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STONEHAVEN

DISCOVERS OUR SEAPOWER

Tingira Australia Association President, Brad Murphy, announced today that former Royal Australian Navy, Junior Recruit, **John Perryman**, from Canberra, ACT, is the winner of the 2021 Tingira Stonehaven Medal.

The Stonehaven Medal is awarded to the Tingira member who can show cause in their local community or present naval duties **‘going beyond and above the normal call of duty’**.

“We had several very genuine nominations for this year’s annual Tingira Stonehaven Medal. Once again they were all of high quality with glowing achievements that meet the Tingira requirement to be named the Tingira Stonehaven Medal winner. John is an outstanding member of the association to win this years Medal” said President, Brad Murphy.

As one of several RAN historians, over the past two decades John Perryman’s research and production of the navy history chapter has been an outstanding contribution to the Defence Department. His nomination was a true ‘Stonehaven Standout’. John has put a genuine mark of professionalism into the naval history records and collections, showing his true ‘seapower’ strength in this role after compiling 41 years of service and history with Navy and Dept of Defence.

“This is just unbelievable, I did not see this coming. I am so honoured and very proud of my Tingira mates who have bestowed this Stonehaven Medal upon me, such a proud moment my wife and some Canberra shipmates here, a real great moment in my life” said an excited John when presented his Tingira Stonehaven Medal last weekend by Warrant Officer of Navy, Deb Butterworth.

In recent year’s John has produced two very informative books on some of his great history articles, the Vietnam conflict and Kit muster, as assignment outside of his normal working hours at the RAN the uniforms and badges of the SeaPower Centre Australia, where he resides as one of the Directors. John will launch the second volume of his ‘Kit Muster’ book series later this year.

Winning tis years Tingira Stonehaven Medal is true reflection of dedication of his naval career from day one in 1980, when he joined the navy as a young 16 year old Tingira Boy at HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle. It was six years earlier in 1974, when he told his father at 10 years of age, he was “joining the navy to see the world” after his father took him to the Sydney Garden Island Open Day of RAN ships. The rest is history, a career spanning 41 years inside the Defence department as a complete ‘life within the navy’.

The Stonehaven’s origins trek back in our history to 1926. Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven, presented the ‘Stonehaven Shield’ to the best divisional intake as an annual award to the 15 year old navy ‘Tingira Boys’ on board the RAN training ship HMAS Tingira in Rose Bay, Sydney. This is the fifth year the Stonehaven Medal has been presented by the Tingira Australia Association to its recognised outstanding member.

The Stonehaven Medal is donated and supported by the RSL NSW Cumberland sub-Branch, Sydney, for which the Tingira Australia Association is most grateful of their continued support in all matters Tingira.

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PICTURE CAPTION

John Perryman is presented with the Tingira Stonehaven Medal by Warrant Officer of Navy, Deb Butterworth in Canberra last weekend.



PICTURE CAPTION

John Perryman and his wife Meredith, hold the Stonehaven Shield where John's name now joins five other worthy winners of the Tingira Stonehaven Medal



STONEHAVEN SHIELD



KEN DOBBIE
TAS
2017

PHILLIP LANCASTER
WA
2018



DAVE CASSIDY
QLD
2018

DARRYL WALTON
WA
2019



BRAD MURPHY
QLD
2020

JOHN PERRYMAN
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