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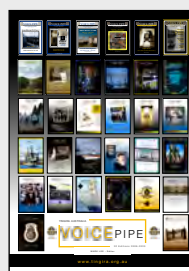
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REAR COVER

VoicePipe front page covers, celebrating our first decade as an association, we are a rich part of the RAN history, yesterday, today and possibly tomorrow



FRONT COVER

Anzac Day 2019
Tingira President, Lance Kerr, leads NSW Tingira Boys down Elizabeth Street, Sydney, a glorious memory of our past with AB Richard Causero, on flag duty with his father in the Tingira ranks

Photograph
MARK LEE

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PATRONS MESSAGE - OUR FIRST DECADE



President
Mr. Lance Ker
Tingira Australia Association

Mr. President,

Recently the ACT members of the Tingira Australia Association had an opportunity to come together with our ladies over dinner in the lead up to Christmas to celebrate a range of Tingira Australia Association activities. Pleasingly, we were joined by the current Warrant Officer of the Navy, WO Deb Butterworth, for the evening. Our ever present and efficient Secretary, Mark Lee and his lovely wife also attended with a number of VIP guests from Sydney. Mark presented a number of amazing items from our Tingira growing collection, including an original name board from HMAS Tingira. The same night former JR, John Perryman, presented the Association with an original bell rope from Clipper Ship Sobraon. Both presentations represented an extraordinary and poignant opportunity in preserving the history of HMAS Tingira.

As I reflect on the events of that night and the many significant events in the previous decade of activity which the Tingira Australia Association committees have undertaken, I am compelled to offer my most sincere appreciation, thanks and congratulations to you and your team on this National Tingira Committee as well as those who preceded you, for your management and leadership of our Association over the past 10 years. It is a job that has been tremendously well done. Motivating and coralling former JRs into a contemporary, progressive incorporated Association with a membership just over 800 is no easy task, but you and the committee have delivered some outstanding successes over this first decade. My overwhelming sense is that the Association is well positioned for many more decades of Tingira Australia Association success.

Memberships, reunions, assistance to those in need, modern communications protocols to keep us connected and importantly, preservation of the Tingira history all stand as superb examples and demonstration of the drive and enthusiasm you and the Executive have provided. I have no doubt that a momentous amount of hard work and much personal sacrifice was required in standing up the Association and leading the first 10 years. Please know, and I am sure I speak on behalf of the vast majority of the Association membership, that your efforts and hard work are very highly valued and deeply appreciated.

While the current Covid Pandemic has dented some of the recently planned activity, I am aware of some of the planning that is being developed for the future. It looks pretty exciting to me and I wish you all the very best as you dedicate your efforts in bringing those future plans to fruition.

Once again my most sincere thanks, congratulations and deep appreciation for your efforts and please keep up the great work. I look forward to seeing what the next 10 years has in the locker.

RH Crane
Vice Admiral, AO, CSM, RAN (ret'd)
Patron, Tingira Australia Association

1 January 2021

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2011 to 2021

TINGIRA - Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow

“**L**ike it was yesterday, last month was our tenth anniversary of the Tingira Australia Association, how time moves on! And our first training ship, HMAS Tingira, 109 years this April since her commissioning. The Junior Recruit Training Scheme, HMAS Leeuwin, 61 years next July since the first intake, some good numbers here as we move onward.

Let's stay on the numbers. 2020 - what a dramatic and frustrating past 365 days, Covid-19 what was that? And Covid looks like following on for a few more 'waves' after we all get a worldwide vaccination. I feel this virus may be in our shadows for many months, if not years to come. "Move On" I hear the younger generation yelling from the shoreline, they might be onto something here, if climate change doesn't get them all first!

On my soapbox - The photographs top of the opposite page. A local ACT Tingira event was held late last December. Canberra LJR Eric Pitman, organised his ACT members at short notice to attend Christmas drinks. Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, took the opportunity to launch the final 2020 VoicePipe magazine, our Strategic Plan document and to have the Warrant Officer Navy, Deb Butterworth, launch the new Tingira website at the function; this was to become the only official Tingira gathering for the year.

Big surprise on the night was when Tingira Patron, Russ Crane, removed a black cloth at his welcome speech to see for a first time, the original HMAS Tingira nameplate, now in our possession, as part of our growing collection of all things Tingira and Leeuwin related. Embracing

opportunity we also presented some well-deserved 'Appreciation of Service' awards to former Tingira President's Chris Perrin, Greg Read and Sea Power Australia Director John Perryman, who were in attendance for the night.

The best surprise was kept for last when John Perryman, presented the Tingira Australia Association with an original 1860 Clipper Ship Sobraon bell rope. John explained "the bells of ships may have had several bell ropes during their lifetime; weather and their unofficial use as a detention whip, would take their toll over time, this one is in good shape" he said. This presentation was scheduled for the 2020 JR Reunion in Perth last year, so it was again great opportunity. Bravo Zulu to all Tingira Boys for this event at short notice, I would like to have been there however like many, I was stuck behind the Queensland barbed wire.

February - two months into the year of 2021, Tingira is moving along at a good pace, so far!

The present 'Membership Promotion' has been received on the new website with great success, 40 new memberships in the first eight weeks. "So what?" I hear from a voice from down south of my border. We only managed seven memberships in 12 months last year, so this is a warm and fuzzy feeling at the pointy end of the administration desk. We will keep riding the wave of new and renewed membership for the last chance on the 'Life Membership' upgrade offer that ends on December 31 this year. Welcome new members and thank you for the general members who paid annual dues.

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1. Tingira Secretary Mark Lee congratulates former inaugural Tingira steering committee President, Chris Perrin, with his Tingira Appreciation of Service Award. 2. A great look of surprise from Tingira Patron, Russ Crane, as he views the HMAS Tingira nameplate for a first time. 3. Tingira's first elected President, Greg Read, receives his Tingira history books and Tingira Award from Secretary.

Anzac Day this year is looking different again from most State angles. We will be waiting for another national RSL and government direction again, sure to be in the news for all the wrong reasons again very soon. I think if we go the national driveway service again, this could be the way to go, if that is the call?

As an association, we will set about trying to put ourselves in the 'Anzac day' picture as much as any other association on the day if possible. Hopefully Tingira heavyweights in the West, Jeff Wake and Paul Kalajzich, can pull off a proposed 'Dawn Service' at the Junior Recruit Memorial, inside the Leeuwin Barracks gates. Fingers crossed on that one boys, WA JR's standby for updates on Tingira website late March on the nation wide picture of our Anzac day.

We plan to have the Tingira AGM in Sydney on the Anzac Day weekend when I visit south. This will be my final 'Presidents Dinner' on that weekend. My turn to anoint a new President this year after my seven year term at the helm. If anyone is putting their hand up for any committee position, please fill in the nomination form on page six of this publication and get it onto the Secretary's desk asap, we need and want some new shoes on deck!

The new National Tingira committee will be on board in late April with their new 'Strategic Plan' as a future planning and project guideline. The 2020 Tingira Annual Report is in the wind today as I prepare my final production of words for that publication.

Secretary, Mark Lee will journey to Canberra with beret and gloves in May for the annual Australia and USA Coral Sea commemoration. We will continue to make plans in July for our national Tingira Day, always some fun for all members and partners who participate in blowing out the 61 candles!

This will be my last VoicePipe editorial as President. Special thanks to so many people, mostly the members of the two national committees that I have worked with. Former President Greg Read has been instrumental and a great support to myself and the association behind the Tingira bulkhead.

It has been a wonderful journey as Tingira President. I look back on committees historical timeline article on 'our first decade' in this issue - just see how far we have come, appreciate the many efforts by our own Tingira Boys, we have many runs on the board! The pictorial back cover says it all, great job 'Team Tingira'.

Tingira to me is what it set out to be, friendships. I have met so many former shipmates and made so many new friendships with former JR's and their families. No politics along the way, smooth sailing was always high in demand on our Daily Orders, a good feeling on the high seas with a great crew on board over the journey!

There was one real 'Tingira plus' for me and that started on the first day I joined this association. My wife Annie has been with me to almost every Tingira event and meeting and has always been made welcome as part go the crew. Annie is as much Tingira today as I am. We are both very honoured for my time in this position as President and the doors of opportunity that have opened for us both. The generosity of all Tingira members who have welcomed and supported us over the years has been one of the many unmeasurable highlights, thank you.

And it's not a final farewell from me just yet; a sideways move for me in the future may happen; I'm still on the Tingira mast until the final sunset, yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Long Live Tingira

Lance Ker
President
Tingira Australia Assoc



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

JRTS

JUNIOR RECRUIT TRAINING SCHEME

H.M.A.S. CERBERUS 1963-1965



by

JUNIOR RECRUIT - BILL 'Squizzy' TAYLOR

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WANTED

Pictures & Stories 1964

2nd JRTS Intake HMAS CERBERUS

Former Junior Recruit, **Bill 'Squizzy' Taylor**, of the second HMAS Cerberus JRTS intake, has been inspired of late to put his old recruit day photographs and memories into a book.

It is almost finished, he thought it would be such a shame to miss the opportunity not to include the only other intake that went via the Cerberus gates, the 'Second' intake.

Squizzy needs a shipmate from the Cerberus **SECOND INTAKE** to stand up and deliver if possible. 25 empty pages awaits for photographs and stories of the times at Cerberus. There is also pages allocated for the next 12 months after Cerberus, if material available, Junior Recruits who graduated and went to sea before training, as 'Ords Various' into the RAN fleet to get a taste of the saline!

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2021

STONEHAVEN MEDAL

NOMINATIONS REQUIRED



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

Please nominate a ship mate that has performed to an elite level for this year's Stonehaven Medal

A brief explanation 100 - 500 words to describe the task
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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2020
BRAD MURPHY
Queensland

“ The Stonehaven Medal awarded annually 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 normal call of duty.



2018
PHILLIP LANCASTER & DAVID CASSIDY
Western Australia & Queensland



2017
KEN DOBBIE
Tasmania



2019
DARYL WALTON
Western Australia

ROGER DALBY

JR with 50 Years Service



Leading Seaman Roger Dalby receiving his service award from Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan

Leading Seaman Roger Dalby, joined the Royal Australian Navy July 1968 as a young navy Junior Recruit at HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle, WA, to experience life outside Alice Springs and to travel the world. Now 51 years later, he has retired from permanent service and is enjoying the transition to civilian life.

"At age 16, landlocked Alice Springs wasn't where I wanted to be. I figured the Navy would feed, clothe, shelter and even pay me," Roger explained.

"I flew to Adelaide for my entry exam and on successful completion travelled by rail to start my adventure at HMAS Leeuwin as a junior recruit," he said.

Over his career Roger served 37 years at sea on over a dozen ships, including patrol boats, amphibious vessels, destroyers, frigates and an aircraft carrier. Roger has been deployed to 14 operations and has been decorated for service in conflicts from Vietnam to the Middle East. His deployments were a mix of multinational, flag showing and humanitarian exercises.

"I loved my time in the Navy and will miss all the amazing experiences and people I worked with."

"I travelled as far as Hawaii in the East, South Korea in the North and the Mediterranean and Middle east in the West." Roger was awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal in the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours List and in 2018 he was awarded his third Federation Star for 50 years' service.

In June 2019 Roger retired from his military service.

"Mine has been a gradual and smooth transition and I have been well supported by the Navy and ADF. They made sure I was medically fit and healthy before I transitioned."

Roger encouraged other members to take advantage of the ADF Member and Family Transition seminars.

"You should look to attend a couple of DVA seminars over your career—one earlier on and then again as part of your transition. They provide insight into what support and assistance is available to you."

His advice to other ADF retirees is to keep fit and to stay in contact with as many friends as possible.

"Travelling for reunions and catch-ups is my favourite thing to do. Retirement is too precious, there is not a chance I'd waste mine by not enjoying it," he said.

