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Just passing the Cenotaph,  
not a soul to be seen, Thursday 10 April,  
Sydney in 'lockdown' mode.

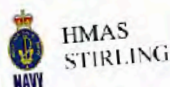
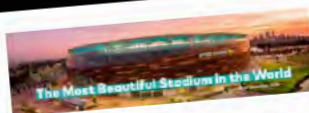
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2020 JR Reunion Tingira sub committee on behalf of the Tingira Members, former JR's, Associates and Friends of Tingira, would like to sincerely thank all sponsors and supporters for their contributions toward 2020 JR Reunion, thank you.

LANCE KER Tingira President

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# TINGIRA

## YEAR 2020 - NEXT PLEASE!



**Lance Ker**  
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Tingira Australia Assoc

**COVID - 19** how else could I start this column in present times, sea condition No 10. Such an effect on the world as we knew it from a few months back. Certainly put a rip in the Tingira main sail for our 2020 JR Reunion, let's treat it like a lucky scrap on a sandbar, 'reset the sails' and move on, dam it!

Many cancellations were caused in our events programme over the Anzac period and the proposed July Perth reunion. "Lets do it again" I hear members scream from the long boats. Lads you have no idea how much work went into this by just a few members, to get it just 12 weeks from happening, absolute heartbreaking.

Over two years the reunion sub-committee have pulled this together. Their efforts are above and beyond, the hard work unfortunately has only just begun. Retrieving over \$100k in deposits is not like walking up to the TAB with winning ticket, those of you trying to get cash back from QANTAS will know exactly what I mean. It's going to be a drawn out workload for the sub-committee to complete the refund process and tidy up the back end, stay calm, check website weekly please.

And just for the record lads, the "2020 JR Reunion is Cancelled not Postponed" country to how some people read announcements. On the page 9 & 10 of this Voicepipe issue outlines exactly the position we are in at present, not good, some think we are going to move it 12 months, not possible.

On the opposite we have printed the sponsors and supporters for the reunion. All have expressed their disappointment and their continued support for our association. It's been a great PR exercise with the name Tingira displayed continuously over the two year period, I am sure we have opened some new doors for future days. The JR Reunion sub-committee in the East and West have done us all proud, thank you lads.

Will there be another JR Reunion in Perth, at Leeuwin Barracks? Well let's see where that all goes. Here is a question?

Could Leeuwin Barracks have played a major role in the COVID-19 situation? If upgraded, used and ready for such situations, it was right there for the picking. Early days, perhaps, I should write the Prime Minister and voice a few ideas, perhaps ask the curly questions?

Some big winners on the positive side of the reunion.

Most of those who purchased JR Reunion merchandise will have your post bag by now. We sold many new Tingira Foul Weather Jackets ready for the upcoming winter days. There is some stock left over and the Secretary will have a giant 'Spring Sale' on all merchandise before Christmas.

The Tingira book "Our Lifetime Voyage Vol 1 & 2" put together by the last 'three' committees has finally made ink on paper, what an effort and brilliant production this is. Bad luck if you didn't get one, we printed what we sold, that's the plus on self publishing in the digital era. We will land a few copies with a possible publisher and see if it can get a second run, we hope so but no promises.

National committee are now planning our way forward, our next big move? No Anzac Day, no AGM, no New Committee and no Reunion. Tingira Boys, as President, you have me for another 12 months and I'm good to go! David Rafferty has stepped up into the vacant Treasure's role, our newest LJ, Graeme Hunter, Victoria, has come on board for the vacant committee position, thanks lads.

Next April we will have the AGM and elections. I know we will be looking for a new President and possibly a new

Secretary. Mark Lee is on the 10 year line of service, that was his commitment. One the down side; our new website crashed in February with the Sydney storms and has taken us a lot longer behind the web to find data and repair. For those who saw the new version, up for just seven days, it was terrific! Let's see what we can do this side of Christmas. It is not top of agenda at present, the previous version is up and working fine. Downside, we have not been able to collect auto memberships \$ renewals; that will go into a complete new programme in the near future.

The committee will bring together a new 'Strategic Plan' over the coming months. We will celebrate the Leeuwin birthday on weekend of July 13, commemorate Remembrance Day November 11 and let's see what we can do on the first week of January 2021 when the Tingira Australia Association turns 10 years of age.

We need a nomination or two for this year's Stonehaven Medal, advert on page 11. The Annual Report is now on the website, hard copy to the first 100 merchandise orders.

Great effort to all the members who suited up and presented themselves at dawn in their driveway on Anzac Day. One positive, my driveway service was a lot easier than the 3am service in Sydney and the march down Elizabeth street, next year, bring it on!

Finally I must thank sincerely the Tingira members, former Junior Recruits and Leeuwin staff, who committed to the 2020 JR Reunion. Sad as it is, I know many of us may still go to Perth if flights and border patrol are back to normal, bound to be a smoky or two if we can?

Let's see what the rest of 2020 brings?

For me roll on 2021 - sea conditions can only get better!



# TINGIRA BOYS

## ANZAC DAY - NATIONAL DRIVEWAY SALUTE



### CANDLES AT DAWN

RSL National put out the call "Australians to meet at the driveway, candle in hand to commemorate Anzac Day" in unity across the nation.

