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"I am honoured to announce that former Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruit, Tingira Boy, Duncan 'John' Perryman is the winner of the 2021 Tingira Stonehaven Medal

"John has gone beyond and above the normal call of duty in his 41 years of navy and defence service duties with his contribution to the historical storylines of the Royal Australian Navy

"Congratulations John Perryman, winner of the 2021 Tingira Stonehaven Medal

Warrant Officer of Navy
Deb Butterworth
 OAM, CSM and Bar

2021 TINGIRA STONEHAVEN MEDAL



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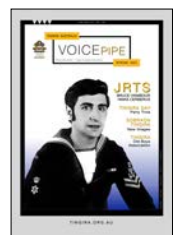
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PETTY OFFICER BRUCE HAMBOUR

Two badge Petty Officer Writer in sailors uniform. Former HMAS Cerberus Junior Recruit, Bruce Hambour, was one of them!

Promoted June 1973 rank of acting/Petty Officer Writer in January 1974, was issued with Petty Officer badges for his sailors uniform.

Bruce has his full navy life story in 3,000 odd words with many more pictures in the soon to be released 'RAN JRTS HMAS Cerberus 1963-65 book by Bill Taylor

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130 DAYS FULL AHEAD



Brad Murphy
President
Tingira Aust Assoc

“ How time flies! From ANZAC Day to this first day of spring, 130 days in the Presidents role. Already it feels like I sat on a ‘divers thunder flash’ some days here at the helm!

As expected, 2021 more Covid-19 restrictions, distractions and disruptions were aplenty across the nation in recent months. The crew at ‘Team Tingira’ kept this good ship ‘afloat and on course’ again during those winter months as I went from my presidential ‘L’ plate to my new bright shinny red ‘P’ plate!

ANZAC Day Bundaberg, Coral Sea Commemoration Canberra, Stonehaven Medal presentation Canberra, and the cancellation of my first ‘Presidents Dinner’ in Brisbane, then a few local presentations a few hundred km’s apart to round up our recent activities.

The Brisbane dinner was going to be a big night combined with the national Tingira Day celebrations. It has been a dash hectic over my quarter, but I love it! The Tingira Team ‘on the bridge’ keeps it all rolling as we are now in the final process of trying to re-configure the annual Presidents Dinner, standby.

There are a few suggestions on the table and the Secretary is researching what was done previously by the Tingira Old Boys Association (TOBA), just to give us some guidance in near future.

Secretary received some welcome and rare ‘hard copy’ from Australia Post mail recently.

A personal letter of congratulations from Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, to former Tingira President, Lance Ker, and his committee, for the iconic publication of the 10 year anniversary issue of VoicePipe newsletter. Well done editor I hear from the back room! We framed the letter with the VoicePipe cover. I presented it to Lance Ker as a nice ‘gift of gratitude’ recently for his seven years

service at the Tingira helm, he was pleasantly surprised and very thankful to the association.

Another Reunion?

“ Yes ” is the answer,
let’s be positive here,
it’s not like we are
never going to have
another reunion again

In these recent rounds, meetings and communications, I am receiving plenty of good positive feedback about our association. Big question? Members are asking - are we are planning another national JR Reunion, after last years event cancellation?

“Yes,” is the answer, let’s be positive here, it’s not like we are never going to have another reunion again.

By navy traditions, most ex-service associations schedule a reunion every five years. On the five and the zero of their anniversary year is the norm, I presume that makes 2025 in our gun sights for the next JR Reunion.

Where and when for another grand reunion celebrating 65 years? That’s the million-dollar question. Let’s just say that the next big ‘JR Reunion’ is very much at front of our minds and on the agenda back burner for the moment in 2021.

Mini reunions of the individual JR intakes are more in focus on the immediate action plan, which we would like to support where and when we can. The boys from the two HMAS Cerberus JR intakes of 1963 and 1964 are making plans to ‘light up the Gold Coast’ early

next year, we hope to be there to assist them and celebrate their day.

I had the pleasure to meet up with Bill ‘Squizzy’ Taylor recently when I was driving north. Bill has been writing a JR book for the past 12 months in conjunction with several of our Tingira committee members. Based on the 1st and 2nd JR intakes at HMAS Cerberus from 1963. Combined with some RAN recruit history and our Tingira Association history over the first decade. I have a draft copy and this publication is going to be a collectors edition for all JRs!

Bill is frail in health these days and reached out for our help last December and we were glad to be of service to him. I gave Bill a first DRAFT copy of 270 odd pages, he was thrilled at the present status. For his efforts the National Tingira Committee approved he be rewarded with a new GOLD membership status for his contribution to our history line, a huge ‘Bravo Zulu’ Bill Taylor.

We hope to launch Bill’s book with pre sale orders on the Tingira website in December and then have it printed and launched around Anzac Day 2022, that’s the plan. The publication will become the major focus of the next summer VoicePipe issue and the Tingira website leading up to the Christmas break.

Christmas break, yes that will be the day. Spare time, I’m looking forward to those late December days, vast rays of Queensland sunshine, salt water and warm summer sand between my toes on the tropical beach of Bundaberg, of course with refreshment in hand.

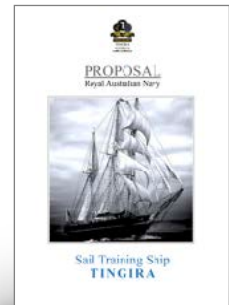
Wakey wakey young Brad, wakey wakey, Mr. President, we have a new Tingira mask for you 🇦🇺

TINGIRA STRATEGIC PLAN

COMPLETED

“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



2022 PROPOSAL

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

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, follow up received March 2021
3. Tingira Secretary to communicate with local NSW MP Gabrielle Upton, Council election in December 2021. New Mayor?



