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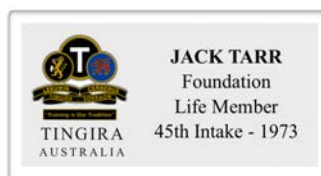
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Our Buoy ... Reborn

This year as a major ceremonial role in the JR Reunion, the Tingira Australia Association commissioned four new replica Life Buoys, Sobraon, Tingira, Leeuwin and Cerberus representing the four ships that make up the proud history of the Tingira Australia Association. At the same ceremony a refurbished set of 'oars' were commissioned to complete the Tingira Bell housing capsule.

The 'Buoys' will also be housed permanently on display at the Rose Bay RSL club with the Tingira bell and used on ceremonial occasions by the Tingira Association.

Cover ... Tingira Flag

This is our moment in history with the Tingira flag flying high aloft on the Sydney sail ship James Craig, as part of the JR Reunion 'Call The Hands' activity where the James Craig sailed off the Sydney Heads to the final resting point of HMAS Tingira.

Photography - Mark Lee





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GLORIOUS MEMORIES - Tingira Future

We have, once again, had an exciting year in 2015. It has been a year which has seen our Association membership continues to grow and spread nationally. It's been a year which has seen us continue to re-establish and redevelop many of those personal ties we established long ago as young men in our Navy.

Indeed I spent some time during the Reunion last November talking with one of our members who now lives in San Diego USA but travels back to Australia to attend our Reunion. That's commitment! Occasionally, I peruse the association Website and Facebook page and I am continually impressed by the support I see being provided to our members, largely from each other, through the very positive experiences the majority of our members had at HMAS Leeuwin and the JRTE. These, overwhelmingly positive, reports of experiences at Leeuwin are an important part of our history. It is important we continue to tell our story as Junior Recruits.

Many of you will know that Leeuwin Barracks is to be sold. It is important and appropriate that our Navy and ADF move on and adapt to new ways of doing business. Despite the sale, I'm very pleased to note that, largely through the hard work of Ken Dobbie and his Memorial Committee and others, we look set to retain the JR Memorial in its current location in Fremantle on the shores of the Swan

River. Despite its relatively short existence this memorial has become an important part of our story and I'm thrilled with this outcome.

I regret I could not be with you on ANZAC Day in 2015 but, as reported, I was in Turkey and in fact about six miles offshore from Anzac Cove at sunrise on the 25 April. I had the pleasure of providing some commentary on the Gallipoli Campaign to a range of cruise guests and I took the opportunity to explain the role of the Navy including the French, British, Australian, German and Turkish naval contribution. Interestingly, many approached me after the event to register their disappointment that the Naval contribution to the Gallipoli campaign had been seriously underreported over many years, in particular, the contribution of our Australian Submarine AE2 and its role in the events of 25th April 1915. I felt extremely privileged to be off Gallipoli Peninsular on the 100th Anniversary of the landings.

Of course November 2015 also saw the opportunity for many of us to come together in Sydney for our Reunion. This was a remarkably successful and memorable event in my view and congratulations to the Committee once again for the hard work they put into making this happen.

Our Navy has also been busy in 2015 with a number of key capability

milestones achieved. The 27,000-tonne large amphibious ship HMAS *Canberra*—the largest ship ever operated by the Royal Australian Navy—was commissioned into service on 28 November 2014. Its sister ship HMAS *Adelaide* commissioned on 4th December 2015. Together with their embarked helicopters and landing craft, these two ships provide one of the most capable and sophisticated air–land–sea amphibious deployment systems in the world.

A major transition in the world of naval aviation took place during the year: the MH-60 'Romeo' Seahawk helicopter was introduced into service, and the 725 Squadron (Naval Air) was re-commissioned on 18 June 2015. The Romeo Seahawks replace the S-70B-2 Seahawk aircraft, which have been in service since 1988. The new aircraft will significantly enhance the Navy's ability to conduct surface and anti-submarine warfare.

NUSHIP *Hobart*, the first of the new air warfare destroyers, was launched in Adelaide on 23 May 2015. While *Hobart* is still some time off operational service, this was a significant milestone in bringing her into service.

I wish all our members and your families a safe and prosperous 2016. I look forward to catching up with as many as possible on Anzac Day 2016 in Sydney..