Tingira President, Lance Ker, asked our Tingira Boys to 'suit up, fly a flag, read the Naval Ode and sing the National anthem' to put some navy into your driveway and street community if possible?

Many of the Tingira Boys around the countryside did just that from our pictorials, including the President.

Lance from Coral Cove, Bunderberg region of Queensland, hijacked the local flagpole and the tennis court in his street to give an address and deliver the 'Tingira story' to his local community. Many other Tingira Boys also did similar in their residential areas.

Bravo Zulu - To all who participated in the Anzac Day driveway salutes with or without candles. Well done to RSL, a great initiative that was certainly played out nationally by young and old Australian residents on such a unique day in our history Saturday 25 April 2020. A day that we will remember for other reasons and at home that morning with candle - 'We Remembered Them'.



**EAST RINGWOOD** - Tingira Boys at the Gate - Melbourne member Martin Pearson and new Victorian LJR, Graeme Hunter proudly display banner and flag in Martins driveway.





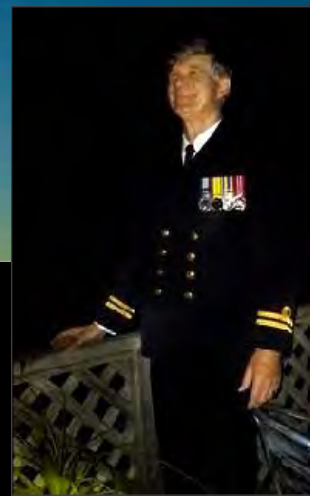
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# TINGIRA AUSTRALIA

## EVENT INFORMATION NOTICE - APRIL to JULY 2020

TINGIRA AUST ASSOC MEMBERS & FORMER RAN JUNIOR RECRUITS

Due to the national restrictions enforced on the association due to COVID -19, the following listed events below that Tingira Australia Members and former RAN Junior Recruits were going to participate in over the coming months, have been cancelled, NOT postponed.

2020 JR Reunion merchandise will be lodged with Australia Post end of April, 2020 JR Reunion refunds will commence the registration process soon on revamped REUNION website.

Keep close watch on navy noticeboards, Tingira website ( ) membership emails and TINGIRA social media naval sites for further updates soon. Thank you.

**MARK LEE**  
SECRETARY  
Tingira Australia Association

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| APRIL 24 | Tingira - NATIONAL COMMITTEE MTG - Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW                | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 24 | Tingira - ANZAC SERVICE - Tingira Memorial - Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW      | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 24 | Tingira - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW                | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 24 | Tingira - PRESIDENTS DINNER - Club Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW                | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 25 | Tingira - DAWN SERVICE - Leeuwin Barracks - East Fremantle, WA          | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 25 | Tingira - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANZAC DAY March                           | CANCELLED |
| APRIL 25 | Tingira - ANZAC DAY NATIONAL REUNIONS                                   | CANCELLED |
| MAY 8    | Australia/USA CORAL SEA Commemoration - Tingira Reps - Canberra, ACT    | CANCELLED |
| JULY 9   | 2020 JR REUNION - COLOURS - Dress Ship - Leeuwin Barracks, WA           | CANCELLED |
| JULY 9   | 2020 JR REUNION - Raise the FLAG, Ring the BELL - B Shed, Fremantle, WA | CANCELLED |
| JULY 10  | 2020 JR REUNION - JR NAVAL SALUTE - Leeuwin Barracks, WA                | CANCELLED |
| JULY 11  | 2020 JR REUNION - SAIL THE SEAS - STS Leeuwin, Perth Coast, WA          | CANCELLED |
| JULY 11  | 2020 JR REUNION - BELMONT HORSE RACING - Tingira Cup - Perth, WA        | CANCELLED |
| JULY 12  | 2020 JR REUNION - ALL SEAS TINGIRA SERVICE - St John's, Fremantle, WA   | CANCELLED |
| JULY 12  | 2020 JR REUNION - SAIL THE SEAS - STS Leeuwin, Perth Coast, WA          | CANCELLED |
| JULY 13  | Diamond Jubilee 2020 JR REUNION DINNER - Optus Stadium, Perth, WA       | CANCELLED |
| JULY 13  | Tingira Birthday - COLOURS - Dress Ship - Rose Bay, Sydney, NSW         | CANCELLED |
| JULY 13  | Tingira Birthday - COLOURS - Dress Ship - Leeuwin Barracks, WA          | CANCELLED |





## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Tingira President, Lance Ker**

## 2020 JR REUNION

### **Wednesday 18 March 2020**

Tingira Australia Association national committee, convened an extraordinary meeting to pass a motion with reference towards 'conducting or cancel' the 2020 JR Reunion due to the outbreak of the worldwide COVID-19 virus situation and the possible consequences.

"It is with great regret that I announce that the motion was 'passed unanimous' by the committee yesterday, the '2020 JR Reunion is cancelled'. I feel for our organising committee and the many boys who intended travelling from overseas and interstate for this joyful occasion. One group of boys were about to depart for Perth on 'little red postie motor bike scooters' via a trip around the Australian coastline.