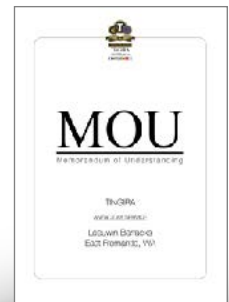
Work in Progress

2021 PROPOSAL

“That Tingira Aust Assoc to conduct the annual ANZAC DAY Dawn Ceremony at Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle, WA”

Official letter sent to CEO Leeuwin Barracks requesting second meeting and discuss the elements for the MOU to be in place before October 2021 after recent Leeuwin sub committee meeting in July

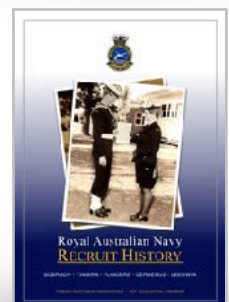
Work in Progress



COMPLETED

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

Secretary delivered 3,000 copies to Museum Manager, CMDR John Goss, January 2021, for parents at future graduation parades



COMMITTEE UPDATE SPRING 2021



IN PROGRESS

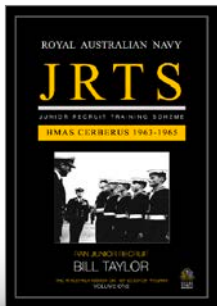
“That Tingira Aust Assoc make closer contact in 2021 with Australia National Maritime Museum, possibility of using museums RAN ship facilities and or future use with the former HMAS Tingira ships vessel, SY ERNA”

Content has been made with the national marketing manager for possible future Tingira functions at the museum and on board the SY Erna. Christmas or NYE drinks in question?

IN PROGRESS

“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, as editor and project manager, seeking more content from No. 1 & 2 intake members.
2. First DRAFT version of 250 plus pages has been submitted back to writer Bill Taylor for final edit date by November 2021.
3. Proposed sale December & January with print run February for distribution at possible ANZAC Day launch



COMPLETED

“That Tingira Aust Assoc produce a handbook for Committee, sub-Committees and State Coordinators explaining ‘the workings of Tingira as an association’ with updated 2021 confidentiality agreement for all volunteer members.”

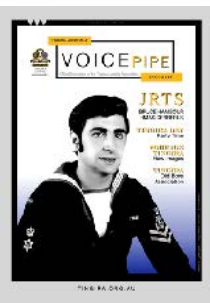
1. Content updated by honorary lawyer and state legislation of NSW Incorporated associations.
2. Soft copy distributed to all associated elected and volunteer members of Tingira Australia Association.



COMPLETED

“That Tingira Aust Assoc produce a SPRING copy of VoicePipe magazine for members, Associates, former JRs and Friends of Tingira for PDF version on website only.”

Secretary to complete, committee to proof and approve, lodge on website September, email to membership, advertise social media.



WANTED

PICTURES & STORIES

1963 - 1965

1st & 2nd JR Intakes

HMAS CERBERUS

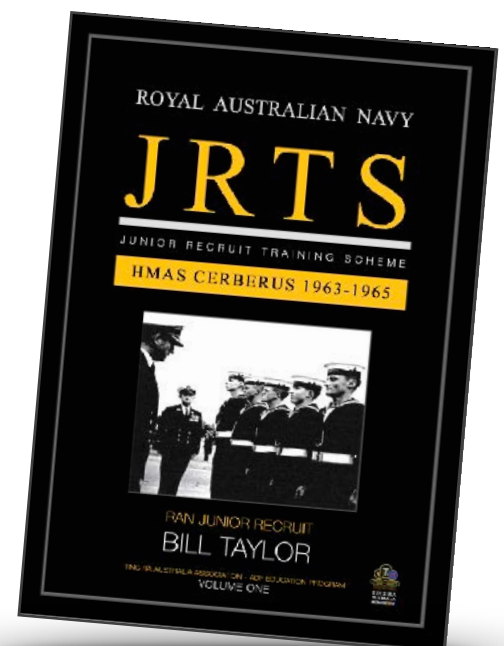
Former Junior Recruit, Bill 'Squizzy' Taylor, of the first HMAS Cerberus JRTS intake, has been inspired of late to put his old recruit day photographs and memories into a book.

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 shipmates from the Cerberus SECOND INTAKE to stand up and deliver if possible? 25 empty pages awaits for photographs and stories of the JR times at Cerberus. There is also pages allocated for the next 12 months after Cerberus, if you have 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 real sea salt, add some words and help Bill please.

Please forward any copy or photographs possible to

Tingira Secretary for this publication
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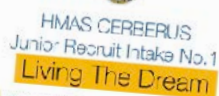
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"The American People" v. "The American People" (1961)
1961

The risky ship company thought the high
returning cargo would mean it was worth
building steel for the first four months since the
warfare was expected to be the first four
months of the war.

Bill had a "life-changing" letter 13 months after
Dennis is killed by a terrorist. Dennis was
the only one who would change his life forever and
nothing is great about the rest of his life.



A 225 FIVE LITERARY : I wonder how far with the belief of the world and I
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months the and a visit to the Eastern Ash School in Central America
fell was inspired by the last business and the first.

At age 15 I did work one of the New Zealand Navy's Junior Stewards in Auckland Harbour in southern New Zealand. The navy said through the various navy cadets were still at sea, after supper today and the first day worked the first a ship-chore was still at sea, in Auckland Harbour. In a period of 10 years with the navy that would change in the 10 years and the first in great times the 10 years of the day.

This is different.

... from his own brother, from Stockholm, Copenhagen, Hamburg, and one of the regional governments. He is very familiar with all elements of the world of business. The Danish company was created in 1985, the company was in the hands of the Danish government, the company was in the hands of the Danish government, the company was in the hands of the Danish government.

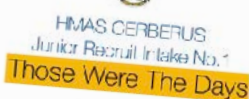
only a few years ago, the company was a small, family-owned business. But today, it is a public company with a market capitalization of over \$1 billion. The company's success is a testament to the power of innovation and hard work.



FOR TO GROW, BRIGGS NEEDS KNOWLEDGE, AND THE COMPANY
is well known to give assistance to help
help with research and development.

Thanked me three-and-a-half days, with lots of fine material memorized. Drove, wrote, and mailed my old love letters to the city and for the first time in three-and-a-half days.

Thank you very much. I am sure that the
information will be useful to the committee.