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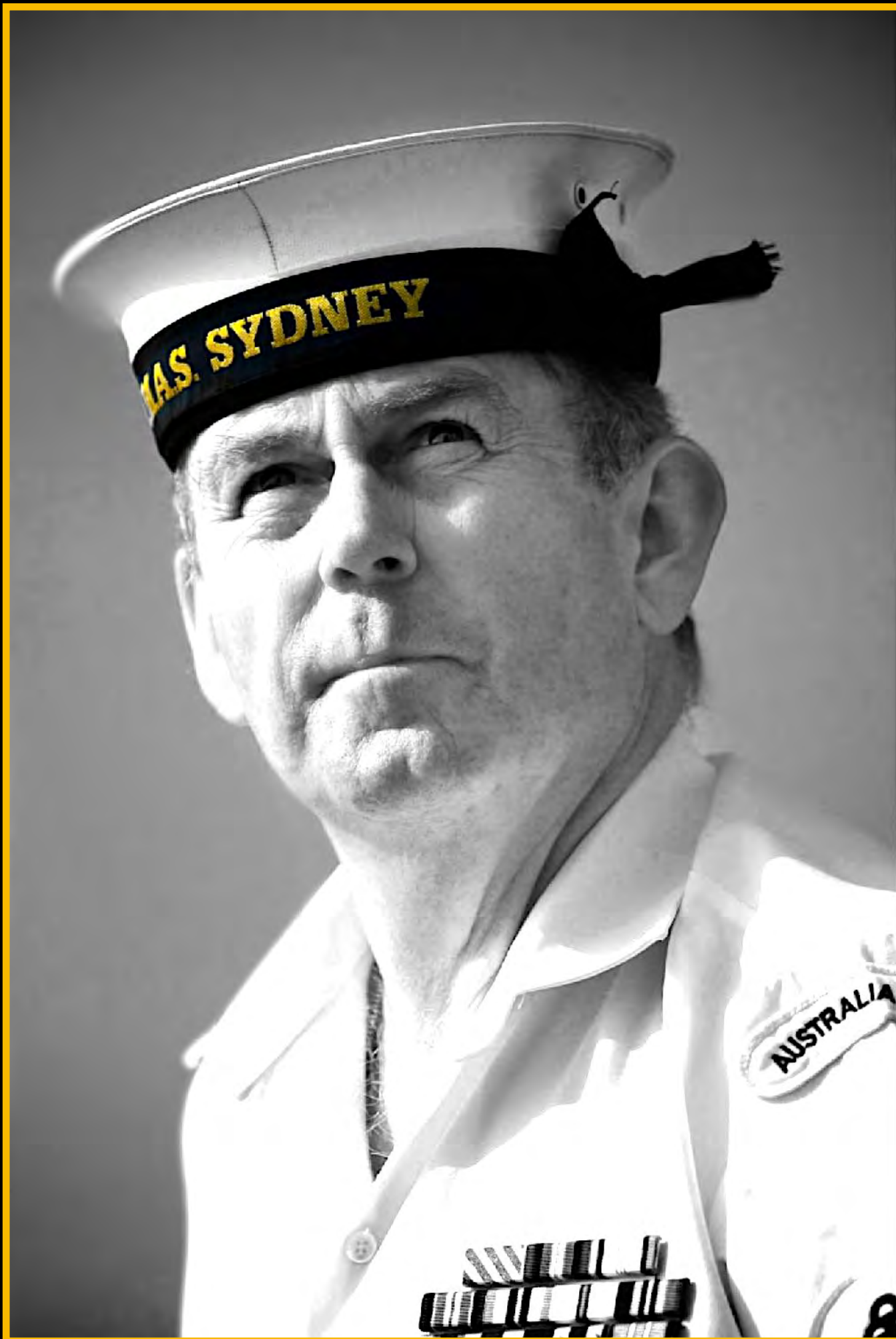


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ROGER DALBY - Royal Australian Navy - Tingira Boy - 1968 to 2019

CS & NSS SOBRAON

1866 - 1911



HMAS LEEUWIN

1960 - 1984

I SHALL MAINTAIN

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AUSTRALIA**



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HMAS TINGIRA

1912 - 1927

LEARN or DEPART

HMAS CERBERUS

1963 - 1965

FOREVER VIGILANT

POSITIONS VACANT

STATEWIDE SA-NT-TAS



Welcome back on deck
Danny O'Riordan
Queensland

LJR's Local coordinator



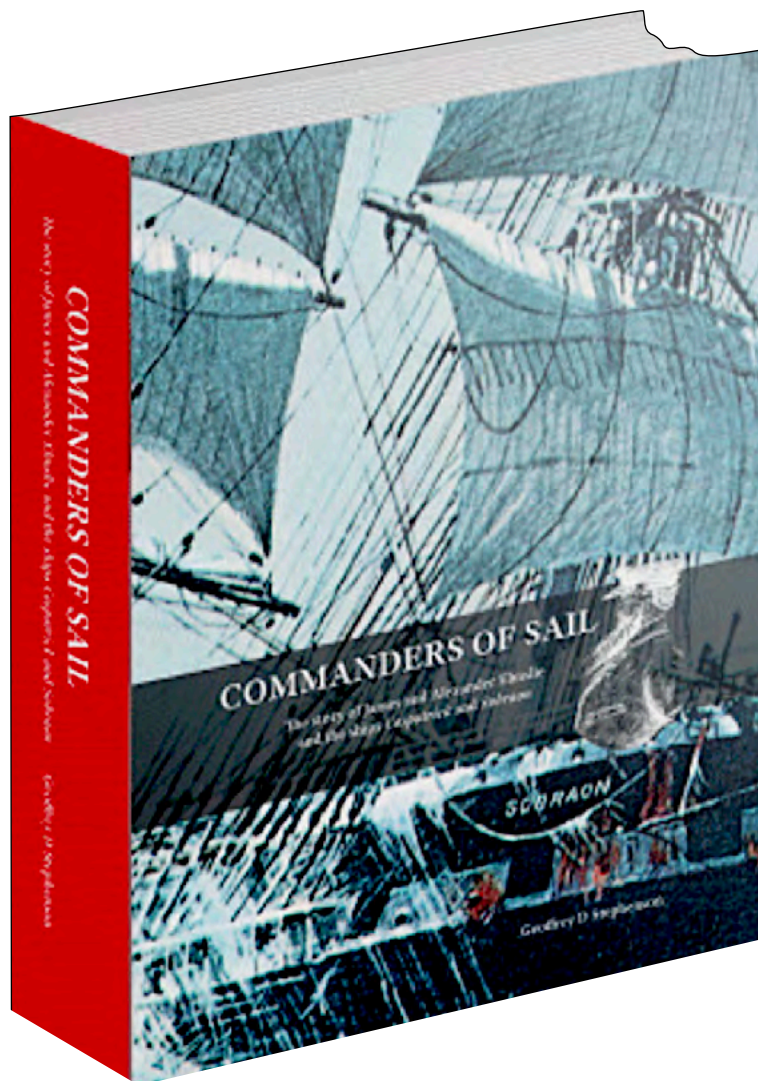
Welcome aboard
Graeme Hunter
Victoria

LJR's coordinate - The 2021 Anzac Day meeting point,
custodian the Tingira banner, refreshment location,
group photograph, scribe a few words
repeat on July 13 Tingira Day and Christmas cheer drinks

Contact Tingira Secretary if you can assist
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" Your new Tingira Anzac Day banner above is ready for parade "

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Tingira National Secretary

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TINGIRA BOYS

'Our First Decade'

Historical Timeline
2011 - 2021

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On the verge of World War One 1910, the Naval Defence Act was passed. On October 1911, the adoption of the title 'Royal Australian Navy' was authorised by King George V.

This same year saw the launching on the Clyde of HMAS Australia. The Nautical School Ship Sobraon was purchased by the Commonwealth of Australia to become the first RAN training ship, HMAS Tingira, commissioned into the fleet 25 April 1912.

This illustrious training ship would swing on anchor at Rose Bay, Sydney Harbour. She trained 3,000 young 15 year old 'boy sailors' over the following 15 years of service, sending them into her fleet to serve and protect our nation in such troubled times. Many boys went on to serve long distinguished naval careers. Many went on and served in both the first and second World Wars. In 1945, former Tingira shipmates formed the 'Tingira Old Boys Association' (TOBA) with the motto 'Tingira will live forever'.

Generations onward 1960 - The aboriginal name 'Tingira' again in the ranks of the RAN. This time the name Tingira was displayed on the naval uniform. The first intake of 15 year old boy sailors who joined the new 'Junior Recruit Training Scheme' at HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle, Western Australia, would wear the Tingira shoulder flash displaying their link to this past 'boy sailor' heritage of the RAN.

Over the following 24 years, 13,000 young Australian boys would enter the navy via the Junior Recruit Training Scheme at HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Cerberus. As history often repeats itself, again many boys served long naval careers as part of fleets tasked for battle, peace keeping, training and emergency relief tasks.

Navy Junior Recruit, Russ Crane, served for 40 years. Started his career as a young aircraft electrician, soon advanced to Officer rank and was Vice Admiral, Chief of Navy, the highest rank possible within the navy at the end of his naval career.

On the first day of January 2011, Russ was part of a small group of former Junior Recruits to establish the new 'Tingira Australia Association'.

With one major aim - to reunite 'The Tingira Boys' of 1960 to 1984. Bring them back together, renew and create new friendships. Enjoying their final years together, reliving their naval heritage, contributing to our long past and future history within the RAN is the new task.



2011

2010
October

- After a proposed planning discussion with RSL NSW, CEO Chris Perrin, former Junior Recruit (JR), Mark Lee, meets with Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, putting the suggestion that they should and could form a 'Tingira Association' after the very successful recent Junior Recruit Reunion held in Perth for Junior Recruits.
- VADM Russ Crane is delighted with the proposal and offers to assist, giving the idea his full approval and support to proceed with the association as proposed.
- Former JR Chris Perrin volunteers to lead the steering committee for the associations initial 12 months.
- An official constitution, aims and objects of association, incorporated association registration NSW Fair Trading Department and Australian Taxation Office.
- GST and bank accounts in place for merchandise, reunion and future investment funds. Accounts to be audited annually, Annual Report to be presented at Annual General Meeting, registrations lodged NSW Government and Federal Government.

2011
January

- Registration accepted by NSW Fair Trading - Tingira Australia Association.
- Tingira National Steering Committee is established - President Chris Perrin, Vice President David Ruckert, Secretary Mark Lee, Treasurer Alan Rodgers, Committee; Chris Parr, Neville Phillips and Norm Wall.
- Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, accepted the nomination as the 'Patron' of the Tingira Australia Association.
- Five levels of membership on offer for former RAN Junior Recruits, family members and relatives of HMAS Tingira, new website, commissioned to MTL Design.
- Secretary made aware of the iconic past history of 'Tingira Old Boy Association' and the original 1961 Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, Sydney.
- Secretary, discovers the last original HMAS Tingira member who is alive; former Navy Chief Petty Officer, Dan Bowden, aged 101 years old, living on NSW Central Coast.
- Secretary meets and presents Dan Bowden with Gold Life Membership of the Tingira Australia Association.



February

- President, meets Rose Bay Mayor, Isabelle Shapiro, and Rose Bay RSL President, Lee Stockley, to establish Tingira history and forward joint plans for future activities at Rose Bay.
- Foundation Life Member, Alan Rodgers, donates \$11,000 from the JR Reunion (WA) excess funds.
- Five levels of Tingira membership on offer for former RAN Junior Recruits, family members and relatives of HMAS Tingira boys.
- Membership promotion commences with 100 new members joining within first 60 days.



- Central Coast RSL provided a Memorial Service for Dan Bowden; conducted by RAN Commander. Ken Burnett, Federal DVA Minister Warren Snowdon MP and DVA Secretary, Major General Mark Kelly, in attendance with 100 local community, RSL and Tingira members. Dan's Bowden son, Peter, travelled with his wife by train from North Queensland to the service.
- Peter is presented by Secretary, a two hour video interview of Dan talking 'all things Tingira' with Secretary, seven days before his passing. This was video was to be for special viewing at the first Tingira Presidents Dinner on 11-11-11, Dan as the special guest.

April

- Dedicated gold and black 'Tingira Tie' is manufactured for members to purchase and wear as 'Tingira uniform', combined with white shirt, dark suit and Tingira lapel badge.
- Inaugural Tingira event 'Ring the Bell' Anzac Memorial, Sydney, with a new 'Tingira Bell' was struck for the association and christened by Tingira Patron, Chief of Navy, VADM Russ Crane.
- Patron, Chief of Navy, VADM Russ Crane, was presented with the Tingira Honour Life Gold Membership by the NSW Minister Veterans Affairs, Victor Dominello MP.



October

- The Sydney Harbour Paddlers Association have been conducting the 'Tingira Challenge' for over 50 years from Rose Bay foreshore. Tingira has donated the new event 'Tingira Bell' trophy.

November

- Sydney Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney, 100 year commemoration start of WW1, Tingira commemorated the event with the first annual 'Tingira Presidents Dinner' held at the HMAS Penguin Wardroom, Balmoral; the event was to be last function held in this historic naval wardroom.
- President's Dinner highlight - Video presentation of late life member Dan Bowden, portraying how he relived the many fond memories as a 'Tinny Boy' onboard HMAS Tingira in Rose Bay and as a long term generation members of the TOBA.



May

- First copy quarterly magazine 'VoicePipe' created for Tingira Australia Association, launched by HON Charlie Lynn, Anzac Memorial, Secretary is editor.

