



TINGIRA AUSTRALIA



JR intake No. 1 HMAS Leeuwin 1960, Fremantle WA.

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Inc

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Our Lost Boys ... Found

This year Tingira Australia Association was presented with over 200 vintage images from the RAN Seapower organisation of former Tingira Boys on board HMAS Tingira from 1912 - 27.

As well as the boys, there were also many postcards of the senior English ratings as part of the Ships Company and then some new images from former 'Tinny Boys' who were in action on board HMAS Sydney and Australia on duty for WW1.



Tingira Australia Association
Patron
Vice Admiral
RUSS CRANE AO, CSM, RANR

Once again, it's been a busy year and firstly, I want to thank and congratulate the Executive on behalf of all members of our Tingira Australia Association for the sterling work they have done and continue to do for our association. It's clear to me that the Tingira Australia Association is building rapidly, membership is growing, financials are solid, activities increasing and most importantly, opportunities for membership engagement are increasing. These are all significantly positive metrics and signs of an association that is healthy, well supported, well managed and in demand by its members. BZ to all who have provided their time and energy in making the Association so successful to date. Keep up the great work.

In 2014 we entered an important period of reflection and remembrance as we commemorate a range of centenary events from the First World War. Already we have seen, and some have participated in, a number of significant commemorative events including:

- *The declaration of war on Germany by Great Britain on 4 August 1914;*
- *The Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force fighting in New Guinea (New Britain) on the road to Bitapaka on 11 September 1914;*
- *The gathering in Albany in Western Australia in October 1914 of the ships carrying the AIF and NZEF, later to become collectively known as the 'ANZACS', Merchant ships carrying troops from New Zealand, Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria departed from Albany on 1 November 1914, together with three cruisers – HMA Ships Melbourne and Sydney and the HMS Minotaur. They were joined at sea two days later by two ships carrying troops from South Australia and Western Australia, along with the Japanese cruiser, HIJMS Ibuki;*
- *The battle between HMAS Sydney and the German Raider Emden on 9th November 1914, when, following the action, the Commanding Officer of HMAS Sydney, then Captain J.C.T. Glossop RN, confirmed the splendid conduct of the 60 men and boys from "Tingira" within his ships company during the engagement.*

These are important and prominent events in our Australian history, not well known to most Australians.

This year of course marks the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign in Eastern Europe, a significant joint maritime campaign that demonstrated the courage and valour of our Australian and New Zealand forces so far away from home. I will have the honour and privilege to be on the Gallipoli Peninsular immediately prior to ANZAC Day this year and will be conducting a short service on ANZAC day in a cruise liner off ANZAC Cove on the day. My Tingira tie and JR beret will be front and centre!

2014 also offered us a great deal to celebrate in terms of our Navy today and its future. The new Seahawk "Romeo" helicopters have begun delivery to our Navy in Australia; I was privileged to attend the commissioning of HMAS Canberra the first of our LHDs in its homeport, Sydney on 28th November; the 2nd of our LHDs in build has arrived in Williamstown for fit out and the keel of our 2nd AWD has been laid in Adelaide; all significant occasions which bode extremely well for our Navy's future.

Clearly, the highlight of our association's year in 2015 will be the centenary of ANZAC Day and our 'JR Reunion' in November. I am looking forward to the reunion, in particular, the opportunity to rededicate our refurbished Tingira Memorial at Rose Bay, the Gala dinner at Luna Park and the opportunity to catch up with old mates who share a common bond. I am sure there will be many stories told, tall and true, during this reunion which promises to be a Navy highlight of 2015.

2014 has been a busy and exciting year for those who have an interest in our Navy past and present. I am expecting 2015 to be just as exciting and rewarding. I continue to encourage as many of you as possible to take advantage of these events and show your pride in our Navy either individually or as part of our Association.

I wish you and your families a happy, safe and prosperous 2015 and I look forward to meeting and talking with as many of our members and their families as possible during this important year for our Navy and our Association.



Top: US commemoration for Coral Sea, Canberra.

L Tingira President and Patron US commemoration

M Tingira Boys photo moment with the Governor General, Patron, Sec and President

R Tingira Associates catch up, Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs and ABCK Mitch Lee



Tingira Australia Association
President
Lance Ker

To all Tingira boys, this is my first annual report and it comes with great honour to represent our association as your new President.