James Maxwell Buchanan
in charge of the
MI6 Technical

LORD Sir John
Gubbins
former
Chief

These documents (and "Secret Screen" - The screen's history is well documented by the many references surrounding other Cuban screen's appearances over the decades, though documents surrounding this film's early "Secret Screen" history of location, location, location are scarce from the City's early history and records of the film show these details. (Images around 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050, 2055, 2060, 2065, 2070, 2075, 2080, 2085, 2090, 2095, 2100, 2105, 2110, 2115, 2120, 2125, 2130, 2135, 2140, 2145, 2150, 2155, 2160, 2165, 2170, 2175, 2180, 2185, 2190, 2195, 2200, 2205, 2210, 2215, 2220, 2225, 2230, 2235, 2240, 2245, 2250, 2255, 2260, 2265, 2270, 2275, 2280, 2285, 2290, 2295, 2300, 2305, 2310, 2315, 2320, 2325, 2330, 2335, 2340, 2345, 2350, 2355, 2360, 2365, 2370, 2375, 2380, 2385, 2390, 2395, 2400, 2405, 2410, 2415, 2420, 2425, 2430, 2435, 2440, 2445, 2450, 2455, 2460, 2465, 2470, 2475, 2480, 2485, 2490, 2495, 2500, 2505, 2510, 2515, 2520, 2525, 2530, 2535, 2540, 2545, 2550, 2555, 2560, 2565, 2570, 2575, 2580, 2585, 2590, 2595, 2600, 2605, 2610, 2615, 2620, 2625, 2630, 2635, 2640, 2645, 2650, 2655, 2660, 2665, 2670, 2675, 2680, 2685, 2690, 2695, 2700, 2705, 2710, 2715, 2720, 2725, 2730, 2735, 2740, 2745, 2750, 2755, 2760, 2765, 2770, 2775, 2780, 2785, 2790, 2795, 2800, 2805, 2810, 2815, 2820, 2825, 2830, 2835, 2840, 2845, 2850, 2855, 2860, 2865, 2870, 2875, 2880, 2885, 2890, 2895, 2900, 2905, 2910, 2915, 2920, 2925, 2930, 2935, 2940, 2945, 2950, 2955, 2960, 2965, 2970, 2975, 2980, 2985, 2990, 2995, 3000, 3005, 3010, 3015, 3020, 3025, 3030, 3035, 3040, 3045, 3050, 3055, 3060, 3065, 3070, 3075, 3080, 3085, 3090, 3095, 3100, 3105, 3110, 3115, 3120, 3125, 3130, 3135, 3140, 3145, 3150, 3155, 3160, 3165, 3170, 3175, 3180, 3185, 3190, 3195, 3200, 3205, 3210, 3215, 3220, 3225, 3230, 3235, 3240, 3245, 3250, 3255, 3260, 3265, 3270, 3275, 3280, 3285, 3290, 3295, 3300, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3320, 3325, 3330, 3335, 3340, 3345, 3350, 3355, 3360, 3365, 3370, 3375, 3380, 3385, 3390, 3395, 3400, 3405, 3410, 3415, 3420, 3425, 3430, 3435, 3440, 3445, 3450, 3455, 3460, 3465, 3470, 3475, 3480, 3485, 3490, 3495, 3500, 3505, 3510, 3515, 3520, 3525, 3530, 3535, 3540, 3545, 3550, 3555, 3560, 3565, 3570, 3575, 3580, 3585, 3590, 3595, 3600, 3605, 3610, 3615, 3620, 3625, 3630, 3635, 3640, 3645, 3650, 3655, 3660, 3665, 3670, 3675, 3680, 3685, 3690, 3695, 3700, 3705, 3710, 3715, 3720, 3725, 3730, 3735, 3740, 3745, 3750, 3755, 3760, 3765, 3770, 3775, 3780, 3785, 3790, 3795, 3800, 3805, 3810, 3815, 3820, 3825, 3830, 3835, 3840, 3845, 3850, 3855, 3860, 3865, 3870, 3875, 3880, 3885, 3890, 3895, 3900, 3905, 3910, 3915, 3920, 3925, 3930, 3935, 3940, 3945, 3950, 3955, 3960, 3965, 3970, 3975, 3980, 3985, 3990, 3995, 4000, 4005, 4010, 4015, 4020, 4025, 4030, 4035, 4040, 4045, 4050, 4055, 4060, 4065, 4070, 4075, 4080, 4085, 4090, 4095, 4100, 4105, 4110, 4115, 4120, 4125, 4130, 4135, 4140, 4145, 4150, 4155, 4160, 4165, 4170, 4175, 4180, 4185, 4190, 4195, 4200, 4205, 4210, 4215, 4220, 4225, 4230, 4235, 4240, 4245, 4250, 4255, 4260, 4265, 4270, 4275, 4280, 4285, 4290, 4295, 4300, 4305, 4310, 4315, 4320, 4325, 4330, 4335, 4340, 4345, 4350, 4355, 4360, 4365, 4370, 4375, 4380, 4385, 4390, 4395, 4400, 4405, 4410, 4415, 4420, 4425, 4430, 4435, 4440, 4445, 4450, 4455, 4460, 4465, 4470, 4475, 4480, 4485, 4490, 4495, 4500, 4505, 4510, 4515, 4520, 4525, 4530, 4535, 4540, 4545, 4550, 4555, 4560, 4565, 4570, 4575, 4580, 4585, 4590, 4595, 4600, 4605, 4610, 4615, 4620, 4625, 4630, 4635, 4640, 4645, 4650, 4655, 4660, 4665, 4670, 4675, 4680, 4685, 4690, 4695, 4700, 4705, 4710, 4715, 4720, 4725, 4730, 4735, 4740, 4745, 4750, 4755, 4760, 4765, 4770, 4775, 4780, 4785, 4790, 4795, 4800, 4805, 4810, 4815, 4820, 4825, 4830, 4835, 4840, 4845, 4850, 4855, 4860, 4865, 4870, 4875, 4880, 4885, 4890, 4895, 4900, 4905, 4910, 4915, 4920, 4925, 4930, 4935, 4940, 4945, 4950, 4955, 4960, 4965, 4970, 4975, 4980, 4985, 4990, 4995, 5000, 5005, 5010, 5015, 5020, 5025, 5030, 5035, 5040, 5045, 5050, 5055, 5060, 5065, 5070, 5075, 5080, 5085, 5090, 5095, 5100, 5105, 5110, 5115, 5120, 5125, 5130, 5135, 5140, 5145, 5150, 5155, 5160, 5165, 5170, 5175, 5180, 5185, 5190, 5195, 5200, 5205, 5210, 5215, 5220, 5225, 5230, 5235, 5240, 5245, 5250, 5255, 5260,

and a long and colorful life. He was one of 17 people to survive from the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the United States Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the United States Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the United States Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II.