HMAS Leeuwin - JR Memorial Fremantle ...

Our most joyous moment of 2015, the announcement by the Federal government that the JR Memorial, flagpole and surrounding gardens will be saved from future development of the former navy base to the RAN Junior Recruits.



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MANY MILESTONES - Great Memories

2015 - What a year it was, so many milestones none bigger than the JR Reunion and the retention of the JR Memorial at Leeuwin Barracks in Fremantle.

However, it is all the small things that make us a great association and great we are becoming. We do things and go places, yet we are just starting out having celebrated our associations fifth birthday on 1st January 2016.

Many congratulations to our hard working committee for all things Tingira during 2016. The JR Reunion had plenty of stress behind the curtains even when Treasurer Peter Stephenson announced he was off to his daughters wedding in the Philippines that week. Mark Lee and the lads just keep the ship on course and steaming at a fast rate of knots in the right direction.

We got on with the job this year, marching the Tingira flag in three capital cities was credit to the LJR's who have stepped up to the front line and rallied their troops, roll on for this April.

Canberra in May, now there's a cold assignment but were greeted once again by the USA Association with warm arms and hearts as part of their Coral Sea commemoration, it's a great day. We will try to get more Canberra lads there this year and perhaps an after function over that weekend in the nations capital.

We have grown our friendship into a very strong relationship with the Rose Bay RSL Club thanks to Lee and Rosemary Stockley. The Presidents Dinner, The Remembrance Day Service and the restoration of the Tingira Memorial were tremendous efforts and a big thank you to Mark Lee and Greg Read behind the scene to get things happening on this front over the past three years.

From here in 2016 it is business as usual, onwards and upwards.

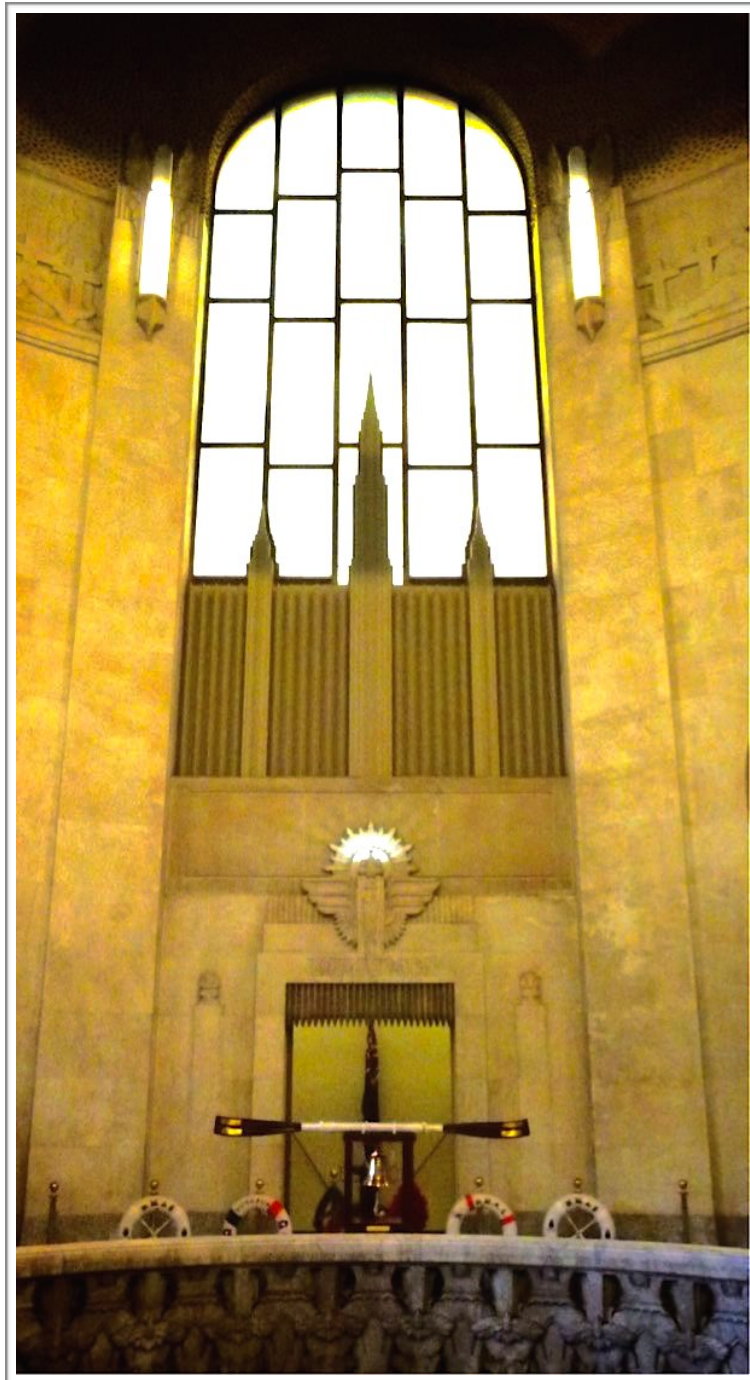
We will take on a serious membership drive in the first quarter and then rally the troops for a few more states to fly the Tingira banner on ANZAC Day in 2016.

