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Cover Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, with special Tingira centenary Life Buoy tribute wreath for WW1 Tingira Boy, John Varco, at the Sydney Cenotaph on the centenary commemoration Sunday.11 November 2018.

Image by Margaret Lee

TINGIRA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE 2017 - 2020



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Patrons Report



Vice Admiral Russ Crane AO, CSM RANR Patron Tingira Australia Assoc

OUR NAVY - OUR TINGIRA

13,000 Junior Recruits ... 1960 - 1984

I welcome the 2018 Tingira Australia Association Annual Report, recognising a growing Association with a clear vision in supporting former Junior Recruits of the Royal Australian Navy. The Executive continues to proactively lead the Association into the future acknowledging the desires and needs of former JR's in the process. Evidence of their success to date is clear in the growing national representation and increasing numbers overall, not to mention the increasing number of events and activities which are being put into place for our JR community.

Our nominated LJR's around the country doing an outstanding job in spreading the word about the Association and on behalf of the membership, I congratulate and thank them most sincerely for the work they are doing in support of our Association. To our National President, Lance Ker, and his very able Executive, who continue to put in the hard yards in support of all of us, we value your leadership and contribution very highly. It is important that we also acknowledge and thank those, such as partners and other family members and friends, working quietly and diligently behind the scenes supporting our Association in many different ways. BZ and thank you all, please keep up the great work.

As I pen this report the Government has just introduced into Federal Parliament the Government's Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 which will establish an Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant, and as part of a wider recognition package, a veteran's card and lapel



pin for each of our veterans. The Bill aims to provide greater recognition of the unique nature of military service and further acknowledge the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families. I expect there will be more information to come as this Bill progresses through the Parliament however, at first glance. I believe this is a positive initiative on the part of the Government on behalf of the people of Australia in recognising our Australian Veterans. Keep an eye out for more information as it comes to hand.

As our National President, has recently announced, 2020 will be a big year for our Association as we plan to celebrate the 60th (Diamond) Anniversary of the start of the JRTE at HMAS Leeuwin in July 1960. This Diamond Anniversary Reunion in 2020 at Leeuwin offers us all one last chance to meet at Leeuwin before the estate is sold and redeveloped. While justifications to get together in celebration of our JR heritage are numerous and wide-ranging (any sailor worth his salt will find a reason for celebration!) this Diamond Anniversary is a rare opportunity and I know the sub-committee are working hard to ensure this event is a truly significant and memorable opportunity for all former JR's. The detail is still being developed but I certainly aim to be at Leeuwin in July 2020 with a number from my intake. I trust many others can do the same. To those who can make it, I look forward to seeing you there in July 2020.



Tingira Committee 2017 - 2020

2018 MEETING ATTENDANCE	Committee April	<mark>AGM</mark> April	Committee November	Totals
Lance Ker	1	1	1	3
Stephen Beal	1	1	1	3
Chris Par	1	1	1	3
Mark Lee	1	1	1	3
David Rafferty	1	1	1	3
Darryn Rose	0	0	1	1
Jeff Wake	1	0	1	2



Tingira Vice President, Stephen Beal, leads the Sydney Boys down Elizabeth Street on Anzac Day. Tingira banner was paraded in Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth in 2018 Anzac ceremonies.

Presidents Report



Lance Ker President Tingira Australia Assoc

PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

Words & Meanings - Our History



"The year in review 2018, this shouldn't take to long! ANZAC Day, Tingira Day, ANZAC Memorial Centenary dedication, now what else did we do? Secretary, some help please!"

AUSTRALIA DAY - Rose Bay, Sydney, Tingira Memorial 7am, Tingira committee members break out the flag deck locker and complete the full 'dress ship' for a short ceremony at 8am, raising a new Tingira flag to fly for the following 12 months. Many of the local community members having morning beachside BBQ's join in. This year one old chap came up introduced himself, former XO HMAS Leeuwin 1968, and XO HMAS Melbourne in his day, loved our work and the great tradition of dress ship for 'happy times'.