The demographic of the 55 - 75 age group within our Tingira group, with possibility of well over a 1,000 persons gathering over the five days of events, puts the Tingira community in the high risk category and way outside the government number recommendations.

The decision was made less complicated as the Navy and Defence base Leeuwin, are now not open to accommodating a large crowd under the circumstances. A new announcement of the 100 person crowd control was presented nationally by the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, on Wednesday just to add more complexity to future large group event situations".

## NOTICE

**2020**

Annual General Meeting

&

Election

National Committee

**POSTPONED**

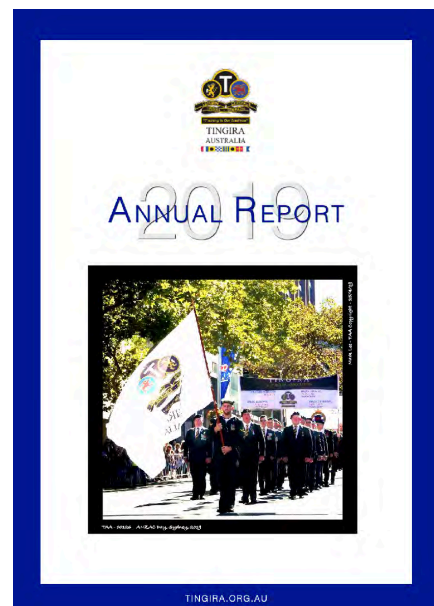
### **Friday 1 May 2020**

Due to the International virus outbreak COVID-19, leading to postponement the 2020 Annual General Meeting and the election of new national committee the 2020 AGM is postponed.

The NSW Dept of Fair Trading, has accepted the 2019 Annual Financial Return for Tingira Australia Association and has granted permission to postpone AGM until next April 2021.

The Annual Report will be located on the association website.

The Tingira Australia Association will continue with present 2017 elected committee until the 2021 AGM. Committee member David Rafferty, has taken the vacant Treasurer role, Graeme Hunter, Victoria, has filled the casual vacancy on the national committee.





**2017**  
Ken Dobbie - TAS



**2018**  
David Cassidy QLD & Phillip Lancaster WA



**2019**  
Daryl Walton - WA

# 2020

## 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 2019.

If you know of a ship mate that has performed to an elite level,  
Please 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 for nomination

**Nominations close last mail - Monday 1st June 2020**

Nominations to be sent via email only

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# ANNUAL REPORT



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# DIAMOND JUBILEE REUNION DINNER

OPTUS STADIUM  
Perth, Western Australia  
1800 - Monday 13 July 2020



TINGIRA  
AUSTRALIA  
  
**2020**  
JR REUNION



## The 2020 JR Reunion

was going to be a big event for most former junior Recruits.

For many it was probably going to be their last big navy reunion and a grand holiday with partner. Sad the best days and the big opportunity are now past.

The organising committee had a few surprises in store for participants, again sadly many may now never see light of day, however we will endeavour that some will.

One nice touch was the organising committee in the very beginning asked Perth Tingira member, ROY STALL, Junior Recruit of the first Leeuwin intake, to write a few words on those early days as part of the first HMAS Leeuwin intake.

This was to be a major story for the dinner plate presentation on the Monday night Diamond Jubilee Reunion Dinner at Optus Oval, Perth.

The booklet never went to press.

VoicePipe nows prints Roys story complete with the dinner booklet cover on the opposite page.

Thank you Roy Stall, BZ and gold star.

**Lance Ker, President TAA**





# LEEUEWIN BOYS

GUINEA PIGS - TEST PILOTS - EXPLORERS



**ROY STALL - A proud member of the first Junior Recruit intake to enter the gates at HMAS Leeuwin, 13 July 1960.**

*60 years to the day, Roy hits the keyboard to reflect on those moments in his life in 1960. As a young 15 year old school boy leaving his Brisbane home, Roy experienced the longest train journey to Perth to join the Royal Australian Navy. As a second generation 'Tingira Boy', Roy along with thousands of other young lads from all states of Australia over the next 24 years were now on their greatest journey of a lifetime!*



**ROY STALL**  
First Junior Recruit  
Intake - 1960

Guinea Pigs, Test Pilots or Explorers? Two questions, what do these have in common, and what is their relevance to the Junior Recruit Training Scheme (JRTS) at HMAS Leeuwin?

The answer - that those who made up the First Entry of Junior Recruits and who marched (in a fashion) through the gates of HMAS Leeuwin in Riverside Road, East Fremantle on 13 July 1960 were all of these things.

We were guinea pigs because we were by default, participating in the experiment - one that had not been undertaken for over thirty years. Whilst we were not call 'boy sailors', the training program that was planned for Junior Recruits (JR's) very much based on that of the HMAS Tingira boys in the years 1912 to 1927. Their training was, in turn, based to a large degree on the Royal Navy boy sailor scheme at HMS Ganges. This has been well documented in Brian Adams' excellent 2009 publication, HMAS LEEUEWIN: The story of the RAN's Junior Recruits.

