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

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COVID 1919 - STRATEGIC PLAN - NEW WEBSITE - RSL TINGIRA BOYS

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FRONT COVER

July 1960
First intake of Junior Recruits
on the HMAS Leeuwin parade ground

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MIDSHIPS - NEW COURSE SAILOR

“ 2020 what was that?

Like no other year that I have seen in my five decades on this planet, Covid-19, let's hope it's behind us in the 2021 stage of life! The world has changed, that's the message and image from many angles in our new day to day lifestyles, the future will surely be in our hands from this point forward with many new and difficult decisions to face us no doubt.

New governments and bureaucrats at all levels are assured over the coming years with many new 'ways of life' on the forecast list. Small associations like ours, local sporting clubs and community groups have and will certainly feel the effects of Covid-19, for better or worse for a longer period than probably expected.

As an association, Tingira likes to be seen as a more modern and forward thinking group, this epidemic has put us to the test, our sails are to the wind in these present times of change!

The national Tingira committee went into lock down action stations like the rest of the country in late March. Secured the hatches after the 2020 JR Reunion cancellation, then spent many hours, days, weeks and months to produce a new five year 'Strategic Plan' to take the association forward into 2021 and beyond.

The election of a new national Tingira Committee is in the wind for first half 2021 at our next AGM. The present committee now serving their fourth successive year, have made strong plans that are achievable on our navigation map; that was my main direction for them. Let's have big dreams but also have something exciting and possible to aim and achieve. Outside the normal radius of the square is good fodder, not restricted by time and place in the present atmosphere of Covid-19 was the direction I emphasised upon for the plan.

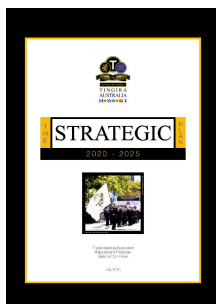
Taking our name Tingira forward is a given on all projects as one of our main objectives of the association, this plan needed legs and clear blue sky thinking.

Increasing the membership across and beyond our present boundaries, working stronger and closer with the Navy and Federal, State and Local government agencies. Putting up the most 'out there' suggestions to place Tingira back into the public eye, just as the Sobraon and Tingira Boys were back at the turn of the 19th century in Sydney. These were my guiding suggestions to the committee last June, to make this the best Strategic Plan we could envisage in the constraints of the present global and local situations.

First requirement was a new website to coincide with updated International monetary codes and internet security operating procedures. Tingira also has a new webmaster in the process, Mathew Copeland, of Copeland Creative in Sydney. Mathew delivers a revised level of communication and image, with a fresh new functional commercial website for us.

Tingira Treasurer, David Rafferty, and Secretary, Mark Lee, have redesigned our Tingira VoicePipe magazine. A fresh new clean look with an extended content size now out to 50 pages from the original 30 pages of first issue back in 2009 when Mark first hit the keyboards for the 2010 reunion team. Our brand and image is just the start of the new Strategic Plan. It is now in place to give the new 2021 committee some aim points on the navigation chart. Copy of the Plan can be downloaded from the website in the 'About Us' section.

Tingira requires a new 'Captain' at the helm as President after the next 2021 AGM, to command a possible new crew for the next three year period. After my seven years at the helm, I will take a step outside the executive roles, within the association after the AGM, to still be very much an active part of the crew.



STRATEGIC PLAN



NEW WEB SITE



TINGIRA HISTORY

Any former JR can apply for a position on the national committee. We are not an 'Old Boys Club or an Officers Club' like some ex JR's may think, and some often broadcast as our description on their social media keyboards. At Tingira, we are very open and transparent on what and when we do things. All events and financials are presented on the website inside the Annual Reports. Our Facebook page and VoicePipe magazines and Annual Reports are a running history line for those who look to discover our achievements and directions of the past.

'Our Lifetime Voyage' - This brilliant two volume book set produced by the Tingira Committee in April for the 2020 Reunion, gives a solid pictorial and factual history of our Tingira days past and presents pictorial records of our association over our first decade. Combined with records of our first generation Clipper Ship and NSW Nautical School Ship Sobraon and HMAS Tingira early in the decades on Rose Bay, Sydney. A reprint edition is in the wind, high on our list within the new Strategic Plan.

The association would not have survived without the generosity of several sponsors in monetary and in kind gifts over the past 24 months. The Cumberland RSL sub-Branch of RSL NSW has been at the forefront of our association from day one, thank you. This year the Navy Seapower Centre and Qantas has been very cooperative with contributions towards the 2020 JR Reunion that we unfortunately could not deliver. The door is open to future possible joint programs, thank you to all supporting sponsors.

December is here as we head towards a Christmas holiday period of a very different expectation and experience for most of us. Being reunited may not be the norm this season, social media may be right in the face of many newcomers for a first time!

I will end the year on a high note, after a very difficult and robust year. It's been a great effort by the committee and many Tingira members that stepped up to assist in the difficult times around the 2020 JR Reunion cancellation period. Huge thank you to all who assisted the Secretary Mark and his wife Margaret Lee with many duties required.

Big thank you also to all Tingira members, ex JR's and HMAS Leeuwin staff who made donations to the association after the 2020 JR Reunion cancellation announcement. We were very close to insolvent in early May, however, we managed to survive the exercise of Covid-19 and all the challenges it delivered to us. More thanks to Carmel Soames, Tim James and Artin Etmekdjian; their event management, legal and financial assistance to the committee during the 2020 JR Reunion planning and refund period was very much appreciated, kept us in line with compliance issues and a difficult testing time in association administration.

Approaching our first ten year anniversary of the Tingira Australia Association, 1-1-21, I must 'dip my lid' to Patron Vice Admiral Russ Crane, former President's Chris Perrin and Greg Read, inaugural committeeman Alan Rodgers and Secretary Mark Lee, who we owe the greatest pleasure of "Bravo Zulu" lads for delivering us Tingira as we know her today.

My biggest thank-you is to the 'team' behind the Tingira crew. Messers Annie Ker, Donna Par, Margaret Lee, Ruth Harman, Sandy Rafferty, Joanne Rose, Jenny Wake and Siem Hunter. These ladies take all the back end hype our committee bring to the homeland table! I thank them for their tolerance, participation and continued support for their man and all things Tingira on the voyage!

Seasons greetings, a safe new year to all Tingira, navy members and families. From the proud motto of our first generation of Tingira Boys ...

" Long Live Tingira "



Lance Ker
President
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1866 - 1911



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1960 - 1984

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HMAS CERBERUS

1963 - 1965

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Welcome back on deck
Danny O'Riordan
Queensland

LJR's



Welcome aboard
Graeme Hunter
Victoria

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group photograph, scribe a few words
repeat on July 13 Tingira Day and Christmas cheer drinks

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Royal Australian Navy - 102 YEARS PAST

1918 - 19

Influenza Pandemic - Spanish Flue
2020 History Repeats Itself

GREG SWINDEN

Naval Historical Society



“ *The Royal
Australian
Navy was
both a
victim of
the outbreak
and part of
the solution* ”

Commander Greg Swinden, RAN joined the RAN in 1985 as a Midshipman, and trained at the RAN College and Australian Defence Force Academy from which he graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts (UNSW) majoring in history and politics. As a Supply Officer he has extensive service ashore and operational experience at sea. He has written widely on a number of naval history topics and he is co-author of the books *First In - Last Out: The Navy at Gallipoli* and *The Forgotten Cruiser: HMAS Melbourne*

The world is currently combatting the Coronavirus 19 (COVID 19) which originated in China and has now spread throughout the globe. Australia has fortunately been spared, so far, the worst of the outbreak but this is not the first pandemic to reach our shores.

In 1918, towards the end of the First World War, the world began suffering the worst pandemic since the Black Death (Great Bubonic Plague of 1346-1353 which killed an estimated 75-200 million). The 1918 - 19 Influenza Pandemic killed more than 50 million people worldwide and was erroneously called the 'Spanish Influenza'; as it was neutral Spain that first reported the outbreak which is now widely accepted as having originated in the United States in late 1917.

The disease was taken to Europe by US troops where it spread throughout Britain and France during 1918. There were three waves of the virus as it mutated and these became more and more virulent as the disease spread world-wide.

In Australia quarantine measures were enacted in October 1918, however cases of 'Spanish Influenza' began to appear throughout the country mostly in returning soldiers. About 40 per cent of the Australian population (then five million people) fell sick and around 15,000 died as the virus spread throughout Australia.

The first infected ship to enter Australian waters was the SS Mataram arriving in Darwin, from Singapore, on 18 October 1918. Over the next six months the quarantine services intercepted 323 vessels, 174 of which carried the infection.

Of the 81,510 people who were checked, 1,102 were infected. In a sign of things to come the troopship Boonah, which had left England in October 1918 arrived in Western Australian waters in December with over 300 sick men on board. She was diverted to the quarantine station at Woodman Point where the soldiers were disembarked. One of the nursing staff later recorded "There was little that could be done for the cyanosis, the croupy cough, the delirium and final unconsciousness"; 27 soldiers and four medical staff died.