It was back in March 2014 when our then President Mr Greg Read, notified me of his intentions to step aside from his position as our President due to ill health. Greg and the Committee had set in place a firm format for 'things to come' and he gave me the confidence to put up my hand for this position. You the Tingira Boys then confirmed Greg's opinion and voted me in as your President for a period of three years. Well gentlemen, that was 12 months ago, and what a busy time we at Tingira have had since then.

In Sydney we have completed another successful Anzac day in April 2014 with around 70 of us marching under our Tingira banner, with great applause from the onlookers' along George St. Then in May we represented by invitation our association at the Coral Sea dedication in Canberra along with our patron Vice Admiral Russ Crane (Rtd) and various dignitaries and fellow JR's.

In Queensland and Victoria, Western Australia we are getting our LJR's together and have a strong following. Also a big thank you to Stephen Beal from South Australia who joined our committee. A great effort Steve, cheers.

We at Tingira have seen and heard of the influx of Junior Recruits all over the country making contact with former shipmates and the outcome for all has been enormous, much of this is thanks to Facebook as well as word of mouth and our great website www.Tingira.org.au

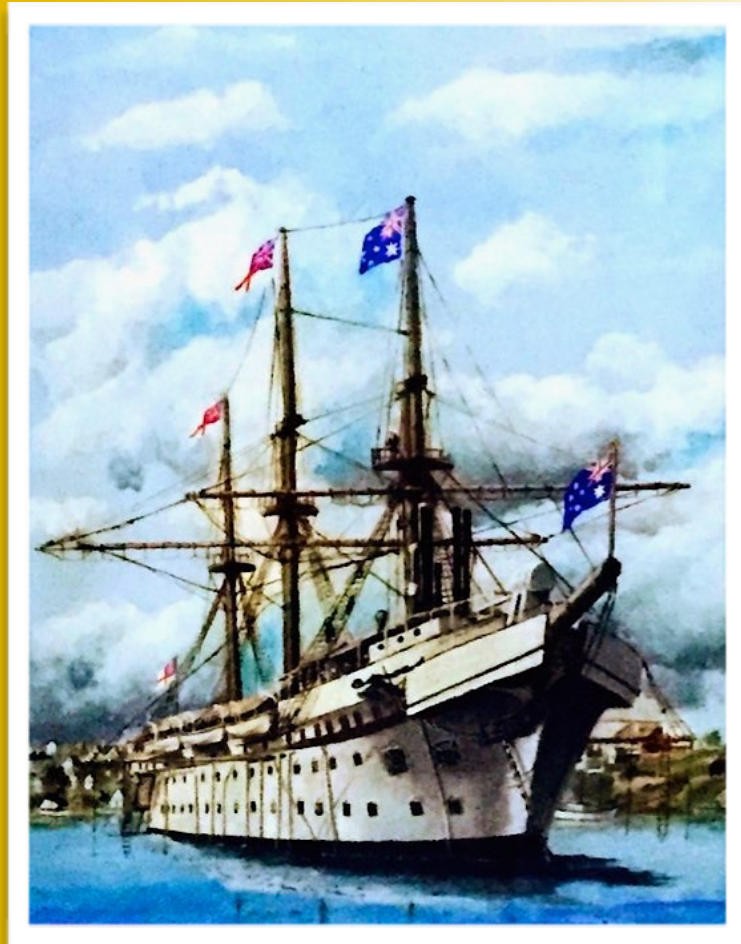
I personally have met numerous ex JR's whom I haven't seen for many years and I must admit we all just seem to pick up where we left off. That truly is the mateship of the service and that is the wonderful thing that awaits future members of Tingira. No matter what your years of service, you are (we are) part of this huge family that just keeps on getting bigger.

As you would be well aware, 2015 will be an enormous year for both Tingira and the Royal Australian military Services. We at Tingira shall be front and centre once again on Anzac Day in Sydney 2015 representing past and present Tinny boys from all theatres of war and peace, I encourage all ex JR's to march with us.

Then in November 2015 the Reunion you have been asking for since the inaugural reunion in Perth in 2010. Sydney shall showcase our 2015 reunion during the month of November, more can be seen at our web page for the reunion www.jrreunion.com.au Numbers are limited so first in best dressed will secure the tickets, I can assure you will not be disappointed with what our committee has put together for the week.