The 'Tingira Top Shot' award at HMAS Cerberus has been a great success and we will endeavour to grow that relationship in the near future with the Recruit School staff and Cerberus management.

Our ship is only as good as the crew - I would like to thank all the Tingira members for their support last year especially around the time of my dear friend and our Queensland LJR Rick Reddish passing with cancer.

Most of all a big well done and thank you to wives who let us be what we are today - Tingira Boys!





Blessing of the Buoys - ANZAC Memorial Sydney ...

A significant moment for the Tingira Australia Association to have their 'Buoys and Oars' blessed by Tingira Pastor, Bob Durbin, at the ANZAC Memorial as opening event of the JR Reunion 2015.



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Secretary
MARK LEE

TINGIRA - A Second Chance For Many

Tingira - As years come and go this one was fast, very fast, there was so much to do with so little time, events just jumped out of the dairy page. and said 'let's go'. Good thing was were there for many who needed us for support and direction for them to relive all things Tingira and make face with many new friends.

Australia's leading country singer, Amber Lawrence set the year into motion with her 'Karaoke' night at the President Dinner after the AGM at Rose Bay.

The ANZAC Day march in Sydney was as good as it gets with many new faces, especially the young Naval Cadets from TS Australia supporting us on route. Perth and Melbourne were big milestones for the newly reformed tingira Boys - as they now set a new target to continue and for others to match.

The standout event for me happened behind the scenes - Ken Dobbie in Launceston and Alan Rodgers in Perth knocking on doors of Politicians and putting our case to keep the JR Memorial in tact. And they won, for us and our future heritage. We know over here in Sydney what

they went through, we have done similar things to keep and refurbish Tingira Memorial at Rose Bay which is now well on its way to being a real land mark on Sydney Harbour.

JR Reunion, I was just so relived after that last 'TOT' of Pusser's Rum at Garden Island on the Friday! What a great week it was, everything went to plan and those that came had the best time. Do it again? Not for a while!

Thank you to all our sponsors for support and products throughout the year. A special thank you to two of my sons, Morgan and Marshall, who have been very active and supportive in all things Tingira from the home desk, not to mention my wife Margaret, who gives us the rope to tie the knots!

A personal welcome to the many new members who have experienced something 'Tingira' this year for a first time, the best is yet to come I'm sure!





Heads High on George Street Sydney ...

Our banner and flag for all to see as we march down George Street for most probably the last time in many years. No prouder moment for the Tingira Australia Association with their banner also paraded on ANZAC Day in Melbourne and Perth.

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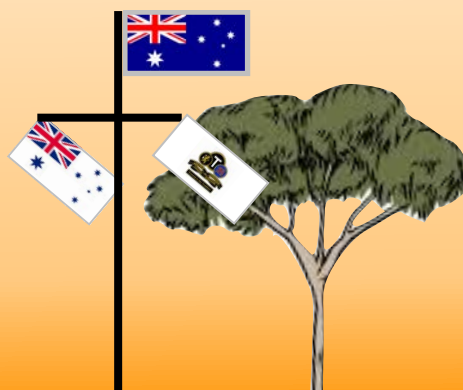
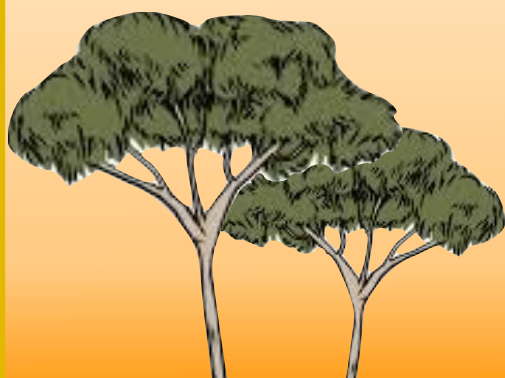
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Tingira Australia Association in conjunction with NSW Government, Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, Club Rose Bay and Woollahra Council take this opportunity to thank all those who have made contributions to the first of our ongoing upgrades to the Tingira Memorial at Rose Bay with the garden upgrades, landscaping, new flagpole and the refurbishment of the central deck boarding planks.