The federal government held a national influenza planning conference, in Melbourne during 26-27 November 1918, where state health ministers, the directors-general of their health departments and

British Medical Association representatives met to discuss what action was to be taken.

The conference agreed that the federal government would take responsibility for proclaiming which states were infected along with organising maritime and land quarantine. The states would arrange emergency hospitals, vaccination depots, ambulance services, medical staff and public awareness measures.

All states had quarantine stations (North Head in New South Wales, Point Nepean in Victoria, Bruny Island in Tasmania, Torrens Island in South Australia, Woodman Point in Western Australia and Lytton in Brisbane) but more were planned in case numbers over-whelmed their capacity. In due course temporary quarantine stations and influenza hospitals were set up to handle the increasing volume of affected Australians.

Additionally the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, that had been established during the war to alleviate Australia's dependence on imported vaccines, developed its first experimental pneumonic influenza vaccine. Between 15 October 1918 and 15 March 1919 over three million doses were given to returning Australian soldiers and sailors and also to the civilian population. The vaccine was deemed to be partially effective in preventing death in inoculated individuals.

The first recorded case of pneumonic influenza appeared in Melbourne on 9/10 January 1919 but the disease may have reached Victoria before then as there was delay in the Victorian Government advising Federal authorities. Early cases were also so mild that there was confusion about whether the virus was the 'Spanish Influenza' or a continuation of the seasonal flu virus from the previous winter.

This uncertainty delayed the confirmation of an outbreak from Victorian health authorities, which allowed the infection to spread to New South Wales and South Australia by the end of January 1919. New South Wales was the first state to officially proclaim an outbreak of pneumonic influenza on 27 January 1919, with Victoria declaring the outbreak the following day. In New South Wales the compulsory wearing of masks was directed on 31 January 1919 but with mixed results, and variation of masks, across the state.



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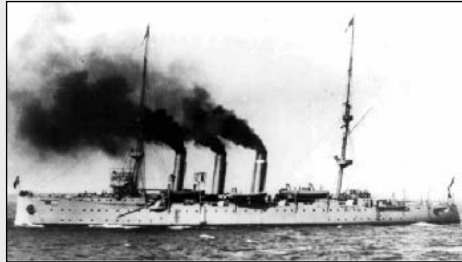


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1918 - 19

Influenza Pandemic - Spanish Flue

FACTS AND FIGURES



The Second Class Cruiser, HMAS Encounter

- ***A number of counter claims have been made that the Influenza (H1N1) was 'brought' to Europe by members of the Chinese Labour Corps who had transited via Canada in 1916 – 17 (following an outbreak of virulent influenza in southern China) and who subsequently served on the Western Front. This theory was first proposed in 1942 by Australians Frank MacFarlane Burnett and Ellen Clark in Influenza: A Survey of the last 50 years in the light of Modern Work on the Virus of Epidemic Influenza (published by Macmillan and Co. Ltd of Melbourne) and further detailed by Christopher Langford in September 2005 (Population and Development Review) and in 2014 by Mark Humphries from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. Counter claims have also been made the Chinese Medical Association, in their Journal, stating that members of the Chinese Labour Corps suffered from the disease only after they had arrived in France and also after the disease had affected other troops. This article will not delve into this complex issue.***
- ***In New South Wales 50 deaths were recorded as attributable to the virus during January – March 1919, during March to May 1919 there were 1,542 deaths and during May to September 1919 the state recorded 4,302 deaths.***
- ***A returned soldier who had disembarked from a troopship in Melbourne before travelling by train to Sydney was the first reported case in NSW (on 24 January 1919) with seven other soldiers, who has also disembarked in Melbourne, soon falling ill at the No 4 Military Hospital at Randwick.***
- ***The entire ships company of 70 personnel was afflicted, to various degrees, by the virus and hospitalised.***
- ***HMAS Encounter was located at Williamstown, from early 1919 onwards, as the RAN's sea-going training ship and it is possible an infected member of her ships company may have spread the virus to those at the training depot.***
- ***Despite the threat of influenza the training ship HMAS Tingira continued to recruit boys, aged between 14 and 16, throughout the pandemic. Those recruited spending up to two weeks at the recruiting processing buildings at Lyne Park before going on board the ship.***

The Royal Australian Navy was both a victim of the outbreak and part of the solution.

Australian warships operating in the northern hemisphere, in late 1918, were struck by the virus with the destroyer HMAS Huon, then in dry-dock in Genoa in northern Italy, suffering five deaths in late October 1918, including two brothers (Stokers Ernest and Reginald Browne from Wollongong who died within a few days of each other)⁵. Torrens, a sister ship of Huon, lost only one of her ships company; 30 year old Lieutenant Reginald Farmer who died at Messina, Sicily on 9 October 1918. The light cruiser HMAS Brisbane, arriving in the eastern Mediterranean in late November 1918, was also greatly affected with 183 of her ships company of 400 men contracting the disease with three dying as a result.

The battlecruiser HMAS Australia and the light cruisers HMA ships Melbourne and Sydney, then in English waters were also affected, but the death toll was lower as they had access to better medical facilities. Amongst the dead was 35 year old Chief Yeoman of Signals Thomas Moylan, from Australia, who died in the Naval Sick Quarters on the island of Guernsey, in the Channel Islands, on 16 February 1919.

The troopship HMAS Barambah, departing Australian waters in early September 1918, allegedly in a filthy state from her previous troopship voyage to Australia, had an outbreak of influenza on board, while off the West coast of Africa. Over 20 soldiers and four RAN personnel died. The naval casualties were Engineer Lieutenant Norman Davies, Stoker Petty Officer William Craddock, Stoker George Nye and Stoker Albert Thatcher who all died between 19 October and 1 November 1918. Nye and Thatcher died in hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone while Craddock and Davies died on board Barambah and were buried at sea.

Following the Armistice of 11 November 1918 the RAN ships overseas began to return to Australia, however many sick personnel were left behind in hospitals in Britain where some died.

The battle-cruiser Australia was one of the last ships to return to Australia arriving in Fremantle on 28 May 1919 for a four day visit. Perth due to the city's relative isolation and effective state border quarantine control had effectively avoided pneumonic influenza, but an outbreak occurred in

June 1919. There is a possibility that the battlecruiser may have brought the contagion to Western Australia and Perth experienced a spike in infections after crowds gathered to celebrate Peace Day on 19 July 1919.

Sub-Lieutenant (later Vice Admiral) John Collins was one of the few RAN personnel remaining behind in England after the Armistice. He was appointed to the new destroyer HMS Spencer and recalled the ship carrying the bodies of influenza victims from England to Holland for burial⁶.

Overall the RAN suffered 284 deaths between 4 August 1914 and 31 August 1921 (the Commonwealth War Graves Commission official period for commemoration) of which 35 can be directly linked to the Influenza Pandemic. Another 15 deaths were potentially exacerbated by the illness thus making one in every six members of the RAN who died during World War I a victim of the pandemic.

Hundreds more were hospitalised and at times ships were unable to proceed to sea due to the lack of fit crew-members. The RAN's major training base, Williamstown Naval Depot in Victoria, was also placed in quarantine with 345 personnel affected⁷. Those who died were often young fit men although the oldest was 44 year old Lieutenant Commander David Ross, who was a senior Naval Transport Officer in Sydney, and is believed to have contracted the disease while visiting a returning troopship in June 1919.

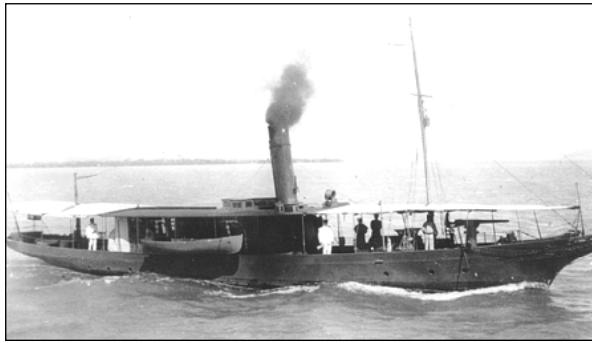
The Australian Navy was also part of the solution to the pandemic. In late November 1918 news was received in Australia that the Influenza Pandemic had struck the South West Pacific Islands of Samoa (a former German colony now controlled by New Zealand), Fiji and Tonga (both British Protectorates).

All three outbreaks were linked to sick persons arriving by ship and no quarantine procedures being enforced. Britain and New Zealand requested immediate assistance from Australia (the influenza pandemic had struck New Zealand in October 1918 resulting in several thousands of deaths and overwhelming the nation's health systems).





*2019 - HMAS Sleuth on Sydney Harbour as STS Erna,
A recent donation to the National Maritime Museum Heritage collection*



HMAS Sleuth 1918 - On duty WW1 in northern Australian tropical waters

The Australian Government acted with alacrity and the light cruiser HMAS Encounter was directed to embark navy and army medical personnel, equipment to set up field hospitals and all necessary medical equipment and supplies to combat the scourge.

