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2021 ANZAC DAY GUIDE

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Tingira members can stand proud this year to celebrate the Tingira Association's first decade in January 2021



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IF YOU INTEND TO MARCH PLEASE REGISTER

**ACTION
NOW**



Tingira Members Former RAN Junior Recruits

If you are intending to participate in this years ANZAC Day, marching with the Tingira banner, you are required in most states to register your name, phone number and intake number, by EMAIL only, with your dedicated state co-ordinator listed below.

This is to assist co-ordinations with numbers and statewide COVID requirements for the march fall in and after march Tingira private reunion functions.

Enjoy the day, thank for your continued support for your Tingira Australia Association.

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2021 TINGIRA AUSTRALIA

Tingira Boys' are up and about for this years annual national ANZAC Day march, let's hope Covid is behind us and the weather is on our side!

There is SIX Tingira banners going up around our nation this year on this most precious day of commemoration for our veteran community. As a national association to be truly united remembering our past veterans, this is to be our proudest moment when we stand behind our Tingira flag and banner.

This will be my last march as Tingira President after seven years at the helm, time for a new Captain, AGM after the Sydney march will disclose the election results! I will be in Sydney for the AGM and it will be my proudest day on the march with my eldest son, Danaan Ker, a Tingira Associate Member, will be out front carrying our Tingira flag down Elizabeth Street to Anzac Memorial.

Many people have worked hard behind the scene to get us on the streets for Anzac Day march today. Big credit again to our Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, and the many statewide LJR's who have once again pulled all the ropes to bring us together at local levels, BZ lads!

There are several groups out there nationally that want to see the end of ANZAC Day and this was their big opportunity after last years covid situation. I think, we as the veteran community, have fought back on the debate inside the 'corridors of power' and have won with what could be called today a "Victory" march. I would like to thank the many RSL statewide presidents, government bureaucrats, state and national politicians who have stood up for Anzac Day parades to be complete march across this country. I just hope those who oppose us get called out and asked 'please explain' it is sure to continue in years to come.

Anzac Day is our most sacred day of the year. The one day we get many of our former JR's together under the Tingira banner and renew old friendships and make new ones. This year we have another 100 odd new members back on board the good ship Tingira. Many will make their way to the march looking for the 'Tingira banner' for a first time. Make them welcome, we are all still very close shipmates even in 2021.

This year is our tenth year as an association and also our 109th birthday for the commissioning of HMAS Tingira on this very special day on 25 April 1912. We will sing happy birthday at some stage in the day and celebrate nationally! As an association we celebrate our JR birthday on July 13, the day of the first intake at HMAS Leeuwin back in 1960.

However, we must remember this is not a celebration event, it's a commemoration. Not an official holiday to get smashed at the local dig after the march. Tingira Boys, we 'Will Remember Them' this is our duty on this very special day.

Enjoy the march lads, sing happy birthday Tingira and make a new friend or two amongst your ranks. That is what the Tingira association is all about; renew old and making new friendships and please get your partners in on the day, it's a great reunion day for all Tingira family members.

I look forward to another great march, come rain or shine in Sydney, who cares. Wet or dry, we are marching to the beat of the drums, on our streets, with our flag and banner, for the men and women of Australia who have made the supreme sacrifice, that's what counts, it's our Anzac Day.

Long live Tingira!

Lance Ker
President

Tingira Australia Association





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MILITARY BERET

The Military Beret has been reproduced for current serving members, cadets and ex service organisations. Various colours and sizes (see fitting gallery) easy fitting with vinyl trim and eyelets



JUNIOR SAILORS INSIGNIA

This Junior Sailors insignia has been reproduced for current serving members, cadets and ex service organisations. This badge complies with DOD policy standards and has a double pin butterfly on rear

TINGIRA DAILY ORDERS

SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021



LEFT SIDE
TINGIRA PIN
SERVICE MEDALS
POPPY ON BAR

RIGHT SIDE
TINGIRA
NAME BADGE

DRESS OF THE DAY...