ANNUAL REPORT - Well that doesn't just fall of the back of a truck. Treasurer Chris Parr and Secretary Mark Lee spend many hours with our accountant Artin Etmekdjian, stocktake our merchandise, crunching the income and expenditure numbers on the keyboards, balancing against the bank statements then combining into the graphic design of the 16 page Annual Report document. Patron Russ Crane emails his 750 words in between fishing deployments. We also print at Sydney ASAP printers, 100 hard copies of the report. One copy is delivered with every merchandise order - we believe it's good PR for new members and second time merchant customers! NSW Fair Trading forms are completed and submitted to the authority, lastly the Annual Report PDF is formatted and sent to Arizonia for uploading to our website after it is presented at the Annual General Meeting. That's all done by the committee team over the Christmas break, every year.

STONEHAVEN MEDAL - Tingira Vice President, Stephen Beal gives us the heads up, joint winners for the second Stonehaven Medal that we intend to present on ANZAC Day. A few phone calls between Perth and Brisbane and an amazing circumstance arises. Winner, Phillip Lancaster from Perth and winner David Cassidy from Brisbane are reunited with their former JR shipmate Mick Sharp, who they assisted to raise funds for his successful brain surgery several years ago. I drove from Coral Coast, Queensland, Secretary Mark Lee flew from Sydney, Phillip Lancaster caught the late night red eye from Perth. The Secretary had us all assembled on the flybridge of the former HMAS Diamantina at the Brisbane Maritime Museum for the presentation with local families present. It was the highlight of my days as Tingira President so far, just brilliant there were tears all round! BZ Team Tingira!

ANZAC DAY PLANNING - The Secretary goes into overdrive here with LJR's set upon in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth to march our banner and fly our flag on this most commemorated veterans national day. It's also the birthday the original HMAS Tingira when she was commissioned on 25 April 1912. We now have our own Tingira Day, the birthday that celebrates the first day of the first intake at HMAS Leeuwin, 13 July 1960. The Secretary and the LJR's spend many days and weeks working with statewide RSL representatives to get the details and form up destinations in place. The national 'Tingira ANZAC Day guide' for the march is a great production the LJR team produce during February to keep us all on track for the event. Many Tingira members drop in on interstate groups on the day due to these published details.

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ANZAC DAY - It's a long day for us all that march, however one of great camaraderie for all who participate. Berets and Pussers rum, what a way to reunite with shipmates! After seven years of marching in Sydney alone the new friendships many of the wives and families members have made has been an awesome achievement by the association. I believe we have finally matured as an association and accept all JR's as part of our brotherhood who shared in those first days of our recruit life in the navy. It makes me feel very proud when I pull on my beret and blue badge for the ANZAC Day march each year with the Tingira banner and flag flying high amongst our fellow naval associations. My march in Perth for 2018 was as good as any other I have experienced with the Tingira members.

AGM - Held within six months from our last trading day in our financial year, which is December 31 annually. We try to take this meeting on the road and drop in with some of the Junior Recruit intake reunions. We did this in 2016 to Canberra for the 46th intake reunion, deploying the Tingira bell and recruiting some new members along the way. Last year I went to Perth for ANZAC Day. Vice President Stephen Beal flew into Sydney from Adelaide at his own cost, took the Tingira helm and conducted the AGM after he led the boys in the March down Elizabeth Street, BZ that man! Picture front cover this years ANZAC Day booklet.

CORAL SEA - CANBERRA - For the past six years Tingira Australia Association have laid a wreath at the Coral Sea commemoration, Canberra. As our ship Tingira never saw sea service during the war years, many of her boy recruits saw their first sea service in WWI participating in the 'Battle for the \Coral Sea' on board HMAS Australia.