Encounter sailed on 24 November 1918 visiting all three islands and medical teams were disembarked at Samoa and Tonga to combat the disease. These teams effectively brought the disease under control but not before hundreds had died. In Fiji the sloop HMAS Fantome, that had operated in the Pacific for most of the war, provided support to a New Zealand medical team even though 67 members of her crew were suffering from disease (although none died). Encounter returned to Sydney on 17 December 1918 and her crew immediately placed into quarantine which lasted until 26 December. The naval and army medical teams left in Samoa and Tonga returned to Australia during January – February 1918.

Maritime quarantine also played a major role in containing the spread of the virus until its virulence lessened and the RAN also assisted with this activity. HMAS Sleuth a former patrol vessel and attached to the training ship HMAS Tingira, moored in Rose Bay (Sydney), was utilised as a patrol vessel off the North Head Quarantine Station during the first few months of 1919. Her task was to monitor the ships that had been quarantined, after entering Sydney Harbour, and prevent passengers and returning soldiers from 'breaking out' from the ships and the North Head Quarantine Station. Some of the soldiers had been away from Australia for many years and 'escape attempts' by boat or swimming ashore had to be prevented.

The task of quarantining these returning soldiers should not be under-estimated with over 160,000 Australian military personnel returning from Europe and the Middle East from December 1918 until September 1919 (in 147 troopships). Many of the men, who had served on the Western Front, had also married in England and were bringing wives and children with them. In addition there were several thousand's more Australians who had served in the various British forces who were also returning to Australia from the epicentre of virus.

The various measures employed in each state (i.e. mandatory wearing of masks and prevention of mass gatherings) did not stop the disease but did dramatically slow its spread and by the end of 1919 the influenza pandemic was over. The 'Spanish Flu' had a devastating effect across the globe killing at least 50 million people. In Australia the estimated death toll of 15,000 people was still high (but it was less than a quarter of the country's 62,000 service personnel who died as a result of the First World War).

The bulk of deaths occurred in the capital cities of the Australian states where the population was more densely housed; particularly in the working class 'slums' with larger numbers of people per dwelling and lower standards of health, hygiene and diet. RAN warships were also susceptible to higher infection rates due to overcrowded mess-decks and lack of fresh vegetables and fruit when at sea. Overall, however, Australia's death rate of 2.7 per 1000 head of population was one of the lowest recorded of any country during the pandemic.

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BRAD MURPHY
Queensland

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



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Western Australia



2021

STONEHAVEN MEDAL **NOMINATIONS REQUIRED NOW**



Tingira Australia Association has set about to reward a member who has gone beyond the normal requirement of duty, either in navy, civil or community projects during the period of 2020

If you know of a ship mate that has performed to an elite level,
Please nominate him for this year's Stonehaven Medal.

A brief explanation 100 - 500 words to describe the task is all that is required
by the person making the nomination
Group projects are also encouraged for nomination

Nominations close last mail - Friday 1 May 2021
Nominations to be sent via email only

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RSL DefenceCare - VETERANS SERVICES UPDATE



Recently, we shared the news that RSL DefenceCare is moving to new ownership under RSL LifeCare from 1 August 2020.

This will allow RSL NSW to return to its original purpose of supporting veterans and their families' through camaraderie and commemoration activities and by connecting them with support services.

Likewise, RSL LifeCare is well positioned to deliver RSL DefenceCare services as it has been providing welfare and other support services to veterans since 1911.

This move will enable the expansion of RSL DefenceCare's services across a larger footprint throughout New South Wales.

Earlier this year we published an update on how we had helped veterans through RSL DefenceCare in the first three months of the year.

The situation surrounding COVID-19 developed rapidly around this time, so the RSL DefenceCare team have had to adapt their services to accommodate remote working. Likewise, because of the pandemic, services have been in high demand.

VETERANS' WELFARE SUPPORT JUL - SEP 2020



We provided
14,940 in financial assistance
and **\$9,000** in disaster assistance

VETERANS' WELFARE SUPPORT JUL - SEP 2020



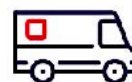
We assisted
33 veterans experiencing
homelessness

VETERANS' WELFARE SUPPORT JUL - SEP 2020



We helped **141** veterans to
lodge **447** DVA claims

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Financial and Disaster Assistance

From April to June 2020, we provided \$91,685 in financial assistance including \$29,000 in disaster assistance through RSL DefenceCare. Throughout this time, we continued to support veterans and their families recovering from the impact of bushfires, floods and drought. Importantly, this assistance is still available to veterans as RSL DefenceCare moves to its new home.

Homelessness and Housing Support

In the last three months we helped 15 veterans who were experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

RSL DefenceCare's Housing Project Officer helps veterans and their families at risk of homelessness to assess their options, and find a rental property or access subsidised rental and bond payments. One of the most important parts of this work is the continued support provided to veterans to prevent them from becoming at risk of homelessness once again.

DVA Claims and Appeals

Assistance with DVA claims and appeals is one of the core services provided by RSL DefenceCare. As the team moves under RSL LifeCare, they will continue to assist both current and new clients.

The team of claims advisors and advocates consistently receives positive feedback from veterans they have assisted due to their client-focus and the positive outcomes they achieve. This is one reason that RSL DefenceCare will continue to be RSL NSW's recommended provider of services for veterans and their families.

Community Support and Outreach

Due to the restrictions associated with COVID-19, some RSL sub-Branches have been limited in the face-to-face support they can provide within their local communities. Likewise, RSL DefenceCare has needed to adapt its usual visits to hospitals, homes and care homes to adopt virtual or socially distanced "visits".

Throughout this difficult time, RSL DefenceCare has been able to provide 103 counselling sessions and 224 virtual or socially distanced "visits" to veterans, widows and other family members.


Continued Support

Under RSL LifeCare, RSL DefenceCare will remain within the RSL family. We hope members and sub-Branches will continue to support the services provided by RSL DefenceCare by donating to RSL NSW. These donations will be passed onto RSL DefenceCare, as our recommended charity for the provision of services for veterans and their families in need.

RSL NSW recommends RSL DefenceCare for the quality of its services and its client-focus in understanding each veteran's unique situation.

We are excited to work together with members, sub-Branches and RSL LifeCare to support the continued growth of RSL DefenceCare to meet their needs of veterans and their families.

News


**RSL DefenceCare**

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Earlier today it was announced that **RSL LifeCare** will lead and deliver the **Nowra Veterans' Wellbeing Centre** as the successful recipient of an Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs grant.

RSL LifeCare Board Chairman, Andrew Condon, said "The RSL LifeCare strategic plan focuses heavily on our role in service delivery for veterans, and this centre represents a further milestone in our 100-year plus history of enriching the lives of veterans."

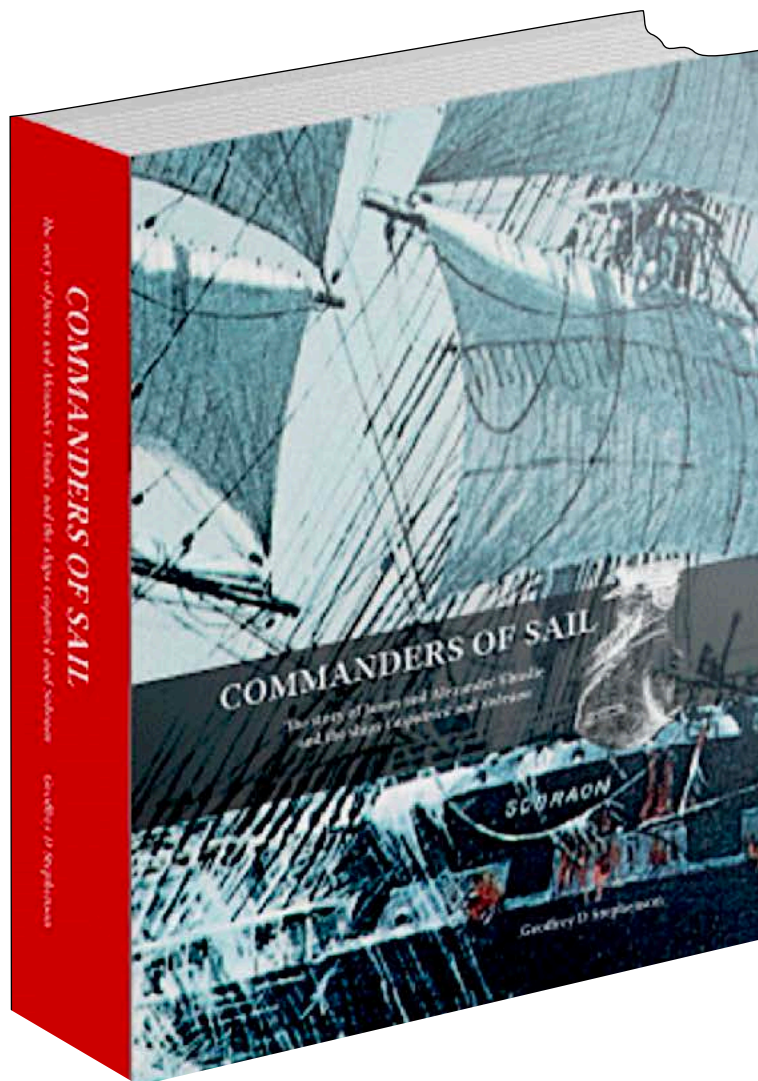
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HMAS CERBERUS - CENTURY OF TRAINING



Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus, Captain Mike Oborn CSM and HMAS Cerberus staff stand with the commemorative plinth erected to acknowledge HMAS Cerberus marking 100 years of service

The oldest commission in the Royal Australian Navy, HMAS Cerberus, has marked 100 years of service with the unveiling of a commemorative plinth, at the original site of the establishment's first commissioning.