The Tingira boys have come together in strength, numbers and in uniform we look strong. Many other Associations in Sydney have stood back and just gone "WOW" where did these guys come from? Little did they know we have been around since day one!

Keep it simple ...

- Dark suit with white shirt
- Tingira Tie
- JR Beret - blue badge
- RSL Badge on top - No badge goes above the Queens crown
- Tingira Badge
- Service Medals - left breast pocket, relatives medals to right breast pocket
- Red Poppy - top of medal bar
- Clean Black Shoes

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MAR 2021

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Rum Hip Flask

STOCK 10
MAR 2021



Reunion Challenge Coin

STOCK 15
MAR 2021



Become "JR" Proud ...

"Wear your Tingira Polo shirt and cap shopping, see how many former navy salts you meet in your area, you may be very surprised and discover some former shipmates!"

Sizes: Small to 5x Members, JR's, Associates & friends of Tingira



TINGIRA TIE
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TINGIRA CAP
\$32.50



TINGIRA POLO SHIRT
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DRESS BOW TIE
CUMMERBUND**
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TINGIRA MEMBERSHIP Categories



**ANNUAL
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Member**
\$25
Plus
Associates
General members



**FOUNDATION
Life Member**
\$200
Plus
Associates
Foundation Members



**JACK
TARR**
45th Intake
General Member



**JACK
TARR**
45th Intake
Foundation
Life Member

TINGIRA MEMBERSHIP BADGE \$25



HOME DRIVEWAY SERVICE 6am
 Fly your flag - Light a candle

Light Up the Dawn was an idea which originated within the Australian community and was supported and promoted across Australia in 2020, a year of great challenge and change.

As the sun peeked above the horizon, the country stood united – in uniforms or pyjamas, wearing medals, poppies, and sprigs of rosemary – to let Australia's veterans know that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Based on the tremendous community response to this initiative, we will again help Australians to come together in 2021, in their driveways, on their balconies, or in their living rooms at 6am to commemorate Australia's deeply held ANZAC traditions. The RSL will produce a shortened personal service and participation kits for use across our community – please check back with this page closer to the day to download your service.

**TINGIRA
IS NOT
MARCHING IN
THESE STATES**



**TASMANIA
VICTORIA
NTH TERRITORY
ACT**

LIGHT UP THE DAWN



**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

**ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
6am**

**Your Home Driveway
Invite the street - make your own Navy presentation
Fly the Ensign - meet the neighbours**

ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY MARCH - 2021

Commences at 9:30 am from the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue



Assembly, Frontages, and Commencement of the March

Assembly: Public vehicle traffic in the Assembly Areas, and along the March route, will cease at 7:00 am.

Transport to Assembly Areas: Participants may travel to their Assembly Areas using one of the shuttle services between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Please see orange symbols on map for locations of Shuttle Points.

Frontages: All sections are to march 4-abreast - except where ADF ceremonial guidelines indicate otherwise, in Groups 1 and 14.

March Commencement: On North Terrace, just east of Kintore Avenue at 9:30 am.

Reviewing Officer: His Excellency The Governor of South Australia will review the March from the Official Dais.



