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Tingira Memorial Mast, Rose Bay, Sydney, in all her glory looking her best in many years, celebrating 'Tingira Day' at 'Dress Ship' over the weekend of 13 July 2019 flying the Tingira and RSL flags

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MATESHIP

OUR GREATEST ASSET



Lance Ker
President
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At a recent committee meeting the Tingira team were reviewing our five year 'strategic plan'. Part of the process was for the Secretary to present current status of our assets, apart from the obvious merchandise and the laptop computer we thought this should be easy part of the exercise, but then the Secretary delivered a few curly ones for our future consideration.

Physical assets - The Tingira Bell, The Tingira oars, The five Ceremonial Lifebuoys, Tingira banners (7) Tingira flags (7), the 'Original' Tingira flag, The Stonehaven Shield, The Stonehaven trophies (6), the original Tingira manuscripts (3), the Tingira history books (2), the Tingira photographic collection, the Leeuwin crest, the Leeuwin flag mast, suddenly the lists starts to grow and the Secretary suggests we have a \$ price attached to each asset. The conversation started getting deeper into what would be replacement value, do we have insurance, who is the current and future safe keeper of assets, and where does this all go when we move on in decades to come? That's what a real strategic plan exercise is about, making decisions and directions for present and future generations of your present organisation.

As President, I put our biggest asset on the table. The reason we are today, the asset that established upon back in January 2011, MATESHIP. This is truly our biggest asset that we have today and protect and take into the future of the Tingira ranks.

As young Junior Recruits, we quickly 'made a mate' with the guy in the bunk next to you or a lad from same state or district as yourself, some of us still have contact with that mate today. After JR school it was Training School. Same thing, you found a mate, another JR was always a close ally. Then your first ship, you were looking for anyone to be your mate, either same rating or someone from JR days, same town or a sporting affiliation. 'Mates are Mates' and the big circle continued throughout and after your navy career.

Today many decades on we hang onto those stories with 'Navy Mates'. For the savvy on social media, and there are 1,000's of us now on this new ship, 'HMAS Social Media', the mates are there again. Reaching out to each other, some more often than others, some just looking for that life lost communication, others updating us with all the past and present adventures in their lives.

Tingira we set up to foster mateship "bring the boys back together was the call". We are not a representative or political group, that may change in the future, but at present we are about mates, good old fashioned navy mates. ANZAC Day is our first annual that we come together, July Tingira birthday is the second annual occasion. For some of the more organised intake and LJR's statewide, Christmas makes the odd Tingira party as well. The navy 'Reunion' circuit can be a heavy draw when navy intakes, courses, ships, branches, sporting groups, reunite, there are now many ample opportunities to join in with your 'navy mates' once again.

Since joining Tingira nine years ago, I have entered and fostered many new mates into my lifestyle circle. Many of our committee and members over this period have become good friends. They have welcomed our partners into their lives, this is the 'mateship mix' good for us all and Tingira at its best work.

I see MATESHIP our biggest asset, cost of replacement, priceless Mr Secretary. Here at my Tingira desk we can only continue to strive towards the enhancement of our navy mateship, "long live Tingira" the motto of the former Tingira Old Boys Association.

ANZAC Day our national event, marching under our flag and banner, our Tingira birthday celebration and the odd reunion every decade to keep us all on deck looking ship shape. Reuniting with our mates, new and old, at 2020 JR Reunion Perth, can't wait!



"My congratulations to the 2019 winner of the Stonehaven Medal, Daryl Walton"

What a great contribution this former JR is to his local community and our Australian society

Thank you also Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, for presentation honours in Perth this year.

BZ also Team Tingira sub committee who put the Stonehaven together."