TS TINGIRA - HMAS CERBERUS - Several Victorian Tingira members are invited to see the first intake of new TS Tingira Australian Naval Cadets present their marching and parade ground skills at the first Saturday morning of winter on the hallowed rectangle, the HMAS Cerberus parade ground, with friends and family looking on very proudly.

TINGIRA NATIONAL BIRTHDAY - It all starts in the Beecroft family kitchen when Navy chef, Leading Seaman Mitchell Lee, knocks up eight TINGIRA birthday cakes annually. Format may be different in 2019 as the lad has just sailed onboard HMAS Canberra for seven months Asia deployment! The cakes are delivered for 2018.

<u>TINGIRA DAY</u> - 7am on this day 13 July, Tingira Memorial, Sydney. Tingira dedicated committee members break out

the flag deck and complete the full 'dress ship' for a short ceremony at 8am. The LJR's come to light again after sunset at 6pm nationally. Celebrating the first intake that walked through those gates in East Fremantle to join HMAS Leeuwin and the navy way of life for the voyage of their lifetime! Wreath laying ceremony at Tingira memorial, Sydney, A national party with birthday cake is the order of the day with 'happy birthday' sung with a national Facetime hookup at 8pm, lots of fun and friendships on the night!



Tingira Boys - 1912

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - We have two meetings most years, every six months approximately. The July meeting was very special in 2018. Our Patron, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, put a motion on the table, "*That Tingira Australia Association should consider to conduct the 60th Diamond Jubilee birthday reunion in Perth on13 July 2020*" - motion passed unanimously! Secretary Mark Lee rolled his eyes and invented a new word "TEAM TINGIRA" and instantly formed a sub-committee of reunion members, including all committee members, to assist, all going well so far! Our meetings are brief and accurate with video hook ups to the members in the West, again Steven Beal fly's in at his own cost to the Sydney meetings from Adelaide, Secretary provides dinner and B&B for all, its life a big family after three years with this team!

ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

The committee gathers for one last big REUNION meeting on the 10th day of November. It's all good on the newsfront as the navy have responded from the deputy Chief of Navy to give full support to Tingira for the planned 2020 JR Reunion. Then at razor sharpe 8am on a Sunday morning, Secretary Dixie Lee has us all showered and shaved, polished medals, poppy Tingira tie and set to go. Coffee all round and the lads with partners set off to the local Beecroft Train station en route to Martin Place, Sydney. Tingira committee made our own special dedication to WW1 TINGIRA Boy, John Varcoe, see front cover pic, with our beautiful centenary life buoy wreath made by Len Gallo of Ryde. The lads marched as a team down the construction site of George Street Sydney's towards ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park. After a hot Sunday morning commemoration service, The Tingira boys were introduced to VIP party, the committee laid our Tingira wreath at the 'Pool of Reflection' Anzac Memorial. This was truly a big day for us as an association, we gathered local media PR and received a large following on social media from our members and visitors nationally, big BZ all round.

TEAM TINGIRA - Is well oiled at this stage. The 2020 JR Reunion sub-committee has many years of event management experience between them, with our resources we plan to deliver a great event as we say a final farewell to HMAS Leeuwin on the Swan River, East Fremantle. When she is finally sold some time after 2023 we believe, old Leeuwin will take on a very different look in the decades ahead. However the JR Memorial will still stand and *"TIngira will live on forever"* — as our original 1912 HMAS Tingira junior sailors at Rose Bay would say in loud voice from the wooden upper deck!

> **2018** was our past, today is the present and tomorrow our future, these words and meanings are our history! The year was a warm up for what lays ahead, we look forward to the challenge, roll on July 2020!

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Secretary's Report



Mark Lee Secretary Tingira Australia Assoc

PREPARING THE PATHWAY

Leeuwin's Last Stand

2018 proved to be the most active year this association has experienced in our short eight year history as an association, the President report is a true reflection of how the team works over the 12 month journey. Every event was a real highlight and memorable in many ways.