TINGIRA
AUSTRALIA



ADELAIDE

**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

**ANZAC DAY MARCH
Fall In - 0900 Hours**

**Front of IBIS Hotel
Grenfell Street, Adelaide**

ADELAIDE TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR

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REUNION CELEBRATION

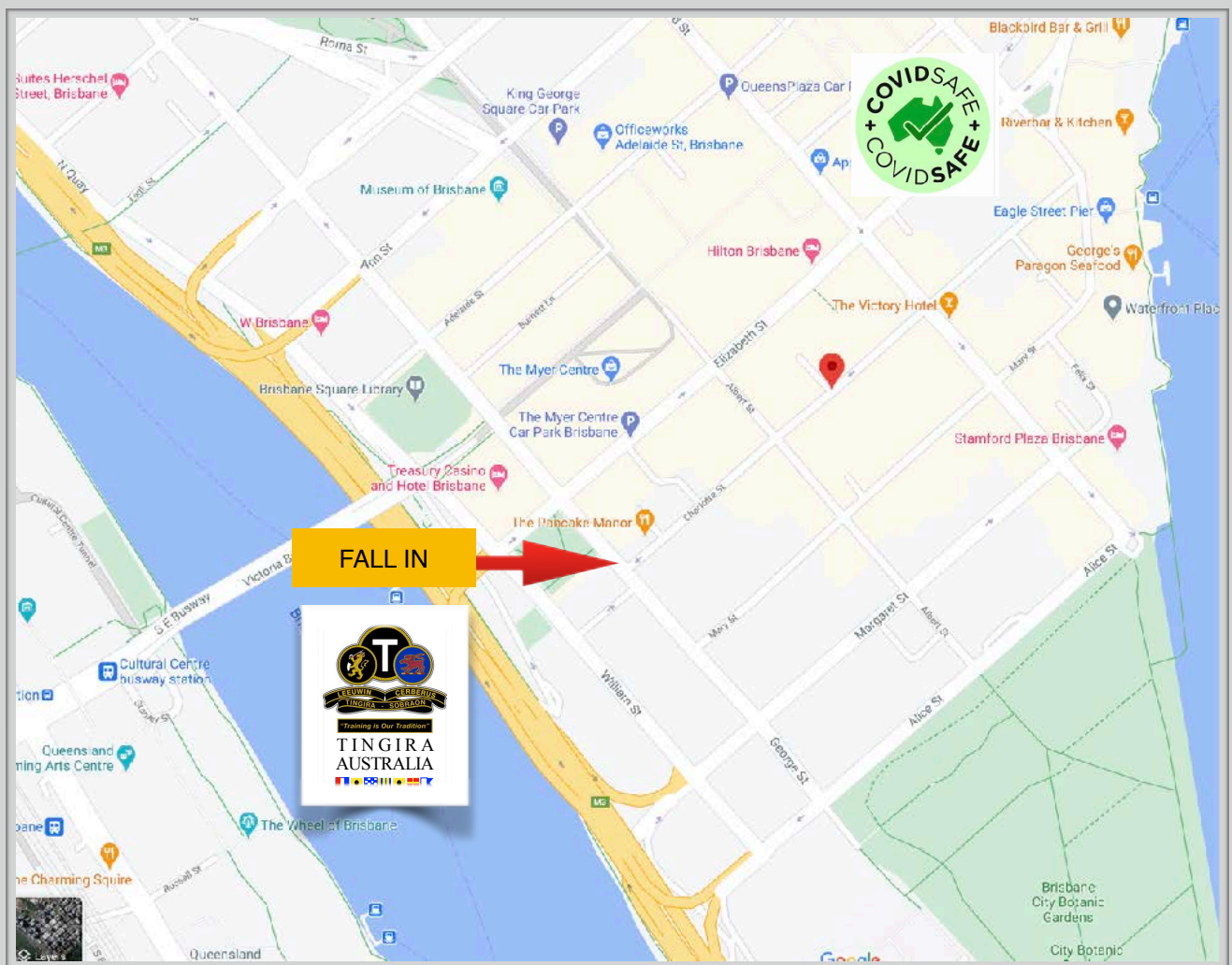
Plympton Glenelg RSL

464 Marion Road
Plympton. SA

***Partners, family members and friends welcome
Purchase own meal & drinks***



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RSL CLUB**





BRISBANE

Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits Tingira Australia Association members

INVITATION - Tingira Members

HMAS MORETON

5.30am Dawn Service/Gunfire Breakfast

132a Taylor St Bulimba - cost per head \$5 per person

Names to Danny O'Riorden as required for security to be notified before the 19-4-21