Lance Ker
President Tingira



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**1800 Raise The Flag
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Opening Ceremony
B. Shed and STS Leeuwin
Port of Fremantle
RAN Jazz band

Friday 10 July

1200 JR Intakes - Reunion Luncheons
Organised by the Intake
Leading Junior Recruit

**1500 Tingira Boys
Leeuwin Naval Salute**
Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
RAN Ceremonial band

NEW START TIME

Saturday 11 July 2020

**1000 STS Leeuwin
Port of Fremantle**
Perth Coastline Voyage

1200 JR Intakes - Reunion Luncheons
Organised by the Intake
Leading Junior Recruit

1300 Ascot Horse Racing
Tingira Leeuwin Navy Day - **TBC**

1500 AFL - Tingira Leeuwin Navy Day
Fremantle Dockers or
West Coast Eagles - **TBC**

1900 JR Intakes - Reunion Dinners
Organised by the Intake
Leading Junior Recruit

Sunday 12 July 2020

1000 Navy Church Service
All denominations Fremantle - **TBC**

**1200 STS Leeuwin
Port of Fremantle**
Perth Coastline Voyage

1200 JR Intake Reunion Luncheons
Organised by the Intake
Leading Junior Recruit

1500 AFL - Tingira Leeuwin Navy Day
Fremantle Dockers or
West Coast Eagles - **TBC**

1900 JR Intakes - Reunion Dinners
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Monday 13 July 2020

1200 JR Intakes - Reunion Luncheons
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1800 Diamond Jubilee Reunion Dinner
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DARYL
WALTON

2019 Stonehaven Medal



Shining Star Out West

Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, recently announced that former Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruit, Daryl Walton, from Western Australia, is the winner of the 2019 Tingira Stonehaven Medal.

The Stonehaven Medal is awarded to the Tingira member who can show cause in their local community or present naval duties 'going beyond and above the normal call of duty'.

The Stonehaven Shield and medal are donated and supported by the Cumberland RSL sub-Branch, Sydney, for which the Tingira Australia Association is most grateful of their continued support

The Stonehaven's origins trek back in history to 1926 when Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven, presented the 'Stonehaven Shield' to the best divisional intake as an annual award to the 15 year old navy boys on board the training ship HMAS Tingira, Rose Bay, Sydney.

"We have several very genuine nominations for this annual Stonehaven Medal that we award. They are all of great quality with glowing achievements that meet the Tingira requirement to be named the Stonehaven medal winner" said Tingira President, Lance Ker.

"Daryl Walton's nomination was presented to the sub committee recently as a three page resume with 20 photographs of him hard at work in charity roles over the past decade. His nomination was a true 'Stonehaven Shining Star' a standout choice in the first instance".

Daryl Walton's charity dedications are a credit to his family and the charities that he continually represents. A true reflection of dedication from the his naval career days when he pulled on his bell bottom uniform in 1981 as a young 15 year old Tingira Boy at HMAS Leeuwin, Fremantle.

"This is just unbelievable, I did not see this coming, excited and proud of my Tingira mates" said a very excited Daryl Walton when informed of his win. Family, friends and Tingira members were part of a large extended family to see Daryl receive his award from the Tingira National Secretary, Mark Lee, at the Tradewinds hotel, Fremantle.

Daryl Walton is the best mate of the late Steve Blasdale, they were both young navy Junior Recruits at HMAS Leeuwin in 1981. Steve passed away last year from cancer, they were both very active Tingira Boys, their navy group have all been very close for many decades.



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Wild, Wet and Wonderful Night in Fremantle



Western Australian Tingira members congratulate their Stonehaven Medal winner - Daryl Walton

Western Australian Tingira LJR Paul Kalajzich, gathered the local Tingira Boys on a recent Friday night at the Fremantle Tradewinds Hotel. Told to meet the Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, who was in town for some meetings with navy brass for the upcoming 2020 JR Reunion, this was a good reason for a gathering! Little did they know, these Tingira Boys were there for a very special night in the ongoing history of Tingira Australia Association.

With the wildest local storm swaying the palm trees to the horizontal at the front door, Tradewinds was living up to its namesake. Members assembled with partners, dressed

smartly in their Tingira uniforms, they witnessed one of their own, Tingira Boy, Daryl Walton, receive the 2019 'Stonehaven Medal' the second Stonehaven Medal to go west in two years!

With family in support, Daryl Walton and the WA boys can all stand very proud of their achievements on what was a very moving night, one the career highlights for Daryl's continuous community achievements serving above and beyond expectations on all occasions.





Daryl's note
Monday 19 August ...

Morning Mark and Team Tingira,

Thanks so much for the pictures from Friday evening at the WA Tingira social night, love them. It was a great night and a pleasure to meet you with my family, looking forward to catching up again at the 2020 JR Reunion next July.