On closing, in my inaugural year as president I would like to offer a very big thank you to Mark Lee our Secretary, who steers this ship thru smooth and rough seas and is involved with so much behind the scenes and the running of our Association. Also a great thank you to our Patron Russ Crane who is never more than an email or phone call away for advice or suggestions,

Then it is BZ to our great team of volunteer committee members, Peter Stephenson Treasurer, David Ruckert Vice President, and Committee, Steve Beal, Chris Parr, and Greg Read, thank you all.



Top: HMAS Tingira in her glory days, now oil on canvas as a TAA asset

L Past Tingira Presidents - Chris Perrin and Greg Read

M The empty Tingira chair for President - not for long!

R Tingira Association President with US Embassy members in Canberra



Tingira Australia Association
Secretary
MARK LEE

Whilst the year may not have looked busy on paper in participation, our 'action' papers were quite the opposite.

Firstly, I am a much relieved Secretary after our March AGM when Lance Ker stepped up to the chair to take the role as President for the next three years. The three year term was a new proposal that was accepted and will help us work as a long term committee rather than changes annually. And Greg Tread, thanks for your contribution, although brief very active and appreciated.

And with that, we have committed our energies and funds directly to the 2015 Reunion. A mammoth task as most of us are still young with families and working day to day. The project is alive and we are well under way. It is sure to be a big week next November for all JR's who unite in Sydney, "I'm excited" as the Tingira Patron Russ said in a recent communication.

Moving forward our next big task on the radar is to have the Tingira banner paraded 'nationally on ANZAC Day'.

This project is also now well under way, we will endeavour to make stronger ties with the new statewide LJR's who have stepped up to assist, thanks lads.

The Cerberus connection is also growing stronger, with the new CO down there a former JR. We will move to highlight our image and continued commitment at the Recruit School and the other areas of opportunity this may bring to the association.

ANZAC Day anywhere in Australia is sure to be a once in a life time for all of us in 2015. The AGM will return to Club Rose Bay the night before our birthday (103 this year) and the boys to march next day with a luncheon to follow, another major highlight in the history of our association.

Membership is on the upward path thanks to David Ruckerts efforts and the Reunion 2015 will only swell our numbers. Some new merchandise items will also be in the store after Easter.

Thank you from my desk to all the continued support from our Patron Russ Crane and the Tingira committee members and to the many JR's around the country who constantly call into www.tingir.org.au to come aboard once again making the connection usually after many years.

I too am looking forward to wearing the Tingira JR beret down George Street in April and making all and one welcome to the JR Reunion in November of 2015. These historical events will both become major highlights in the lives of many of our Tingira shipmates and again keep Tingira in the eyes of the public as part of our cherished Tingira history.

"Tingira will live forever" ... that was the original motto of the Tingira Old Boys Association. I think we are doing our bit to keep it very much alive.



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Top: Presidents Annual Dinner table - Milestone function rooms - North Head, Sydney

L New in & Old out - The 'Presidents' ring the Tingira Bell at 2014 AGM changeover

M JR REUNION 2015 - Tingira committee biggest challenge

R 'Lady Tingira' - Australia's No1 female country artist Amber Lawrence, 'on board' for Tingira



Tingira Australia Association
Membership Manager
DAVID RUCKERT

The year started with a good forensic of what we did in 2013 and how we could improve the message that we are up and running as an association.

I set a target of 100 members, at 25 per quarter that would give us some solid growth and more than double the 2013 effort. We approached several of the intakes that had reunions throughout the year and that was certainly successful.

With the launch of the online store with the polo shirt and cap starting to take momentum, sales of the 3XXX polos sold out in the first 30 days! Social media (Facebook) avenue was starting to open up new angles with fellow committee member Chris Parr establishing a complete new network aiming them towards our website.

The results have been quite outstanding. We even had 10 in the first week join when we launched the JR Reunion last month!

The work in membership is far from over. Over 10,000 boys graduated through those HMAS Leeuwin gates and we are after the lions share at the end of the day to come on board.

"So what's in it for me?" many ask. We like to reverse the question and ask "what can you give back" - we only ask for your participation when possible.

For 2015 I think I need to double the target again, with the reunion I should have a few 'new grubs' in my crosshairs!

The initial 'Silver' lapel pin for Foundation Members will be available in early January for those who purchased 'general' membership in 2014 as their subscriptions fall due. We also offer this membership at intake reunions when possible via the coordinators.

Membership is available directly from the on-line store on the website tingira.org.au and a form can be downloaded from the website as well.