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Fall In - 1000 Hours

GROUP 5 - No. 32 Queens Park Cnr Charlotte and George st Brisbane

BRISBANE TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR

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REUNION CELEBRATION

1200 - Ship Inn

adjacent Maritime Museum, Southbank

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SAFE VISIT


SIGN OUT

Thank you for visiting
2021 Anzac Day Parade Brisbane

Please scan the QR code below on your smartphone camera and click
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- Follow the rules and keep us all safe
- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands regularly
- Be prepared to leave your contact details for tracing purposes
- This is a COVID SAFE site

Signed by:  Date: 25/11/2021



SAFE VISIT

SIGN IN

Welcome to 2021 Anzac Day Parade Brisbane

Please scan the QR code below on your smartphone camera and click the link to check in into this venue to help fight COVID19 as per Australian contact tracing regulation.

Alternatively, you can also visit: <https://gosafe.at/m9rwv>



Thank you for taking part in keeping Australia safe!

To view the Parade Map and Program Guide please scan the QR code below on your smartphone camera and click the link.







CANBERRA

**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

**ANZAC DAY
BANNER PARADE ONLY**
Two (2) Members only
Fall In - 1050 Hours

Navy Memorial Anzac Parade, Canberra

CANBERRA TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR

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REUNION CELEBRATION

12pm - OLIMS - Mercure Hotel
Limestone Ave, Braddon ACT

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CAIRNS

**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

**Tingira LJR will lay wreath
0530 - Cairns Cenotaph, Esplanade Cairns**

**ANZAC DAY MARCH
Fall In - 0630 Hours**

**Fogarty Park
Cnr Spence St & The Esplanade, Cairns**

CAIRNS TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR

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REUNION CELEBRATION

**CAIRNS RSL CLUB
119 Esplanade, Cairns City, QLD**

***Partners, family members and friends welcome
Purchase own meal & drinks***





Tingira Aust Assoc welcomes all former RAN JR's and Tingira members, local or over from interstate email tingirawa@gmail.com and get you added to the email list details.

We are in section D before the ex Royal New Zealand Navy falling in 0830.

Face masks are not mandatory, but RSLWA are encouraging people to use them when travelling on public transport to and from the events.

Dawn Service is limited to 10,000 this year due to COVID restrictions (usually attracts up to 30,000), so RSLWA are required to monitor numbers and gather a contact register through online registration.

If you are attending you must register in advance. They will still also need to check-in with the SafeWA app or physical signing on entry at Kings Park.

Paul Kalajzich WA Tingira Coordinator



PERTH

**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

**Tingira LJR will lay wreath
0530 - Kings Park, Perth Dawn Service**

Booking required www.trybooking.com/BPRFY

**ANZAC DAY MARCH
Fall In - 0830 Hours
St Georges Terrace, Perth**

**PERTH TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR
PAUL KALAJZICH**

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**REUNION CELEBRATION
1200 - Reunion Lunch & refreshments**

Venue To Be Confirmed

***Partners, family members and friends welcome
Purchase own meal & drinks***

REUNION Venue - To Be Confirmed



Sydney ANZAC Day March Map 2021



KEY

- March Path
- Participant Flow
- Cenotaph
- Veterans' Seating
- Band Chute (Western side of Elizabeth Street)
- Wheelchair Accessible Viewing Area
- Toilets
- Accessibility drop off/pick up
- Taxi Rank