The Tingira Memorial will continue to undergo renovations with the new HMAS Leeuwin and Sobraon/Tingira story boards to be added in the near future. Council will continue to improve the park facility and the surrounding grounds and roadways.

Donations have been received from the following supporters for this project and we thank them for their contributions.

\$8,750	NSW State Government - Gabrielle Upton MP
\$2,000	Woollahra Council
\$1,000	Auburn - RSL sub-Branch
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Membership Manager
DAVID RUCKERT

NUMBERS GOOD - Recruiting Full Ahead

Membership - Whilst our numbers were not our sole focus this year, we continued to grow with healthy numbers again posted for the 12 month period.

Most organisations are losing members rapidly, we are in a very unique position to be growing our ranks.

The Tingira website and Facebook page continues to spread across the globe and many 'Old Boys' suddenly want to 'come on-board'.

This best peak in membership is April each year as the ANZAC march continues to grow across the state borders.

We were blessed with five new Honorary Gold Members at this years JR Reunion. Five original 'First Intake' lads from Cerberus were inducted and what worthy recipients they are, well done lads and we loved your speech's at the reunion.

We have not collected annual fees for the past year as it is every second year we open up the 'Foundation Membership' - to those who want to make a \$250 donation and contribution to the association. This will happen in 2016 and help the Treasurer rebuild the funds to support our growth and activities into the other States.

In 2016 we ask one task of all members - to get a JR mate from your intake to join the association or join your partner as an Associate, from here most then contribute to purchase a tie and polo to keep the image alive.

Thanks to all those who have joined this year and its great to see the 'Associate' ranks growing especially descendants of the original Tingira Boys at Rose Bay.



MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS - YTD

MEMBERSHIP	2015	TOTALS
HONARY LIFE	5	11
FOUNDATION LIFE	1	249
ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION LIFE	0	19
GENERAL MEMBER	62	264
ASSOCIATE GENERAL MEMBER	12	47
TOTALS	80	590

MEMBERSHIP Statewide	2015	TOTAL
NSW	36	222
QLD	13	115
WA	14	98
VIC	11	65
SA	1	35
ACT	3	33
TAS	1	13
NT & O'Seas	1	9
TOTALS	80	590



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Sea Salts - Old and New No 1 ...

The Tingira crew at the helm on board the dimes Craig - destined for the site of the final resting place of hMAS Tingira off the coast of Dee Why on Sydney's northern beaches.



Sea Salts - Old and New No 2 ...

The newest ship for the RAN, HMAS Canberra in the background at Garden Island, Sydney with a fine group of young 'Tingira Boys' on their farewell cruise for the JR Reunion on Sydney Harbour.

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Tingira Australia - All at sea off Sydney Heads...

Tingira Australia Pastor, Bob Durbin, conducted a Remembrance service five miles out to sea on board the sailing ship, James Craig, above the resting site of the former RAN training ship, HMAS Tingira and Clipper Ship, Sobraon.

A moments silence, navy musician with Last Post all crew members in song to 'God Save The King' as a remembrance the past sailors of Tingira and the Country and Monarch they served and died for.

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HEADS WE WIN - Tales You Loose

Money - That funny paper stuff that keeps us all rolling, we collected and spent plenty this year and we have had our fair share of book keeping as well.

Big thanks to Secretary Mark Lee who has done a lot of work with the website people and our business consultants led by Artin Etmekdjian and his team at Chatswood.

Our results for the year are far from our targeted predictions, the numbers on the JR Reunion were well down on our expectations and we had made the financial commitment to honour what we had contracted to. There were many members from overseas and interstate that were venturing east for the reunion, we stood to loose big deposits if we had made cancellations within the last 90 days of the event.