September

- Life Member, Dan Bowden, falls at his nursing home into a garden bed, breaks a leg, pass's that night in his sleep.



December

- Membership of the Tingira Australia Association reaches 250.
- National Tingira steering committee extends tenure for an extra 12 months; AGM set down April 2013, with elected National Committee to be nominated and elected by membership.



2012 **January**

- Tingira Tasmanian member, Ken Dobbie, awarded Tingira Honorary Life Membership for the 2010 JR Memorial project at Leeuwin Barracks, WA.



April

- National Tingira steering committee, conduct their first 'face to face' meeting, Anzac House, Sydney, setting a strategic plan for the following 12 month period.
- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on George Street for a first time; led by association Patron, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, under their new Tingira banner with navy sailor, Seaman Mitchell Lee, carrying the original HMAS Tingira flag.
- Tingira members take vintage Sydney bus ride to Rose Bay; conduct first association commemoration ceremony on Tingira Memorial hoisting the original Tingira flag, followed by celebrations for the 100 year birthday commissioning of HMAS Tingira at Club Rose Bay.



July

- Anzac Memorial Manager, Greg Read, and newly appointed Tingira Pastor, Bob Durbin, anoint the new Tingira flag with Secretary, at the Sydney 'Pool of Reflection' before first use of flag.



August

- Secretary, researched over 100 'turn of century' newspaper clips from the Sydney Mitchell Library. Committee draft a presentation to produce a book of the associations history from day one of the Sobraon keel being laid, to present times of this Tingira Australia Association, to be called - Sobraon, Tingira, Cerberus, Leeuwin 'A Lifelong Voyage'.



November

- Tingira Members encouraged to purchase original Junior Recruit 'Berets' for the next Anzac Day march, this is a new addition to the Tingira ceremonial uniform.

December

- Tingira Membership for the first two years has reached 293.
- The associations annual financial year (FY) figures for 2011 and 2012 are combined for audit and production of first Annual Report; to be presented to the membership at the inaugural AGM of April 2013.
- Mr. Artin Etmekdjian, of 'Summit Consultants', has been selected to conduct the annual accounting summary of the Tingira finance accounts for the Treasure's annual report to AGM.
- Mr. Tim James, of 'TJ Legal Consultants', has received and approved the proposed final copy of the updated NSW Incorporated associations 'Model Rules' for NSW incorporated bodies. With applicable changes applied by committee, document is ready for presentation to the Tingira AGM for approval to become the official name and constitution of 'Tingira Australia Association'.

- Secretary, prepares and distributes notice of Tingira first AGM, call for nominations to new Tingira National Committee.

- Secretary and Treasurer prepare FY accounts for auditor and Annual Report; stocktake of merchandise and assets.

- Sydney printers, ASAP Press, selected to print 100 copies of Annual Report annually for AGM and one copy to go with all future merchandise orders.



2013

January

- Secretary presents final accounts to committee, prepares first Annual Report containing individual reports from Patron, President, Secretary and Treasurer; combined into one PDF document with images, placed on Tingira website 30 days prior to AGM set down for 24 April at Club Rose Bay.
- Committee nominate cover pic for first 2021 Annual Report. Patron, Russ Crane leading Anzac Day march and the original Tingira flag with navy sailor as the cornerstone image of the association at this point in time.



- New National Tingira Committee elected: President Greg Read SC, Vice President David Ruckert, Secretary Mark Lee, Treasurer Peter Stephenson, Committee: Chris Parr, Lance Ker and Bob Dobson.

- Tingira Constitution and 2011-12 Annual Report moved and accepted by the Tingira membership.

- Tingira out going President, Chris Perrin, of the original steering committee hands over 'The Weight' to Greg Read, with a sound ringing of the Tingira Bell.

- Presidents dinner held on Anzac eve at Club Rose Bay. Most members having partners in attendance, entertained by Australian Country music star, Amber Lawrence an RSL DefenceCare ambassador.

- Tingira Australia Association members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on George Street, led by newly elected Tingira President, Greg Read.

- New Tingira flag and banner was carried by young Australian Navy Cadets from TS Australia.

February

- New Tingira merchandise items come online, polo shirt and cap added to the five levels of membership available.
- Merchandise payments are now all electronic via the website with payment system 'PayPal' weaved into the website backend for automatic payment and bank deposit to Tingira account.



March

- Secretary invited onto a 200 person State Government committee for the finalisation plans up coming 'International Fleet Review' Sydney Harbour October 2013.

April

- Sunset service conducted on Tingira Memorial. Patron Russ Crane raises the new Tingira flag and delivers a brief history document on Tingira and Leeuwin junior sailors, Tingira pastor, Bob Durbin delivers the naval prayers.



- Inaugural Annual General Meeting was held at Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement.



June

- Tingira Secretary meets with Woolahra Council representatives propose possible new upgrades to Tingira Memorial; deck boards, garden beds, park lawn maintenance and one new large white flagpole with yardarms.

- Tingira Pastor, Bob Durbin, receives the Tingira Ceremonial Robes that he designed for future prayer duties at Tingira and naval functions.

October

- Tingira Australia Association conducts a Sunset Service and ceremony at Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney on the occasion of 15,000 Australian and International sailors gather for seven days to celebrate the 'International Fleet Review' (IFR) reviewed by HRH Prince Harry.



- Hon Charlie Lynn, NSW State Veteran's Member, special guest Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Tingira Sunset Service, lays wreaths with Tingira Patron, Russ Crane, President, Greg Read and RSL NSW President, Don Rowe. Tingira host to an evening cocktail party, many RAN serving members invited to the evening with CN attending.



2014 **January**

- Tingira website is upgraded to now performs on new iPad, mobil platforms and traditional laptop and desktop computer systems.

February

- Tingira Pastor, Bob Durbin, launches the new Tingira Robes and Tingira Prayer for sailors.
- RSL NSW host many Tingira members to the Saturday evening IFR 'Naval Review' from the viewing platform and harbourside restaurant of Sydneys iconic Luna Park, entertained by Australian country music star, Luke O'Shea.



- Tingira Annual Presidents Dinner held at the North Head Army Barracks Officers mess. President Greg Read delivers his first formal speech. Most members having partners in attendance, Chris Perrin, awarded Hon Life Gold Membership.



- Members are entertained by Australian country music star, Amber Lawrence; Amber is made Hon General Member by Vice President, Peter Stephenson.
- Committee nominate cover of young sailors carrying Tingira banner with the new Tingira flag as the preferred image for the Annual Report cover.

November

- Secretary and President visit HMAS Cerberus Recruit School, Victoria, as guests 2013 graduation parade and naming of the new Recruit divisional class.
- Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs, names a new divisional class, TINGIRA.
- President presents the new RAN Tingira award for best recruit rifle shot, 'Tingira Top Shot' trophy.



March

- Annual General Meeting was held at Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement, followed by RSL dinner for members.

December

- Tingira Australia Association Membership for the first two years has reached 341.
- The Sydney Harbour Paddlers Association conduct the 'Tingira Challenge' on Sydney harbour; committeemen, Bob Dobson, presents the 'Tingira Bell' trophy.
- Secretary and Treasurer prepare FY accounts for auditor and the 2013 Annual Report; stocktake of merchandise and assets.



- President Greg Read, due to medical condition resigns, hands over 'The Weight' to Lance Kerr as the new Tingira President.

April

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on George Street, led by newly elected Tingira President, Lance Ker. Members wear berets for first time.
- Secretary, invited by Tingira descendant, Malcombe Elmslie, to RAN museum Spectacle Island; to observe many items of HMAS Tingira and HMAS Leeuwin collections. Malcombe's great grandfather was Captain James Elmslie Commanding Officer of the Clipper Ship, Sobraon.





May

- Patron, President, Secretary and members invited to annually attend navy Office Canberra, to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia, at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration.
- Tingira National Committee accepts the resignation of Bob Dobson, Stephen Beal from Adelaide to join the committee.

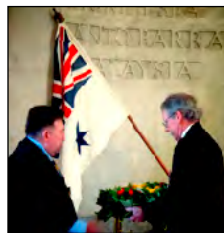


- VoicePipe magazine under review for new design, more page content with larger website distribution now possible.

- Secretary and Treasurer prepare FY accounts for auditor and 2014 Annual Report; stocktake of merchandise and assets.

August

- Major milestones for Tingira National Committee; approves to organise and conduct November 2015 JR Reunion in Sydney; launch to membership January 2015.
- Fundraising begins to fund possible new flagpole upgrade on Tingira Memorial, \$10k budget target, Woolahra Council in conjunction to assist, November 2015 deadline to launch.
- Tingira Member, John Perryman, of Sea Power Centre, Canberra, delivers digital file to Secretary; 100s of original Tingira Boy classic portraits from the early 1920 for a future Tingira publications.



December

- Secretary presents final accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares 2014 Annual Report for AGM.
- Committee nominate Annual Report cover picture to be of historical first 1960 Junior Recruit Graduation at HMAS Leeuwin parade ground.

2015

February

- Sydney Harbour Paddlers Association conduct the 'Tingira Challenge' on Sydney harbour; Vice President, David Ruckert presents 'Tingira Bell' trophy.

April

- Annual General Meeting held at Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement.
- Presidents dinner held at Club Rose Bay, many guest members from Auburn RSL in attendance, hosted by President, Lance Ker, with entertainment from Australian Country music star, Amber Lawrence.



September

- Foundation Life member, Greg Read, acquires two oil paintings of HMAS Tingira berthed at Rose Bay. One painting is donated and hangs in foyer of Rose Bay RSL club, the other with the Secretary's Tingira Museum Collection.

November

- 2015 JR Reunion sub-committee into full production for venues and activity programs over five day period
- Membership has reached 6 Hon Life members, 248 Foundation Life members, 19 Associate Life members, 198 General members and 36 Associate general members Total 507



- Foundation Member, Greg Read, is made Tingira Honorary Gold Life Member.

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on George Street, led by newly elected President, Lance Ker, Tingira flag paraded by young Associate Member, Marshall Lee.



- Tingira Members inaugural march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Perth, led by LJR Paul Kalajzich and new Melbourne Tingira Boys, led by LJR Neil Baird down Bourke Street to the Shrine of Remembrance.

May

- President and Secretary in Canberra to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration.
- Secretary meets Sec of Australian War Memorial and Sea Power Centre, Canberra, research more Tingira images and documents held within historical files.

June

- Secretary of DVA announces "Leeuwin Barracks in Western Australia to be sold by tenders within the next few years"; JR Memorial to stay in place on site, Leeuwin Gates and Leeuwin Drill Hall in question long term.

July

- Anzac Memorial, Sydney, Secretary invited to launch the book 'Commanders of Sail' by author Geoffrey Stephenson; a brilliant history of the life of Captain James Elmslie and the Clipper Ship Sobraon; before she sold to NSW Government for Nautical School Ship duties, then sold on to the Federal Government, commissioned as first navy training ship, HMAS Tingira

August

- Vice President, Peter Stephenson, donates two historic vintage oars from the original Tingira Boys row boat at Rose Bay; oars are remade into one ceremonial oar to carry the five Tingira Life Buoys.



- President meet with Woolahra Council approval and work on new flagpole, decking replacement and new lawns in Tingira Park for the November Remembrance Day commemoration.
- New Tingira Bowties and Cumberband added to the merchandise stock on Tingira website.

November

- JR Reunion 2015 - Anzac Memorial sunset service, new Tingira bell cover, Tingira oars and Tingira lifebuoys paraded for a first time; President makes the formal speech with cocktail party followed inside Anzac Memorial.
- Clipper Ship James Craig, day at sea off Sydney Heads, remembrance poppies laid over Dee Why waters with Tingira Pastor, Bob Durbin, and Royal Australian Navy buglar, performing ceremonial duties.
- November 11 - Tingira Memorial Rose Bay Remembrance Day Service, Tingira Bell, Buoys and Flag raised at large community event Club Rose Bay, Secretary makes the formal speech.
- Grand Reunion Ball, Lunar Park, North Sydney, black tie dinner, Patron makes the formal speech, five members of the two HMAS Cerberus JR intakes made Honorary Life Gold Members, entertained by rock music band, Kaylan Rain.
- Sydney Harbour cruise, tour navy Heritage Centre, Garden Island, Sydney, farewell BBQ at the old Maritime Headquarters on the Garden Island hilltop.

December

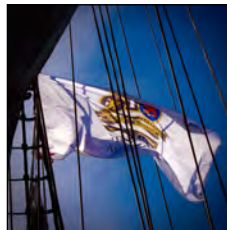
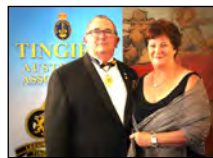
- Secretary presents final accounts and prepares 2015 Annual Report, cover Tingira flag flying high mast of Tall Ship, James Craig.
- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 249 Foundation Life members, 19 Associate Life members, 264 General members and 47 Associate general members Totals 590.