My wife Shane saw some of the pictures my daughter Jessi took and there is a couple of pearlers with my great big grin, she said she loved the moment as it showed just how excited and honoured I was, wow!

I'm still on a high at the moment, cant get grin off my face and feel like I'm walking tall and proud and even forgotten about the few little aches and pains I have, what little aches and pains hahaha, just goes to show the power of having something else taking control of your mind.

The Tingira Stonehaven Medal is something that I will cherish forever and looks great in our lounge room on the mantle for all to see.

I feel so honoured to be a Tingira Boy, even more so now if that is at all possible and it makes me just want to do even more for Tingira.

I have a busy couple of weeks fast approaching with Daffodil Day then Legacy Appeal time in Perth CBD

Bunnings for the weekend and it's our motorcycle clubs Legacy Ride, (I am the liaison between our club and Legacy which I am proud to be part of helping Legacy). If I can help out in any way for Tingira Reunion or you just need a little hand (Paul) just shout out and I would be more than welcome to do something if needed.

My cousin lost his dad just after my dad in 2017 and his wife has just lost her Dad a few days ago and she said my award was best news and that the three mates will all be sitting up there proud as punch looking down and raising their glasses to me and that the sky will be shining bright It certainly was on Monday night compared to Friday nights weather aye!

Mark, Paul always does a great job in rounding us WA lads up, BZ Paul, and I will always be there if I can and looking forward to the next catch up.

Kind regards and cheers

Daryl Walton



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Daryl's storyline ...

Daryl Walton was born and lived in Kellerberrin, 200 km east of Perth, a small Western Australian country town.

Two uncles were signalmen with the Royal Australian Navy, this had a great influence on his future career. Navy recruiting teams attend his school. After three presentations from 1980-81, he decided that navy was what he wanted to do for certain.

Leaving school at 15, Daryl joined the RAN Junior Recruit Training Scheme, HMAS Leeuwin, Fremantle.

In that first 12 months at Leeuwin Daryl was exposed to a vast array of job possibilities in the navy, he originally decided to join the Communications branch then at 17 he decided to become a cook and was successful at that choice. In June 1982 he was posted to HMAS Cerberus, Victoria for 'Cookery School' training.

On completion of Cookery course Daryl was posted to main galley HMAS Nirimba the navy Apprentices training school in Sydney's outer west.

April 1983 first sea posting HMAS Jervis Bay, officers training ship, deployment away to Cairns, Surabaya, Penang, Singapore & Darwin first taste of sea life and working in a true team environment.

Back to HMAS Nirimba in May 1983. July same year, posted to Guided Missile Destroyer HMAS

Perth. After an extensive refit in Garden Island, Sydney, followed by routine ship to ship work ups in the fleet of Jervis Bay with other ships before a deployment to New Zealand in December 1984.

March 1985 posted homeward towards WA. In the main galley of the navy's newest shore base, HMAS Stirling Garden Island. July 1986 posted HMAS Swan, deployment to South East Asia for six months then on completion posted back to HMAS Stirling in WA.

June 1987 Daryl Walton discharged from Navy at own request and joined RAAF. In April of 1990 Daryl was discharged at own request after eight and half years in defence force.

The following years Daryl remained committed to his cookery skills and worked different position in the Fremantle and Albany districts. Although Daryl was out of the ADF he was about to endure a second career back inside the system as several of the services decide to employ civilian contract catering staff, Daryl was at the front line in the West! Kingston Barracks at Chef Manager, Maylands Police Academy, Spotless on Defence sites. At RAAF Pearce Daryl was part of the initial team setting up and catering for Navy, Army, Air Force deployments from the West.

In 2002 he moved back to Leeuwin Barracks (HMAS Leeuwin was decommissioned as a navy base in

1986) as Mess Manager of the Officers & Sargent's Mess, returning to where it all began 20 years prior!

2006 A career life change - Daryl is a new employee of Australia Post and has a little red motor bike and a high vis jacket, 13 years later still on his morning run in the Forrestfield district!