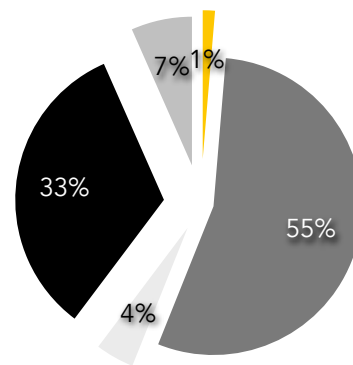
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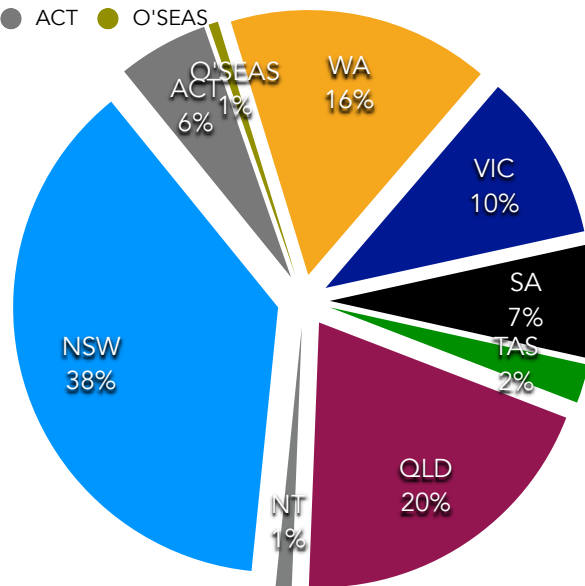
MEMBERSHIP 1st Dec 2014	2013	2014	Total
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	6
FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER	15	7	248
ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER	4	0	19
GENERAL MEMBER	22	137	198
ASSOCIATE GENERAL MEMBER	0	16	36
TOTALS	42	161	507

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TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP

● WA ● VIC ● SA ● TAS ● QLD ● NT ● NSW
 ● ACT ● O'SEAS



WA	VIC	SA	TAS	QLD	NT	NSW	ACT	O'SEAS
78	48	31	10	94	5	181	26	7



Tingira Australia Association
Treasurer
PETER STEPHENSON OAM

This year was another good result with the bulk of expenditure towards refreshing out stock of polo shirts for the anticipated "buy In" towards the 2015 JR Reunion and the development of the website and ticketing program behind the dedicated reunion website.

Whilst our functions at Nth Head and Rose Bay were the major ANZAC Day activities a new door opened with the Canberra exercise on the Coral Sea commemoration.

Membership has returned a steady flow of \$ to the bottom line resulting in most new members making a merchandise purchase along the way.

2015 see the carry over of monies for the JR Reunion, we have some big deposits to pay late in the first quarter, so we need to see the growth here continue at the present rate.

Sponsorship will take on a new role in 2015 as we go to the market with hat in hand to seek government grants and ANY donation possible to help support our major rebuild of TINGIRA

Memorial at Rose Bay and support for the add on costs of the JR Reunion.

The price for most JR Reunion events were the bare minimum cost as the Sydney exercise is the most expensive in the country when trying to accommodate up to a 1,000 persons for an event.

Tingira Members, we are in good shape, audit by Artin Etmekdjian most appreciative and we will continue to take our challenge forward with the JR Reunion and the Tingira Memorial upgrade as our biggest tasks yet to keep Tingira Australia Association finances on track.

Special thanks to Secretary Mark Lee, Tingira Associate member Morgan Lee for the back end website finance work on the two websites and auditor Artin Etmekdjian for keeping the books in tact, team effort in this portfolio much appreciated.

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Donations - Tingira Memorial Upgrade
Members - Associates & Friends



ACCOUNTS

INCOME	Financial Year JAN to DEC 2014
M'Ship & Merchandise Sales	\$13,398
JR REUNION 2015	\$22,035
JR MEMORIAL	\$1,300
Bank Interest	\$273
Investment Draw Down	\$10,000
Total Income	\$47,006
EXPENSE	
Fees	\$1,339
Administration	\$6,646
Equipment JR Reunion Websites & PR	\$5,919
Travel	\$198
Merchandise	\$4,900
Functions & JR Reunion Deposit	\$5,412
Total Expense	\$24,414



BALANCE SHEET

Financial Year JAN to DEC 2014		
OPEN BALANCE		\$8,796
INCOME		\$47,006
EXPENSE		\$24,414
OPERATING BALANCE		\$22,592
TRADING ACCT 1-1-15		\$8,700
JR REUNION ACCT		\$22,035
TAA INVESTMENT ACCT		\$10,977
STOCK TAKE COST OF STOCK ON SHELF 1-1-15		7,088
STOCK TAKE RESALE VALUE STOCK ON SHELF		\$22,050

EVENTS of 2014 Committee & Members ...