Our merchandise products and membership funds kept our head above water, we had to invest on large quantise of 100 per order for polo shirt and ties to top up the stocks, drawing down on our reserve funds. We also made a contribution to the Tingira Memorial as our original grant is still in process of being approved, not holding my breath even at this stage!

2016 we will focus heavily on the 'Foundation Membership' and merchandise sales to new and existing members to rejuvenate funds, my good news to report is we have many in the bank, product on the shelf with no outstanding debts, so that gives us some breathing space.

Convert your two up winnings this year, let's all but a polo and new tie for 2016!





Noted new member ...

Australia's No 1 Country singer 2015 and 2016, Amber Lawrence, once again entertained the 'Tingira Boys and guests' at the Presidents Dinner and was made an Associate Member of the Association.



Tingira and Coral Sea in Canberra ...

Tingira Australia President, Lance Ker and Tingira ACT members with the Chief of Air Force at the Coral Sea commemoration, Canberra.



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INCOME	Financial Year JAN to DEC 2015
M'Ship & Merchandise Sales	\$7,961
JR Reunion 2015	\$18,487
JR Reunion - Raffles	\$2,240
Donations JR Memorial - Rose Bay	\$2,665
Bank Interest	\$117
Refunds	\$84
Total Income	\$31,554
EXPENSE	
Fees	\$1,105
Administration	\$2,997
Ceremonial Products	\$3,275
Merchandise Products	\$7,633
Functions & Travel	\$1,277
JR Reunion	\$52,752
Tingira Memorial Refurbishment	\$3,000
Total Expense	\$72,039



Financial Year JAN to DEC 2015	
OPEN BALANCE	\$41,740
INCOME	\$31,554
EXPENSE	\$72,039
OPPERATING BALANCE	\$1,256
TRADING ACCT 1-1-16	\$1,256
JR REUNION ACCT	\$9
TAA INVESTMENT ACCT	\$24
STOCK TAKE COST OF STOCK ON SHELF 1-1-16	\$16,485



EVENTS of 2015

January	* Executive planning meeting/reports AGM * Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus
February	* TAA Committee meeting
April	* Annual General Meeting, Rose Bay RSL Club, Sydney * President's Dinner, Club Rose Bay, Sydney * ANZAC Day March - Sydney, Perth and Melbourne
May	* US Coral Sea commemoration - Canberra
June	* TAA Committee meeting
July	* Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus
August	* TAA Committee meeting
October	* TAA Committee meeting
November	* Tingira Top Shot presentation HMAS Cerberus * JR Reunion, Sydney

VoicePipe Magazine * January - August - December

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
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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 1/1/16	510
Association commenced	1-1-11





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 February each year for presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting held in April.

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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 was approved at that Annual General Meeting.

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GREAT EFFORT - Thank You JR's...

JR Reunion - Novembers reunion was an absolute highlight of the year and was beyond all our expectations as a five day event.

The pages contained within the December issue of Voice Pipe gave graphical reports and images of the bonds and friendships once again made and rekindled by Members, Associates and friends of Tingira in Sydney during that wonderful week, a real Bravo Zulu to all who attended.

The refurbishment to Tingira Memorial was two years in the making and all came together on the day, not even a few raindrops were going to spoil our parade! The memorial looks stunning after where it was two years ago when it was just starting to fall away. Plans are to use her more often and really firm our association with the Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch at this historical site are well under way. We must acknowledge the efforts and contributions of the Woolahra Council who worked with the committee and made the refurbishment happen to the deadline.

The members want another reunion in 2020? We will make some plans and see what develops here. We need to grow our membership again and as always move our polo shirts and ties to expose our image to others for projects to come to fruition, members and money keep us rolling!

None of these activities happen without the combined efforts of our strong and hard working committee. David Ruckert, Peter Stephenson, Mark Lee, Greg Read, Stephen Beal and Chris Parr have all contributed throughout the year and I can say we as an association are indebted to their efforts for 2015. On the same hand our supporters who give us sponsorship and support in all forms, again with our them we are a poorer association, thank you.

Finally I also would like to acknowledge the support of the committee members partners, who give them the time to work on Tingira committee and often put their hand up to help out at every level, Bravo Zulu ladies!





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