Daryl's Father passed away 2017, his mother now lives in Perth after they spent their complete married life in Kellerberrin

Daryl is married, wife Shane, daughter Leah with one grand daughter, son Steven with four grand daughters and our youngest daughter Jessi, recently engaged, all happy on the home front out west!



15 year old Junior Recruit Daryl Walton



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Daryl's desk ...

"A charity, day, week, month and year can look something like this"

Perth Bikers - Charity Christmas Ride – Supporting this charity for the past 20 years, donating toys and cash to the Salvation Army who help out families in need at Christmas

Mandurah Motorcycles - Charity Christmas Ride – Supporting this charity for the past 8 years, donating toys and cash to the Salvation Army who help out families in need at Christmas

"I dress up in some sort of costume that kids love, really great to see the reaction and not just kids, the adults as well. Over \$3,000 raised in past 20 years".

Australia Post - Christmas Postie – I have been a postie for 13 years, each Christmas on the last delivery day before Christmas I dress up as Santa with bags of lollies and head out to deliver my round.

I started off small but now I am up to 200 bags of lollies and the past four years, I now print off flyers wishing my customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have a brass bell and ring it throughout my run. The kids love it, they come running out even if there is no mail for them that particular day, I still stop, even the adults love it and like a lollie too!

My round takes a bit longer on this day, lots of pictures are taken and of course handing out bags of lollies (no kids are given bags of lollies without parents permission just in case of allergies). The lollies are wrapped lollies and I put into clear cellophane bags and tie red or green ribbon around each bag. Now that I am doing flyers as well I spend \$300 of my own money but all worth it.

Cancer Councils Relay for Life - Steve Blasdale has always done Relay for Life. In 2010 I formed my own team for two years running, raised in excess of \$4,000 for the Cancer Council in the fight against Cancer. After that I donated every year to Steve's team, after he lost his battle with cancer, joined his team again 2018 and personally raised just over \$1,000.

Bright Blue – Police Commissioners Fund for Sick Kids - 2015 Supported the fund by doing the Gibb River Postie Bike Ride, conducted a quiz night, two sausage sizzles, raffles and collected money on the ride, raised just over \$8,000

RSL WA - ANZAC Appeal & Poppy Appeals - 2015 – 2018 weekend activities with other veterans for the national appeal run statewide (took a days recreation leave from work for during the week)

Cancer Councils Daffodil Day - Since finding out best mate and fellow Junior Recruit Steve Blasdale had terminal cancer with only weeks to live in 2018, I volunteered to support Daffodil Day in the shopping centres from open to close. Over the first two years I raised just under \$4,000. 2019 is my third year, I will be "In The Yellow" whole day in the Perth CBD for the street appeal and Saturday in shopping centres and Bunnings from open to close. "

Red Nose Day - Each year I do a donation day at my work and then head out to deliver wearing my red nose on my bike and on me.

Worlds Greatest Shave - On the case for the past two years now

This year after visiting a **Bali school next to our villa** we have done a collection and spent over \$300 on school supplies and toys for the school and will be presenting to school in the near future.

Make a Wish for about five years plus lots of other donations and **Gallipoli Run** but these are the majority of what I do or have done, plus a lot more!



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'Future of Leeuwin'



WA's 'Combat Scribe'
JEFF WAKE

Tingira Australia Association committee man, Jeff Wake, has been appointed to a new Tingira Australia sub-committee 'Future of Leeuwin'.

Jeff shall keep the Tingira membership informed via Secretary of all national and statewide Statements, Minutes, Advertisements and Media as presented on the 'Future of Leeuwin' base at East Fremantle, WA.

Jeff will be the only endorsed representative of Tingira Australia Association at this stage for all future and relevant Defence, Navy, Leeuwin and local Community meetings and correspondence regarding Leeuwin Barracks.

This sub-committee is expected to last for three to five year period at this stage until the final settlement of the Leeuwin site and future developments.



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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 rezoned 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 'Niergarup' 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.



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
Contact the project team at property.disposals@defence.gov.au to register your interest to participate in future consultation.



Alan Carter, Mark Lee and Wendy Dorn with the handover of the HMAS Tingira nameplate for the Tingira Australian Association to be the future custodian.