The 'Cradle of the Navy' and home of the sailor currently provides training for all three services with approximately 6000 Navy, Army and Air Force personnel undergoing training annually.

Each year, up to 1500 new-entry recruits start their careers at the RAN Recruit School, the majority of those sailors remain at Cerberus after graduation to conduct their chosen career specialist training.

Commanding Officer of Cerberus, Captain Mike Oborn, CSM says the base is well equipped to deliver another 100 years of service.

"The recent upgrade project to base infrastructure and installation of new technologies will deliver world class training and will best prepare our forces of the future," Captain Oborn said.

"The COVID-19 restrictions have prevented us from celebrating this occasion in the way we would have liked. However, the unveiling of this plinth is one way to ensure the day does not pass unrecognised."

Nearly every sailor and officer in the RAN has at some stage undertaken a form of training at Cerberus, and the base leaves a significant influence on their naval careers.

"Whether you are an initial trainee, or someone who returns to Cerberus as an instructor or support staff, you just fall in love with the place."

"Cerberus is an incredible base and community, and has a formative influence on the next generation of

sailors and it will continue to deliver the finest sailors in any Navy, to our Navy," Captain Oborn said.

Despite the ongoing upgrade project, Cerberus maintains its appeal with many heritage buildings, its chapels and pristine gardens.

Purchased in 1911, the 15 square kilometre site was originally set to host a torpedo school, a destroyer and submarine base and accommodate 2,000 personnel.

The base opened and commissioned as HMAS Cerberus on 1 September 1920, although it would continue to be known as Flinders Naval Depot for many years later.

Re-commissioned as HMAS Cerberus in April 1921, the base has become the Navy's premier training establishment.



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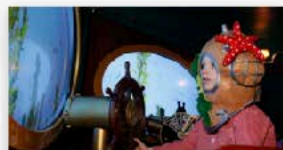
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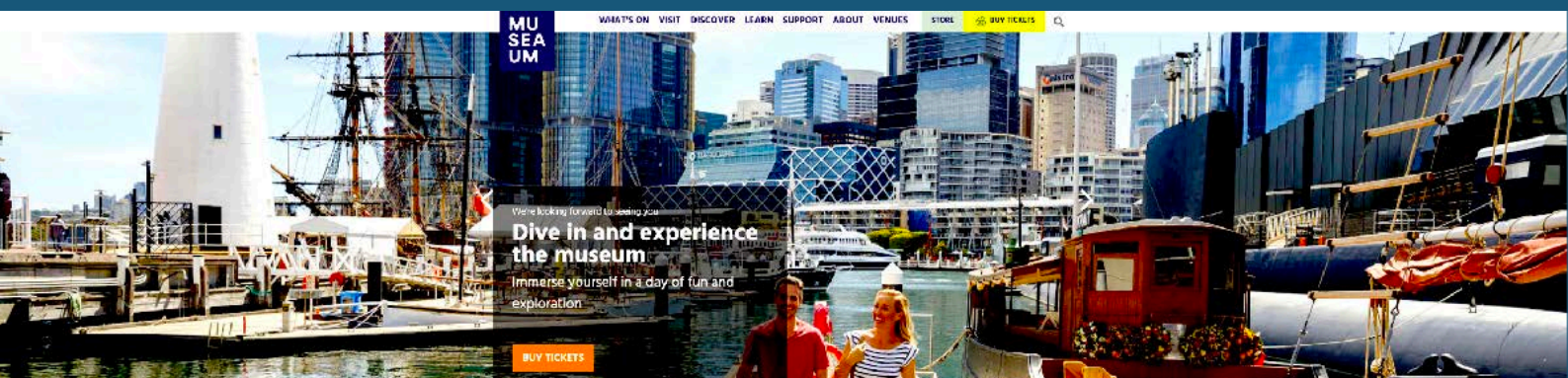


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HMAS CERBERUS - RAN GRADUATES



Commander John Goss, RAN, presents Recruit Electronics Technician Lachlan Cook with the 'Top Shot of the Intake' award during his graduation ceremony from General Entry 372 Rogers Division held at Recruit School of HMAS Cerberus recently



Commander Ashley Shanks, RAN, Head of Maritime Warfare – South presents Recruit Marine Technician Submariner Daniel Longmore-Deranger with the 'Tingira Top Shot of the Intake' award during his graduation ceremony from General Entry 384 Rogers Division held at Recruit School of HMAS Cerberus recently

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY - HERITAGE CENTRE - GARDEN ISLAND, SYDNEY

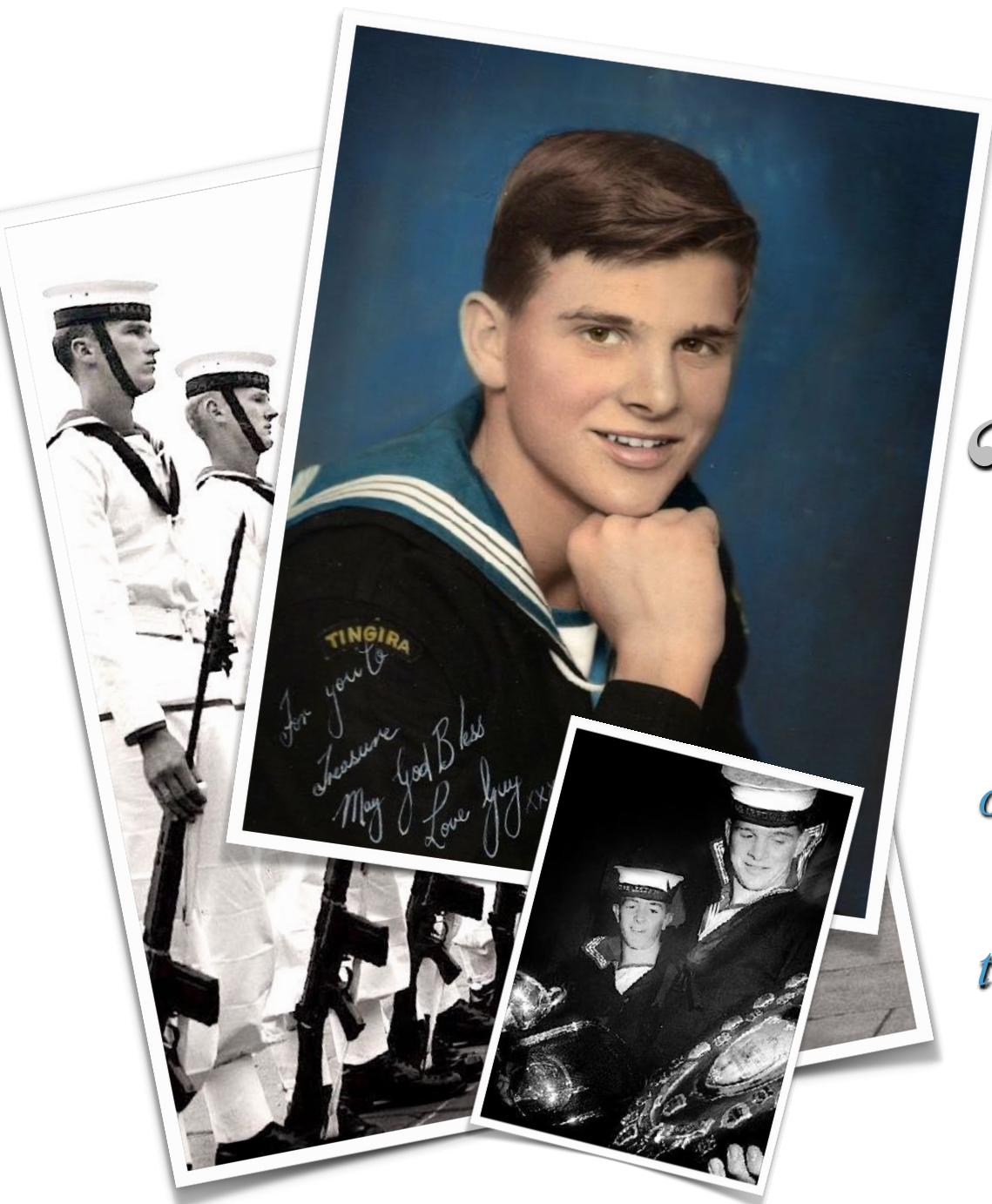


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'Home of Tingira history'



TINGIRA ROOM

One of the many new upgraded projects at HMAS Cerberus



“ Time for
JR's to
tell some
warries ,
perhaps
donate the
old navy pix
and rabbits
to secure
their history



TINGIRA all under one roof, that's the plan as the HMAS Cerberus modernisation upgrades starts to move towards their final phase. The countries largest naval training base is taking on a new look, like a modern day city for anyone who has not been there in the past 18 months, eye opening is an understatement!