From my Secretary's desk, the Treasure made a profit, stock continued to sell, members continued to join, Committee members made great effort to attend meetings and carry out due responsibilities, associations books were audited and documents to NSW Fair Trading passed compliance with a successful Annual General Meeting held on ANZAC Day in Sydney, and national events, that ticks all my boxes to date.

The next 18 months I hope can only be the same. The 2020 JR Reunion will be our biggest task ever as a group. We know what the last organisers went through and they have shown us all the trappings and suggestions for this next big occasion.

This will be the last time we as a 'Leeuwin' group formally get back inside those Leeuwin gates in her present form. Her future lays at the hands of new owners, developers and demolishers, then builders. This is truly Leeuwin's Last Stand!

I would like to thank the many sponsors, advertisers, supporters, members and their partners who continue to always offer me help when in need. Their efforts are truly appreciated and that is what makes us tick along as 'Team Tingira'.

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STONEHAVEN MEDAL's

Duel Winners 2018



Pictured on the fly bridge of the former Royal Australian Navy WWII frigate, HMAS Diamantina, at the Brisbane Maritime Museum, Tingira Boys, Dave Cassidy, President Lance Ker, former shipmate, Mick Sharp and Philip Lancaster with the Stonehaven Shield and their Stonehaven Medal trophies.

Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, recently announced former Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruits, David Cassidy and Philip Lancaster joint winners of Tingira Stonehaven Medal for 2018.

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



ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service - Leeuwin Barracks, WA



WA Tingira Australia Association LJR, Paul Kalazich, has rallied the WA members. Working with local Council members at East Fremantle and the ARMY members of Leeuwin Barracks. Combined they presented a welcome moment at the JR Memorial being back in use for the ANZAC Day dawn service 2018.



December 2018 - The WA contingent of the 2020 JR Reunion Tingira sub-committee, Paul Kalazich, Jeff Wake and George Daniel at the new Western Australian OPTUS Oval venue, where they secured the diamond anniversary dinner for the final night of the 2020 JR Reunion.



TS TINGIRA Tingira Cadets In Tune



Australian Navy Cadets - The senior boys and girls of TS Tingira make up the ships company band, proudly on display at HMAS Cerberus on a cold winter morning ready for their first parade last May.



Tingira Faces TS Tingira Australian Navy Cadets With Commanding Officer LEUT Brett Wiles



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COMEMORATIONS

Flying Our Flags





Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, lays a wreath at the USA Memorial Canberra

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Tingira Secretary Mark Lee and Committee member, CMDR David Rafferty, set the Rose Bay Tingira Memorial to 'Dress Ship" all flags flying on Australia Day.



The refurbishment of the memorial is presently on hold as Council and Tingira look towards new ways to complete the next upgrade stage.







LOST PORTRAITS First Tingira Boys



Contribution to the 'Tingira Collection' from Mrs. Peta Coldwell South Australia

"My grandfather enlisted in the RAN on January 1st 1916 at the age of 13 years 3 months; needless to say he lied about his age!!! The Military Area was No. 77A Port Adelaide.

He was sent to Sydney to train on the HMAS Tingira; after training he served on the HMAS Encounter; he was in the Navy until 1924".

In May 1918 the Mitchell Library Trustees in Sydney embarked upon an ambitious project: to photograph NSW soldiers heading overseas to serve in World War I. Officers of the Australian Imperial Force and Naval Forces were invited to the Crown Bromide Enlargement Company, the Crown Studios, in George Street Sydney to be photographed in person or their families sent photographs to be copied. However, due to a fire at Crown Studios in December 1918 the project was never completed. Mr Mark Blow was the senior photographer and manager of the Sydney studio. From this project, the Mitchell Library holds over 1,600 touching portraits. Many of the Tingira Boys participated in this project. These images have been restored and represent a small selection gathered by the former Tingira Old Boys Association from the sailors and then passed onto RAN Sea Power as part of their permanent collection. Former HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruit, John Perryman, a full time employee of the RAN Sea Power Centre, and was instrumental in bringing many of these images to light to our association.