On more than one occasion, and much to the annoyance of the JR's, the media would refer to us as Navy "cadets". At the time (1960), there still existed Navy, Army and Air Force cadets. At the time (1960), there still existed cadets' schemes for teenagers, including the Australian Sea Cadets Corps. But these cadet schemes have undergone significant changes since the Whitlam years and are less 'military' and some are now more community based organisations and some would argue they've become victims of political correctness. At least the training of Australian

Naval Cadets is strongly influenced by the RAN. (As a 14 and 15 year old, I do recall as an Air Training Corps (ATC) cadet occasionally travelling on buses with a .303 rifle!)

Test Pilots? No, we weren't required to fly newly designed or constructed aircraft, but we did have to face tests of one kind or another sometimes of physical endurance - with little or no regard to possible accidents or, dare I say it, occasional fatalities.

We are talking about an era when something like 'occupational health and safety' just didn't exist. An example? How about getting the JR's to don WW2 gas masks, ordering them to enter a steel chamber (a mock up of a ship's compartment), then activating a tear gas canister unexpectedly? And yes, now and then an 'instructor' inside the compartment would forcibly rip off a JR's mask, with the young man struggling to find the exit, complete with stinging eyes.

These days such actions are unthinkable. Imagine if a JR had some allergic and/or anaphylactic reaction to the gas and collapsed, there'd be a formal inquiry and I'd doubt whether that trial by ordeal would re-occur.

But one can't be too critical of the officers, senior sailors or other instructional staff. They too were very much feeling their way with a new training scheme, possibly with few guidelines. Hence, there were many 'unknowns'. But after several intakes and a few hundred more boys transitioned the course, refinements would be made.



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*Commanding Officer, Captain Graham Wright, greeting the first Junior Recruit intake July 1960 outside the Fremantle Railway station with the then mayor, Frederick Samson. Onto awaiting buses for the trip to HMAS LEEUWIN. Riverside Road, East Fremantle.*

Both the boys and the training staff were exploring new territory. Yes, there were precedents such as the aforementioned Tingira boy sailor scheme from 1912-1927, as well as the apprentice training establishment at HMAS Nirimba in Sydney for 17 year old lads.

Like a strict boarding school, you had, with HMAS LEEUWIN and the JRTE, hundreds of boys of varying skills, temperaments, emotional strengths, trying to survive in very close quarters. No longer did you have your own bedroom, freedom of movement, 'creature comforts', or family and close friends to comfort and support you.

In my recollection of the first intake, the total batch of new JR's were 'carved up' into five groups broadly by academic standards. But outside of the academic block everything else that was dished up to the JR's was 100% identical. So now, let's look at some things which were specific to the first entry in 1961 and still very relevant in 2020 at the navy Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus, Westernport, Victoria.

#### [Finding their way](#)

With 150 boys entering the JRTE for the first time, all the officers, instructors, trainers, and uniformed Navy personnel were facing a unique challenge. But, as mentioned, for some staff it was almost familiar territory.

The fact that each and every JR had to address all Navy personnel as 'Sir' was possibly easier for the boys than for the adults. Naturally, some Able Seaman and other relatively junior ranks based at Leeuwin found this amusing, if that's the correct word. Some took advantage of it and acted, in my personal view, 'way above their pay grade'.

But for all the boys they now found themselves in a very military and not civilian environment. They soon found there were times when you just listened, without talking,

or 'answering back'. This transition took place from the time they took 'The Oath of Allegiance' and they quickly discovered they had virtually zero status - and were, in the colloquial term, the 'lowest form of marine life' and if they were in doubt about this, they got frequent reminders.

#### [Vocabulary and terminology](#)

All JR's learned very quickly, under fear of punishment, that they had to use the correct terminology for physical items, as well as abstract things. No longer did you clean the floor, you cleaned "the deck". Walls became "bulkheads", ceilings became "deckheads", toilets became "heads", rubbish became "gash", the clothing store was "slops", washing became "dhobying", food became "scraps", soft drinks were "goffers", "lollies" were maccas and cigarettes were "dhurries". You didn't read a book, you read a "dit", and if you forget something, you'd ask them to "scrub around that".

Naval Indoctrination was the formal title of one of our non-academic subjects and all JR's found themselves entering a new world with its very own unique vocabulary.

#### [Orders and instructions](#)

No longer was a JR asked to do something - it was invariably in the form of an order. And "Q.R. and A.I.s" were quite clear when it came to the matter of obeying those orders. (Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions" - these were displayed on a noticeboard near the ship's gangway, and outside the Regulating Officer - home to the MAA, or Master At Arms.

The 'regulating branch' were the Navy's 'policemen', and an RPO, or Regulating Petty Officer, was often given a wide berth.) They were unquestioned, even if they seemed ridiculous, unreasonable, or outlandish. You obeyed - or paid the price, often after a verbal salvo from the one giving the order.

Today we might joke about "the Nuremberg Defence of "I was only acting under orders", but in 1960 and 1961, you followed orders. Delays or non-compliance could result in being charged, being 'put on report', and ending up in a group known as MUPs, or, Men Under Punishment, colloquially known as 'Chooks'. ("Where's Roy?" Answer: "He's on 'Chooks' this afternoon" - most probably on the parade ground, doubling around 'the bull ring', with a 4 kilogram Lee Enfield .303 on his shoulder.)