“Hands On” HMAS TINGIRA

Not every day you get your ‘hands on’ the relics of an old historical sailing ship approximately 107 years of age. Monday 9 September 2019, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Tingira Heights, Tingira Australia Association Secretary, Mark Lee, received the original HMAS Tingira name board and memorabilia as part of a donation ceremony.

Wendy Dorn, Area Manager Hunter, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, said the historic Tingira memorabilia was probably not going to fit in as a display with the combined tenants and the modern architecture of the new building when we move in the near future.

Wendy tasked her right hand man, Alan Carter, to find if there were any original ‘Tingira groups’ that would treasure these items and be a worthy custodian to continue their story and livelihood in decades to come.

Alan sourced Tingira Australia Association, the second generation of Tingira Boys, who have welcomed the donation towards their ever building growing collection of all things HMAS Tingira and HMAS Leeuwin.

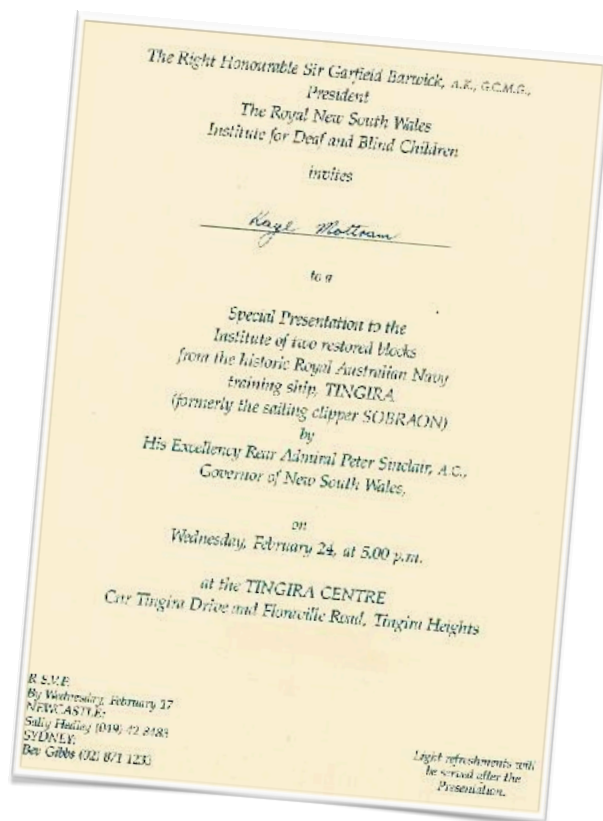
Tingira President Lance Ker was excited to learn the good news of the donation and see the media photograph of the staff and the Tingira Secretary with the original Tingira name board.

"It's amazing how some local publicity on social media, a well presented website and a dedicated Tingira committee can source items like this original HMAS Tingira name board. This will now take great pride within our association, Tingira's past will have a new future again. The Tingira committee are working on future plans where maximum general public viewing of the Tingira story and viewing of other memorabilia will be the main focus at this stage, we are most grateful to Wendy Dorn and her team for contacting the association" said Lance Ker.

The Tingira items were gifted to the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children at it's opening day of February 1991 by the then Governor of NSW, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair. Governor Sinclair served as the Executive Officer at HMAS Leeuwin, looking after the young Tingira Boys during his naval career.

Tingira Boys joined the RAN at 15 years of age when HMAS Tingira was commissioned on 25 April 1912, over 3,000 boys were trained on her and sent to the fleet over the following two decades. The second generation of Tingira Boys, also aged 15, commenced at HMAS Leeuwin on 13 July 1961 with 10,000 young sailors joining the ranks of the RAN fleet, many still serving today with over 35 years continued service.

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children will move into a new \$5 million medical centre at Broadmeadow, in a combined role with ear, nose and throat specialist within the Newcastle region first quarter 2020.