Every downpipe, drainpipe, sewer pipe, power pole, street pole, even the flag poles on this base have been painted, repaired, replaced or buried with a new modern version. Only the strongest of the old heritage buildings have survived the wreckers hammer ball. Many of them undergoing extensive exterior and interior upgrades to fit the building and training requirements of todays fleet sailor; a new coat of paint is on every few doors in this base over the past months. Its a bit like a warship in refit!

Even the Australian Navy Cadets, TS Tingira are in the mix. Many departments within the base have been relocated and that includes the Navy Cadet Unit. The Unit will move from the Gunroom and be relocated adjacent to the Cerberus Museum, into the Parade and Ceremonial building on the Parade Ground.

This heritage listed building will provide the Cadets with a parade ground at their doorstep and facilities to support their training program. Envisaged within the building will

also be a display of the 100 years of the Tingira Boys into their own Tingira room.

In the West, with a small navy museum inside the gates of HMAS Stirling, there seems to be 'bits and pieces' of JR Leeuwin days scattered across the countryside, somewhere out there is the Leeuwin bell! Misplaced on 10th November 1986, the day before the base was decommissioned as HMAS Leeuwin.

Although brief, the Junior Recruit Training Scheme at HMAS Cerberus Recruit School, 1963 to 1965, trained 325 boys. It is therefore appropriate that the navy today has recognition of the many thousands of 'Tingira Boys' from 1912 to 1986 who transited through Cerberus for many levels of category and management training over the decades be presented as a component of the Cerberus Museum Heritage Display.

Through consultation between the Tingira Australia Association, Naval Heritage Collection Directorate and Navy Cadet Unit TS Tingira the history of Tingira Boys will shortly take pride of place among the extensive collection of Navy history artefacts on public display in Cerberus Museum.

The good news, former JR John Goss, now at the rank of Commander after many years in the fleet and part of the Cerberus woodwork. John is the present

Museum Officer and is starting to gather a good collection of JR images, uniforms, books, stories, love letters, dairies and rabbits of all sorts, everything is welcome!

"The bit that hurts me the he most is when someone visits the museum and tells the story of how all dads navy stuff just got thrown to the tip after he died, I just hear that same old story so many times" said John when recently sorting through a collection of a sea chest of old photographs from a deceased navy estate of an old Melbourne Tingira boy.

"Make the call now boys, that's my big ask, just think where do your prize navy stuff goes if you are legs up tomorrow?

Otherwise, donate it please. Box it, write me a storyline and I will make sure it finds a home inside our Tingira collection. If it's more suitable to HMAS Sydney or Vampire fine, I will make sure that's where it goes.

Right now we need donations to grow the collection, JR's need to think where there memories just might finish, ship shape or rubbish tip? There seems to be very few alternatives for most once you have moved on.

All donations can be sent to:

**RAN Museum
HMAS Cerberus
Crib Point VIC 3919**



HMAS CERBERUS - TRAINING MODERNISATION UPGRADE



Welcome to the public website for HMAS Cerberus Redevelopment. Defence has established this web page to provide information to members of the public about the proposal.

The information contained within this page is intended to complement the information provided to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Public Works (PWC).

Project Overview

The Royal Australian Navy has operated at HMAS Cerberus since 1920. Located 75 kilometres from Melbourne, the site occupies over 1,500 hectares near Crib Point on Hanns Inlet, Western Port Bay in Victoria, as shown in the Figure below.

HMAS Cerberus is the Royal Australian Navy's principle training establishment for naval personnel. The base includes training and recreational facilities, office and living-in accommodation, two chapels and a small marina. While HMAS Cerberus is primarily focused on Navy recruits, it also caters for Australian Defence Force personnel.

Approximately 980 uniformed, Defence, civilian and contracted staff work on the Cerberus base. In addition, there are approximately 6,000 training places per year across 300 courses, ranging in duration from one week to one year, and an average of 1,100 trainees at any one time throughout the year.

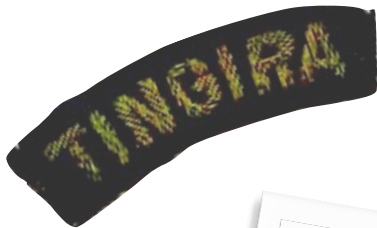
The Department of Defence is planning a \$463.1m upgrade to training, support and accommodation facilities at Cerberus. The proposed redevelopment and upgrades are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The redevelopment is proposed to take place in two phases. Phase One is expected to commence

later this year and be completed by mid 2020 and Phase Two will run from mid 2022 to mid 2025.

Proposed works include:

1. ***Upgrading essential service infrastructure, including water, electrical, sewerage, stormwater, ICT and gas services***
2. ***Constructing a new Logistics Precinct***
3. ***Constructing a new School of Survivability and Ship Safety***
4. ***Constructing a new Survival at Sea training facility***
5. ***Refurbishing existing living-in accommodation***
6. ***Refurbishing the Wardroom galley and replacing the Junior Sailors' galley***
7. ***Refurbishing Engineering Training Faculty's facilities, construction of a new Electronic Technician / Training and new Marine Technician training buildings***
8. ***Upgrading Maritime Logistics Schools and the Personnel Support program's facilities***
9. ***Upgrading the Australian Defence Force Physical Training School, Fitness Facilities and Running Track and the Australian Defence Force Catering building***
10. ***Demolishing dilapidated and redundant buildings***



HMAS LEEUWIN

JUNIOR RECRUIT TRAINING

When I was posted as Executive Officer of HMAS LEEUWIN in 1972, I confess to feeling somewhat disappointed. After what I thought was a successful command of the Daring Class destroyer DUCHESS, a posting as second in command of a shore establishment hardly seemed like positive career progression!

I need not have been concerned. I soon recognized that being involved in training a great many young men for a challenging and fulfilling career in the Royal Australian Navy was immensely rewarding. For it not only involved the satisfaction of helping young men to develop their potential, but also ensured that the Navy would benefit long into the future through the quality of the LEEUWIN trained personnel.

The training at LEEUWIN was thorough and comprehensive. It covered a wide field and it prepared the young Junior Recruits well for the challenges of later years. I recall later in my own career that the great majority of senior sailors and nearly a quarter of the officers then serving in the Navy had been trained at LEEUWIN. But I also like to think that this training and especially the encouragement of self discipline that it engendered, would also help ex Junior Recruits to continue to lead successful lives when their time in the Navy came to an end.

My wife Shirley and I thoroughly enjoyed our time at LEEUWIN and our many opportunities to be involved with the company of Junior Recruits. I am proud of my time at LEEUWIN and as our old Establishment leaves the Defence community I wish all those who served there in past years every success for the future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Sinclair".

Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC

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TINGIRA STRATEGIC PLAN - 2020 UPDATE

PROPOSAL

“That Tingira Aust Assoc requests to RAN Chief of Navy to consider to name the replacement ship for STS Young Endeavour, Sail Training Ship TINGIRA”

Official letter and supporting documents lodged with RAN Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, October 2020

Work in Progress



DELIVERED TO CN

PROPOSAL

“That the present Tingira Memorial Rose Bay, Sydney, is restored to present as a modern and well represented Navy War Memorial”

DELIVERED TO WC

1. Letter from Local Member, Gabriel Upton, clarifying that Woolahra Council is the Trustee of the Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, Sydney
2. Official invitation sent to Woolahra Council requesting first meeting for support and directions October 2020

Work in Progress



PROPOSAL

“That Tingira Aust Assoc to conduct the annual ANZAC DAY Dawn Ceremony at Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle, WA”

1. Official letter sent to CEO Leeuwin Barracks requesting second meeting and discuss the elements for the MOU to be in place before January 2021 if possible

Work in Progress



MEETINGS SCHEDULED

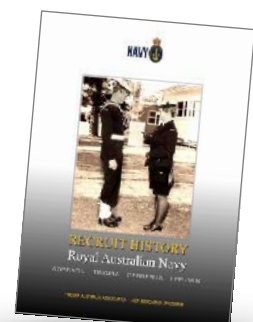
PROPOSAL

“That TAA and RAN Recruit School produce with a sponsor, a RECRUIT history publication for HMAS Cerberus Recruit School graduation parades”

ASAP PRINT HOUSE

1. Publication now in printing
2. after approval from Navy
3. Secretary to deliver hard copy to
4. HMAS Cerberus January 2021

Work in Progress



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RAN Heritage Centre

The Australian Government, like other governments around the world, is having to adjust a range of plans and commitments as we work to contribute to the Whole-of-Government response to COVID-19.

To that end we have taken the decision to temporary close the RAN Heritage Museum Network until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience.

We will advise via our websites when the Naval Heritage centre at Garden Island, Sydney will reopen.



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FUTURE of LEEUWIN - TINGIRA LEEUWIN sub-COMMITTEE



TINGIRA
Committee Member
JEFF WAKE

LEEWIN's FUTRUE

Tingira Australia Association national committee man, Jeff Wake, has been appointed to lead the Tingira Leeuwin sub-Committee 'to discover and report on the Future of Leeuwin'.

