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# TINGIRA

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE

### 2021-Change of Command

Wheel to Midships - After seven years at the helm of the Tingira Australia Association, President Lance Ker, has taken the new role as 'Tingira Chairman' of the Association. Foundation Life Member, Dr Brad Murphy, of Bundaberg, Queensland, has stepped up to volunteer his time, energy and ideas as the newly elected President for the three year term to lead the National Tingira Committee.

Brad Murphy, a former navy Medic, and now a serving community doctor, is keen to inject some community life and new direction into the Tingira association. Assisting the Committee towards a new level of national activity and implementing their recent 2021 Strategic Plan, this is the first operational goal for the new committee.

"From little things big things grow" a favourite line of mine from the Kev Carmody song says Brad after being told of his successful nomination for President.

"This is relevant to the growth of both the Tingira Australia Association over the last ten years as well as our own personal growth from those days when we joined the RAN aged 15 and the adventures we have had since. Those adventures continue today, embracing some rough seas and some smoother sailing headed for fair shores!

"As leaders in our communities we have opportunities amidst these very challenging times in a world that will most likely never again be like we remember it, this is our chance to shape the future.

"I look forward to the opportunities offered through the Tingira Australia Association, working with the committee and membership to achieve collective goals and bonding together in our communities as ex-service leaders. Forging the future stronger for our experiences and skills that we have collected since those early days as navy Junior Recruits will be our strength.

Out going President Lance Ker said, “Our association is ‘ship shape’ with a great crew on board after a rough passage through the Covid Seas of late in 2020. I am sure the committee will work together with the new members on board. As a national body we will strive to keep the name ‘Tingira’ alive and active to the present and future members of the association.

“I see our biggest challenge is to drive and deliver a new navy and general public image profile of Tingira. As we move towards our next generation of members and we celebrate our first decade as an association this year; as the new Chairman this will become my major focus assisting the committee.

There was also additional ‘new blood’ with fellow West Australian Tingira Boys, Paul Kalajzich and Jeff Wake, elected for the first time to the committee. Victoria also has a member elected, Graeme Hunter and Keven Purkis from Queensland filled the last committee vacancy at the AGM.

After the ANZAC weekend it’s another busy period with the Coral Sea commemoration, Canberra in mid May, followed by the national celebrations of ‘Tingira Day’ our 61st Birthday on Saturday 10 July. Plans are emerging to have the Presidents ‘birthday dinner’ in Brisbane on this night.

“Very navy and very appropriate for such a celebration” said new Tingira President, Brad Murphy.

## **ENDS RELEASE**



**Dr. Brad Murphy**  
**President**  
Tingira Australia Association



**COMMITTEE**  
Jeff Wake - WA



**COMMITTEE**  
Graeme Hunter - VIC



**COMMITTEE**  
Paul Kalajzich - WA



**COMMITTEE**  
Kevin Purkis - QLD

# TINGIRA PRESIDENT - LANCE KER

## LAST PRESIDENT AND FIRST CHAIRMANS SPEECH

*Conclusion of the Tingira Australia Association AGM - Sunday 25 April 2021 - Pullman Hotel, Sydney, NSW*

*" Good morning again ladies and gentleman, my final speech as President and my first as Chairman, yes Chairman*

*At the 2019 Tingira AGM, the association passed a motion that agreed a retiring President can take the option to become Chairman, until such time that he is replaced by the next President taking the option to become Chairman, this could be a long stint!*

*May I congratulate my fellow Tingira shipmate Brad Murphy, on his unopposed election to become the fourth President of Tingira Australia Association today.*

*I know Brad personally, I am sure he will keep the decks clean, engines on overdrive and have us on a good steady course over the period of this next Tingira voyage with him on the helm.*

*I also take this opportunity to congratulate other newly elected members to National Tingira Committee.*

*The two boys in the West, Jeff Wake and Paul Kalajzich along with Graeme Hunter from Melbourne, who have taken a step forward to assist and keep our flag flying as a representative national committee.*

*The NSW boys, Vice President Chris Parr, Secretary Mark Lee, Treasurer David Rafferty and committee man Darryn Rose, the stalwarts of our association, great to see they have all once again offered their voluntary time to keep the Tingira committee moving onwards as they will tackle the new Strategic Plan we have in place for the next there year term.*

*Briefly I must reflect. For the past seven years many things have happened at Tingira, we have won and lost of share of battles, but here we are in 2021, ten years old with over 800 members and still growing.*

*The biggest was the disappointment was the 100's of hours of planning work resulting in the cancellation off the 2020 JR Reunion, but it's not the end of the world.*