And in 1960 and 1961 the punishment was swift, harsh and severe. Those on 'Chooks' found that some Leading Hands or Petty Officers responsible for handling the MUPs excelled at being harsh, sadistic or just plain mean. Those under punishment usually had to do extra parade ground training from 1600 to 1700 or 1730 (as well as early morning mustering) - and in the year 1960 the 'bull ring' had a gravel surface, not sealed with asphalt as it is today. "Frog marching" or doubling around the bull ring on a hot summer's afternoon, with your 4 kilogram Lee Enfield .303 rifle held above your head, or held on arms outstretched was not uncommon. ('Doubling' was marching at almost double pace - not 120 steps per minute but about 180 steps per minute - more of a jog.)

And while your rig got dirty, sweaty and stained, for Divisions the following day you were still expected to be turned out immaculately - boots polished, brightwork on your webbing (belt and gaiters) gleaming, and knife-shaft creases in your shirt and trousers. We soon learned about products like Brasso and Duraglit, Nugget and Kiwi shoe polish, soap powders and starches, and 'white cleaner'.

Occasionally you'd need to resort to imaginative solutions. Have a long blue pair socks with an obvious hole in them? Use a blue felt-tipped pen to 'colour in' the hole, so it couldn't be seen, or white chalk on black marks (which often occurred when cleaning brightwork) on your webbing for a temporary quick fix.

Junior Recruits were also occasionally given what was quaintly called a 'shake up', which usually meant a harsh session in the gymnasium inside the Drill Hall. Hanging by your hands on stout ropes 5-10 metres

above 'the deck' was one of the forms of inflicting discomfort, as was hanging on the 'wall bars' on the bulkhead of the Drill Hall. This would be unthinkable in 2020.

The daily routine has been outlined in Brian Adams' book\* but our days started at 0530 and ended at 2130. In between were parades, academic and naval studies, meals, recreation, evening 'prep' (homework), as well as cleaning up for daily inspections ("rounds"). In later years this routine was considerably modified - some of us would say 'made less demanding'. Chapter Six ("Life as a Junior Recruit") of Brian Adams' book comprehensively covers this subject.



**Boys marking their new kit in  
HMAS Leeuwin's gymnasium, January 1961**

The accommodation was, from Day One, in previously 'condemned' dongas - basic but adequate. The dongas had some partitions but from recollection bunks (aka 'beds') were in groups of four or five. Each Junior Recruit had a locker in which to store ALL his possessions (while at LEEUWIN, anyway) as well as a

small writing desk and chair.

Fast-forward to 2020 and, of course, many of us in that first intake have reached the ripe age of 75 or 76 years.

Sadly, many former Junior Recruits, from all intakes from the First in July 1960 to the last in April 1984, have 'crossed the bar'.

Some former JR's are in their 50 & 60's are very active in the TINGIRA Australia Association. Like almost all former Junior Recruits I look back on those twelve months at HMAS LEEUWIN with a high degree of nostalgia - and certainly no regrets.

It's worth remembering - we weren't just shipmates - we were now family.

ROY STALL  
HMAS Leeuwin  
13 July 1960





*Roy and his mate Jasper ...*

*"One of my best mates in the first Junior Recruit intake was Jasper Borbas. After departing Leeuwin we both did the electrical course at Flinders Naval Depot before heading to our first ships - DIAMANTINA in my case and SWAN for Jasper. Interestingly, both ships saw service in World War II, and both had some dated electrical equipment to be maintained - but good learning experiences for both of us.*

*The top photo shows Jasper and me with my FC Holden, the bottom photo taken last year - we've changed just a bit...but we were still good mates. Jasper lives in Kalamunda, Perth suburb, and I visited him and his wife regularly. The top photo must have been taken in 1961, in April that year I turned 17, the youngest you can be to drive in WA at that time."*



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## LEEWIN BARRACKS COMMUNITY UPDATE

An exciting future awaits  
the Leeuwin Barracks site

**NEXT STEPS IN THE DIVESTMENT PROCESS WILL SEE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PROGRESSING MARKET SOUNDING AND STATUTORY PLANNING AMENDMENTS.**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – LAUREN GRAY

**Dear Community Member / Stakeholder,**

I am writing to provide you with an update on the progress being made for the future sale of Leeuwin Barracks. Defence and its project team have undertaken further due diligence activities, including environmental and heritage assessments necessary to inform a sale process. We have been working with the Western Australian Government to facilitate a heritage assessment of the Leeuwin Barracks Drill Hall, Junior Recruit Memorial and a section of the adjacent Parade Grounds for possible inclusion on the Western Australian State Register of Heritage Places.

You may recall in 2016, Defence and the Town of East Fremantle (the Town) engaged with the community to prepare the *Leeuwin Vision Plan*. Endorsed in early 2017, the Vision Plan was the beginning of the planning process for the site's future redevelopment. As we prepare the site for future sale, Defence in collaboration with the Town and the WA Government, will undertake Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) and Local Planning Scheme (LPS) amendments to ensure that the site is appropriately zoned prior to sale. These statutory planning amendment processes require greater detailed planning and site investigation, and will also include further stakeholder and community consultation to build on the *Leeuwin Vision Plan*. Defence anticipates that community consultation workshops will be scheduled in the first half of 2020. Further information about this consultation will be made available at a later date.