CONTINGENT

- 1 Police Motorcycle Riders (V formation)
- 2 ADF Duty Band
- 3 HE The Governor
- 4 RSL NSW
- 5 New Zealand Veterans
- 6 RAAF: Air Commander, WWII, Post WWII incl Current Serving
- 7 Navy: Fleet Commander, WWII, Post WWII, Current Serving
- 8 Army WWII
- 9 Australian Korean War Veterans
- 10 Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
- 11 Head Quarters 1 Australian Task Force
- 12 Armour
- 13 Artillery
- 14 Engineers
- 15 Survey
- 16 Signals
- 17 Infantry
- 18 Special Forces
- 19 Army Aviation
- 20 Intelligence
- 21 Chaplains
- 22 Transport
- 23 Medical
- 24 Dental
- 25 Ordnance
- 26 Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
- 27 Catering
- 28 Military Police
- 29 Psychology
- 30 Nursing
- 31 WRAAC
- 32 UN & Peacekeeping
- 33 Army Reserve Units
- 34 National Servicemen
- 35 British & Commonwealth Forces
- 36 Defence Civilians
- 37 Entertainers + War Correspondents
- 38 Red Cross
- 39 Civilian Air Crew
- 40 SEATO
- 41 Sydney Legacy
- 42 Descendants of Veterans
- 43 Allied Reps





SYDNEY

**Past & Present former RAN Junior Recruits
Tingira Australia Association members**

ANZAC DAY MARCH
Fall In - 0900 Hours

CASTLEREAGH STREET
between
Hunter St & Martin Place, Sydney

SYDNEY TINGIRA CO-ORDINATOR

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REUNION CELEBRATION

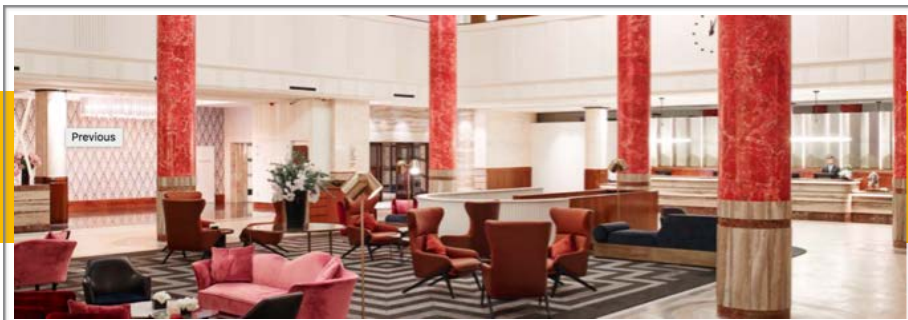
1130 - Willmont Main Foyer Bar

Primus Hotel

339 Pitt Street, Sydney

Partners, family members and friends welcome
Purchase own meal & drinks

PRIMUS
HOTEL
SYDNEY





12 April 2021

Helpful information for ANZAC Day commemorations

Dear Members

Martin Place Dawn Service, Sydney

To align with the Public Health Order, the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet has allocated limited spectator space at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney.

1,200 free tickets are now available and allocated on a first-come, first served basis until the allocation is exhausted. A maximum of 2 tickets will be available per registration. Please [click here](#) to pre-register your interest for free tickets.

For more information about the Dawn Service, please visit [this page](#) of the RSL NSW website.

Sydney CBD March

As you know, 10,000 people can now participate in the Sydney CBD March and spectators can attend the event.

To comply with the conditions of the Exemption to the Public Health Order, all participants must register their attendance for COVID-19 contact tracing purposes. This is as simple as registering with your relevant veteran or descendant association, scanning a QR code or requesting assistance from a Service NSW representative at your form-up location.



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Dawn Service atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Join us for this very special ANZAC Day service.

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The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee MP

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education

Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

Ref: D21/0077184/DJ

Mr Mark Lee
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Dear Mr Lee,

Thank you for your correspondence.

With ANZAC Day 2021 fast approaching, we are pleased to advise that the NSW Government and its key agencies have been working with RSL NSW to increase the participation at 2021 ANZAC Day commemorations across NSW.

As of Monday 29 March 2021, the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2021 (the Public Health Order) will allow outdoor events with a COVID-19 safety plan to have up to 5,000 persons across the state. This will include ANZAC Day marches and services.