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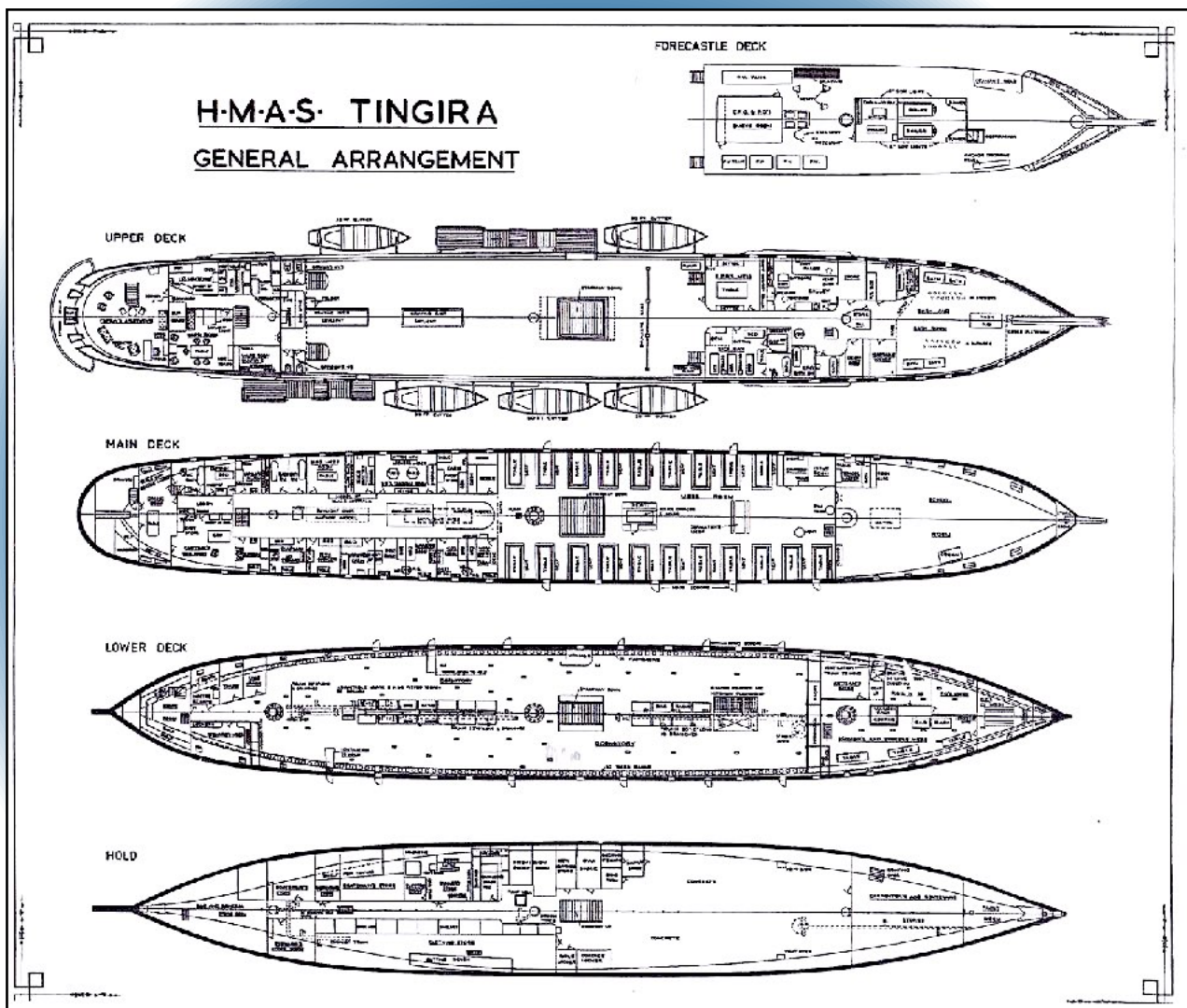
HMAS TINGIRA - BELOW DECKS 1912

Committee members of Tingira Australia Association are often asked what was the layout of the famous old ship for those young boys in 1912 when she was converted from Nautical School Ship Sobraon to HMAS Tingira?

With research and luck on our side, all things 'Tingira' continue to come our way, the most recent from WA member Roy Stall, who discovered a set of perfect

drawings of the five deck layout describing fittings and areas the young boys and crew lived in whilst under anchor at Rose Bay, Sydney.

A few pencil images of the upper deck over the past years have been sighted but nothing so accurate and well presented as these drawings. Well done Roy Stall and into our growing Tingira collection.