We are also beginning to engage with the property development industry across Australia about what is possible at Leeuwin Barracks, through a process called Market Sounding. The Market Sounding process will provide the wider development industry its first opportunity to consider the *Leeuwin Vision Plan* and provide input and feedback to inform the planning amendment process and future sale process. Further information about the Market Sounding process is provided overleaf.

As we consider the future of Leeuwin Barracks beyond its role as a Defence base, we are excited to see what this strategic site may ultimately become within the East Fremantle community. Given the site's unique location, size and river-side setting, Defence and the Town will work collaboratively with the community to achieve an outcome that is both aspirational and innovative, whilst respectful of its surrounds and local history.

We are committed to keeping the community informed as the project and future sale progresses, and we look forward to engaging with the community and key stakeholders further in the first half of 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Gray  
Assistant Secretary Property Management



Leeuwin Vision Plan



Leeuwin Barracks Project Site

#### INTERESTING FACTS

- The locality is known to Whadjuk Noongar people as 'Nierngarup' which means 'the place where the pelicans are located'.
- In the mid-nineteenth century, boat building was an early activity in the vicinity of the jetty at Preston Point, including Jones and Owston's ship building yard.
- Leeuwin Barracks has been actively used by the Australian Defence force since 1940. Today the site is predominantly used by the Australian Army and Royal Australian Navy.
- The Leeuwin Barracks site is 14.3 hectares in size.



## THE SALE PROCESS

The sale of Leeuwin Barracks is expected to be completed by 2024, subject to Commonwealth Government approvals for related works. Defence intends to relocate the current functions of Leeuwin Barracks to the nearby Irwin Barracks in Karrakatta. The sale of Leeuwin Barracks will remain dependent on the completion of the Irwin Barracks redevelopment to accommodate these functions.

In order to prepare the site for sale, Defence is undertaking a range of due diligence activities including environment and heritage assessments. Defence will also undertake a number of technical studies to inform the MRS and LPS planning amendments. These studies are expected to be completed by late 2020.

Defence will work with WA Government and the Town in scoping the requirements for the sale process to ensure that heritage protection measures and community needs are incorporated.



## CURRENT STAGE OF THE DIVESTMENT PROCESS

The current stage in the process is the Market Sounding. Defence will be undertaking a Market Sounding process with the development industry to gather preliminary information to inform the MRS and LPS planning amendments and to inform the future sale. Defence is also preparing to undertake technical studies that will inform the planning amendments. The MRS and LPS planning amendment process typically takes between 18 and 24 months to complete.

In the meantime, Defence will continue to undertake a range of pre-divestment activities to inform a future sale process.

To find out more about the divestment process, scheme amendments, the *Leeuwin Vision Plan* or how to be involved be sure to check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website!

## WHAT IS A MARKET SOUNDING PROCESS?

A Market Sounding process is a formalised, structured and transparent process to obtain industry insights and feedback about the planning and sale processes. Defence will seek Registrations of Interest from members of the property and development industry to participate in the Market Sounding process and to answer a series of questions about the future sale of Leeuwin Barracks. Market Sounding provides industry with an opportunity to consider what the future sale of Leeuwin Barracks could look like, contribute to the planning amendment process, and assist Defence to plan for how the site can best address the current and future needs of the community.



Junior Recruit Memorial

## HERITAGE ASSESSMENT AT LEEUWIN

As part of the pre-sale due diligence activities, Defence commissioned an indigenous consulting company, PwC's Indigenous Consulting, to undertake an Indigenous Values Assessment and work with the Whadjuk Working Party, the elected body that represents the traditional owners of the Perth region, the Whadjuk Noongar people, to identify any indigenous heritage values and propose an appropriate approach to indigenous heritage assessment and management.

Defence also commissioned a heritage consultant, element, to complete a historic Heritage Assessment of the site against the WA state heritage criteria. This assessment is still underway and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2019.

In June 2019, Defence facilitated the Heritage Council of Western Australia to begin its assessment of Leeuwin Barracks, particularly the Drill Hall, Junior Recruit Memorial and section of the adjacent parade ground, for possible inclusion on the Western Australian State Register of Heritage Places.

Defence recognises community interest in the protection of the Junior Recruit Memorial and will ensure protective measures are in the contract of sale, including a covenant on the Certificate of Title.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Further information will be released on the project website at: [www.defence.gov.au/id/PropertyDisposals/Leeuwin.asp](http://www.defence.gov.au/id/PropertyDisposals/Leeuwin.asp)  
Contact the project team at [property.disposals@defence.gov.au](mailto:property.disposals@defence.gov.au) to register your interest to participate in future consultation.





Vice Admiral David Willoughby Leach AC, CBE, LVO, RAN (Rtd), the last former Chief of Naval Staff to have served in the Royal Australian Navy during the Second World War, was remembered at a funeral service held at Garden Island Chapel on Friday, 31 January 2020.





# Vice Admiral DAVID LEECH

## Service Career Honoured

Story - LEUT Jessica Craig  
Photography - ABIS Jarrod Mulvihill

A funeral with full military honours was held for Vice Admiral David Willoughby Leach AC, CBE, LVO, RAN (Ret'd) who served as Chief of Naval Staff from 1982 to 1985 on Friday, 31 January 2020 at the Garden Island Chapel.