*Let's look at the positives, how good was the 2015 experience at the Sydney JR Reunion, Anzac Memorial, James Craig, Tingira Memorial, Garden Island and Luna Park was a night to remember!*

*I believe our presence in Canberra annually at the Coral Sea commemoration for HMAS Australia and the annual Birthday celebrations for July 13 Tingira Day, are certainly two of many great achievements that this committee has put in place over my time here.*

*I think the standout achievement was the instigation of the STONEHAVEN MEDAL. This is an annual Tingira award that inspires many, when we hear of the great work and stories our boys do behind the scene. The Stonehaven is something I always look forward to and it will be on our radar within the next three weeks with the 2021 announcement as one of Brads first duties.*

*I must also thank our patron Russ Crane who is silent in the background but always there when we seek advice or direction on the making the big plans to take the association forward, we should be so lucky! And big thanks tp the lads who are the state LJR's, Stephen Bean SA, Rod Howard Nth QLD, Eric Pitman, ACT and Danny O'Riordan in Brisbane.*

*And of course my wife Annie, who has been a stalwart by my side during all things Tingira, she really is part of the crew, thank you!*

*And as Chairman this is my next challenge. To keep the name TINGIRA alive, in the face of present, past and future members of the association.*

*I look forward to a changeover Presidents dinner that is currently in planning to have in Brisbane on Saturday 10 July, Secretary is sure to keep you in communication loop on this function!*

*All the updates and Annual Report from todays AGM and the new media release on the committee elections are now on the Tingira website.*

*Thank you again for your efforts in todays Anzac march here in Sydney and being part of this 2021 AGM, I will now officially close the Tingira Annual General Meeting of 2021.*

*Long Live Tingira "*



# MINUTES

## 2021 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 25 April, 2021 - Primus Hotel, Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, Australia**  
**Meeting 10.30am - Tingira President, Lance Ker, Chairman of meeting**

1. **10.30am - WELCOME** - Tingira Australia Association President, **Lance Ker**, official welcome to members, hard copy of 2020 Tingira Australia Association (TAA) Annual Report distributed to members of meeting, inspection of Presidents Report, Treasurers financial Report and Secretary's Report. All reports posted within the 2020 Annual Report of the Tingira website for members inspection and downloading.
2. **MINUTES of previous 2019 Tingira AGM** - for approval (2020 AGM cancelled)  
Moved: **Darryn Rose** Second: **Lyndon Crick** Carried: **Yes**
3. **PRESIDENT'S Report** presented as per hard copy 2020 Annual Report to members present and TAA website  
Moved: **David Smith** Second: **Kevin Purkis** Carried: **Yes**
4. **TREASURE'S Report** presented as per hard copy 2020 Annual Report to members present and TAA website  
Moved: **Gavin Jarvis** Second: **Darryn Rose** Carried: **Yes**
5. **SECRETARY'S Report** and membership status presented as per hard copy 2020 Annual Report to members present and TAA website  
Moved: **John Whitting** Second: **David Smith** Carried: **Yes**
6. **GENERAL Business** - No general business was received for discussion in correspondence; Secretary gave briefing on membership status, after only seven (7) new members in 2020; over fifty (50) new members have joined the association after the launch of the Foundation membership promotion in the first quarter of 2021.  
Moved: **David Smith** Second: **David Rafferty** Carried: **Yes**
7. **2021 ELECTION** - Secretary, declares all positions vacant and reports eight candidates nominated for the nine positions to be filled. Call from the floor of meeting for any nomination for the final committee position which is now declared a casual vacancy: Queensland member, Kevin Purkis, was nominated and accepted the final position on National Tingira Committee.  
Moved: **Darryn Rose** Second: **Lyndon Crick** Carried: **Yes**  
  
Results of elected members to fill the role of National Tingira Committee for at the following three year term:  
President - **BRAD MURPHY**, Vice President **CHRIS PAR**, Treasurer **DAVID RAFFERTY**, Secretary **MARK LEE**, Committee **DARRYN ROSE, JEFF WAKE, GRAEME HUNTER, PAUL KALAZICH** and **KEVIN PURKIS**  
Moved: **Lyndon Crick** Second: **John Whitting** Carried: **Yes**
8. **2022 Annual General Meeting** - Date, time and venue TBA - within first six months of new financial year beginning 1 January 2022; this will be a NON election AGM.
9. **CLOSE of meeting 10.40am** - Tingira Australia Association President Lance Ker closed the meeting with a speech and elected to take the retiring option, upon retiring as President to become the first Tingira Australia Association, Chairman, and was presented with Hon LIFE MEMBERSHIP by the Secretary with Gold Lapel Pin and a gifted book from the association 'Commanders of Sail' for his seven (7) years service as President.

