th birthday at Club Rose Bay.</p>
<b>1-4-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED</b></p> <p>President Chris Perrin extends "foundation membership " for another 8 months as momentum grows in membership and the word is spreading of the ANZAC Day March.</p>
<b>1-2-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TINNY BOYS COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE CENTENARY</b></p> <p>The 'Tinny Boys' wear ties and berets marching behind their patron Vice Admiral Russ Crane in the Sydney ANZAC Day March. Able Seaman Mitchell Lee parades the original Tingira Flag. A vintage Sydney bus ride to Rose Bay, members and family guests arrive at Tingira memorial Service, dedication by the Patron. Secretary Mark Lee blows out the candles on the Tingira birthday cake, 100 years!</p>
<b>1-5-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAVY SEAPOWER DELIVERS</b></p> <p>Member John Perryman from RAN Sea power centre delivers hundreds of pages of Tingira history and former old Boys Association newsletters to Secretary. 200 Tingira digital images also available on loan for future reference.</p>
<b>1-6-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS</b></p> <p>After many months of meeting by email and phone, steering committee meets with Alan Rogers from Perth visiting eastern states. Long term plans established with major concern to get a representative leader in each state to grow, foster and accommodate functions locally.</p>
<b>1-11-12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLEET REVIEW IN SYDNEY 2013</b></p> <p>Members encouraged to join Navy activities and the 'Federation Ships' activities during the IFR with over 10,000 sailors expected to visit Sydney. A reunion was not for seeable as this is the navy event and a busy scheduled is planned with Sydney City Council.</p>
<b>1-1-13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP CLOSED</b></p> <p>167 Members join Tingira Australia Association in second year, 292 in total. Secretary calls first AGM for 24th April 2013, all positions vacant, President Chris Perrin will not stand for election. Sunset Service at Tingira Memorial with Presidents Dinner to follow. 'Tinny Boys' again join Sydney ANZAC Day March 2013. Two Cerberus intakes of JR's commemorate 50th anniversary in May 2013.</p>
<b>8-4-13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLESSING OF THE FLAG</b></p> <p>The blessing of the new Tingira Australia Flag - ANZAC Memorial Sydney, former JR's Mark Lee and Greg Read officiate at a Prayer Ceremony conducted by HMAS Sydney Association official Paster Bob Durbin, an Associate Member of Tingira Australia Association.</p>
<b>24-4-13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p>Members gather at Club Rosebay to elect first committee of Tingira Australia Association. President Chris Perrin hands over 'The Tingira Bell' for the weight to carry on for new committee. Members perform Sunset Service on Tingira Memorial Annual Tingira Dinner before members gather for ANZAC Day March in Sydney.</p>





**TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting**

To be held at 5pm - 1700 hours  
Wednesday, 24 April 2013  
Club Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW. Australia.

**Agenda**

1. Presidents Opening
2. President's Report - As presented per Annual Report - available on website 1/3/13
3. Treasurer's Report - As presented per Annual Report - available on website 1/3/13
4. Secretary's Report - As presented per Annual Report - available on website 1/3/13
5. Election of Office Bearers - *as per 15.2 Constitution*
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Secretary
  - e. Three (3) Committee positions
6. Next meeting to be held at 6pm on Thursday 24 April 2014

**APPLICATION FOR TINGIRA AUST ASSOC INC. 2013 COMMITTEE POSITION**

Nomination for Committee position on the **TINGIRA AUSTRALIA Association Inc.** Committee you must complete and send this form to the Secretary Mr. Mark Lee before the close of business on **4.30pm Friday 12th April 2013**. Email or mail only.

Only financial Members can apply for Committee positions, Associate members can not vote or hold office positions. You do not need to be at the meeting to be elected but you must nominate and submit this application

I \_\_\_\_\_ as a full 2013 financial member of the Tingira Australia Association apply to nominate for the following position on the Tingira Australia Assoc Committee for the year 2013-2014 and will abide by the Constitution of the Tingira Australia Association Inc.

*Circle intended position*

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICE PRESIDENT**
- **TREASURER**
- **SECRETARY**

- **COMMITTEE - 1**
- **COMMITTEE - 2**
- **COMMITTEE - 3**



**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Email to Sec - [tingirasec@gmail.com](mailto:tingirasec@gmail.com)

Mail to Sec - ANZAC House 245 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, NSW.