2016

January

- Tingira National Committee meet for a weekend workshop discuss wash-up 2015 Sydney JR Reunion, decide to host and organise a possible 'grand' 60th JR Reunion in Perth, July 2020.
- Committee agrees to change our Tingira logo and add the nautical flags in the word 'Tingira' to bottom of the crest, 12 months to implement across all mediums.
- Donation received from Auburn RSL sub-Branch of full set small nautical flags for Tingira to 'Dress Ship' on happy occasions at Tingira Memorial, Australia Day 26/1 and Tingira Day 13/7 are the two days agreed upon
- President, Lance Ker, announces a new annual award for Tingira Boys 'The Stonehaven Medal' for JR's, past and present, who go beyond the expectations of their communities in their day to day duties, honouring the first Australian Governor General who would visit HMAS Tingira annually to present the 'Stonehaven Shield'.
- Treasurer, Peter Stephenson and Stephen Beal are tasked to prepare a new Strategic Plan for AGM 2017. Plan to include naval cadets TS Tingira at HMAS Cerberus, closer ties with members WA, ACT, Vic and QLD if possible.



- Presidents dinner held at Club Rose Bay, many guest members from Auburn RSL and RSL DefenceCare in attendance, hosted by President, Lance Ker, Tingira pastor presented the Tingira prayers, Secretary made a 'Tingira history' speech with entertainment from Australian country music star, Amber Lawrence.

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on Elizabeth Street for a first time, led by President, Lance Ker, flag paraded by young Associate Member, James Perrin.

- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Perth, led by Tingira LJR Paul Kalajzich.

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- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Brisbane, led by Tingira LJR Danny O'Riordan.

May

- Patron, President and Secretary in Canberra to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration.

- Commander John Goss, HMAS Cerberus, Tingira Boy, new liaison member between Tingira Aust Assoc, RAN Recruit School and HMAS Cerberus, Officer in Command.

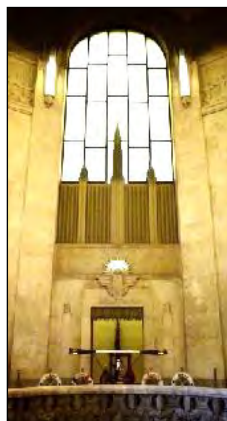
November

- Secretary presents final accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares 2016 Annual Report.

- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 264 Foundation Life members, 20 Associate Life members, 270 General members and 49 Associate general members Totals 614.

April

- Annual General Meeting was held at Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement.
- Secretary announced that future AGM would be held interstate as often as possible from the Sydney base.
- Nominations are called for the first 'Stonehaven Medal'.





2016



2017

January

- Tingira National Committee meet for a weekend workshop - AGM to Canberra election conducted in conjunction 46th intake JR Reunion, Stonehaven medal to be presented.

April

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on Elizabeth Street for a first time, led by Tingira President, Lance Ker, flag paraded by navy Associate Member, LCDR Alicia Harrison.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Perth, led by Tingira LJR Paul Kalajzich; Tingira members attend 5am Army dawn service at Leeuwin Barracks.
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- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Canberra, led by Tingira LJR Eric Pitman.

May

- Tingira President and Secretary in Canberra to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration
- Tingira performer, Amber Lawrence performs for the Australian Prime Minister Macomb Turnbull and USA President Donald Trump on board USS Intrepid, dockside New York for Coral Sea commemorations.



June

- Annual General Meeting was held at Kingston Hotel, Canberra, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement, July 13 now proclaimed by committee as the National Tingira Day, celebrating the first day of the first intake HMAS Leeuwin.
- 2017 - Elected Tingira National Committee, President Lance Ker, Vice President Stephen Beal, Treasurer Peter Stephenson, Secretary Mark Lee, Committee Chris Parr, David Rafferty and Darryn Rose.
- Inaugural Tingira 'Stonehaven Medal' awarded to Ken Dobbie, Tasmania, for his efforts and delivery of the 2010 JR Memorial project at Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle, WA.
- Sea Power Australia presents Tingira with 200 original Tingira Boy portraits and life at sea images from an original collection of HMAS Sydney and HMAS Australia.
- Tingira National Committee to drive a full refurbishment project in fundraising and design for Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay over the next two years.

July

- Secretary meets with Directors of Sea Power Australia with recent discovery of more Tingira memorabilia on Sydney Central Coast schools.
- Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, 'Dress Ship' for first celebration of National Tingira Day, members hold commemoration service with the ceremonial Life Buoys
- TINGIRA DAY - Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth Tingira LJRs hook up on FaceTime call for a national happy birthday Tingira song at their parties across the nation.



- RAN Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus continues to award the 'Tingira Top Shot' at graduation ceremonies to the best marks person

October

- Secretary discovers a hidden link with the immaculately restored steam yacht ERNA at the Sydney Maritime museum; originally a WW1 vessel as HMAS Sleuth, then retired as the tender vessel for HMAS Tingira; today she is the oldest WW1 vessel still in operation.

November

- Tingira Vice President, Stephen Beal, makes new connections with the Adelaide Australian Naval Cadet Association, a direct Tingira link with their past in Adelaide and the Commodore of local yacht squadron: new annual Tingira Shield trophy is presented annually to the best naval cadet division.
- Tingira committeemen represent at Tingira Memorial for Remembrance Day service conducted by Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch.
- Treasurer Peter Stephenson resigns from committee.
- Chris Parr accepts the role of acting Treasurer, new budget FY by January 2018
- Secretary reports the Tingira History book 'A Life Long Voyage' has now grown into a two volume production, new publishing deadline, the 2020 JR Reunion in Perth
- Tingira flag and the RSL NSW flag are flown from the Tingira Memorial mast permanently and replaced on the Anzac week each year, Tingira Memorial is well lit from the five surrounding street lights

December

- Secretary presents final accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares for 2017 Annual Report



- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 271 Foundation Life members, 20 Associate Life members, 290 General members and 49 Associate general members Totals 641

2018 **January**

- Tingira National Committee meet for a weekend workshop - AGM to Sydney Primus Hotel, VP to chair meeting
- Tingira committee raise the nautical flags for Australia Day, Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay

March

- Tingira launch 'National Anzac Day march guide' to membership and LJRs.

April

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on Elizabeth Street, led by Tingira Vice President, Stephen Beal, Tingira flag paraded by Australian Navy Cadet, TS Sydney.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Perth, led by Tingira LJR Paul Kalajzich; Tingira members attend Army dawn service at Leeuwin Barracks with 500 local community members
- WA boys gather to commemorate Anzac Day at the new 'All Sailors Memorial' on North Fremantle dockland wharf
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Melbourne, led by Tingira LJR Neil Baird
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Adelaide, gather at the Glenalgh RSL
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Brisbane, led by Tingira LJR Danny O'Riordan
- Tingira Boy Guy Rogers represents Tingira in Wellington, New Zealand as he assists Aussie sailors in ranks



- Annual General Meeting held at Primus Hotel, Sydney, Vice President Stephen Beal Chair of meeting, Executive committee reports presented and accepted, hard copy Annual Report distributed to members, NSW Fair Trading report presented for lodgement, new 'Strategic Plan' launched by VP Stephen Beal.

May

- President and Secretary in Canberra to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration.

July

- Nth Queensland LJR Rod Howard joins the Tingira national ranks with 15 members gathering for Tingira events at Cairns RSL club: new Tingira banner and flag issued for Anzac Day march in 2019.
- Secretary attends TS Tingira mid winter parade HMAS Cerberus.
- Fremantle Port Authority donate a selection of images of HRH Queen Elizabeth inspecting JRs on the 1963 Royal Tour of WA.
- TINGIRA DAY - Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth Tingira LJRs hook up on FaceTime call for a national happy birthday Tingira song at their parties across the nation, good time celebration by all.

August

- Joint winners of the 'Stonehaven Medal' Mal Lancaster from Perth and Dave Cassidy from Brisbane. President presented awards on the bridge of HMAS Diamantina in Brisbane maritime museum, for their efforts to save the health, life and family of former JR Mick Shape.



August

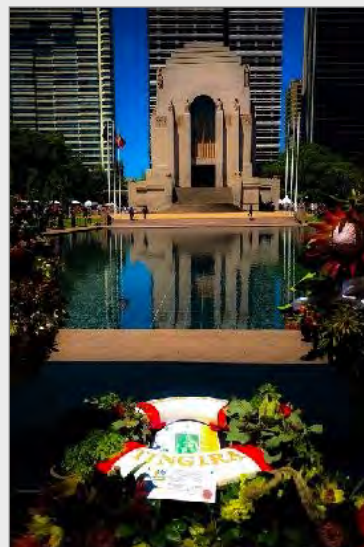
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November

- Woolahra Council (Mayor) rejects the design proposal for Tingira Memorial upgrade, not happy to share the complete Tingira story, on hold 3 months
- Remembrance Day 100 years - Tingira members and committee lay wreath at the Sydney Cenotaph, Martin Place, at the foot of monument of former Tingira Boy, LS John Varco; then march George Street to Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park; lay the old 1912 Tingira 'Federation' wreath life buoy onto the Pool of Reflection
- Patron and Secretary present to CN a proposal to rename HMAS Cerberus Recruit School to 'Tingira Recruit School' considered but unsuccessful. Renamed 'RAN Recruit School' in line with 'RAN Officer School' at HMAS Creswell.

December

- Secretary presents final accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares 2018 Annual Report.
- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 289 Foundation Life members, 20 Associate Life members, 305 General members and 49 Associate general members Totals 674



2018



2019

January

- Tingira National Committee moved into full on 2020 JR Reunion mode with new website, merchandise and international money fund transfers arrangements. Venues and artists booked, Secretary to complete a full site inspection Q2 in WA.

- Vice President Stephen Beal attends navy cadet day at sea on local tall ship with Tingira SA members

April

- Tingira members march in Sydney at the annual ANZAC Day parade on Elizabeth Street, led by Tingira President, Lance Ker, flag paraded by navy rating AB Richard Causero, father in Tingira squad, pic on front cover this issue.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Perth, led by Tingira LJR Paul Kalajzich; Tingira members attend Army dawn service at Leeuwin Barracks.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade in Adelaide, led by Tingira LJR Stephen Beal.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Brisbane, led by Tingira LJR Danny O'Riordan.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Cairns, Nth Queensland, led by Tingira LJR Rod Howard.
- Tingira Members march at the annual ANZAC Day parade Canberra, led by Tingira LJR Eric Pitman.

May

- Tingira Secretary in Canberra to represent Tingira Boys and descendants of HMAS Australia at the annual USA & Australia Coral Sea Commemoration, lays wreath with Cumberland RSL sub-Branch President, Greg Read.



July

- Tingira Secretary presents the Stonehaven Medal to Daryl Walton at the Tradewinds Hotel with a large group of WA members at the event to honour their man for his achievement for his services to many local civilian and naval communities.
- Vice President Stephen Beal resigns from committee.
- TINGIRA DAY - Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth Tingira LJRs hook up on FaceTime call for a national happy birthday Tingira song at their Tingira parties across the nation.

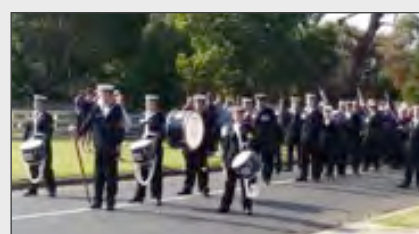
- Tingira Secretary presented with the original Tingira ships name board and photographic memorabilia from the 'NSW School of Deaf and Blind' at Tingira Heights on the NSW Central Coast

August

- Secretary informs the Tingira 2020 JR Reunion sub-committee that merchandise and ticket sales are all in shape, with the Tingira History book 'A Lifetime Voyage' on deadline for final publishing April of 2020.

December

- Secretary presents final accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares 2019 Annual Report with Sydney Anzac Day image front cover.
- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 319 Foundation Life members, 20 Associate Life members, 338 General members and 53 Associate general members Totals 741.



2019



2020 **January**

- Tingira National Committee confirms 'all is ready' for the Tingira 2020 JR Reunion in Perth, ticket and merchandise sales on target with website and banking facility working perfect.

February

- Worldwide COVID-19 Tingira National Committee members conduct urgent meetings with stakeholders and suppliers to the Reunion, news of the world pandemic gets worse, Tingira one of many associations to suffer this situation.

March

- Tingira President announces 'cancellation' of the 2020 JR Reunion due to Covid-19, members to be refunded with no possibility of postponement or transfers due to border restrictions and the unlikely time process before normal life resumes.