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That is different...



For one half-hour, half-birds, half-robots, accumulated 1,566 flight hours as a navy jet, w/ a dog and nine fixed-wing landing trainers to go to different airport terminals, 77 half-robot landings at two airport barriers and 11,790 hours on Simulator/Instructor or Right Observer on F-35's cockpit.

A distinguished 21-piece jury service forced
by an auto starting issue in the controversial
air-wickery, a two People Day.



Refrigerants and oils used supplied by: Jet Turbotech
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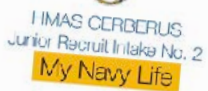
Five Delta graduates were presented and inducted to the Delta Chapter as "Eminent" Officer Candidates. Graduating students are trained with the Delta to gain the wings and then with the Delta at Redlands. Service with the Delta Flight Team follows.

of dress-uniform training with Australian and US forces, passing his qualifications in Australia then, off was to become Officer of Air Force Air Arm Squadron VC081 for his final post of duty.

One of many service. It was the time in his life he spent in 1960 year military aviation operations overseas.

...and we regret the fact...
...of the...
...of the...
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The is left's story...



PART ONE
JOINING UP - JR DAYS

...and the fact that I was never just 12 years old in getting into everything. Financial freedom is not a goal for me, it's a lifestyle. I want to get a business that's my own.

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On 8 April 1968, after raising the Royal Australian Navy's flag, the ship was taken over by the Australian Government. The ship was then used as a training ship for the Royal Australian Navy. The ship was then used as a training ship for the Royal Australian Navy. The ship was then used as a training ship for the Royal Australian Navy.

Other players: **BRITAIN** WENT INTO THE GAME ON A VERY HIGH NOTE, BUT THE LOSS OF THE BATTLE OF SLUYS IN 1574, AND THE LOSS OF THE BATTLE OF LYPDRE IN 1587, WERE A SEVERE BLOW TO THE ENGLISH CAUSE. THE LOSS OF THE BATTLE OF LYPDRE WAS A PARTICULARLY SEVERE BLOW, AS IT WAS THE ONLY BATTLE IN WHICH THE ENGLISH WERE DEFEATED BY THE SPANIARDS.

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Finally, I have written my fairy tale story.

the very young and a few old ones.



BRUCE HAMBOUR

Finally, I have written my navy life story.

Some chapters with more detailed Information than my production of many ships 'Reports of Proceedings' Combined with some detailed real-life navy yarns and a few old pics.

Thanks for the opportunity Squizzy Taylor, motivation was something no Tingira Boy did not have, legend mate!

BRUCE HAMBOUR



HMAS CERBERUS

Junior Recruit Intake No. 2

“ My Navy Life ”

*PART ONE OF THE BRUCE NAMBOUR STORY REPRODUCED FROM
THE BOOK 'JRTS HMAS CERBERUS 1963 - 1965' BY BILL TAYLOR,
DUE FOR SALES RELEASE DECEMBER 2021 ON THE
TINGIRA.ORG.AU WEBSITE*

PART ONE JOINING THE NAVY - JR DAYS

In 1964 I attempted to join the Navy when just 15 years of age to get away from everything. That small life aim at the time was very difficult to do with my background, as I couldn't get a reference from anybody.

At that time the navy must have been hard up for young volunteers because they finally accepted me and that became the biggest turnaround in my life. The Navy took me away from an environment that I felt I had no future in. Join the navy see the world, here we go, the voyage of adventure!

Finding the South Australian recruiting office, I joined a mob of other young blokes and we travelled from Adelaide to Melbourne by rail with the clatter of steel wheels grinding on the railway tracks.

These old passenger carriages seated eight persons per box as we faced each other four aside, just like in the old news movie reels! We called them 'dog boxes' and we had to utilise these with all interstate travel, we managed to get used to them over time. The swaying of the carriages and the clickety-click as the wagons as we rolled along eventually put us all to sleep, we were all fairly excited with what lay ahead, we really had no idea! The luggage racks became sleepers for two people, with the luggage on the floor we could stretch out from one side to the other.

On arrival the day, 6 April 1964, after joining the Royal Australian Navy as young navy Junior Recruit we were

assembled in a line up in front of the Administration G Block at HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, Victoria, and the law of the land was laid down for behaviour by the big chief and obeying our leaders in no uncertain terms was the direction. We were told that there were many ways to go in the Navy, the right way, the wrong way and the Navy way and the Navy way was the only way acceptable, seemed obvious but it hit the spot with most of us.

I knew from that moment things were going to be harder than I possibly first expected. My first impressions were 'Welcome to Stalag Cerberus Concentration Camp,' the effect of sergeant Schultz from Hogans Hero's was right before my eyes in a real-life situation.

We were given our official numbers which were what we were told we would be known as (like convicts) and we had to teach them off right away, be able to state them when and where ever. Mine was R63241 and it is indelibly etched into my brain as were many of my fellow shipmates.

On reciting my name and number I was told by the Petty Officer that I 'Hambour' was a hundred to one shot of being nick-named Hamburger. Fortunately, this nickname was rarely used over the 20 years of my service although some much worse were given to me such as Eight Ball, Nigger, Blackie, Brewster, and Hambone, that was life in navy talk 1964 onwards.