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Executive planning meeting/reports AGM * Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus * Australia Day commemoration - ANZAC Memorial
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Committee meeting
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Annual General Meeting, North Head Barracks, Manly, Sydney
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ANZAC Day March - Sydney
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * US Coral Sea commemoration - Canberra
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * TAA Committee meeting
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tingira Challenge - Sydney Harbour Kayaks
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * TAA Committee meeting
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * JR Reunion launch * Tingira Memorial - Remembrance Day commemoration
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus * TAA Committee briefing.

TEAM TINGIRA	
Tingira PATRON	Russ Crane
Tingira PRESIDENT	Lance Ker
VICE PRESIDENT	David Ruckert
SECRETARY	Mark Lee
TREASURER	Peter Stephenson
COMMITTEE	Stephen Beal
COMMITTEE	Chris Parr
COMMITTEE	Greg Read
LJR QLD	Rick Reddish
LJR NSW	Mark Lee
LJR VIC	Niall Baird
LJR WA	Paul Kalajzich
Tingira Immediate Past President	Chris Perrin
Tingira Chaplain	Pastor Bob Durbin
Tingira Accounts Auditor	Artin Etmekdjian
Tingira Webmaster	MTL Design
Tingira Members 1/1/15	510
Association commenced	1-1-11





TINGIRA PRESIDENT - LANCE KER

Welcome to the most prestigious event for the Tingira Australia Association membership, our first 'Tingira' Junior Recruit Reunion.

To be held in Sydney over five days in November 2015, as a committee we aim to reunite many past and present HMAS Cerberus and Leeuwin Junior Recruit 'Tingira shipmates', with members of their intakes and former ships they served in during their careers with the Royal Australian Navy.

The last reunion at Leeuwin Barracks in 2010 achieved all that and more... mostly with the formation of this the 'Tingira Australia Association'.

The committee is committed to deliver an exciting event for our members, their partners and friends, making the efforts of all those attending a rich reward for what is to be a monumental event in naval reunions for Sydney.

The Reunion will have two major highlights, the re-commissioning of the refurbished Tingira Memorial at Rose Bay on 11th November in line with Remembrance Day (the day Leeuwin closed) and the Grand JR Reunion Ball under the 'Big Top' at North Sydney's Luna Park the following evening.

There is ample time in the schedule for the 84 HMAS Cerberus & Leeuwin Intake groups to organise their own individual reunions. As you will see from the program, we have accumulated many activities over the period for all to enjoy and plenty of spare time to see the new Sydney, for many visitors who have not seen her for some time.

Reunions are about renewing old friendships and going forward to expand those horizons within your intake groups. Many of the intakes are well organised, while others are just starting to form their groups.

With the invention of instant email, smartphone and website communications, our world is changing quickly when it comes to finding old friends and spreading the word of what's happening.

The grand plan to have this reunion every five years. We also envisage this event to be 'SOLD OUT' very early as numbers are limited due to facility capacities.

Tingira Australia Association Members have been given first privilege to purchase their place at this historical event with the website open to them exclusively during the month of November.

We apologise now for the high costs, a modern Sydney delivers at great cost, it is one of the most expensive cities in the world and don't we know it when it comes to something like this.

Negotiating best price to date, the problem was that most Sydney CBD establishments cannot support 800 to 1,200 persons.

Service and product sponsors are welcome to add support for all events. We now welcome Judy Ploughman to our organising committee as the overall event manager.

The five day program is extensive, prestige and comfort are the best options we have sought for our group, as none of us are any younger these days.

I am sure you will enjoy 'JR Reunion 2015' those who come will leave with cherished memories of a great reunion and look forward to the next venture!

Thank you for your continued support of our association.