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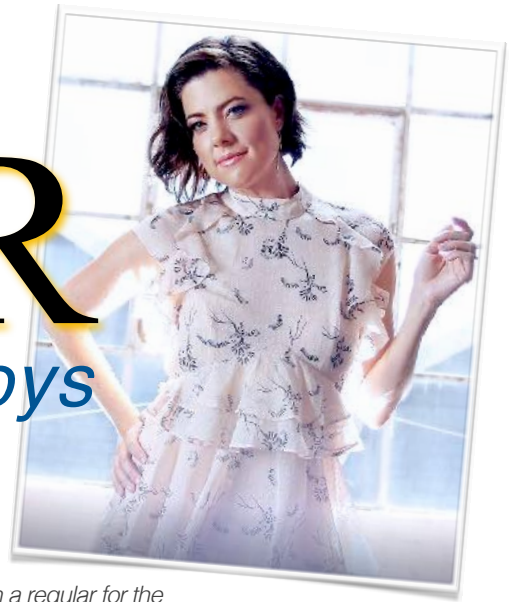
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AMBER

In Tune with Tingira Boys



MARK LEE

Corporate Communications Manager
RSL NSW Headquarters - June 2012

"I often get asked in my veteran circles how I met the lovely Amber Lawrence"

A young lady walks into my office at ANZAC House, Sydney, introduces herself, "Hi I'm Amber Lawrence, you must be Mark? I'm looking for some pictures of defence veterans for a new video sound track, can you help me?"

Within 30 minutes Amber had a few classic portraits that I had photographed only the day before at ANZAC Memorial to meet her requirements, "how much do I owe you?" she asked.

"One good music performance for an RSL veteran community should work for us" I said jokingly!

Three months later on a sultry Wednesday afternoon at the RSL LifeCare retirement village, Narrabeen, Sydney, Amber Lawrence, backed by 36 members of the Royal Australian Navy band with full orchestral instruments, entertains over 300 defence veterans and widows with a great show for two hours of famous songs from the war areas. 9 out of 10 performance, she didn't know God Save The Queen, off cause not!

Amber has since delivered numerous shows for RSL veterans in her growing roles as one of Australia's leading music performers.

The rest is history, that is how my professional working relationship started back in 2012 with Amber Lawrence.

Seven years later we still have our bi-annual 'tea and scones' somewhere in Sydney and work through our next gig for Tingira another veteran community I am related to.

Before that first RSL gig she had already been part of the Army's overseas 'performing artist troupe' with group shows in Timor.

Since then Amber has been a regular for the overseas Forces Frontline Tours, with performances in the Middle East and Afghanistan. 2017 Amber received the ultimate call up from the Australian Government to perform for the US Coral Sea commemoration in New York. For this event she wrote a special USA Australia song and performed in front of USA President, Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull.

Amber with her country music colleague Luke O'Shea were made ambassadors to RSL DefenceCare in 2014 and regular perform at military events and sporting events during the April ANZAC period.

Today we know Amber as 'Miss Tingira', although she is now a mother and wife since our early days. Touring country with son Ike and husband Marty they are their own team today. Amber Lawrence has performed on four occasions for the Tingira Boys at special annual dinners in Sydney.

Amber wasn't able to perform at the 2015 reunion due to commitments in USA, the year we initiated her as 'Miss Tingira' with an Associate Tingira membership. However, she provided one of her special lead guitarists, Glen Harrison, with his sister Kaylee Stewart of Kaylen's Rain. Delivering continuous rock and roll cover songs that had the crowd dancing non stop for two hours, it was one memorable 2015 JR Reunion night at Luna Park!

In April 2018 when the 2020 JR Reunion was initiated and approved, the first phone call made was to Ms Lawrence "Are you available Miss Tingira?"

"Off course, 2020 JR Reunion Perth, I'm there this will be the best night of 60's, 70's & 80's rock and roll for decades and with the navy band again, bring it on sailors, I love to party with our Tingira Boys"

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Associate Tingira member 'Miss Tingira' Amber Lawrence, crossed the international sea lanes, performing for the 2017 Coral Sea commemorations in USA.

Onboard the US aircraft carrier, USS Intrepid, dockside New York complete with a very special VIP audience, US President, Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull.