**OFFICE ONLY** - Received date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Tingira Sec \_\_\_\_\_

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Tingira Secretary  
**MARK LEE**

**I**t is not everyday you get to start a new association from scratch, however the opportunity was too good to miss when I said to Vice Admiral Russ Crane at the 2010JR Reunion “ we have to keep these boys together!”

Two years later the plan and the dream Russ and I started with Alan Rogers has gone from seed to blossom and I believe we have set the grounds for many more ‘Tingira days’ ahead for us all to enjoy.

But it did not just happen overnight. The team led by Chris Perrin and Alan Rodgers played many parts of the set up as we gathered momentum and others joined our group. The Life Membership opportunity offered over the first two years has set our association with a good membership list and some good reserve funds to progress.

The administration has been challenging however, the website has been our greatest tool for communication and placing our brand into the naval association marketplace. Voice Pipe newsletter is a passion I love every six months!

We still have plenty to achieve. Engaging more of our older recruits from Leeuwin days, working

on a very detailed history of Sobraon and Tingira to work in with the Leeuwin history produced by Brian Adams, and trying to put the Tingira name back into the mainstream of the RAN.

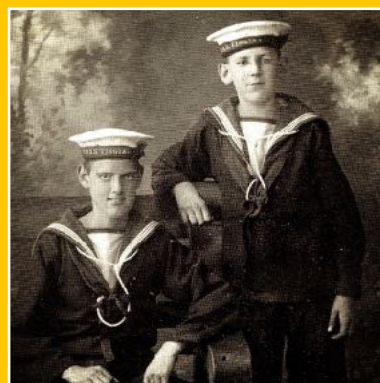
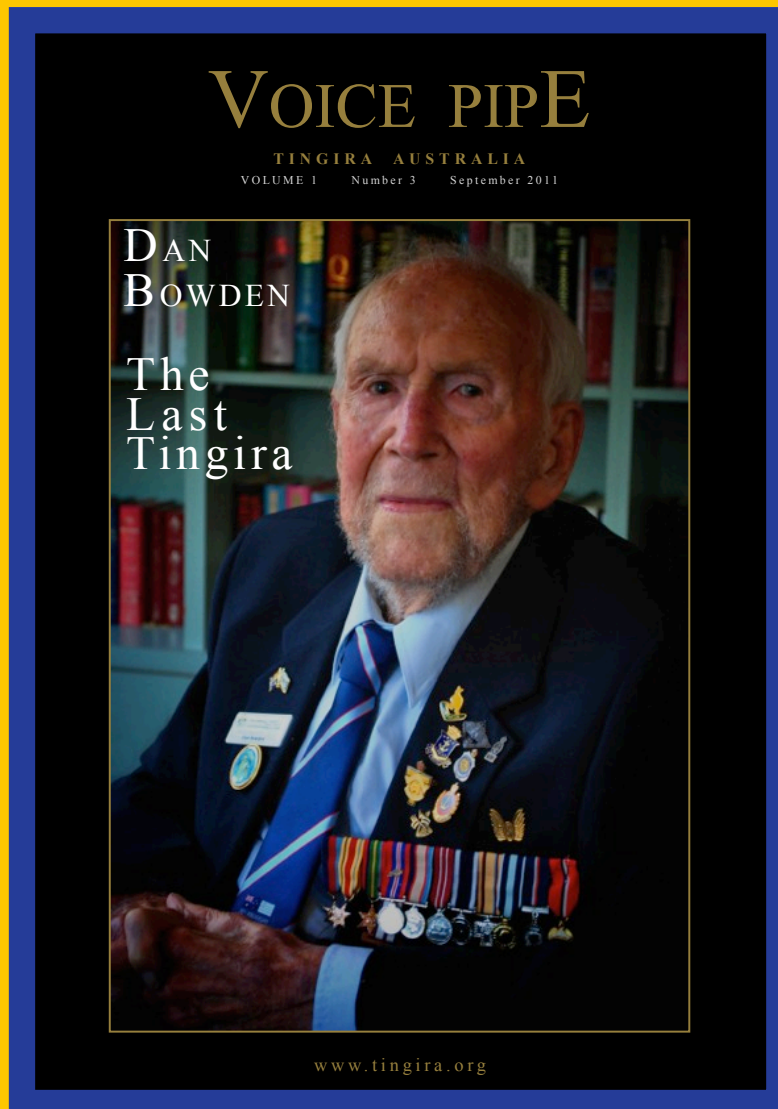
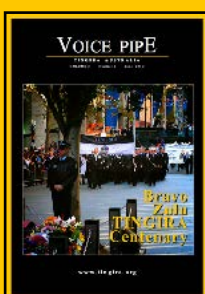
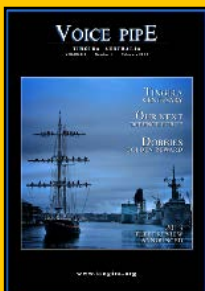
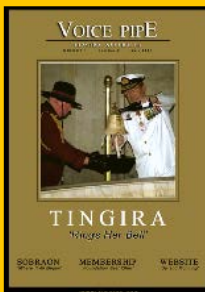
In our first two years I have had many highlights. The 100th birthday of Tingira, ANZAC March in Sydney, Ringing the Bell ceremony and my short friendship and final video interview with the ‘Last Tingira’ Dan Bowden are moments I will cherish very much.