Vice Admiral Leach had a distinguished 43-year career and was the last former Chief of Naval Staff, now known as Chief of Navy, to have served in the Royal Australian Navy during the Second World War.

Hundreds of mourners including the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, the Mayor of Woollahra, Councillor Susan Wynne and Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN turned out to farewell Vice Admiral Leach.

The coffin of Admiral Leach, draped with the Australian White Ensign and with the admiral's sword and cap placed on it, was transported on a gun-carriage flanked by 136 junior sailors and the Navy Band.

Six sailors acted as pall bearers. Eulogies and tributes were delivered by the Admiral's family and navy members. As part of the ceremonial tribute, the three pound saluting gun battery at the end of

Garden Island fired 30 times and an honour guard of 24 fired a three-volley salute.

Vice Admiral Leach joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1942 at the age of 13. During his career he served in Royal Navy ships of the British Pacific Fleet, on board HMA Ships Australia (II), Murchison, and Arunta (I). He commanded Vendetta (II) and Perth (II).

Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Michael Noonan praised his predecessor's courage and expertise, notably while captain of HMAS Perth (II) in the Vietnam War.

"While under his command, HMAS Perth provided accurate bombardment of shore targets and avoided 30 rounds of counter battery fire from enemy shore emplacements," Vice Admiral Noonan said.

"For this, the crew of Perth were awarded the US Meritorious Unit Commendation and Vice Admiral Leach was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for distinguished service and devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.

"His leadership skills during this and other times of conflict were exemplary."

Vice Admiral Leach went on to serve as Director of Naval Plans, the Director General of Naval Operational Requirements, the Australian Naval Representative in the United Kingdom, the Chief of Naval Materiel, and the Chief of Naval Staff.

For his service, Vice Admiral Leach was recognised when he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia and later a Companion of the Order of Australia and a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

Vice Admiral Leach retired in 1985 after three years as the Chief of Naval Staff. He continued his commitment to public service as a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He was also the Mayor of Woollahra, an alderman, the Chairman of the Australian Vietnam War Veterans Trust and a patron to many ex-service organisations.

Vice Admiral Leach passed away on 19 January 2020 at the age of 91.

Admiral Leach is survived by his widow Pamela, daughter Nicola and son Michael.

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“Vice Admiral David Leech was Divisional Officer, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer and our Chief of naval Staff - a fair and true leader to many young sailors in the RAN fleet, especially the many former Junior Recruits in his ranks.

David also joined the navy at a very young age, he gave back the support that nurtured his fine career.

Thank you for your service and time, Sir.”



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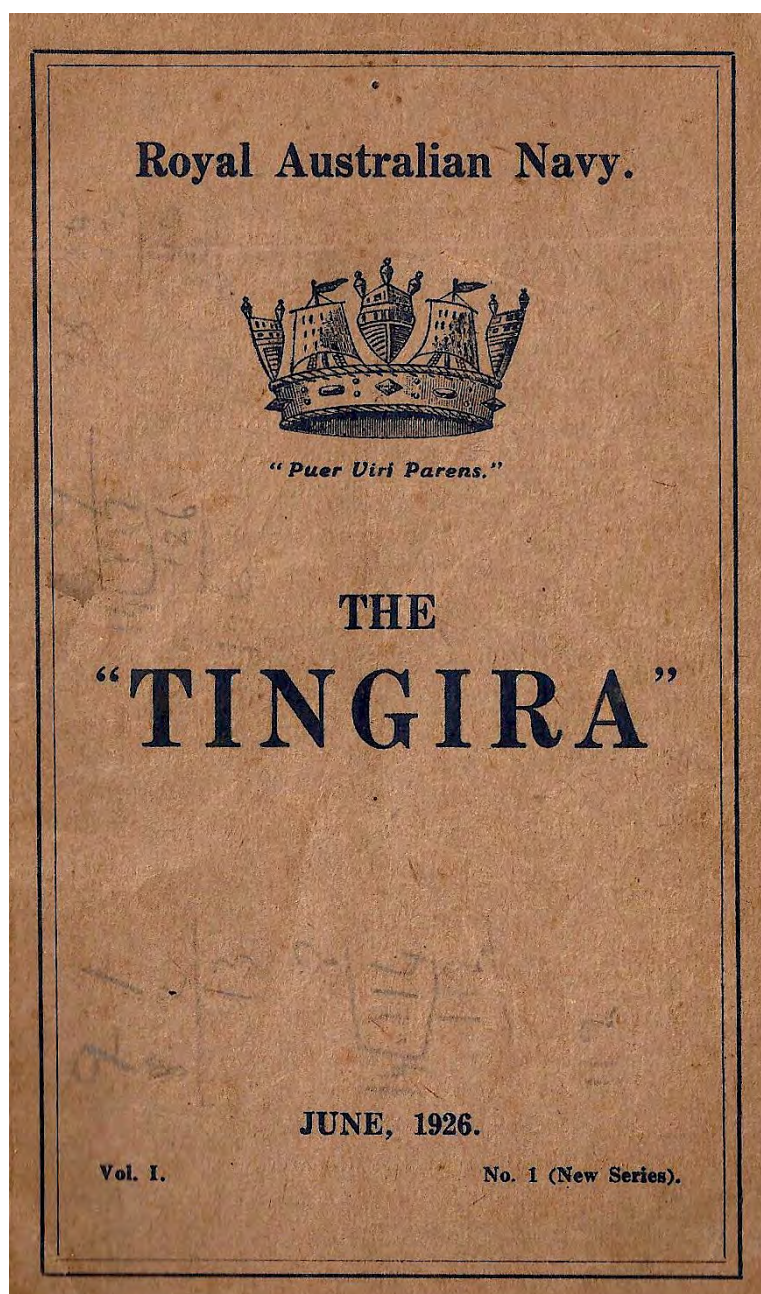
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*"One week before we hit the 'Publish' button on the Tingira books 'A Lifelong Voyage Vol 1&@' this little gem turns up on the Secretary's desk from Tingira member, Tim Kennedy."*