HOME WAS G BLOCK

My bed was a hammock and the dinner table was nothing like home

Within days of doing the Junior Recruit school at Cerberus, we were kitted up with our large kit bag that was to contain all of our winter and summer uniforms along with two pairs of 'clod hopper' boots and cotton bloomer underpants. You would have been thrown away except we needed them to complete our kit for the constant kit musters we had to do over the next 12 months. Buried away deep inside all this new kit material was a small little blue roll-up satchel, looked a bit like my pops tobacco pouch: it was a navy 'housewife' kit, which was a sewing kit, full of needles and thread to mend our socks, sew on buttons. I'll never need that I thought, wrong!

All two hundred of us then were lined up at different stages of the day at the barbershop to be shorn like sheep. Ironically, as this was in the 60's hippie era whenever we went ashore on leave we were ridiculed by civies and now in the 21st century, civies have imitated the same and various haircuts we had that I am sure will be ridiculed in the future, life's big circle.

Vaccinations were a nightmare as they punctured both arms for all sorts of preventive measures including cholera, tetanus, typhoid, plague, polio, malaria, hepatitis, and smallpox, this also continued for the next 20 years.

Our program at HMAS Cerberus was to spend a lot of the year doing school work, checking our aptitude to undertake specific training in categories required for service. Some more academic sailors were chosen to go on to Officer Training at HMAS Creswell at Jervis Bay, NSW. We also undertook our basic training which consisted of seamanship, marching, rifle drill, gunnery training, and more seamanship, marching, rifle drill, gunnery training!

Fitness played a major part in our training. We played sport every night and were encouraged to learn all new games. Besides my AFL football and tennis background, I also played soccer, rugby, hockey, volleyball, softball, athletics, and basketball. Certain nights were allocated for a cross country run and this was often through the muddy wet bushland swamp and was my most disliked sport, they put a few mosquitoes on the trail as well.

As we were still classed as minors, under 18, we were not given much shore leave to get off the establishment, however, we could get approval to have an occasional weekend ashore with relatives if we had written approval. Although this first year of training was hard I felt my life had no momentum until I had joined the Navy, and I felt it gave me control of my life, physically and mentally. I learned to behave lawfully or else although I must admit the Navy did lead to my decline in moral behaviour from a peer group, and alcohol motivated incidents, maybe best kept quiet about at this stage of my storyline.

BULLYING

Bullying or naval discipline in the 1960s was accepted as part of the military training at the time and there was plenty of it on new unsuspecting recruits. It was no different from high school, football teams, and local street groups back at home in SA, it was your lot as they would say.

From my experience, most bullying was pretty harmless and even sometimes fun. From a senior level, it came in the way of group punishment with the whole division being punished for one or a few individual misdemeanours. Often everyone in the dormitory would be dragged out of their warm hammocks in what was called the silent hours. Then we would rope strap the hammocks up, place them across our shoulders and fall in on the parade ground on cold, dark, winter nights and jog back and forward for kilometres carting the strapped hammock containing mattress, pillow, sheets, and blankets until we were dead on our feet, this form of fitness training was very effective!

During the day it seemed like we had to undergo endless and senseless group punishments which consisted of running (marching at double pace) until several sailors would drop out with exhaustion before the leaders felt we had had enough. Or for a real bad misdemeanour, running around a parade ground with a 303 rifle above our heads, with arms feeling numb, and as though they may drop off.

Lesser punishments involved continuous uniform parades with us having to double into our quarters and quickly change into a different uniform and once inspected return to change into a different one again. For those who were unprepared with washed and ironed clothes further punishment was handed out, you got to learn things very fast!

Other misdemeanours often resulted in other types of punishment including kitchen duty, cleaning toilets, and showers. The dirtiest act we witnessed was a Lieutenant doing night rounds of our block and on inspection of the toilets found some feces in a bowl that had not been scrubbed. With his gloved hand usually to test for dust, he scraped some of the crap on his finger and wiped it on a poor lad's face. Toilets were always immaculate after that.

One miserable offender convicted of minor stealing was actually drummed out of the Service with ribbons and flashes physically cut off his uniform by a Master-at-Arms before us all watching, as a warning to us all. He was then marched out of the service to the main Cerberus gate. It was horrible to watch and I felt sorry for the poor chap at the time, a lasting impression and strong memory to us all, physical messaging I guess, seemed to work in those days. Previous to joining the Navy, I had stolen a few things and would never have thought it could warrant such an awful embarrassing punishment, welcome to my new world I thought at the time.



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HMAS CERBERUS - JUNIOR RECRUITS

Sport and mateship, the two greatest assets from navy Junior Recruit school

So was this bullying or the disciplined act in motion? I know there was very little theft on my watch during my 20 years.

Individual acts of bullying would never be accepted in today's 'modern New Generation Navy,' however back then it always went on against certain poor individuals who the click group picked on and often taunted for various reasons. They would tip them out of their hammocks (about two metres off the floor) with all bedding in the middle of the night or throw a cup of water into their bedding. The worst punishment handed out was to be tanned which historically has gone on for generations.

Once caught by a group there was little chance of escape, you were held down, stripped, and had your lower genitals blackened with boot polish. Alternatively, toothpaste was used which had an awful burning effect.

The two top divisions academically were accommodated in a separate building. Instead of large dormitories with hammock bars strewn across the whole room and little lockers, the other six divisions were housed in. They had cabins for four in a cosy curtained room with beds and large lockers as shown in the recruiting material. The G Block crowd was very jealous of this group so we often slipped up there and turned the fire hoses on to flood them out.

All in all, I thought these things tested our mental capacity on what we could take without breaking and some did up and leave the service.

After one incident a boy had an epileptic fit and ended up in an awful state, he had to be given a medical discharge. All this may be regarded as bastardisation but it did sort the sheep from the lambs or men from the boys in those days. It also was a place that introduced some members with leadership material, and we would all have agreed that it was far better to have a person break under strain at recruit school than when relied on it in a battle, crisis, or emergency on a ship at sea.

These things little exercises also ventured into showing us as a group 'teamwork' and to obey without question the orders that were given regardless of how ridiculous they might seem at the time.

To most of us except for embarrassing instances it was all pretty harmless and even lots of fun when you look back on it now.