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Junior Recruits Grand Reunion

SYDNEY - November 2015



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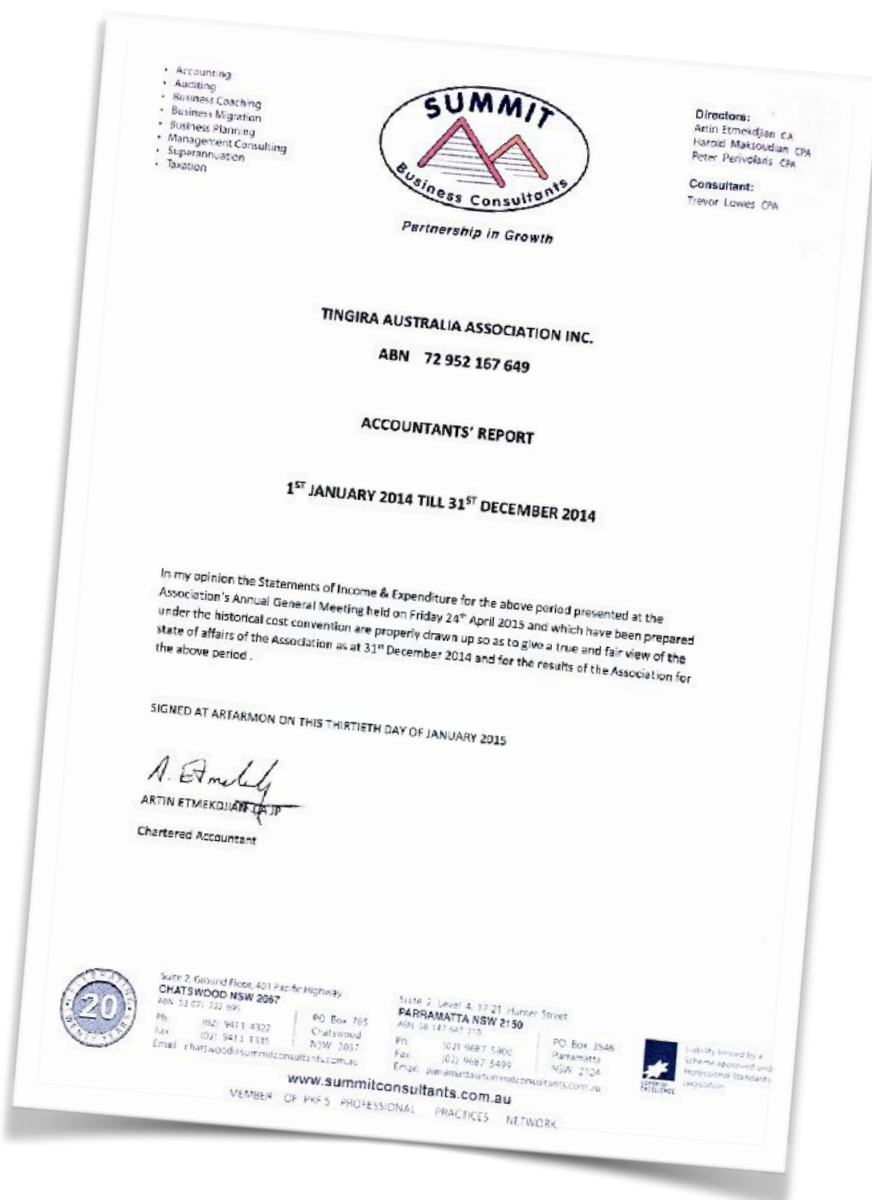
Audited Accounts ...

The Tingira Australia Association has employed the services of 'Summit Business Consultants' with Managing Director Mr. Artin Etmekdjian, who personally audits the accounts of the Association in January each year for presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting held in April.

The Annual Report is posted on website only min 30 days from AGM.

This Annual Report is also submitted to the NSW Dept of Fair Trading under the requirements of the NSW State Government, to lodge annual financial return for conduct of business as an Incorporated Association, under the laws and guidelines of the Association Model Rules and the Tingira Australia Associations adopted Constitution of March 2014, after it is presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Lance Ker
President
Tingira Australia Association





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Annual General Meeting

1700 hours

Friday 24th April 2015

Club Rose Bay - Rose Bay RSL, Sydney, NSW.

AGENDA

1. President's welcome - open AGM
2. Approve MINUTES of previous 2014 AGM
3. President's Report - as per Annual Report - TAA website
4. Treasurer's Report - as per Annual Report - TAA website
5. Secretary's Report - as per Annual Report - TAA website
6. General Business - Tabled Motions as presented to SEC by 24/3/15
7. Secretary to close AGM
8. 1730 hours - Sunset Service Tingira Memorial
9. 1800 hours - Presidents Dinner - Club Rose Bay