However the teamwork and mateship to make this all happen is our biggest asset. Russ Crane, Chris Perrin, Alan Rogers, David Ruckert and Chris Parr have all been very supportive, that same comradeship we all gained back in Leeuwin days at Fremantle is still very much alive 50 years on.

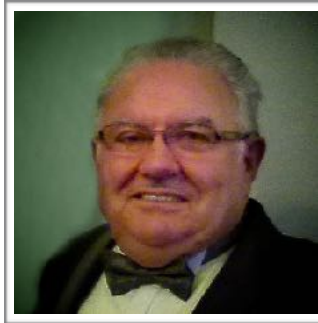
I look forward now to spreading our new Tingira crest and tie into the other Australian states with more activities and achievements on our horizon.

As a certain US President once said “The future is about what you can do for your organisation, not what the organisation can do for you”.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT



Tingira Treasurer  
**ALAN ROGERS**

**F**ollowing the very successful fiftieth JR Reunion held in Perth 2010, at Leeuwin Barracks, discussions were held with several members who considered it appropriate to continue to cement a relationship with all ex Junior Recruits, both from Leeuwin and Cerberus. Hence Tingira Australia Association was established and incorporated on 1st January 2011.

The Reunion Committee, following payment of all accounts for the reunion, as a 'kick start' to the association transferred all monies remaining as a donation. We also received grateful large donations from Gary Mead and the Ingleburn RSL.

Following the establishment of the association we also needed an avenue to communicate on a continual basis with all our members. With assistance from 'Homestead' in the USA we established our website and have been proudly showing this off to the world & our members.

Even though our counter reads a different set of numbers, in 2011 we received 4,533 'hits' and in 2012 received 5,043. The one disappointment we have with the website is if I reinstall a counter it will delete ALL associated counting within the site, so please bear with us.

The site is a continual work in progress and should any member have constructive ideas on improvements for this website you are encouraged to contact us.

We are always on the lookout for the JR who "did good" in both the service and in civilian street. Put your thinking caps on and let us know

For those who have paid their money to join the association a 'Members' only section was established where specific information dedicated only for members is promulgated.

Because of costs involved, credit card payments are not on our radar at present. We will continue with the payment methods already in place either by transferring funds via the internet or by posting cheques or money orders. No matter which way we go it still gets into the account.

General information can be obtained by others from all other pages.

I would also like to thank the other members of the Committee and our Patron Russ Crane who have come on board and done a mountain of work behind the scene, thanks shipmates!