Jeff continues to 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.

The Tingira Australia Association has recently expanded this Tingira Leeuwin sub-committee with the addition of two former JR's in the West, Bill Prince and Paul Kalajzich.

The sub -Committee will report on all stages for the future and relevant Defence, Navy, Leeuwin and local Community meetings and correspondence regarding Leeuwin Barracks.

This sub-Committee is expected to last for a three to five year period until final settlement of the Leeuwin site and future developments.

“ *Ceremonial Gates have been removed and replaced with stock standard black ones, they have disappeared just like the Ship's Bell* ”

Recent meeting of the Tingira Leeuwin sub-Committee convened with Tingira members Paul Kalajzich, Bill Prince and Jeff Wake as team Leader, discussing the present status of Leeuwin Barracks

CEREMONIAL GATES

The Museum Staff at HMAS STIRLING Museum have revealed that the former HMAS LEEUWIN Ceremonial Gates have been removed and replaced with stock standard black ones. They have disappeared just like the Ship's Bell. All former museum items held at HMAS LEEUWIN were moved to HMAS STIRLING Museum.

SALE STATUS

The actual status of what is and is not included in the sale documents is confusing. Bill Prince found a Defence issued notice which was unsigned and undated. It listed that the JR's Memorial, the Flagstaff, the Drill Hall and the Parade ground would NOT be included in the sale. Correspondence issued by City of East Fremantle only mentioned JR's Memorial and the Flagstaff. Jeff Wake was present at 2015 Workshops coordinated by the City of East Fremantle. It is unclear what is to be sold or what stays. Bill Prince to investigate as to the exact possible items included in the sale of Leeuwin Barracks.

WATCHKEEPING UPDATE

Bridge Watchkeeping Simulator has been fitted by the RAN as a means to upskill personnel requiring OOW Watchkeeping skills and were located in WA. This reduced the travel to HMAS WATSON. The OIC of the Simulator Training is LCDR Marc Beecroft and a meeting would be set up with Marc to find out the length of time that the Simulator will remain in Leeuwin Barracks.

OIC LEEUWIN BARRACKS

Jeff Wake to meet asap with the OIC of Civilian Defence personnel at Leeuwin Barracks. To put in place the 'Memorandum of Understanding' for Tingira Aust Assoc to organise, support and conduct the annual Anzac Day Dawn Service from 2021 onwards. Navy support from HMAS STIRLING OIC has been arranged and supported for this project if green light to succeed.

JR MEMORIAL AND FLAGSTAFF

Flagstaff requires the provision of complete set of nautical flags so that "Dress Ship" can be arranged for various two major annual TAA celebrations e.g. Australia Day and Tingira birthday

STATE HISTORICAL SITE

Jeff Wake to seek clarification and nomination if required of JR Memorial at Leeuwin Barracks for registering on both Commonwealth and State Historical registers.



Rewind

GARY 'FROSTY' NASH LOOKS BACK ON HIS TIME WITH THE NAVY

This is a photo taken 60 years ago when I arrived in WA as a 1st intake junior naval recruit with a total of 150 15 to 16-year-old boys.

We entered HMAS Leeuwin to start one year of strict training. Upon our graduation from HMAS Leeuwin, it was off to HMAS Cerberus in Victoria for our respective branch training, after which it was onto the Australian Naval Fleet, which led to many distinctive careers and some boys becoming high-ranking officers.

We were planning a 60-year reunion dinner on July 13 but it had to be cancelled, as interstate recruits were unable to attend because of

COVID-19 restrictions. These reunions are great and it's a lot of fun catching up with old mates, reminiscing about our time in the navy. This year, most of us turned 76-77 years of age. Unfortunately, some of the boys in the photo are no longer with us, which makes these reunions all the more important to us.



CERBERUS MUSEUM

HMAS SYDNEY DISPLAYS

The missive distributed by Speed DWYER recently was marginally wrong in that the actual Cerberus Museum is not closing down.

The adjacent building (*The former Gunnery School Admin building situated on the Parade Ground*) which incorporates the Navy in Vietnam Room and the HMAS SYDNEY Room that contain Memorabilia belong to the HMAS SYDNEY Association (Vic); this room will be handed over to the Naval Cadet Unit, TS TINGIRA, which was previously accommodated in the old Gunroom.

The main Museum did not have the capacity to absorb both collections which would then have had to go into storage and never be on display again.

The collection focuses on such a significant named Ship HMAS SYDNEY (1 through to 5) which embraces the entire period of the RAN and every conflict Australia has been involved in over the past century.

The Navy in Vietnam Room embraces and recognises every RAN Ship and Unit that rendered Service in such an important War in our times (*There is no comparable display anywhere else in Australia*) the HMAS SYDNEY Association decided to seek alternative suitable venues for these valuable artefacts in the future.

The main HMAS Cerberus Museum will not be affected by any of these relocations but is always going to be difficult to access because of heightened base security issues we now face on a daily basis.

Our major consideration was always to try and house both collections in a facility that has direct public access. I.e. not behind the wire, a Term now used for facilities inside a Defence Establishments.

Marty Grogan

TINGIRA 2021 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Tingira Australia Association for 2021 will at this stage be tentatively set down for 7pm **Friday 23 April 2021 at the Tradewinds Hotel, East Fremantle, Western Australia.**

This is an election AGM with all national executive and committee positions to become vacant, and available for members to nominate for a three year term on the national committee

Complete AGM details will be published on the website and VoicePipe newsletter with notification to Foundation and financial members in March of 2021.



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Race location	Tingira Reserve (corner of Vickery Avenue and New South Head Road), Rose bay
Distance	Long course: ~15 kms Short Course: ~8 kms
Registration	6:15 – 7:15am at Tingira Reserve, New South Head Road, Rose Bay
Timing	Warm-up: Until 7:40am Race start: Doubles: 7:50am, Long: 7:55am, Short 8:00am
Note	There is a COVID Safe Plan in place. All Paddlers must wear a Level 50 Lifejacket and have a leg leash (will be decided on day if required to be worn). All SUP's must wear a leg leash.
Parking	FREE PARKING available in Lyne Park car park and on New South Head Road
Race categories	Surf skis (singles + doubles), SLSC spec skis, OC1s and OC2s, SUPs, paddle boards, sea kayaks
Cost	\$40 for early bird online entries made before midnight Tuesday, 10 November, otherwise \$50. All online entries close at 9:00pm, Thursday, 12 November. No entries on the day. To register, click here: https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=216354
Presentation	Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no presentation ceremony. Prizes listed below will be given to paddlers as they leave the water on the day.
Prizes	\$2,000 in cash prizes shared by the first, second and third place getters in the male and female long course. Howard Geoffrey Bersten Memorial Trophy for short course winner, Helen Jacobsohn Trophy for First Female, Tingira Trophy for First Male. Every participant has the chance of winning a top notch door-prize, including a Go Pro (three on offer!) and the latest paddle apparel from much-loved brand, Vaikobi.
Proceeds on day	To NSW Volunteer Marine Rescue and Wayside Chapel
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HMAS Tingira was a Royal Australian Navy training ship moored in Rose Bay from 1912 to 1927. More than 3,000 teenage boys were trained on the ship. Tingira is an Aboriginal word meaning "open water".



INDO PACIFIC 2022 CONFIRMED FOR 10-12 MAY 2022



INDO PACIFIC 2022, the International Maritime Exposition for the Indo Asia Pacific Region, will be held from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May 2022, at Sydney's International Convention Centre.

INDO PACIFIC organiser AMDA Foundation has confirmed the new dates after deferring the event from its original August 2021 dates as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Since the inaugural PACIFIC International Maritime Exposition in 2000, the 11 biennial events held to date have seen PACIFIC (now INDO PACIFIC) firmly established as an essential hub for topical discussion of issues affecting naval and commercial maritime strategy, industry and technology in the Indo Asia Pacific region.

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Australia's Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC.

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- **657** participating exhibitor companies from 22 nations
- **182** industry, government, defence and scientific delegations from **48** nations, including **45** international naval delegations and **21** Chief of Navy counterparts from across the region
- **48** major conferences, symposia and forums.



Minister Reynolds at PACIFIC 2019

TINGIRA BOYS - RAY JAMES & GREG READ



RSL NSW

TINGIRA BOYS ON THE HELM

It's a shoot out!

October 5 - The 2020 election for the next President to lead the NSW RSL for the following three year term has commenced. It's a two man race to the wire on November 24 with only two candidates coming forward.

The current acting RSL NSW State President, Ray James, from the Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch and Greg Read, the current President of the Cumberland RSL sub-Branch. Both are navy men and joined the service when 15 year olds at HMAS Leeuwin as Junior Recruits, known as the Tingira Boys.

Approximately 28,000 RSL NSW members will for a first time have the opportunity to vote for their new President over the six week period. Previously the system was one vote per sub-Branch, with about 300 odd sub branches, of which approx. 100 sub-Branches never participated.