In April 1965, most of us graduated with a few dropping out during the year because of misbehaviour, unsuitability, disciplinary action, medical reasons, or desertion, we had it all! We were then posted to various ships in the fleet to undergo one year's Ordinary Seaman training, that's the start of another story, fellow JR Billy Stokes, from the first Cerberus intake seems to have covered that base of life at sea as an Ordinary Seaman

very well with his contribution to this book in the previous chapter.

NBCD TRAINING

Before we could go to sea we had to complete Nuclear Biological Chemical Defence Training (NBCD). Most of this was theory on how to detect a nuclear or biological and chemical attack on your ship or establishment and how it had to be handled, monitored, and challenged by all sailors either ashore or onboard warship in a time of crisis.

As part of this training, we were all locked into a room, a tear gas cylinder was dropped into it. We had gas masks on and then they gave us the order to take them off. We had to endure the gas up until the last scared person took their mask off and then we had to wait another minute with our eyes filling with tears and difficulty in breathing. When the doors opened we all rushed for the door crushing each other on the way out coughing and some vomiting. I guess this was as close to a real-life situation on fire within a ship compartment, we certainly got the idea of what to expect.

Another stage was fire-fighting techniques, where we were taken out to a firing range where they had a huge pit of oil and they set it alight. When it was burning furiously and throwing off extreme heat in groups of four we had to attack the fire with a fire hose on spray and douse it. This was scary, we got covered in black soot and turned a shade of red from the heat but we all managed to cope with it.

As further training before on posting on board a warship, we had to partake in Damage Control Training with a ship flooding exercise. Again, the real-life experience was coming right to our faces.

We were placed inside an aluminum-built specific ship's superstructure with several floors and access only through hatches. Cold and dark, soggy damp oversized overalls, wet woolly socks with heavy boiler boots, we were dressed for Sunday prayers on the quarterdeck. The ship's compartments contained huge gashes and holes to simulate an attack had been made and the ship was taking in large volumes of water, survival was the exercise!

A small team had to block the holes with wooden pegs before the water level overtook them and flooded the whole compartment. The gaping holes were sealed off with mattresses and large beams and other areas with sharp large and small wooden pegs. Not all water could be stopped but sufficiently held so that a pump could handle the amount of water coming in was a victory of survival.

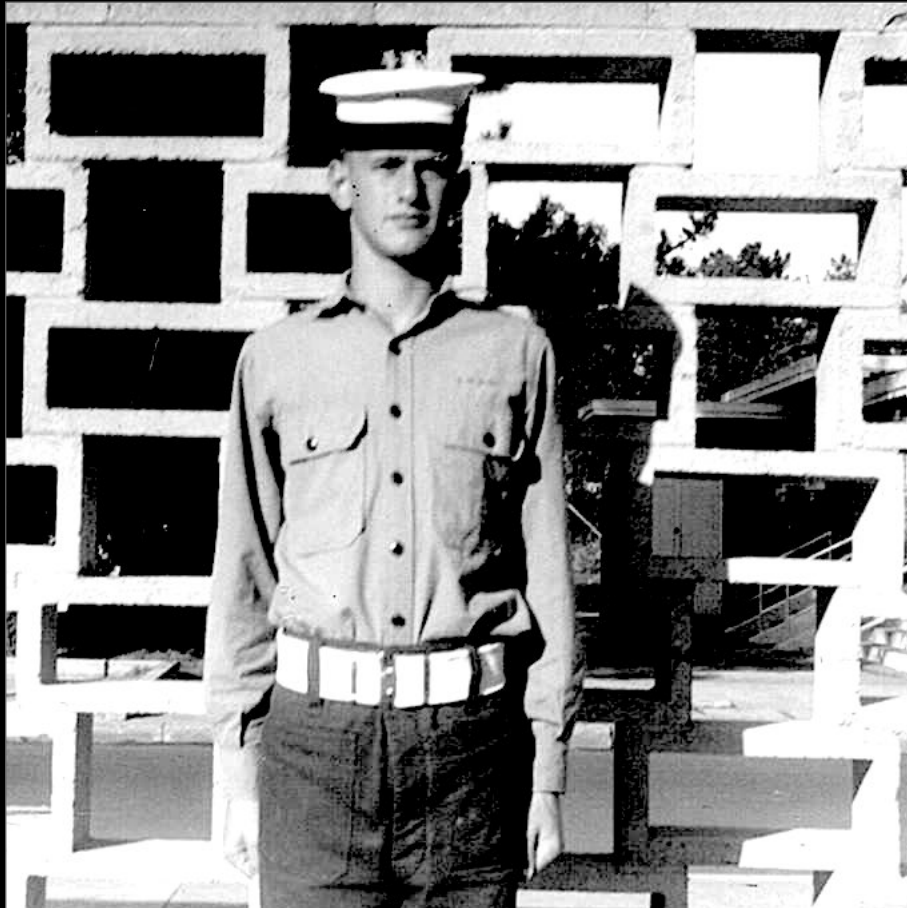
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JUNIOR RECRUIT HAMBOUR

We were all so proud of our uniform, even the day wear, grey shirts and trousers, Large canvas white ceremonial belts with brass fittings! Black boots spit polished (always) with a flat top sailors cap as clean as your white teeth, true navy!

Graduation from JR Recruit School, HMAS Cerberus, could also be classed as a victory. Survival deemed you are a young sailor ready, ready for sea duty, and ready to climb your first gangway. Ready for the rest of your naval career in Her Majesties Australian Ships. My pleasure was HMAS Duchess, that's another story!

After 20 years' service, some of the best years of my life were in the Navy! So for part two, I am going to try and put my navy LIFE story into another few thousand more words.

" My first posting as an ORD was to HMAS Duchess, 3 April 1965 to 26 April 1966. She was an old Daring Class Destroyer, which had been procured from the Royal Navy.

Unfortunately for me, I had another year once again where I had to utilise a hammock to sleep in quartered in the After Seaman's Mess. I was informed years later she was sold for scrapping in Taiwan departing Sydney on 9 July 1980 after serving 12 years with the Royal Navy and 13 years with the RAN, good service!