April

- Tingira members around the country 'fall into line' with the National RSL request to perform their own 'Lightup Driveway Anzac Day Service' at 6am on 25 April.

May to September

- Tingira National Committee members in Sydney commence packing and distribution of approx. 250 individual Australia Post Express Packs of 2020 JR Reunion merchandise with the Tingira history books 'A Lifetime Voyage' published and wrapped into many of those packages
- Secretary commences a refund process to ticket holders of the 2020 JR Reunion; many members made donations to help the equation for the association to balance the books, as the deposits on some services were not a guaranteed refund
- John Perryman of Sea Power Australia donates 500 copies of the 'HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruit Story' to Tingira; was scheduled for the reunion dinner plates, now distributed with all future merchandise orders



July

- TINGIRA DAY - Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Perth Tingira LJRs hook up on FaceTime call for a national happy birthday Tingira song at their parties across the nation
- Tall Ship Leeuwin, present Tingira WA boys with the original HMAS Leeuwin front gate brass crest at Tingira birthday party.

October

- Secretary visits Navy Office, Canberra, to present the Tingira history books 'A Lifetime Voyage' to Chief of Navy and Warrant Officer of Navy, thanking them for many hours and efforts of support towards and after the cancellation of the 2020 JR Reunion

November

- Canberra LJR Eric Pitman, organises ACT Christmas dinner with the only annual opportunity for Tingira to present some awards to members that were due at the July reunion
- Past Tingira Presidents, Chris Perrin and Greg Read, honoured for their Tingira service as was John Perryman and WoN Deb Butterworth, who also launched new Tingira website, 2021 Tingira Strategic Plan and Christmas issue of VoicePipe magazine.
- John Perryman, on behalf of Sea Power Australia presents Tingira with an original Clipper Ship Sobraon bell rope
- Patron Russ Crane had his hands on the original Tingira nameplate for a first time, big smiles all round

December

- Cumberland RSL sub-Branch donates Covid-19 welfare packages for our elderly Tingira members
- Secretary presents interim accounts to Tingira National Committee and prepares 2020 Annual Report with Martin Place image of a vacant street and Cenotaph on a normal busy day in April 2020.
- Tingira Membership has reached 11 Hon Life members, 323 Foundation Life members, 20 Associate Life members, 341 General members and 53 Associate general members Totals 748.



TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

2021

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS from 2021 to 2024

April 2021

Date, Time and Place - To be confirmed due to Anzac Day confirmation - Final details Tingira website

AGENDA

1. President's Welcome
2. Approve MINUTES of previous 2019 AGM, no 2020 AGM
3. President's Report - TAA website
4. Treasurer's Report - TAA website
5. Secretary's Report - TAA website
6. General Business - As presented to SEC by COB - 17/4/20
7. Secretary - To appoint Returning Officer
8. Returning Officer - Declares all positions vacant
9. Election of Office Bearers
 - 9.1 **President**
 - 9.2 **Vice President**
 - 9.3 **Treasurer** (Qualifications apply)
 - 9.4 **Secretary** (Qualifications apply)
 - 9.5 **Committee** (Three (5) positions)
10. Returning Officer - Declares result
11. New Committee effective Monday 26 April 2021
12. President to close meeting

APPLICATION - TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

2021 NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominee must complete and forward to the Secretary by email, close of business 5pm Friday 16 April 2021. Application must be signed, only financial Life and or general members of the Tingira Australia Association can apply for National Committee positions, associate members cannot vote or hold Committee positions. Nominees for Secretary & Treasurer must be qualified at 'intermediate standards' at minimum

I _____ as a 2021 financial member of the Tingira Australia Association I apply to nominate for the following position on the Tingira Australia Association National Committee for a three year term from AGM 2021 to AGM 2024 and agree to abide by the Associations Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Tingira Australia Association Inc as per 1-1-11 and agree to complete the confidentiality agreement of the association.

POSITIONS

- ☐ President
☐ Vice President
☐ Treasurer
☐ Secretary
☐ Committee

Signed _____

Date _____

EMAIL **tsec@gmail.com**

OFFICE USE

Received date _____ Checked Membership _____ Signed SEC _____

NEW WEBSITE - NAVY LAUNCH

TINGIRA WEBSITE

Up With The Clouds



Warrant Officer of the Navy, WO Deb Butterworth, with Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, as she 'lifts the lid' on the new Tingira Australia Association website at the launch in Canberra last November.

After ten years online, the former Tingira website based on a shared platform is no more! The time has come to modernise the website image, procedures and capabilities.

Utilising a new version of the 'Wordpress' internet system allows Tingira webmaster, Matt Copeland, into the cloud base system. Document, image and data storage are now available at the speed of a computer keystroke from his Zetland corporate headquarters.

A two month education program behind the computer monitor, Matt Copeland, with Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, set about converting the previous website into a shell of the new format they both designed and thus allowing them to populate with content to reach the final product.

Matt has trained the Secretary to become very multi skilled in recent

times, with many take home tasks and on site monitoring during the testing stages. "It's an exciting process, twice as much data in half the amount of time, coupled with a nice 'clean image' that presents better in conjunction with our updated newsletter image" said Mark Lee at the launch last week in Canberra.

Warrant Officer of Navy, WO Deb Butterworth, was on hand recently at the Canberra Southern Cross Club to launch the new website for the Tingira Australia Association.

"Never launched a website" said WO(N) Deb Butterworth, can't be that hard she explained to a local gathering of Tingira members and partners.

"Open the laptop lid, the new world of Tingira internet will be at your fingertips" was the instruction from the Secretary.

The new website is now compatible with all multi digital platform formats and the full range of media devices.

The Tingira online store carries the membership and merchandise business of the association behind secure fire walls. The site brings all new data to the forefront and keeps sales in line with GST, postage and back up referencing with direct bank links to the online Xero accounting system.

Tingira President Lance Ker said "This is a project we have worked on for 18 months. Compiling all the accounting eggs into one basket with the website is a tremendous asset to the association.

"A great investment in time saving with accuracy to the cent, as we are about to enter a very demanding accounting session after the 2020 JR Reunion cancellation and refund wash-up".



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

01 March
2021

Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, released the new five year Strategic Plan for the association today (12th November) from his lockdown bunker in central Queensland with the launch of the new Tingira website. A gathering of Canberra Tingira members and guests were on hand at the Southern Cross Club to witness Warrant Officer of the NAVY - WO(N), Deb Butterworth, launch the new website with the 'Strategic Plan' as one of many valuable detailed documents within the walls of the new website.



EVENTS - 20/21 CALENDAR



TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION – The function of the Tingira Australia Association is to keep the 'Spirit' of the HMAS Cerberus and HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits alive through the re-uniting of class and shipmates at a true social and friendship level. The association is non political and does not offer welfare service or advice.

Foundation Life Membership and General Membership of the Association is open to all personnel who have served on board HMAS Cerberus and HMAS Leeuwin and worn the famous 'Tingira Flash'. Foundation Life Membership and General Membership is also open to Associate members, offered to our friends and family members, Tingira descendants, Leeuwin instructors, Ships Company and Officers of the RAN.

Membership now stands at 760 plus as our first decade of membership approaches in January of 2011. At the 2010 JR reunion over 3,000 boys gathered and we formed as this association from that event. Our members ages range from approx. 50 – 75 years young, some of those stalwart members are still serving in the RAN today. Although the majority are dispersed throughout the length and breadth of the Australian countryside, many members are also scattered across international waters.

The membership is kept informed of events, past, present and future by means of our website www.tingira.org.au and our magazine 'VoicePipe'. ANZAC Day and the Tingira birthday, 13 July, anniversary of the first Leeuwin intake in 1960, are but two most import annual events that we commemorate and celebrate. As an association we acknowledge and represent the activities and descendants of the English Clipper Ship, Sobraon, which then became the NSW Nautical School Ship, Sobraon, which went on in a third life to finally become HMAS Tingira on 25 April 1912.

The association also supports the Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus, with a 'Tingira class' as part of the new Yarra division. At each Passing Out Parade, the 'Tingira Topshot' trophy is awarded to the recruit with best results from rifle range activities. The Tingira 'Stonehaven Medal' is awarded annually to the Tingira Boy or Boys members who achieve 'above and beyond community exceptions' in navy or civilian communities.

Support for all the activities and services of the Association is provided by unpaid volunteers who are elected to the national committee for a three year term. We do not have lists of Tingira Boys names who have served in Ships Sobraon, Tingira, Cerberus and Leeuwin; these are held by Dept of Defence and can be given by request to the department. The association is open to sponsorship and fresh ideas from the membership via committee members or direct to the Secretary, thank you.

Lance Ker, President
Tingira Australia Association

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM - DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY





The DUYFKEN

Open To The Public

Another outdoor experience opens at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, home of the largest floating fleet in the Southern Hemisphere.

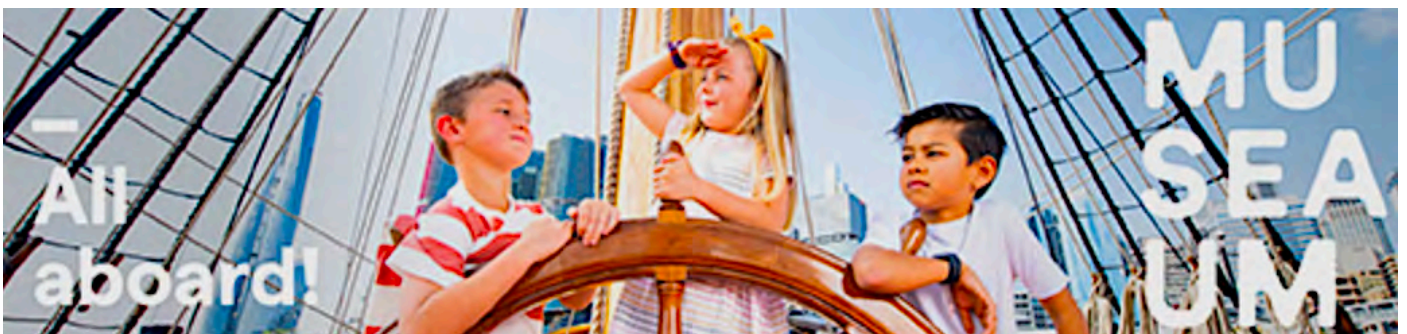
The Duyfken, a replica 1606 vessel is now open to the public after arriving at the Australian National Maritime Museum in late December.

Kevin Sumption, Director and CEO of the museum said, 'This vessel tells a remarkable story. It tells of the earliest visitation by a European vessel to this continent when the Dutch vessel visited Cape York in 1606, 164 years before James Cook charted the East coast.

'It is a great opportunity to discuss Dutch and other European visits to the continent and of course, more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander narratives.

'We will be rolling out both new interpretive and educational programs around the vessel and sailing opportunities on the harbour over the next months.

'The Duyfken is a wonderful addition to our fleet, we have the largest collection of floating vessels in the Southern Hemisphere and with a large outdoor footprint, we provide a wealth of activities for the whole family outside as well as inside in a COVID safe environment.'



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM - DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY

Free museum entry to Defence Force veterans, serving members and current cadets as part of exciting new partnership. The Australian National Maritime Museum recently announced an exciting new partnership with the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), providing complimentary access to the museum for all Defence Force veterans, serving members, and current cadets.

As part of this new partnership CSC is fully subsidising the cost of museum entry for these groups and is enabling them to visit the museum, for free, as often as they like.

“There is no doubt that the history of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the men and women who serve, is an important, fascinating and ongoing chapter in Australia’s maritime story, said museum director Kevin Sumption PSM.

It’s an area we have researched, collected and shared with our visitors since opening in 1991. I’m particularly delighted that, with the generous support of CSC, all Australian Defence Force members, cadets and veterans will have even greater access to the museum, our collections and importantly their history.”

“CSC greatly values and appreciates the commitment and loyal service of our veterans, serving members of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and cadets, and providing free entry to the Museum is one way for us to show our gratitude and thanks,” said CSC’s Corporate Affairs Manager, Damon Whittock.

He said that, CSC has been providing superannuation services to members of the Australian Defence Force and employees of the Australian Government for more than 30 years and were committed to putting their members first and providing them with valuable support and guidance to achieve the retirement they deserve.

The complimentary museum entry includes access to the Museum’s Action Stations experience, which tells the story of life in the Royal Australian Navy, as well as the opportunity to climb aboard ex-Navy destroyer HMAS Vampire and submarine HMAS Onslow.






