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BIRTHDAY PARTY TINGIRA COVID MELTDOWN

"Someone left my cake out in the rain, I don't think we can make it, again!"

"That tune has a ring to an old memory cell" said Tingira Australia Association President, Brad Murphy, who today confirmed the annual 'Presidents Dinner' set down for Saturday evening in Brisbane to celebrate the Tingira 61st birthday, **will not go ahead** as planned, due to new COVID restrictions and situations, locally and nationally.

"This COVID bug got us last year at the 2020 JR Reunion, here we go again this year just when we thought it was clear skies. Certainly not the best way to celebrate our birthday and first ten year association anniversary.

"Several members have made long distance travel plans, I feel for these members and partners, love their commitment. I know they have been looking forward to the dinner party to catch up with friends and many former shipmates" said Brad Murphy who was very disappointed when the call had to be made late on Monday evening for the event.

On the bright side, there were a few other State Coordinators who have been able to take 'opportunity' and organise a party to celebrate Tingira Day on Saturday evening.

State Coordinator, Eric Pitman in **Canberra**, has a good size 'crew' mustering at the Woden Southern Cross Club to blow out the candles. His shipmate across the Nullarbor in **Fremantle**, State Coordinator, Paul Kalajzich, has a 'full house' at the East Fremantle Tradewinds hotel. With 40 WA members lined up to enjoy a tot of 'Pussers Rum' and also blow out the candles late into the evening Western Australian time, they will be a jovial crew of ex sailors at closing time!

State Coordinator, Rod Howard, in **Cairns** has his crew ready to take the big room in the local RSL where they can play the covid distance games. "We are on the cup cakes again and with social distancing, at least we have a party happening" said an excited Rod from his seaside birds nest up north.

In all, it has been another disappointing exercise with Sydney, Frankston and Brisbane unable to muster groups together due to the recent unforeseen covid outbreaks and new restrictions for patrons and host venues.

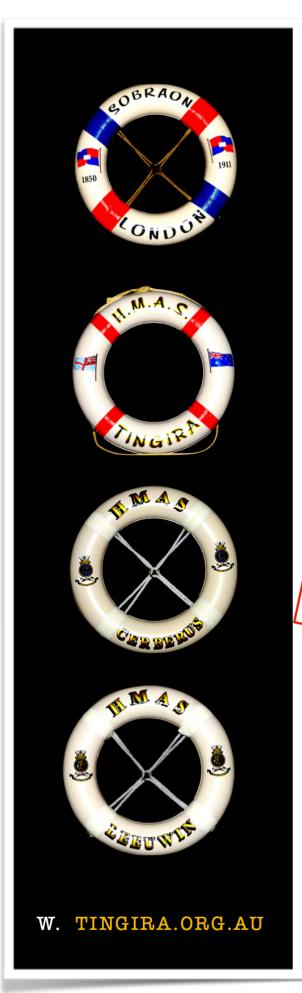
The Tingira National Committee will attempt to reschedule the 2021 Presidents Dinner in the first instance once the 'fair winds prevail' and COVID is on a distant course. We will certainly like to gather with our shipmates somewhere in the Christmas season with some light at the end of the telescope!

"In our depressing and restricted Victorian environment, we will be making big plans early for next years Tingira Day. To make this happen at the local Navy Club in Langwarren will be the big plan of 2022, with an excuse to make up for lost time" said Victorian State Coordinator, Graeme Hunter, from his Southern dwelling.

Patrons who have purchased tickets to the Brisbane 'Presidents Dinner' will have a full refund in the near future from the Secretaries' desk.

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INVITATION

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL DINNER

HMAS LEEUWIN 61st BIRTHDAY

TINGIRA

Australia Assoc 10th ANNIVERSARY



The **PLOUGH** INN

29 Stanley St Plaza South Brisbane, Queensland

Saturday 10 July 2021

1800 - 2300 hours

DRESS

TINGIRA - Formal Black Tie Military - Mess Uniform - Miniature Medals

BOOKINGS

Tingira Website - Ticket only entry - Numbers limited \$75 per person

Three course dinner, beverage and birthday cake

TINGIRA DAY

Saturday 10 July 2021 Our National Day of Celebration

TINGIRA

Tingira Members, Associates and Friends of Tingira, celebrate this historic occasion when the first intake of 15 year old schoolboys entered the Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruit Training Scheme, HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle, Western Australia Wednesday 13 July 1960









CANCELLED BRISBANE DANNY O'RIORDAN

6 pm PLOUGH INN Sth BRISBANE TICKETS TAA WEBSITE tingiraqueensland@gmail.com

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6 pm CAIRNS RSL CLUB tingirangld@gmail.com

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6 pm TRADEWINDS EAST FREMANTLE tingirawa@gmail.com

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