HMAS Duchess was 120 metres long and 13 metres wide and could travel at a top speed of 30 knots. She could travel 3,700 miles before refuelling. She had three twin 4.5-inch guns with two forward and one aft. A Bofor anti-aircraft gun on Starboard and on the Port side, and in the midship we had four torpedo tubes and a three-barrel anti-submarine mortar. I worked with the Underwater Control team with the torpedo tubes for a while then later to work as a loader of cordite and shells in the after 4.5-inch gun.

On joining HMAS Duchess, docked in Melbourne in April 1965, like all Junior Recruits we were promoted to the Ordinary Seaman rank. With the song Anchors Away in our mind we underwent further training at sea which also consisted of some training in the professional category we desired or were allocated on graduation.

My branch choice was to become a Writer (administration) therefore I was officially known as Ordinary Seaman Writer Hambour, but as everyone on board was senior in rank to me and I was considered a nobody, and they just called me Hambour. The seamanship duties filled in the rest of the time, chipping and painting decks and bulkheads, watchkeeping while acting as lookouts, lifebuoy sentries, helmsman, and cleaning indoors and outdoors of the ship including the heads (showers and toilets).

After joining Duchess one thing we had to learn was how to quickly find our way around the vessel and where to find different compartments.

Firstly we learned the difference between the nautical terms Port and Starboard and this was easily done by quoting; "Is there any PORT - LEFT on the shelf and STARBOARD was on the right when facing forward to

the Forecastle. Each deck was marked from 1 downward from the main deck and 01, 02, etc with each deck above the main deck. Compartments were marked towards the stern commencing at A from the forecastle

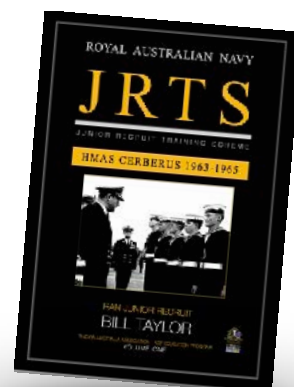
DRINKING AND TRAVELLING - NO

After being sent on my first leave from my sea-going ship HMAS Duchess berthed in Melbourne, she sailed for Sydney, and on my return to join her I had to catch a train overnight from Adelaide to Melbourne, spend the day in Melbourne and then catch another overnight train to Sydney.

This did not work out well for me as with some other lads we spent the day at the White Ensign Club consuming vast amounts of alcohol. I had had too much and went to sleep some of it off and when I went back into the bar hall I could not see my mates. I looked at my watch and unfortunately, I mistook 5 pm for 6 pm and panicked and rushed out the front of the Club and caught a Taxi to Spencer Street station.

It was not until I arrived at the Station I realised I had made a big blunder and now had to wait for departure at 8 pm. It was recommended that we arrive one hour before departure in case of any unexpected delays.

TO BE CONTINUED - PART TWO



PART TWO OF THE BRUCE NAMBOUR STORY IS CONCLUDED INSIDE CHAPTER THREE OF THE BOOK 'JRTS HMAS CERBERUS 1963 - 1965' BY BILL TAYLOR, DUE FOR SALES RELEASE DECEMBER 2021 ON THE TINGIRA.ORG.AU WEBSITE

TINGIRA DAY SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021



TINGIRA BIRTHDAY CAKE

*It was the 'Best in the West' as they say over the boarder.
Tingira Day birthday cake rolled out by WA coordinator, Paul Kalajzich,
was voted best effort by the national committee.*



TINGIRA BOYS

EAST FREMANTLE



The organiser of the 3rd JR intake reunion Paul 'Bouncer' Harris was also presented a Tingira 'Foulie' to commemorate the 60th anniversary of their entry.



Having missed our second ANZAC Day march the Boys were keen to catch up with mates and meet new lads for the 2021 Tingira Day celebrations.

The timing was perfect and fortunate for the WA Tingira members, friends, and former JRs, not only was the event able to be held with a lockdown release the week prior but it coincided with a 3rd JR Intake reunion also happening in Perth that weekend

The 'home' venue Trade Winds Hotel, East Fremantle, with the Great Room well presented by

Greg 'Whale' Humphris and his wife Janice. Again presented with Tingira and Leeuwin mementos, pictures, and historical pieces from the navy Museum they manage at Rockingham.

Greg has undertaken to upgrade our HMAS Leeuwin front gate ship's crest, which was presented last year to the association by the Fremantle Leeuwin tall ship crew. A superbly crafted new jarrah mounting board will be added to the crest, BZ to Greg and Janice, efforts much appreciated.

The Lads ranging from the 2nd Intake of Cerberus, right through the to the final years of Leeuwin, enjoyed a very well-catered event, cutting over lovely birthday cake to celebrate the 61st birthday of the 1st intake entry at HMAS Leeuwin.

A night of the usual navy warries and inclusion of many, the partners certainly had a good time making it once again a very family night affair at the Trade Winds. The Tingira Association is a group for all that walk through the 'Gates of Leeuwin and Cerberus' under the Tingira banner.

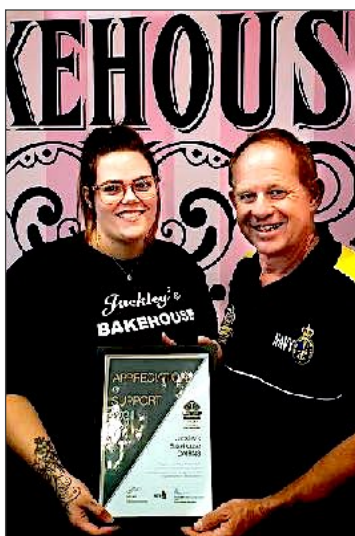


TINGIRA DAY



CAIRNS BIRTHDAY - CUP CAKES ALL ROUND

The boys in Cairns may not have had the same decorative cake approach that the WA boys presented, however, they all got equal shares of 'cup cakes' in Cairns and they were again kindly donated by Jackley's Bakehouse. The Cairns RSL also donated their evening party meal, well done Rod Howard and the Cairns Tingira Boys.