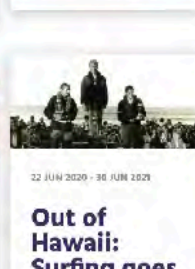
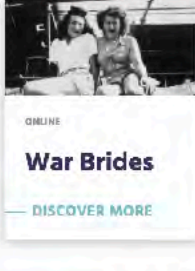
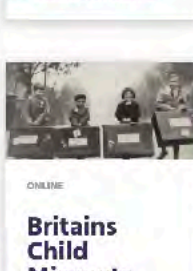
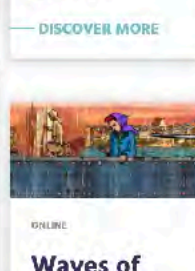
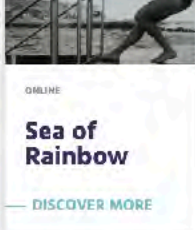
Visitors can explore all areas of our unique indoor-outdoor museum, and see many historic fleets and exhibitions—including the acclaimed Gapu-Monuk Saltwater exhibition of stunning bark paintings by the Yolnu people of north-east Arnhem Land, and the immersive James Cameron – Challenging the Deep exhibition.

The partnership with CSC will also provide half price entry to the families and friends.

To access the offer, current Australian Defence Force members, current cadets and veteran association members simply need to show a valid ADF ID card, DVA-issued card, RSL sub branch or association membership card/badge to the museum’s front of house team, or arrive in uniform, and they will receive free entry.

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For more information about the RSL Employment Program please visit the RSL NSW or RSL LifeCare website or contact 02 8088 0388.

TINGIRA CHALLENGE - ROSE BAY, SYDNEY

TINGIRA CHALLENGE

Splash and Dash for the Cash



Tingira Challenge 2020

Saturday, November 14, 2020 07:49 (GMT+11) - Final results



Damian Millin, winner of the 2020 Tingira Challenge, proudly holding the Tingira Bell trophy presented by Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee.



Photograph, MARK LEE with iPhone

Paddlers from far and wide across Sydney and regional NSW gathered at sunrise on the shores of Tingira Park, Rose Bay, recently to participate in the annual 2020 'Tingira Challenge' paddle board race on Sydney harbour.

Conducted by the Shark Island Paddlers Club, Surf ski, sea kayak and outrigger competitors competed over the short course (8 kilometres) and long course (15 kms)

Several magnificent trophies were on hand for the winners of the major competitions.

The Tingira Challenge Trophy for First Male Surf Ski Long Course competitor, the Helen Jacobsohn Cup for First Female Surf Ski Long Course competition and the Howard Geoffrey Bersten Memorial Trophy for First Surf Ski Short Course competitor

Overall	Winner	Winning time
+ All racers	MILLIN, Damian,MCMURRAY, Stephen	41:26.9
+ Female	RICHARDS, Tylah	44:26.2
+ Male	MILLIN, Damian,MCMURRAY, Stephen	41:26.9
+ Female/Male	RHYDDERCH, Suzie, COWARD, Dave	1:15:05.6



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SOBRAON BELL ROPE

Priceless Collection Item Donated

At the recent Tingira Christmas gathering in Canberra, Tingira Boy, John Perryman presented a very generous donation to the growing Tingira collection, one of the Clipper Ship Sobraon's bell ropes.

The iconic Clipper Ship Sobraon was blessed with three bells, one forward, one midships and one aft. The ships bell was a ceremonial item on all ships, however in the days of sail the bell was very much part of the ships time and navigation equipment. When moving in harbour with little or no wind and fog the sound of the ships bell would set the direction of the ships courses by the lookouts. The bell rope had a secondary use on some ships, an item for disciplinary measures if required.

John was given the bell rope by a Rosebud resident he befriended while posted to HMAS *Cerberus* in the late 1990s. The bell rope had been in the gentleman's possession for many years and when he learnt of John's interest in naval history he offered it to him as a gift, explaining that it had come from the Sobraon

which later commissioned as HMAS Tingira.

"My friend had a deep interest in naval and military history and had over many years put together a fine collection of artefacts which he had painstakingly researched". I felt very privileged to become the next custodian of the bell rope and knew in my heart that I would, one day,



find a home more befitting its provenance. I am delighted that the association will care for it in the future" said John as he presented the Sobraon bell rope to Tingira Patron, Russ Crane.

The bell rope has been mounted and added to the growing collection of other HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Tingira memorabilia the association is presently collecting.

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Above - The three Sobraon ships bells.

Left bell, displayed at the Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskinson, NSW.

Middle bell, displayed at the Garden Island Heritage Centre, Sydney, as part of the HMAS Leeuwin presentation, note this is the one of the three that is missing the bell rope

Right bell, hangs high above the old sail loft facing into the daily Sydney weather on the main wall of Garden Island Chapel, Sydney.



REUNIONS

“Fall In You Lot”



*Former
Royal Australian Navy
Junior Recruit*

KIM HARRIS

*relives a recent
Sydney intake
reunion...*

*A nightmare from hell
in his mind
before he arrived.*

Kim's reunion result ...

*Fond memories on paper,
2,766 words accompanied
with some old and
very memorable
photographs retrieved*



January 1969
H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN
East Fremantle, WA

Intake No. 26
Junior Recruit Training Scheme
Marks & Morrow Divisions

“**A**fter fifty years without contact, my expectation at this Sydney Navy Junior Recruit intake reunion was that any link between us would have been cut or at least so loose as to be non binding, fun times ahead!

Unexpectedly then, despite some leaps of faith at recognition, the men who mostly saw one another two lifetimes past, had about them a readiness to back step and ease in together. The readiness disregarded our new common features of baldness, big bellies and beards; instead of the shorn heads, shift physiques and first-time smooth shaves that once defined us.

Fifty years in the space of one human life is all some of us are given. The meeting place, Sydney RSL. Its decor was sombre enough to remind us all of our exceptional good fortune, even the entry to the club was unappealing. George Street was choked with light-rail works, dust and noise flew all about. The weather was hot and muggy, there was some relief on walking into the dark and cool but similarly unwelcoming street level foyer.

ID production and completion of a casual member's pass required by a formal security guard before a step onto the escalator took me up to the clubrooms. The decorations in the bar and restaurant were a reminder of former asian ports we had visited as boys in those early navy days. Chinese lanterns hung from the low, dark ceiling, the walls were papered in asian motifs. A few old men were already at the bar, apparently well comforted by the familiarity that they also found in the surroundings. It's trite to say my immediate thought was no-one but me had arrived for the re-union, those drinking and chatting were, as I said, were old men.

Of course my memories were of boys. Young 15 year old Tingira boys of the HMAS Leeuwin, lean, spritely and always happy, January 1969.

One of the unknown at the bar called my name "I knew I'd recognise that nose Healey". Right nose wrong name I thought, how could that be? I hoped my face didn't disclose my disappointment (*as well as my distinctly recognisable feature*) at how they'd aged. Self-reflection is an attribute that hasn't often troubled me. I approached the bar, then smiles beamed.

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Our intake on January of 1969 at HMAS Leeuwin was around 100 in number. We were split into two divisions, one named Marks, the other Morrow. Each division was housed in a two storey dormitory block with eight boys to a room divided by a two-third long wall, four boys each side. Each of us had an upper or lower bunk, a wooden locker and a towel rail. The rooms had no doors. Friendships and enemy ships were forged quickly and

durably, the former essential and inevitable, the latter just inevitable.

Half of the intake were immediately and without question, the bad guys. It was Marks v Morrow and vice versa from the start. Then halved again between top and lower floors. Then the AFL team v the Rugby League team, thus the pool available for friendships diminished quickly.

There were exceptions, however they were just that, expectations. Our school classes were formed across the two divisions. This assisted in mitigating, but did not eliminate rivalries born of the base differences.

Collectively, our intake became known traditionally as new grubs. Earlier intakes, in order of seniority, were grubs, shits and top shits; a simple uncomplicated and systemic regime. Four intakes each year for the 10 or so years before us had set and entrenched these unique names, at once curious and very accepted.

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Sydney, George Street, Club Sydney RSL, I saw the new grubs again. Fresh, excited, awkward and apprehensive. It felt, certainly from my part, as if we were meeting again for the first time.

So many years had passed, we had reinvented ourselves over time. However, the distinction which set us apart at Leeuwin (*between the M and M's*) remained. I was from Marks, could never be Morrow, and the enemy ships were, unfortunately, in the majority. It wasn't as if each of us had a label on our forehead or a note stuck to rabbit ears declaring our re-found allegiances; it was just a temperature in the atmosphere.

Recognition for some was reduced to reliance on comparing the face in front of them to photographs in our passing out parade programme that one clever old puss had brought along for the occasion. Often the re-invention of the face blurred recognition completely, "That's not you, I remember you differently". Perhaps next time another clever puss will bring sticky labels, removing the joy of creative recognition but cutting out the awkward misses.

Once the circling was complete, the wagons aligned and memories began to flow around the tables, there was a sense of calm and relaxation in the place.

We told stories of then, clearing away the time that had passed since. Our common, foundational past allowed gaps in the intervening years to be quickly and easily filled, leading to the telling of our subsequent lives. Many boys became 20 year navy men or more and achieved high rank, some even into Officer status, others chose a briefer commitment and achieved fewer years of undetected crime alongside their service.



1969 - HMAS LEEUWIN - EAST FREMANTLE

Tingira Boys - 26th Intake



*Class photograph with us all as a very competitive mixed bunch,
which seemed to workout in the end*



*Life was different when fully dressed for ceremonial divisions,
boys became men very quickly*

"Some boys had been to war zones, a not unrealistic, but nonetheless unexpected outcome they said. An experience they that brought them consequent medals, pensions and a degree of sadness. This reminded me of my father who served in WWII with similar situations.

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We had become a very mixed bunch. Some boys are still serving, others had eclectic careers: a handyman to a hotel, a horse trader to sheiks, a diesel mechanic to boats, a professional fireman to Sydney and a soldier to us all. I was worried my relatively uneventful and few years at the lowest possible rank in navy circles would set me apart-judged and dismissed.

This did not happen.

I believe the year we spent together at Leeuwin created an understanding between us that put many things aside, or dismissed thoughts of comparison and competition, which so often appears as the premise of film and television group reunions.

Over the three days of this reunion event, there was an opportunity for all of us to meet in various venues at various times. We could try out the first, unicycle your wagon and go home or cleave harder and closer, and continue, it was good recipe by the organising boys. The choice to continue involved accepting the possibility of disclosing more vulnerability, pulling back the covers from over the wagon to expose the belongings inside, they call it I believe, 'The Baggage'.

This didn't happen either.

Two reasons for why this did not come to me.

Firstly: 'Vulnerability' and 'Baggage' were not words in naval chat in 1969, they were not produced until recent, more perhaps, enlightened times.

Secondly: The judgement and quick dismissal anticipated were not in the minds of the reunionists, however acceptance was.

My wife is grated by the phrase 'There but for the grace of God ...' but if apt... I doubt those words came to the tip of any tongues or minds of those there. The approach to the event, I felt, was common.

Two venues doubled up. The Sydney RSL club for lunch and the dinner on day two and a pub near Hyde Park for dinner on days one and three. A moving feast was on offer for us at each venue. All the more to stretch the memory and the chance of recognition and remembrance. These two venues were vaunted old haunts from then, vaguely familiar to me, for others more so. I was at HMAS Albatross, Nowra, mostly, rarely at Garden Island. These city venues were a nightly run for many garden Island sailors in Sydney!

Garden Island Sydney. It features and prides itself on a well stocked and beautifully presented modern naval museum. It is accessible only by ferry from Circular Quay, at present it is closed for renovations and the Covid situation. The museum contains, not surprisingly, old naval stuff. Interesting to *(some)* old naval men and women, but I suspect few else. This was to become a third venue for us.

A nautical theme cafe is located in precedence as you are surrounded by boats, oars and lifebuoys. The customers seem to be drawn mostly from the surrounding working depot here inside Garden Island.

I did expect to find there a more elaborate memorial and commemoration to the thirteen thousand RAN Junior Recruits (JR's) who passed through the HMAS Leeuwin gates. All of us I believe were part of an experiment to "raise the educational standard of a large proportion of the entire sailor workforce." The expectation being, "to attract into the Navy those brighter boys who because they are smarter than those were normally recruit are otherwise absorbed and retained into civil employment."

I remember an advertisement of the time saying "There's a job for you in the new missile age Navy." My oppos in the Fleet Air Arm, not so many of the reunionists I think, would say 'Yeah, mine.'

The stuff deemed worthy of display from the JR days was a white lanyard, a Leeuwin cap tally band and a copy of the little blue handbook issued to all JR's with some house rules and navy regulations. An old Sobraon Bell and few trophies before my time. There may have been more there to see, but certainly this is all I can remember.

Despite this paucity, this stuff which was ours triggered lots of Leeuwin recollections.