There is no track record as a precedent of where this vote will go as an end result. The final figures on participation and results will be very interesting to all concerned with the new voting configuration.

A new board of 'State Directors' is also on the voting slip; we expect some new faces and directions from RSL NSW HQ Martin Place into the new year.

"This new system, one vote per member, this a game changer! I am feeling rather lucky as I thought there would be a least four nominees" said Greg Read at his recent social media Facebook launch for the election.

RSL NSW Members can log-on and vote by computer or electronic device. All eligible members received a paper postal ballot form in their latest RSL NSW Reveille newsletter, another new system and format put in place rather than using the former sub-branch network.

Although voting is not compulsory, a large vote percentage is expected via both voting mediums.

Many members have for years expressed their views that it should be 'one vote per one member' not just one per sub-Branch.

A sub-Branch with 300 members had the same voting rights as a sub branch with 10 members, one vote, the playing field is now level!

This is real change for the RSL NSW, instigated by the former RSL NSW President, James Brown during his recent term in office.

Editors Note: *Good luck men, both have been staunch Tingira supporters over the past decade, we wish them well. Bets are on - Tingira Boy the winner!*





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Matt Copeland on the keyboards for Team Tingira

WEBSITE Number 3

Up Up And Away - To The Clouds!

Websites - we see and live by them every day in this new 'smart' lifestyle that has been thrust upon us over the past decade. Have you ever wondered how websites are designed, manufactured, tested and authorised? In short, it's a new full time profession and a nightmare to the uninitiated!

The original Tingira website was first commissioned in mid 2011 when we first started opened association and has since had two major upgrades in 2014 and 2019.

Associate Tingira member, a young year 12 student from Marist College Eastwood, Morgan Lee, designed and produced the front and back end for the first decade of the Tingira website. The design, concept and content was ahead of the pack in its time compared to other navy ESO's.

And so was young Morgan.

Onwards and upwards from the Catholic University at Strathfield, Sydney, he went onto finish his schooling at Oswego University New York learning the mechanics of the internet keyboard with engineering degree in website development.

Morgan also took on board both JR Reunions websites in 2015 and the

recent 2020 event. The websites were very complicated in the back end. With international funds passing through the portal gates, he was presented many hurdles to jump with money transactions required for our overseas members and to keep ahead of the fraudsters who try everything to crash your website and manipulate your funds for their use!

Lately Morgan has landed on a good space in Phoenix, Arizona. USA grounded for a few more years his design and marketing talents are in local demand. Now is the time for him to downsize his Australian client list, this closed and opened the door for Tingira. To secure a new website host and developer in the local Sydney area for a new website makeover was the next challenge.

Step up Matt Copeland of 'Copeland Creative' in Green Square, Sydney, welcome to Tingira.

Originally a country boy from Albury, Matt moved to Sydney, educated at NSW University and launched himself into the website business. Matt has not looked back in his first decade of operations with an impressive client list and a continuous workload.

Matt has recently completed a perfect transition of transferring our old Tingira

website from the Arizona cloud host. Setting about to present a look with a 'lick of new paint' in design and to modernise the system from the front and back end for the next decade is the task.

The big new attraction is the ability for the webmaster to view stocktake levels. Built into the merchandise back end and also complemented by the new data base system to capture and organise the membership listings. To the association these are big advancements behind the front page that will save time and frustration.

Tingira website will continue to be the main contact point with present and future Tingira members. It has no lock down areas within the site and is fully transparent for the general public access. Our history is presented with all past Annual Reports, Media Release, Constitution and Strategic Plan available for all to view.

"Thank you Morgan Lee and welcome aboard Matt Copeland; great work by both these young men and very much appreciated by the Tingira Committee and members," said an excited Lance Ker from his lockdown bunker over the state boarder in Bunderberg, Queensland with the new website launch.

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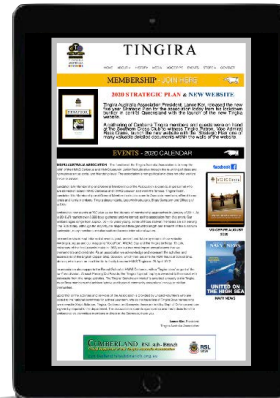
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TINGIRA COMMITTEE - ADF EDUCATION PROGRAM



RAN RECRUIT HISTORY

Joint Project - Presents Our Presence

RAN Recruit School graduation Ceremony HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, Victoria.

John Smith has just travelled from Darwin, NT, to see his daughter graduate, Shirley Jones from Albany, WA, to see her son in uniform and Billy Bloggs from Hobart, TAS, to see his grandson march with arms; these are the new members of our navy community, parents, and this is their proudest day.

9 am. They take their seats in the cold breeze of the HMAS Cerberus Recruit School pavilion; for the next 60 minutes they shiver waiting for that moment to get a glimpse of their loved one march on for the graduation parade.

What if, what if - they had something to read and learn about what has just gone on for the past 11 weeks in their young ones life at RAN Recruit School? At the same time reflect of the history of RAN recruiting process for over the past century.

As part of a Tingira national committee initiative, jointly worked with Warrant Officer of Navy, Deb Butterworth, in Canberra, Navy Seapower Centre in

Canberra, RAN Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus and Cumberland RSL sub-Branch in Sydney, in 2021, visitors to the future navy recruit graduation parades will have a superb glossy publication to learn the RAN Recruit School history.

Commander John Goss, Museum Manager, HMAS Cerberus, said "I see this publication as the most productive publication for many years from an education angle for the new Recruits and their relatives on graduation day, brilliant!"

"I remember my mother travelling from Hobart to Fremantle, all she received was a list of intake names and the procedure of the day flyer, this sets a new standard. Thank you Tingira, WO(N), Seapower and Cumberland RSL sub-Branch for a great project that I am sure will continue for decades to come.

Hot soup, Anzac biscuits, coffee, tea with scones and cream; part of the new RAN Recruit School graduation celebration for all on completion! John Smith, Shirley Jones and Billy Bloggs, happy visitors with lasting memories to take home.

"Bravo Zulu - Tingira, Cumberland RSL and RAN Recruit School" WON Deb Butterworth



Commander John Goss, a familiar face presenting the Tingira trophies at Recruit School graduation parades

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COVID 19 - RSL NSW WELFARE SUPPORT PACK

COVID EXPRESS

CUMBERLAND & TINGIRA JOINT PROJECT



Cumberland RSL sub-Branch has recently commenced a joint project to assist Tingira senior veterans during the present Covid-19 period, providing support packs in a new joint partnership arrangement.

Cumberland is supporting their own membership in the immediate inner west region of Sydney, however the RSL also likes to support non member veterans in other areas outside of the Sydney region and not just their own local members.

Cumberland treasurer, Paul Hughes, suggested they support one of their long serving associations; the Tingira Australia Association. Tingira has a national membership, outside of the major capital cities with many Tingira Boys now in senior years who will appreciate a surprise from Australia Post with these support packs under the present lock down situation.

Tingira President, Lance Ker welcomed the suggestion and organised for Tingira members of the first and

second Leeuwin and Cerberus intakes to have their names at the top of our list as the mail begins in the first weeks of November.

Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, and Cumberland President, Greg Read, were on the case stuffing Australia Post Express Post boxes last week. The mail out is set to continue over the following weeks up to the end of the year at this stage.

One of the first to receive his surprise in the mail recently was Ian Dunn. Tingira member of the first intake and lives in the Perth suburbs. *See thank you letter opposite page.*

“Biscuits, lollies, peanuts, coffee, teabags, even shaving cream, what more could a veteran want!

Thank you RSL NSW and thank you to the hard working executive team at RSL Cumberland sub-Branch” said a very appreciative Tingira President, Lance Ker, from his remote coastal location in central Queensland.



TINGIRASEC - EMAIL

October 2020

G'day 'Team at Tingira' and RSL
Cumberland

Many thanks for your surprise box
of Covid support goodies received
today. What a great idea at this
time of uncertainty and drama to
send a 'survival pac' to your JR
brothers.

We have had enough of political
and expert reassurances about
getting through a situation that we
have not experienced in our
lifetime.

Trust JR's and RSL to rise to the
occasion and remind us that
actions speak louder than words!

Bravo Zulu Tingira Boys and RSL
Cumberland, thank you.

Ian Dunn
1st Intake 1960 - WA
R93084

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MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

The HON. DARREN CHESTER MP



RSL LifeCare

VETERANS CENTRE of WELLNESS - NOWRA, NSW

Veterans and their families on the South coast of New South Wales will soon be able to access their support services in the one location with the announcement today that RSL LifeCare will lead and deliver the Veteran Wellbeing Centre in Nowra.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester and Senator for New South Wales Jim Molan AO DSC announced recently that RSL LifeCare had been selected after extensive consultation with the local ex-service community.

"RSL LifeCare has great local knowledge and expertise, providing practical support designed to assist veterans in health and welfare, including their contribution in assisting homeless veterans," Mr Chester said.

"They have many years of experience supporting the veteran community and I am confident in their ability to achieve positive outcomes for veterans and their families in regional NSW.