*Sorting out his grandfathers sea trunk, the first official newsletter from the commanding Officer of HMAS Tingira.*

*Copy was printed 'in full' into the first volume. Absolute gem of information for the life of young sailors and ships company on board Tingira back in 1926".*



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32nd Intake 50th reunion Australian War Memorial, Canberra, March 2020.



Brian O'Mahony  
January 7

My journey began on this date 50 years ago. On the 7 January 1970 I left my hometown of Murchison VIC on what was to be an incredible adventure that was to last most of a lifetime. On the way I visited some very interesting places (the Hubba Bubba Bar comes to mind), experienced good times and not so good times and met people who were to become lifelong friends. On the 18 January 2019 the Department of Defence advised me that my time had come to swallow the anchor. This after 28 years of service in the Royal Australian Navy and an additional 21 years in the Naval Reserve.

Today I asked myself, "would I do this again". To my Marks and Morrow brothers of the mighty 30th my answer was easy.... you bet I would.

Happy 50th guys. RIP those departed.



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David Hounsorne

Visual Storyteller · April 5 at 11:08 PM

Here's a couple of photos of a shield I made way back in 1960. I was very proud of it at the time. I wonder if any subsequent Winjanners remember ever seeing it.....or did it get discarded when we left?



Jim Campbell

March 11

Well, looky here. I was rummaging around in the back of a junk cupboard and up came the name linotype we were given to mark our kit very early in our stint at Leeuwin.

I reckon this was used on that day and only ever starred in kit musters for the rest of the year and hasn't done a lick of work ever since.

It looks like it still has the marking ink between the letters.

I joined with Walton 52nd on 14 July 75 so this will be 45 years old soon. Crikey!

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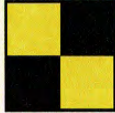















# INTERNATIONAL NAUTICAL FLAGS

"So what does that coloured navy flag mean? Or why do they fly them all at once? Why are some square, rectangle and triangle? When do they fly these flags? Who fly's these flags? What part of the ship do they fly from? Do shore establishments fly them? Can anyone fly them?"

Well there is some good hard questions to ask a non navy person when you are next at a sailors function, there are several different answers to some but most fall into great naval traditions of the sea, its also an International language that can be seen but not heard.

**ACTIVITIES WITH NAUTICAL FLAGS AND TERMS**

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|    |    |    |    |    |   |    |
| <b>A - Alfa</b><br>Diver Down<br>Keep Clear   | <b>B - Bravo</b><br>Dangerous Cargo   | <b>C - Charlie</b><br>Yes   | <b>D - Delta</b><br>Keep Clear  | <b>E - Echo</b><br>Altering course<br>to starboard                                   | <b>F - Foxtrot</b><br>Disabled   | <b>G - Golf</b><br>Want a pilot   |
|  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>H - Hotel</b><br>Pilot on board  | <b>I - India</b><br>Altering course<br>to port                                      | <b>J - Juliet</b><br>On fire<br>Keep Clear  | <b>K - Kilo</b><br>Desire to<br>communicate   | <b>L - Lima</b><br>Stop instantly  | <b>M - Mike</b><br>I am stopped  | <b>N - November</b><br>No   |
|  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>O - Oscar</b><br>Man overboard   | <b>P - Papa</b><br>About to sail  | <b>Q - Quebec</b><br>Request pratique   | <b>R - Romeo</b>  | <b>S - Sierra</b><br>Engines going<br>astern   | <b>T - Tango</b><br>Keep clear   | <b>U - Uniform</b><br>Standing into<br>danger   |
|  |  |  |  |  | <b>WHAT DO THE QUEEN MARY<br/>FLAGS SAY TODAY?</b><br>The flags fly over the bow.<br>Use this flag chart to decipher<br>today's message. |   |
| <b>V - Victor</b><br>Require assistance   | <b>W - Whisky</b><br>Require medical<br>assistance                                  | <b>X - Xray</b><br>Stop your intention  | <b>Y - Yankee</b><br>Am dragging<br>anchor  | <b>Z - Zulu</b><br>Require a tug   |  |   |

**BOAT VS. SHIP**  
What is the difference? Size is key - "You can put a boat on a ship but you can't put a ship on a boat!"

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