How many times did that AB QMG from the gunnery store threaten unspeakable acts on you? Do you remember the shit you got into for having the knot on your tally too far forward? I've still got that book and my pussers issue hold all, my wife and I use it for our travel shoe bag. That Gunnery bloke never made his own brew, remember he used to ask who could ride a horse and the first to put his hand up got the job for his NATO standard, white and two sugars. And when you had men Under Punishment (MUPS) he'd issue the old 303 rifle and not the lighter SLRs to hold at port arms to double around the parade ground.

I reckon my nose is still broken from having my cap whacked onto it because I was wearing it was too far back on my forehead. Remember how I hated getting called out to sick bay every morning for that gunk they put on your tinea until it cleared up? I missed so many first early scrans. I reckon my nose is still broken from having my cap bashed down on my nose!

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1969 - HMAS LEEUWIN - EAST FREMANTLE

Tingira Boys - 26th Intake



"There was thirteen thousand boys recruited over the 24 years period that the JRTS was conducted.

I expect, minimal in naval recruits overall, and I sense that within the RAN there has been a general view that once were boy sailors, never men. Even our uniforms distinguished us during this training scheme. We had to sew on the starboard shoulder of all our work shirts, white fronts and 'ceremonial uniforms a 'TINGIRA' badge on one shoulder in place of the 'Australia' flash which would normally be on both shoulders of all uniforms. We were not told what the Tingira was for or what it meant, if we were told, it went in over our heads at the time. Today we fully understand what Tingira was and is to us now.

The Leeuwin boys were subject to the same rules and regulations as other fully trained adult RAN sailors, including the Naval Discipline Act. I can't recall any of us hung at the yardarm or keelhauled-but to be truthful, however there were many unexplained disappearances of boys throughout our year. Nonetheless, we were considered unworthy of representing Australia with our whole being, you may think I am particularly pricked by this little detail, scarred even.

There is of course a reason.

In 1970, as a crew member of HMAS Melbourne visiting Japan as part of Expo 70 exhibition, I dragged out of my kit bag my winter dress uniform for the first time since leaving Leeuwin. All hands had to be in uniform to go ashore there, no civvies permitted. I cleaned and ironed mine (seven ironed folds in the bell bottoms for the seven seas) ready to visit the Expo.

I met up with my oppos in the mess and wondered at the derisive looks I was getting from my shipmates, I hadn't replaced the Tingira badge (as I saw it) with a new 'Australia' flash. I have borne the scar of peer embarrassment for 50 years. Perhaps that's why I was never tempted to be tattooed-blighted enough. In all the manner of qualifying for being inked, I graduated. Trips up-top into the asian regions, drunk ashore with mutual qualifiers subtly encouraging everyone to 'tatt up' at some stage during a shore run. It was the sight of my oppos inflamed and painful skin and then inoperative limbs the next day, that scared and sobered me, no tattoos!

I've been struck by the thought there may be something in the reunionists quick and unqualified acceptance of each other at the reunion-perhaps it stems from our joint distinguishment as not quite real sailors. A common predicament that creates a similar understanding of what we have been and seen. There's a Ph.D. in it.

The socialisation most people go through in life was of course on display in the various venues we graced with our presence during the reunion. We all stood around the bar for a couple of first drinks, determining who drank

beer versus wine or whisky and wondering why, and the one who drank neither and guessing why? An early introduction to the consolation in grog was another of our commonalities.

After a call by the leading reunionist to table, our wagons were again moved into position for scan. This is of Royal Navy (RN) origin and therefore revered cant. A less enticing word there isn't. The displeasurable sound in speech was usually matched by the distaste for our buds. Fortunately the chefs in the various reunion venues apparently had training other than was dished out to naval cooks.

We all sat, ordered, drank more and waited for our scan. No jacking up the line by more senior JRs here, we were all of the same intake. We spoke civilly to our neighbour and did not throw inedibles at the newer intakes and did not steal their bread rolls and milk. Nor did we shanghai them to do our galley duties or take our plates and fighting gear for scraping and dhobying.

I did not attend the last reunion, it was held in Albury-Wodonga some 20 odd years ago. From my recollection of the named attendees, most were then still serving. A leave pass for the event was unattainable at the time and I was then more conscious of my short and uneventful service. No one in Sydney mentioned the earlier reunion. Perhaps none went, chose not to mention it or had forgotten being there. Best left alone.

This 50 year reunion was arranged via Facebook social media, how the last one was managed without it, I can't believe. The next big JR reunion was to be in 2020 to celebrate 60 years since the introduction of the JR programme at Leeuwin. It was to be a full event at the highest standards, but the Covid-19 virus killed it like everything else in the past 12 months, I was so looking forward to going back to the West.

Our character at Leeuwin developed in the stages already mentioned, three monthly steps as a new intake came to replace one leaving for the fleet. Part of that character became part of a problem seen mostly from those outside looking in, raised by a few in, trying to get and looking out.

Bastardisation, when I first heard about it at the time, was I thought, related to a child's parentage. The stuff happening to some of us I understood to be part of naval tradition and lore, no relation I now believe.

At least two reports into character building at Leeuwin condemned a few of a few random incidents. These were incidents unworthy of the great majority in the fleet and unsanctioned by those who didn't know about it, but would have stopped it if they did. We had left Leeuwin by the time of the first report in 1971.



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2019 - JUNIOR RECRUIT REUNION - SYDNEY

Tingira Boys - 26th Intake



"I suspect the reunionists would now condemn all, including the fuss. Back then, 'in the day,' acceptance was expected. To complain was to bring down even more of that which was condemned. How expectations have changed.

Now we have colour television, 4WDs, mobile phones, self-awareness character building and to our collective guilt, some still damaged hearts and souls. If any of the reunionists were among them, no-one said anything. Given their characters, built as they were, why would they?

Thank you Leeuwin shipmates. I'm glad I attended the 50th reunion of the 26th intake of the RAN Junior Recruit Training Scheme: I feel positive that I am back on board!

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Translations

New Grub - One's 1st 3 months at Leeuwin, what followed was **grub**, **shit** and **top shit** - three month incremental increase in being less a civilian

Undetected Crime - A course of action conducted over a period of time, coinciding with the extent of a pusser's service

20 Year Men - Sailors who serve 20 years or more of undetected crime and thus qualify for a pension, as a junior recruit, the 20 year period didn't start until 18. Twenty thus meant 22 and a half

AB QMG - Able Seaman Quarter Master Gunner, lowest ranking seaman of the gunnery branch, unloved by all but their mothers

Pussers - The navy, a pusser, one who is in the navy, so that you were, of that in which you served

Brew - Pusser made coffee or tea, ubiquitously NATO standard and the product of much ritual

MUPS - Men under punishment, applied to all genders and ages, usually extra duties in the galley and doubling around the parade ground instead of studying or cleaning kit

Double - Running at half full pace, double up, 'stop walking sailor'

303 - WWI vintage Lee Enfield 303 rifles that weighed a ton, daily use on parade

SLR - Self loading rifle, ceremonial use and for target practice, a little lighter

Port Arms - Holding a rifle out from your body, 'elbows locked, arms straight sailor' to make it even heavier

Scrán - Navy food

Tingira - A badge sewn on the right shoulder to signify the former boy sailors of HMAS Tingira 1912

Oppos - A pusser's friends

Jacking - An unwritten but time honoured law whereby jrs of seniority could advance by increment to the front of queues, often the cause of confusion and dispute over just how senior the jacking pusser was

Fighting Gear - Not 303s or SLRs, but cutlery, thankfully most disputes (including jacking ones) were resolved by fists

Dhobying - Washing, unless it was specifically 'you'll be scrubbing the parade ground with a toothbrush sailor.' Some JRs were reminded by those who weren't their oppos how to dhoby themselves

The Fleet - (being part of) The act of serving on a ship that went to sea, as opposed to a land based one, a place and being to which everyone in pussers aspired JRs

Leeuwin staff - Officers and other ranks and especially the AB QMG



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Serving his RSL Shipmates

The Returned Services League of Australia, the nation's largest ex-service organisation, has announced that Ray James OAM, has been elected as the President of the NSW Branch.

Recently, delegates from a state-wide network of 350 RSL NSW sub-Branches welcomed the results

of the Board election when they attended the virtual 2020 Congress and Annual General Meeting, the first of its kind due to COVID-19 restrictions. Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW, addressed the delegates from Government House.



Tingira Australia VoicePipe editor, Mark Lee, couldn't resist the photo opportunity - to have two former navy and RSL shipmates on his shoulder for a snap. RSL NSW President, Ray James (L) and former Cumberland RSL sub-Branch President, Greg Read (R) at the recent 2020 Cumberland RSL sub-branch Christmas function.

Ray James (Jessie) is the first Royal Australian Navy veteran to be appointed as the President of RSL NSW.

The son of a WWII veteran, Jessie joined the Navy as a 15-year-old Junior Recruit at HMAS Leeuwin and then completed 20 years service, including Vietnam, and a further 26 years in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve before retiring at the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Jessie said that as the elected President of RSL NSW he is committed to the future of the League – proudly respecting the past but determined to ensure that every veteran and their family have access to the support that they need after serving their country.

“The RSL has been the leading ex-service support and advocacy service for veterans and their families for over 100 years and the RSL must continue to be accessible and relevant to all veterans during and after every war, not just the World Wars and Vietnam.”

“I am humbled to have been elected by RSL NSW members to lead the organisation to work collaboratively to strategically invest our valuable fundraising income into veteran support services that improve the wellbeing of veterans and their families,” Jessie said.

The appointment of Ray James and the new Board signifies a new direction for RSL NSW as members have expressed their support of the strategic direction that the organisation is taking. The RSL NSW Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 was presented to delegates attending the AGM after extensive inter-active consultation with members and stakeholders across the veteran community.

“We know that younger veterans don’t necessarily want to attend sub-Branch meetings, but they do want to be connected to mateship and camaraderie; the RSL can facilitate this by engaging them with sport and recreation activities, and connecting them to existing veteran communities that are aligned to their interests,” Mr James said.

The Board was appointed after the first election pursuant to the RSL NSW Act 2018 (NSW) whereby every financial RSL NSW Service Member was eligible to cast one vote. RSL NSW appointed Link Market Services as an independent third-party to conduct the 2020 RSL NSW Board Election.



TINGIRA MEMORIAL

Australia Day 2021

Blue skies and green grass were the order of the day at our recent Australia Day celebrations at Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, Sydney with our first ‘dress ship’ for this year.

Tingira committee members were on the site at 5am, ironing flags and running the wires, before the crowds arrived on the foreshore surrounds for the usual morning bbq festivities at the popular Rose Bay harbourside park, Tingira Reserve.

Wind was the only element missing to make the perfect picture as the 6am sun rise painted a perfect sky background.

Tingira flag, RSL NSW flag and the Australia National flag atop of the Tingira mast, with the colourful nautical alphabet and number pennants on display to over 15,000 cars that past this memorial every day on one of Sydneys busy roads, New South Head Road.

Tingira Memorial is ‘dress ship’ twice annually, Tingira Day on 132 July 13 is the other occasion celebrating the start of the second Tingira generation, day of the first HMAS Leeuwin intake in 1960.

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TINGIRA STRATEGIC PLAN - 2021 COMMITTEE UPDATE

2020 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

2020 PROPOSAL

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

DELIVERED TO COUNCIL

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



2020 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



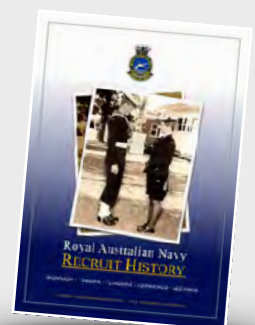
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DELIVERED TO
HMAS Cerberus

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

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

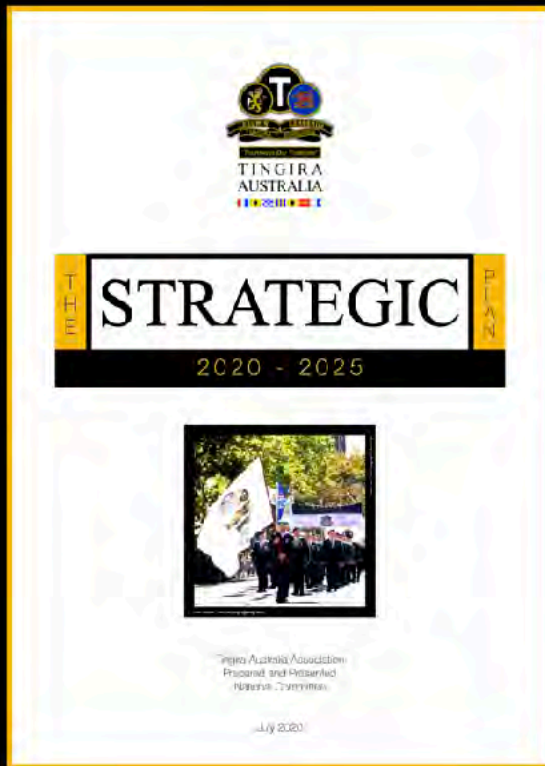
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2021 PROPOSAL

“That Tingira Aust Assoc make closer contact in 2021 with Australia National Maritime Museum, possibility of using museums RAN ship facilities and or future use with the former HMAS Tingira ships vessel, SY ERNA”

1. Content has been made with the national marketing manager for possible future Tingira functions at the museum and on board the SY Erna.