Further, an exemption under the Public Health Order has been granted for the Sydney CBD March which will allow a maximum of 10,000 persons, subject to one person per 2 square metres of space.

Please note spectators are not included in the maximum numbers specified above.

Given the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this advice is based on the current Public Health Order and exemptions.

Thank you for supporting our veterans to commemorate this important day.

Yours sincerely,


The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee MP
Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education
Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

29 MAR 2021

**EXCLUSIVE
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Monday 19 April 2021

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The name **TINGIRA** and **SOBRAON** is often mis pronounced, mis spelt and occasionally mis represented as a former division of the Navy Sea Cadets or Sea Scouts in some states.

This release will assist MEDIA with some facts, figures and a true history of what Tingira represents in 2021.

Please contact Secretary Mark Lee,
on the above number or email for any further details, thank you.

TINGIRA=TIN-GUY-RA

ANZAC DAY - 2021 MEDIA PROFILE

1. **Tingira Australia Association** - Over 13,000 Junior Recruits joined the Royal Australian Navy from 1960 to 1984 at HMAS CERBERUS, Crib Point, Victoria and HMAS LEEUWIN, East Fremantle, Western Australia, they were known as 'Tingira Boys', these are the members of our association today.
2. They were 15 and 16 year old Boy Sailors – the second generation of the 'Tingira Boys' after the original 14 and 15 year old boys joined on board Australia's first naval training ship, HMAS TINGIRA, commissioned 25 April 1912, Rose Bay, Sydney.
3. As an Association, Tingira also represents all Officers and Sailors of the famous Clipper Ship SOBRAON 1866-1891, which then became the NSW Nautical School Ship SOBRAON 1891-1911, and then commissioned as the RAN Training Ship HMAS TINGIRA 1912-1927.
4. The ship SOBRAON was the world's largest and fastest ship of her time, her long journey across the world and to our nation between 1866-1927 is a feat which very few ships would ever reach. Today the names TINGIRA and SOBRAON live on for all associated with her over those historic voyages and years of service to our nation.

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5. 25 April 2021 is the 109th birthday of commissioning HMAS TINGIRA. The association does not celebrate this event on ANZAC Day, a day of commemoration across the nation. The association celebrates 13 July as 'Tingira Day' the date of the first boys to enter HMAS LEEUWIN in 1960.
6. Tingira Boys will march nationally this ANZAC Day under their banner and parading their flag in Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth.
7. RSL NSW President, Ray James, is a Tingira Boy, and a Life member of the association.

BRIEF HISTORY

1. Many RAN Junior Recruits who graduated in the early to mid 60's, were drafted to HMA Ships BRISBANE, HOBART, PERTH and VENDETTA where action on the 'gun line' during the Vietnam conflict was seen; many were under the age of 18. They also were on board logistic support and escort ships, HMAS ANZAC, BOONAROO, DERWENT, DUCHESS, JEPARIT, MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA, STUART, SWAN, SYDNEY, TORRENS, VAMPIRE and YARRA.
2. This also occurred when WW1 broke out. After 12 months training these young Tingira Boys were drafted onto the gunships of HMAS SYDNEY and AUSTRALIA; again many saw action at the front line on the high seas including in our first battle when they sank the German raider, Emden. Again many were under the age of 18.
3. Likewise in WW11, Tingira Boys also served in units which gained distinction and honour. Thus Tingira Boys' have served in action for the Royal Australian Navy over the past century.
4. Several Tingira Boys are still serving in the RAN 2021. Most have now embarked beyond 40 years of continuous service with their first employer.
5. Former Junior Recruit, RUSS CRANE, from the HMAS LEEUWIN 32nd intake of 1970 went through the ranks to become Vice Admiral and Chief of Navy, the highest rank within the navy.
6. Former Junior Recruit BRIAN ADAMS also went through the ranks to become Rear Admiral. Many other Junior Recruits have reached senior Officer ranks of Commodore, Captain, Commander and Lieutenant Commander.
7. Based at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria, a division of the Australian Navy Cadets. Known as TS TINGIRA designed for teenagers as a recreation, adventure and nautical education lifestyle before adulthood; many of these cadets join the navy after completing school studies.
8. Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, will lead the Sydney Tingira squad in the Anzac Parade for his last time as he is the retiring President after this march. His eldest son, Danaan Ker, a Tingira Associate member, will be leading the Tingira squad with the original 1912 HMAS Tingira flag.