As mentioned if you have any content for the website please forward. I will continue to do my best in the interest of taking the Tingira Australia Association onwards in 2013.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW Balance Sheet

### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

ABN - 72 952 167 649

WHAT WE RECEIVED	\$ FY JAN 2011 JUL 2011	\$ FY JUL 2011 JUN 2012	\$ FY JUL 2012 DEC 2012
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>			
Membership Fees	16,940	26,130	2,800
Donations	12,694	250	0
Interest & Dividends	19	98	43
Merchandise - Ties	0	770	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,653</b>	<b>27,248</b>	<b>2,943</b>
WHAT WE SPENT	\$ FY JAN 2011 JUL 2011	\$ FY JUL 2011 JUN 2012	\$ FY JUL 2012 DEC 2012
Petty cash	240	0	0
Badges.Ties.Trophies	3,963	3,997	0
Printing & Stationary	1,100	344	0
Ships Bell/Computer	1,408	0	0
Postage	240	199	180
Website	115	216	0
Events	544	118	0
Accountant	220	400	0
Misc	266	582	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>5,856</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>YTD Balance</b>	<b>21,557</b>	<b>21,392</b>	<b>2,763</b>
<b>CARRY OVER TOTAL Cash @ Bank ....</b>	<b>\$21,557</b>	<b>\$42,949</b>	<b>\$45,712</b>

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Balance sheet

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - **FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT**

WHAT WE RECEIVED	\$ FY JAN 2011 JUL 2011	\$ FY JUL 2011 JUN 2012	\$ FY JUL 2012 DEC 2012
<b>FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT</b>			
Tingira Dinner	0	2,995	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>0</b>
WHAT WE SPENT	\$ FY JAN 2011 JUL 2011	\$ FY JUL 2011 JUN 2012	\$ FY JUL 2012 DEC 2012
Function Dinner	0	2,875	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>YTD Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CARRY OVER TOTAL Cash @ Bank ....</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$120</b>



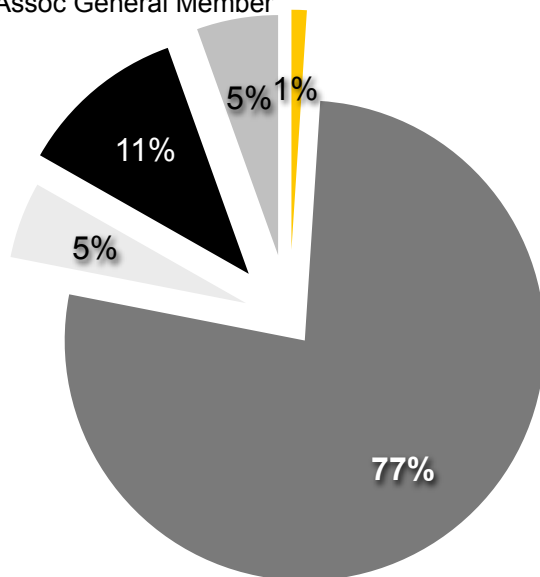
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## MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

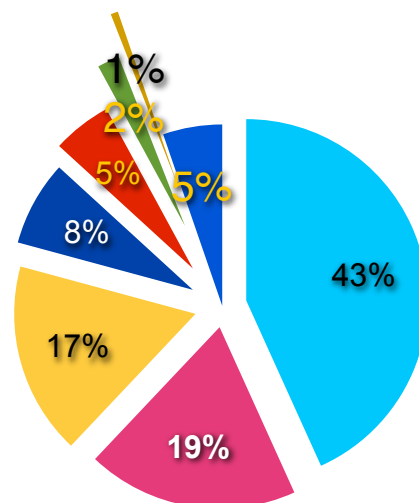
MEMBERSHIP STATUS JAN 2013	2011	2012	
HONORARY LIFE	3	1	4
FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER	123	103	226
ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER	12	3	15
GENERAL MEMBER	16	16	32
ASSOCIATE GENERAL MEMBER	13	3	16
TOTALS	167	126	293

NSW	131
QLD	57
WA	52
VIC	23
SA	22
ACT	13
TAS	6
NT	2
TOTALS	175

- Hon Life
- Foundation
- Assoc Foundation
- General Member
- Assoc General Member



- NSW
- QLD
- WA
- VIC
- SA
- TAS
- NT
- ACT







*The 2010 Junior Recruit Reunion in Western Australia was the seed that started our Tingira Australia Association.*

*Former Junior Recruits Ian Dunn, Trevor Cangemi and Alan Rodgers made it happen, well done Tinny Boys!*



*The blessing of the new Tingira Australia Flag - ANZAC Memorial Sydney, former JR's Mark Lee and Greg Read officiate at a Prayer Ceremony conducted by HMAS Sydney Association official Paster Bob Durbin, an Associate Member of Tingira Australia Association*