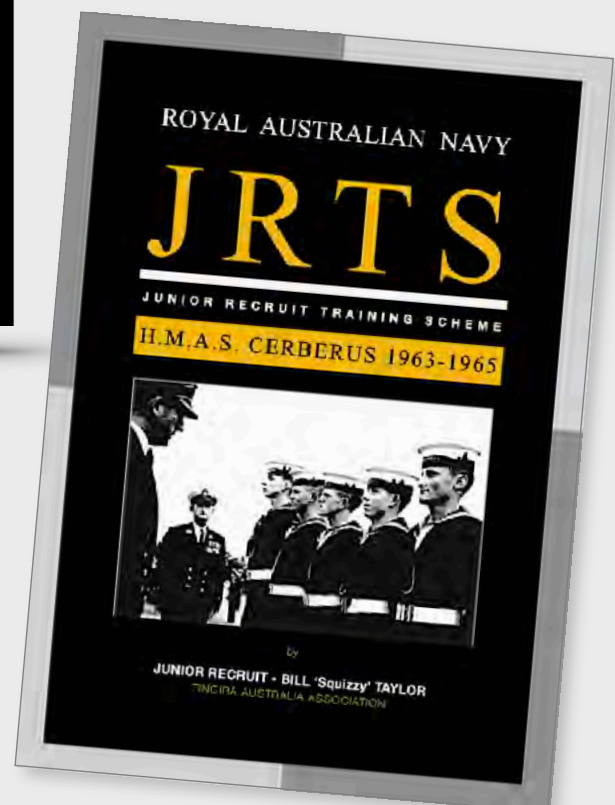
Work in Progress

2021 PROPOSAL

“That Tingira Aust Assoc assist in production, design and content first intake member Bill Taylor to complete a book on the two intakes that served their initial JR time at HMAS Cerberus”

1. Content has been received from Bill Taylor. Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, project manager, seeking more content from No 2 intake members. No 1 intake member, Bill Stokes, has contributed a brilliant extra 8,000 words for a book that will now go out to 150 odd pages with history of Navy Recruits, the Cerberus JR intakes and our Tingira association timeline.

Work in Progress



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March 2022
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FUTURE of LEEUWIN - TINGIRA LEEUWIN sub-COMMITTEE



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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.

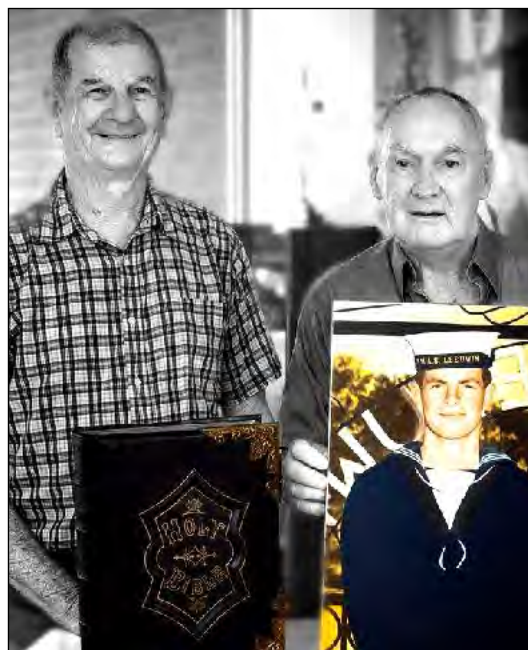
This sub-Committee is expected to last for a three to five year period until final settlement of the Leeuwin site and future developments.

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The Christmas and New Year period has been very quite on all government fronts here in the West with the Covid 19 situation. WA Tingira boys, watch your email and Tingira website for updates regarding upcoming Anzac Day situations.

I am most grateful VoicePipe editorial team to secure page space for local story of the Trautman Brothers with relevance to their brother, former Junior Recruit, John Trautman, HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Voyager

BROTHERS VOYAGER REMEMBRANCE



A very young John Trautman joined the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS Leeuwin in 1965. He trained as a Radio Operator, after completing his communications training course, he was posted to HMAS Voyager.

John, unfortunately, lost his life, with 82 of his shipmates, when HMA Ships Melbourne collided with the Voyager in 1964.

Recently Johns brothers Ross and Ellis Trautman (above) holding a

photograph of their late brother John and the family bible, have gifted these precious family items to the HMAS Stirling Chapel at Garden Island, WA, in accordance with their grandmother's wish and memory of their late brother.

HMAS Stirling museum is open to all such related 'gifts' from former and serving RAN members and family. These gifts of navy history become part of the navy historical collection.

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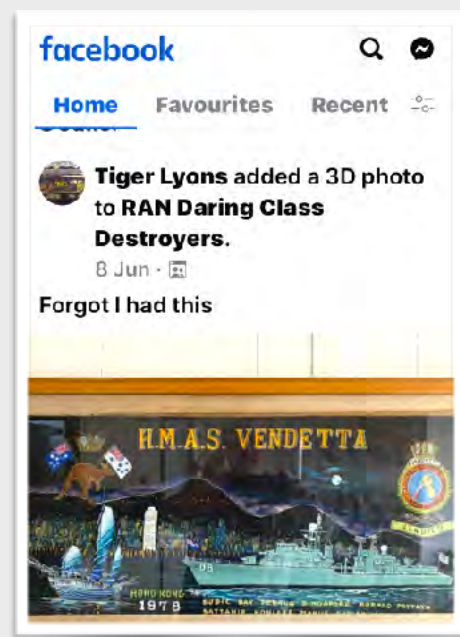
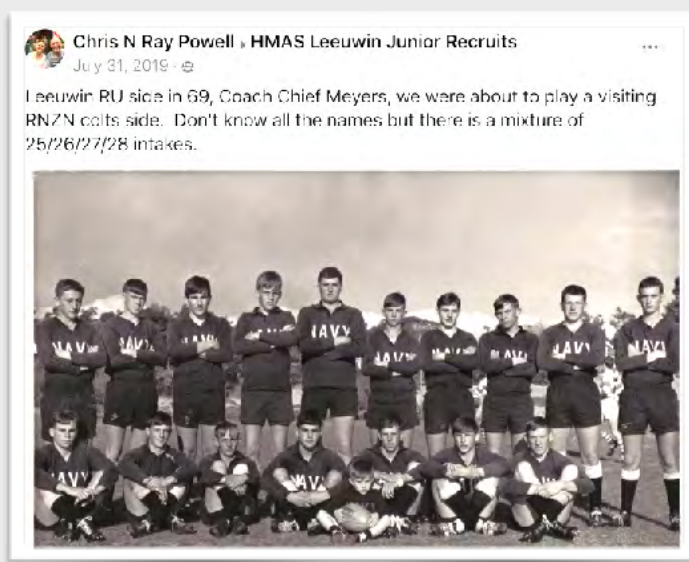
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Boost in support for veteran mental health

Mental health providers, social workers and community nursing providers who provide vital services to our veteran community are set to receive a boost in funding from the Australian Government with an increase in fees from today.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said the Government committed \$94.3 million in the Budget to increase fees paid to mental health, social work and community nursing providers, and ensure continued high quality care for our veterans and their families.

"Maintaining competitive fees for these mental health and community support providers will enable better outcomes for our veterans and their families, and encourage providers to continue to offer services to support members of the veteran community through challenging times," Mr Chester said.

"It was crucial that the Government continues to deliver positive change to boost support for veterans' mental health and wellbeing, particularly as we navigate a global pandemic.

"This Government has invested in the veterans' affairs portfolio year-on-year and will continue to do so to ensure we are putting veterans and their families first, including by regularly examining the fees paid to providers for health services."

The \$94.3 million over four years to improve mental health outcomes and ensure high quality care for our older veterans and their families, and to better support their transition to civilian life by increasing fees paid to mental health, social work and community nursing providers.

"I would like to acknowledge the ongoing advocacy by ex-service organisations and peak bodies who work with us in partnership to ensure our veterans and their families have access to world-class care and support," Mr Chester said.

"For any veteran out there who may be struggling, I encourage you to reach out for help. Support is always available."

More information on mental health support available through DVA is available at dva.gov.au

For support, Open Arms — Veterans & Families Counselling provides free and confidential support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families. Help is available 24/7 on 1800 011 046 (international: +61 1800 011 046 or +61 8 8241 4546) or visit



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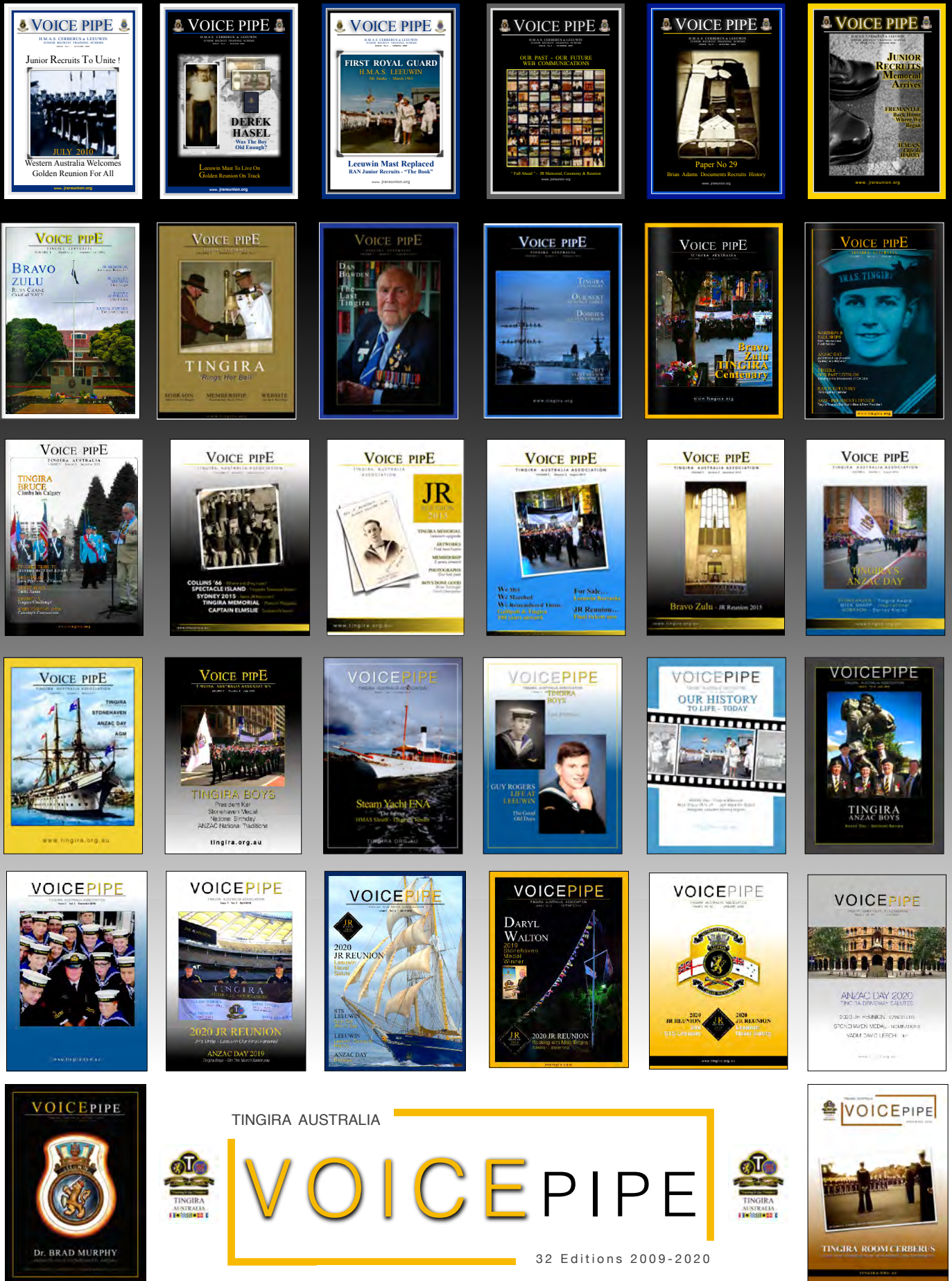


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