ENDS RELEASE

TINGIRA
Pronounced. **TIN-GUY-RA**

SOBRAON
Pronounced. **SO-BRO-ON**



Lance Ker
PRESIDENT
Tingira Australia Association



TINGIRA TODAY

The name TINGIRA is a derivative of 'dingira' (pronounced din-GREER-a), a word meaning 'sea' in the language of the Badjala people of Fraser Island, Queensland. Originally the clipper ship was called SOBRAON and was built by Alexander Hall of Aberdeen, launched in 1866. It was the largest composite ship ever built at the time and sailed on the England to Australia route for more than 20 years.

In 1891 the NSW Government purchased SOBRAON from Devitt and Moore, and was towed to Sydney Harbour arriving on 15 February 1891.

SOBRAON was acquired to replace the VERNON as a floating reformatory for boys. The ship underwent a series of modifications and became an Industrial School Ship, or Nautical School Ship, for underprivileged boys whom the court had found destitute, or for other reasons saw it fit to hand these boys into the strict, disciplinary life on board SOBRAON.

The boys were given an opportunity to learn the rudiments of a life at sea. The aim of this exercise was to encourage young lads to join the navy or merchant service which at this time was undergoing a dramatic change with steam ships replacing sailing ships. Apart from being disciplined, the boys were given the opportunity to develop their skills as tradesmen and were given a basic education both moral and academic. The band was in much demand on many an important ceremonial occasion.

On 25 April 1912 HMAS TINGIRA (ex-SOBRAON) was commissioned as the first naval training ship in the Royal Australian Navy. It became the training ship to thousands of young boys who chose the Navy as a career under the Department of the Navy's boy sailor enlistment scheme. TINGIRA did not head to sea for training, but remained moored at Rose Bay for the next 15 years.

By HMAS TINGIRA's decommissioning in 1927, some 3,168 young boys had had their initial training on board.

In 1929 TINGIRA was bought by W.M. Ford, a prominent boat builder and floated Tingira outside his boatshed in Berry's Bay. Ford died in 1935 and in 1936 Major Friere and Mrs Ankin negotiated to purchase TINGIRA for the sum of £2,600, and a company was formed to convert the ship into a floating museum, but because of financial difficulties this development failed. TINGIRA was purchased by Karlo Selvinen who finally broke her up in Berry's Bay in 1942.

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Over the next five decades hundreds of former Tingira sailors formed the 'Tingira Old Boys Association'. These men were tough 'old sea salts' going from sailing rigs to war fronts on steel ships of coal, steam and diesel. As an association, they were active; changed a town's name to Tingira Heights and built there own Tingira Memorial at Rose Bay, Sydney.

In 1960 the RAN again introduced the second generation of 'Tingira Boy Sailors'. To be known as Junior Recruits, over 13,000 young 15 year old Australian boys joined the navy between 1960 and 1984. They too saw the war front of Vietnam and many peacekeeping operations along the way with the transition to modern steel ships of electronic missiles to the full on computer age warships of today's modern naval fleet of 2021.

In 2010 at the 50th Junior Recruit reunion, HMAS Leeuwin Perth, several boys gathered the idea and formed the Tingira Australia Association.