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WA Tingira lads celebrating 58 years with 1st intake member JR Roy Stall (R edge) doing the honours cutting the cake and receiving a new member ie. The lads also were also honoured to acknowledge the joint Stonehaven recipients with Philip Lancaster in attendance.



The fuse is lit at 8pm EST and the singing begins across the country as members celebrate July 13. Tingira birthday cake and a bottle of celebration Pussers Rum, memorable times for all.

Our NZ Tingira Boy, Guy Rogers, lending a helping hand to WW11 veteran Harry Hayward, at the recent Anzac Day service

Image - Ross de Rouffignac





Tingira Membership 2018

MEMBERSHIP	2017	2018	TOTALS	+/- VAR
HONARY LIFE	0	0	11	0
FOUNDATION LIFE	7	11	289	4
ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION LIFE	0	0	20	0
GENERAL MEMBER	24	23	305	-1
ASSOCIATE GENERAL MEMBER	0	0	49	0
TOTALS	31	34	674	3
MEMBERSHIP Statewide	2017	2018	TOTAL	+/- VAR
NSW	6	8	236	2
QLD	12	6	138	-6
WA	4	8	112	4
VIC	5	1	75	-4
SA	3	6	42	3
ACT	0	3	38	3
TAS	1	1	16	0
NT	0	0	8	0
O'Seas	0	1	9	1
TOTALS	31	34	674	3

Income & Expense Statement

INCOME	2017	2018	+/- VAR
Membership & Merchandise	\$5,333.29	\$7,325.96	\$1,992.67
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presidents Dinner	\$1,475.00	\$0.00	\$1,475.00
Bank Interest	\$3.37	\$2.73	-\$0.64
Refunds	\$150.00	\$303.10	\$153.10
Total Income	\$6,961.66	\$7,631.79	
EXPENSE	2017	2018	+/- VAR
Website - Host, Design, Rego	\$1,340.00	\$875.00	-\$465.00
Trophies - Flag & Banners	\$1,392.10	\$1,586.84	\$194.74
Pres Diner & Tingira B'Day	\$2,198.12	\$401.97	-\$1,796.15
Administration	\$2,280.38	\$2,641.05	\$360.67
Travel & Accommodation	\$402.71	\$402.16	-\$0.55
Accountants & Audit	\$440.00	\$485.20	\$45.20
Printing	\$970.78	\$529.67	-\$336.51
Refunds	\$51.00	\$155.60	\$104.60
Total Expense	\$9,075.09	\$7,077.49	
Gross Profit	-\$2,113.43	\$554.30	

Asset & Liabilities Statement

Financial Year JAN to DEC	2017	2018	
OPEN BANK BALANCE 1-1-18	\$4,481.21	\$2,367.78	
INCOME	\$6,961.66	\$7,631.79	
EXPENSE	\$9,075.09	\$7,077.49	
OPERATING BANK BALANCE 1-1-19	\$2,367.78	\$2,922.08	
JR REUNION ACCT	\$9.66	\$9.66	
TAA INVESTMENT ACCT	\$24.01	\$24.01	
TOTAL CASH ASSETS 1-1-19	\$2,401.45	\$2,955.75	
STOCK TAKE COST OF STOCK ON SHELF AT 1-1-19	\$15,024.00	\$14,476.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,425.45	\$17,431.75	

Audit Statement

2018 Accounts

The Tingira Australia Association has engaged the services of Artin Etmekdjian, Chartered Accountant, of Summit Consultants, to examine the accounts of the Association each year for presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Report is posted on the website only approx. 30 before 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 was approved at that Annual General Meeting.

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Lance Ker President Tingira Australia Association



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