Amber Lawrence is an Australian country music singer-songwriter, with five albums, an EP, and a number of awards to her credit. After being nominated six times previously, she won the Golden Guitar Award for Female Artist of the Year in 2015 for her fourth album, *Superheroes*.

Amber grew up in the Sydney suburb of Mascot. She attended Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Sydney where she completed the Higher School Certificate in 1995, including a place in the Order of Merit List. After graduating from the University of New South Wales with a commerce degree and working for six years as a chartered accountant for Qantas, Lawrence became a full-time musician.

She has released a debut EP, *I've Got The Blues*, and four full-length albums to date: *The Mile* (2007), *When It All Comes Down* (2009), *3* (2011) and *Superheroes* (2014) *Spark* (2019).

Amber was nominated for "Independent Country Album of the Year" by the Australian Independent Record Labels Association for her debut album, *The Mile*. In 2008, she was nominated for the Golden Guitar for "Female Artist of the Year" and "New Talent". In 2009, she won the Golden Guitar "People's Choice Award" for "Female Artist of the Year", as well as being nominated for "Female Artist of the Year", "APRA Song of the Year" and "Video Clip of the Year," capping it off with an APRA nomination for "Country Work of the Year" for the single "Good Girls".

In 2010, she won "Female Vocalist of the Year" at the Victorian National

Country Music Awards, and was nominated for "Best Independent Country Album" at the Independent Music Award, she also won the new Golden Guitar category of "Horizon Award", while her album *When It All Comes Down* was nominated three times. In 2012 and 2013, Lawrence was again nominated for the Golden Guitar "Female Artist of the Year". In 2014, Lawrence was nominated for "Female Artist of the Year" at the Australian Club Entertainment Awards.

2015 Amber was awarded the Golden Guitar for Best Female Artist of the Year, the Australian Bush Laureate Award for Contemporary Song Lyric of the Year and was nominated for Heritage Song of the Year, both for "The Lifesaver". The song is especially meaningful to her, as it deals with her family's response to her father's stroke. She was also named CMC Music Video Channel's Female Oz Artist of the Year.

She has been nominated in the CMC Top 20 Artists of the Year five years running, and is the winner of six Southern Star Independent Awards, including Independent Album of the Year (twice), APRA/AMCOS Independent Country Music Single of the Year (twice), Independent Artist of the Year, Independent Female Artist of the Year (twice). Fourteen of her singles have either reached #1, top 5 or top 10 on the Country Music Radio Chart and CMC Video Charts.

Amber an extensive schools mentor performance programme, having already notched up over 200 performances around the country for kids. Lawrence has performed and is featured at many of the leading

country music festivals, such as Gympie Muster, CMC Rocks The Hunter and QLD, Mildura Music Festival, Deni Ute Muster, Caboolture, Mudbills & Music, Derwent Valley Muster.

She has toured with the likes of Lee Kernaghan, The McClymonts, Adam Harvey, Melinda Schneider, Sunny Cowgirls, and Kaylens Rain, and event tours such as Chic Frontier.

Over the years, she has also been a supporter of Australia's military, performing for the troops both abroad and at various events around the country. In 2007, she played in East Timor, and in 2013, she was in the Sinai, entertaining Australian and coalition forces. Her song "Man Across The Street" is about a returned veteran; it resulted in her 2013 Golden Guitar nomination for "Best Female Artist of the Year".

Amber Lawrence has a special affiliation with the Tingira Australia Association, ex navy association for the boy sailors from 1960-84. She is known as their 'Miss Tingira' and performs at their annual Presidents dinner and Tingira birthday party. The boys have a special rendition of 'yellow submarine' - Amber is a great supporter for the Tingira Boys.

Amber is also an ambassador for the Special Olympics and RSL DefenceCare.

In 2018 she was married to Marty, (the country music wedding of the year), they have a two year old son, Ike, who travels the roads and airways of Australia with his parents on the continuing music tour.



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And to conclude, this would all not be possible without the ongoing support received from the community. TS Tingira would like to thank their many sponsors, for without their assistance, many of these experiences would not occur. TS Tingira support and help with the Vietnam Veterans and Nashos particularly, as they continue to assist us and the activities we are able to participate in, meaning we are eternally grateful for these organisations.



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