A decade onward. The membership numbers are increasing as they too are a strong and willing association to assist their veteran community, keeping the name SOBRAON and TINGIRA alive and again in the public forefront as has been for the past century.

Tingira Boys - Marching nationally with their banner and flag on Anzac Day, is an annual highlight for many of the boys in these changing times for veterans and their families.

"Long Live Tingira"

TAA MR 4-21
Thursday 1 April 2021



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UPDATE - 1 APRIL 2021 - Slowly the big picture is coming together for this years National Anzac Day March, in some States better and brighter than others.

"We expected nothing less, organised chaos in some situations and absolute harmony in others" said a disappointed Tingira Australia Association President, Lance Ker, from his Queensland property.

"We, the veteran community, are certainly a victim of circumstance when it comes to organising a march. However, it is good to see states like Queensland and NSW reverse their original decisions from a few weeks back and get the veterans and general public back on the streets for this most important day of Australian commemoration.

"We are just about at full strength in those two states, flags and banners are ready to go, Tingira members have already commenced registering with the state co-ordinators as the initial requirement. South Australia and Western Australia will be well represented in their march by Tingira Boys however Victoria and ACT on the other hand are very disappointing situations with the present status; let's hope within the next 25 days things might change, for the better that is, said President Ker.

With the new Covid-19 outbreak in Brisbane this week, plans over the next three weeks may again be thrown into a 'shuffle mode' as the football codes are dealing with this week, time will tell.

The Tingira Australia Association has today launched their annual National Anzac Day booklet on their website for members to contact statewide co-ordinators and learn of their after march reunion details around the countryside. There will be a further updated media release and statement closer to Anzac Day.

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Spit polish the boots, clean the medals, dust the beret, don the suit and find the yellow and black dress tie. Former RAN Junior Recruit 'Tingira Boys' are now preparing to parade for the national Anzac Day March, Sunday 25 April.

Seven weeks out from Anzac Day and the event status is not the normal after the Covid virus outbreak of 2020.

The National RSL initiative 'Driveway Dawn Services' was well represented nationally last year at such short notice. Conducted with pride and distinction by many service and ex-service members across the nation, it was a fitting tribute at the home front. There were many great images and reports with street and community households at 6am on that Anzac Day morning.

2021 - The annual Anzac Day march is a rather confusing image across the nation.

Cities such as **Cairns, Brisbane, Canberra** and **Perth** have all made way for the Tingira Boys to parade their banner and march behind the Tingira flag, however several other States are still yet to decide to allow any form of Anzac march, let alone allow a small 'Mob' to march without banners and shipmates beside them.

The 'Aims and Objects' of the Tingira Australia Association are to 'unite and rekindle' the friendships of shipmates from over the past sixty years and to remain 'A political' association, we are guided by such principles on this occasion.

From his Bundaberg bunker in Queensland, National Tingira President, Lance Ker, made the following recent observations:

"We will be watching carefully what develops in the 'corridors of power' amongst the Statewide RSL and State government agencies over the following weeks.

"We feel that the RSL's preference for the Sydney march to be limited to, 500 members from the three services via a lucky dip ballot; and with no crowds to line the route is not an option. With no onlookers to provide recognition of their service and with so few members allowed to march it is our estimation that very few if any members will attend.

"Fact - Football codes and other community groups have had thousands attend events in past months, some with and without authorization, all of which feel discriminated against.

"Watch this space is our message to our Tingira members, let's hope the ghost of 'common sense' can appear from the hallways of power.

Tingira Australia Association will produce the annual Anzac Day Guide on 1st April with details nationally for the Tingira Boys to form up, the marching route to be followed and where to unite with shipmates for the traditional afternoon Anzac reunion.

Tingira President, Lance Ker, will be in Sydney for the Tingira Annual General Meeting and hopefully looks forward to leading the Tingira Boys down the new George Street on this occasion. New banner, large flag, shinny boots, polished medals and their famous Tingira navy berets, that's the easy part!

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