"The Nowra Wellbeing Centre will, once completed, provide a central point for veterans and their families to access assistance from government, health services, ex-service organisations (ESOs) and community groups.

"I applaud RSL LifeCare and RSL NSW for their hard work and ongoing assistance to provide the serving and ex-serving community in NSW with high quality and specialised support."

The Government's \$30 million investment in a network of six Veterans' Wellbeing Centres will put veterans and their families first, bringing together organisations that currently provide them with services and support

Senator for New South Wales Jim Molan AO DSC says, "It gives me great pleasure to see that a terrific organisation such as RSL LifeCare will run the Nowra Veterans' Wellbeing Centre."

"This centre will be a fantastic way for local veterans to gain greater independence and receive better support. I look forward to visiting this great centre when it opens," Senator Molan said.

"The commitment of \$5 million towards the Nowra Wellbeing Centre at the last election is another example of how the Morrison Government is putting veterans and their families first."

CEO of RSL LifeCare Laurie Leigh says, "We plan to continue to engage with the local community to determine the resources and services most needed by veterans in Nowra and the surrounding regions.

"The centre will become a 'one-stop shop' for veteran support services, integrating both physical and virtual spaces."

RSL NSW Acting President Ray James says, "From the outset this has been a project by the local community, for the local community, and we thank the many local RSL sub-Branch volunteers,

ESOs and community service providers that collaborated with us to get to this exciting milestone today.

"We look forward to working with our partner charity RSL LifeCare and these many other local providers in delivering quality and responsive support services to veterans and current serving personnel and their families in the Nowra, Illawarra and the greater Shoalhaven region.

"RSL NSW's members are committed to being wherever veterans and their families are, supporting them whenever they need it and delivering services however they can be best utilised on the ground, and we hope today serves as an example of how we can all work together to provide a similar model for other centres right across NSW."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs worked with local groups, including the NSW Office for Veterans' Affairs, RSL and other ESOs to understand the services currently available and the ongoing needs of veterans and their families in the Nowra region.

RSL NSW led the development of the Nowra Veterans' Wellbeing Centre and its project team looked at how the centre will operate and what services it will deliver. A detailed business case proposal was developed by the project team, which included responses received through the recent Expression of Interest process.



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AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS - NEED EX NAVY NOW



A proud part of the HMAS Cerberus naval community is the many young navy family teenagers that make up the Training Ship Tingira, Australian Navy Cadet unit, Crib Point, Victoria

Australian navy cadets (ANC) - This is a youth organisation for people aged 13-17 years of age and they are currently seeking Expressions of Interest nationally, to perform the roles of Officers and Instructors of Cadets.

The ANC's vision is to provide an environment and opportunities to develop young Australians to become capable, confident and resilient members of their communities. This is achieved through delivering safe, challenging and meaningful experiences in the maritime environment.

Officers and Instructors of Cadets are the lifeblood of the ANC organisation and central to the ability to deliver a youth development program as they safely lead, motivate, challenge and mentor Cadets.

Director General Navy Cadets and Reserves, Commodore Mark Hill says the Chief of Navy is committed to growing the ANC.

"In some places, the ANC provides the most tangible connection between the Navy and the nation," Commodore Hill said.

"We have 2200 Cadets operating from nearly 90 locations around Australia and they simply cannot exist without enthusiastic and dedicated Officers and Instructors of Cadets.

"It is an exciting time for ANC as we look to grow the organisation in terms of both Cadets, and Officers and Instructors of Cadets."

Commodore Hill highlighted that Officers and Instructors of Cadets do not need to come from the military or maritime domain, although people who had previously served in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) may already have many of the skills required.

"The ANC has shared values with the Royal Australian Navy and those individuals who live these values, make great volunteers," Commodore Hill said.

"We all know that friend or colleague who is a great people-person or a good mentor to others, that's what we are looking for in an Officer or Instructors of Cadets."

"If you are that person, or you know a shipmate who is that person, let them know about becoming an Officers or Instructors of Cadets.

"It's a rewarding experience and you might just learn something new about yourself too."

Applications for Officers and Instructors of Cadets are currently open.

For more information visit www.navycadets.gov.au.

Storylines - **LCDR Nic Robinson**
Image - **Mark Lee**



NAVY BOYS - SOCIAL MEDIA



Mike Hobbs ► **HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits**

30 m · 📷

Found anchored up in Calliope river near power station in Gladstone....havent seen one since left Leeuwin in 1961 !!



Michael Daly

12 Oct 2019 · 👤

my turn today :)

Myself and fellow 15 year old Victorian Junior Recruits, joined the RAN 50 years ago today. 29th intake Rhoades Division. Where did all that time go?

here we are at HMA... See more



Allan Junior Watt

October 13 at 9:56 PM · 🌐 Private Group

Some more photos of the Ballina Naval Museum
Drop in and say GDay
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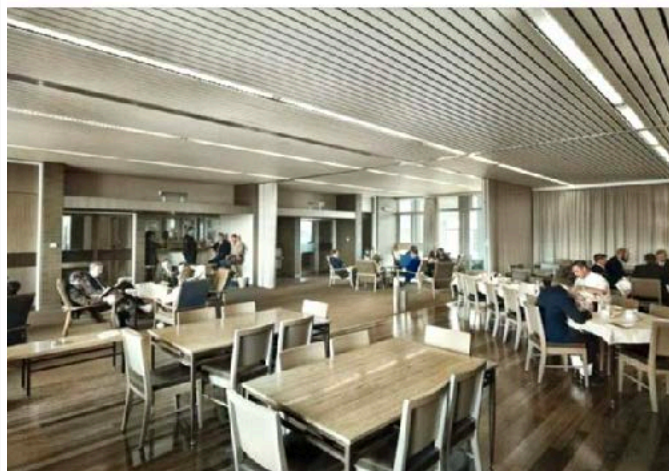


Terry Atkinson

🗣️ Visual Storyteller

· March 13 · 🌐 Private Group

Any line jackers remember this Place? 🤔



NAVY BOYS - SOCIAL MEDIA



Chris Clark

10h · Public



Nobody has ever approached me and thanked me for my service. If they ever did I would be embarrassed. I joined the Navy when I was only 15 years old. I was badly educated and badly behaved. The Navy gave me the foundation of everything I have today. They straightened me out, disciplined me, showed me the World and, more importantly, educated me. Furthermore, they now give me a valuable pension every month. No-one needs to thank me for my service; I am humbled by it. Every day, when I reflect upon my life, I say 'Thank you Navy for your service to me'.



Michael Wilson

September 23 at 11:30 AM · Private Group



46 years ago. How time flies. HMAS LEEUWIN, Junior Recruit Training Establishment 23 September 1974 - 45th Intake - Rhoades/Howden Divisions - Passing Out Parade. (I'm seventh from the left)



Terry Atkinson

Visual Storyteller

October 8 at 2:43 PM · Private Group



Found this online and colourised it. My only recollection of Whalers was manning the oars. Did get to be part of a crew sailing a Bosun's Dingy up the Swan River from Fremantle to Leeuwin though.



Mick Rees

September 14 · Private Group



Came up in my memories from two years ago in Paris. Have Tingira polo shirt, will travel 🌍



Bruce Halstead

Visual Storyteller

September 6 · Private Group

Anyone else have one...? 🤔



Joe Hattley

September 18 · Private Group



You meet the nicest people in the strangest places. Yesterday I bumped into ex- WO CMS Rod Brown, a Leeuwin JR from 1979, while he was working at the White Cliffs hotel in Western NSW. We had never met before but shared some of our similar experiences from our times in the Navy. Small world indeed. All the best, Rod, as you and your wife travel this amazing country!





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NAVY BOYS - SOCIAL MEDIA

Chris N Ray Powell is with **Wendy N Mike Baranovsky** and 13 others.
April 18, 2019 · Private Group


27th Stevo having a steel deck BBQ on the quarter deck of Diamantina, 50yr Annversary; One of our celebration days; It was very reminiscent for those who were ODs in her (70/71) that was terrific.



Terry Atkinson posted in 2 groups.

Terry Atkinson · Ex Members of the Royal Australian Navy and Friends
19m · Private Group

Any old salts remember the Melbourne Bar opposite HMS Terror in Sembawang? And The House Of The Rising Sun directly behind... 🇬🇧 🇩🇪



Phillip McDonald · HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits
11h · Private Group

About to drink this!



Tony Clarke
December 21, 2019 · Private Group

Any memories boys?



Darren Rowe and **George Vaivarinh** shared a post.

Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton
August 26, 2019 · Public

#OnThisDay 1930 Sir Sean Connery was born.
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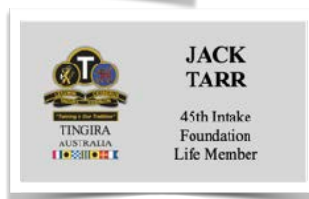
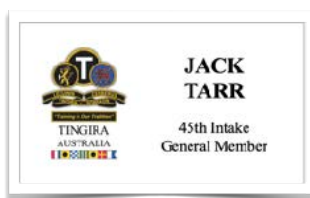
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How do I join?

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Email. tstingira@navycadets.gov.au