TINGIRA APPRECIATES SUPPORTERS

Tingira Cairns coordinator, Rod Howard, presenting appreciation certificates to his local 'birthday' supporters at Jackley's Bakehouse and the Cairns RSL sub Branch



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TINGIRA BOYS ADELAIDE

Adelaide coordinator Stephen Beal, gathered a local Tingira crew for an SA catch up at his local RSL club.

TINGIRA BOYS CANBERRA

Canberra coordinator Eric Pitman, gathered his crew, with birthday cake cutting and a team cheer at the Woden Southern Cross Club.



TINGIRA BOYS & GIRLS CAIRNS

Cairns coordinator Rod Howard, gathered his crew, with complementary birthday dinner and Tingira cup cakes for all at the Cairns RSL Club.

LEEWIN BOYS & GIRLS HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay Leeuwin JRs and partners with coordinator Pete Dore, gathered for birthday dinner at his local Club.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brad Murphy - RAN Junior Recruit - 74th Intake 1981

TINGIRA DAY - SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021

Welcome Tingira Members, Associates, former RAN Junior Recruits, and Friends of Tingira

Tonight you are the lucky ones, Cairns, Canberra, and Fremantle. The Tingira boys here tonight have the law of the land on their side, with the freedom and ability to congregate and celebrate, 2021 **TINGIRA DAY**. A freedom that our Tingira boys in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide are not able to enjoy on this day due to the ongoing national COVID situation.

I take this opportunity to thank Paul Kalajich in Fremantle, Eric Pitman in Canberra and Rod Howard in Cairns, for their efforts to organise their local Tingira Day celebrations tonight, BZ lads.

A special welcome in Fremantle to the boys of the third HMAS Leeuwin intake. Several of the lads are gathered there tonight during their well timed Perth reunion.

The 'black tie' Presidents Dinner to be held in Brisbane this evening, canceled on Monday, due to venue and travel restrictions, you boys are certainly the lucky ones tonight!

This is our tenth year anniversary as the **Tingira Australia Association**. Combined with today's 61st celebration of the first RAN Junior Recruit intake at HMAS Leeuwin on 13 July 1960, this is what we have become, an association that is a treasured part of the rich story of Australian naval history.

For the past five years, Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee, has produced and delivered an extensive speech on this day relevant to our historical Tingira storyline. Unfortunately, that will not occur tonight.

Mark is deep into the Sydney lockdown stage for another seven days. He was able to 'Dress Ship' on the Tingira Memorial at 7 am this morning. An image of the Rose Bay Tingira Memorial, is part of this media release which is now on our website tonight.

As the newly elected Tingira President of only 10 weeks past, I am quickly gaining a deeper knowledge on our Tingira history. Where it now fits with the 'vision' that the Tingira National Committee is working towards in their new Strategic Plan of 2020.

The English Clipper Ship *Sobraon*

The world's fastest and largest sail ship in her day of the 1860s. We as an association continue to find more photographs, paintings, publications, and descendants from her past. With our consistent reference to the name 'Sobraon' in as many situations possible, the 'World Wide Web' and social media has opened a new chapter for us in the research channels of this ship's glorious history.

NSW Naval School Ship *Sobraon* (former CS *Sobraon*)

The NSW 'street boys reform ship' at anchor at Cockatoo Island 1890. Their champion swimmer Barney Kieran, would put the name 'Sobraon' across the newspapers of the world. He was Australia's first world champion swimmer, never to lose an official race with many world records.

Barney passed at 19 and was given a NSW State funeral. Today we as an association, we annually visit and clean his grave in the grounds of the Gore Hill cemetery, North Sydney.

Their Sobraon history is also very strong. Many of those lads became apprentice builders and stonemasons and constructed most of public sandstone buildings in Circler Quay, Bridge and Macquarie streets of Sydney.

HMAS Tingira (former *Sobraon*)

The first Royal Australia Navy training ship. Commissioned 25 April 1912, over 3,000 boys would train for 12 months at anchor on Rose Bay, Sydney. Then man the ships of the new RAN Australian fleet and ships of the British RN fleet, and take to the high sea lanes for the battles of WWI. Many boys went back to Tingira as Officers and Senior Sailors, and they also went on to serve in WWII and the Korean conflict. Those 'Tinny Boys' were 14-16 years of age at the time of their recruitment, they were the backbone of the navy.

HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Cerberus

The two establishments conducted the new RAN Junior Recruit 'boy sailor' training scheme for young 15-16-year-olds. A 12 month period of further education, combined with seamanship, physical training, first aid, rifle, and ceremonial marching drill, making these young lads ready and fit for sea duty.

From July 1960 to November 1986, over 13,000 young Australian boys, from all states and walks of life would journey into this 'life long sea voyage', they would become the second generation of Tingira Boys. Many saw front line service on the Vietnam gun ships, peacekeeping missions and modern era conflicts. Some are still serving the RAN today with over 40 years of continuous service.

This is the baseline story of our history as we move into the next decade. Our National Tingira Committee is challenged to keep the name Tingira alive, in front of the navy and the Australian general public, our history is our flag.

Tingira Old Boys Association

1977 our former association put forward to Navy Office, Canberra, the proposal of HMAS Tingira, as a new ships name for the former Tasmanian ferry, the Able Taman. However, we ran second, she became the new training ship HMAS Jervis Bay.

The Tingira Old Boys Association then presented to the British government the same Tingira name proposal when they presented Australia with the gift of a sailing ship, for the Bicentenary 1988. Again we ran a good second, that ship became 'Young Endeavour' is

crewed by the RAN and run by a private foundation scheme.

This ship 'Young Endeavour' is now nearing the end of her 35-year lifespan. Last year the **National Tingira Committee** presented to the RAN Chief of Navy, that perhaps the next 'navy sail training ship' could be known as HMAS Tingira? Proposal accepted and on the table. That is one of our main potential challenges, to have another ship, preferably sail, carry the TINGIRA name into our future, and create the next generation of Tingira Boys.

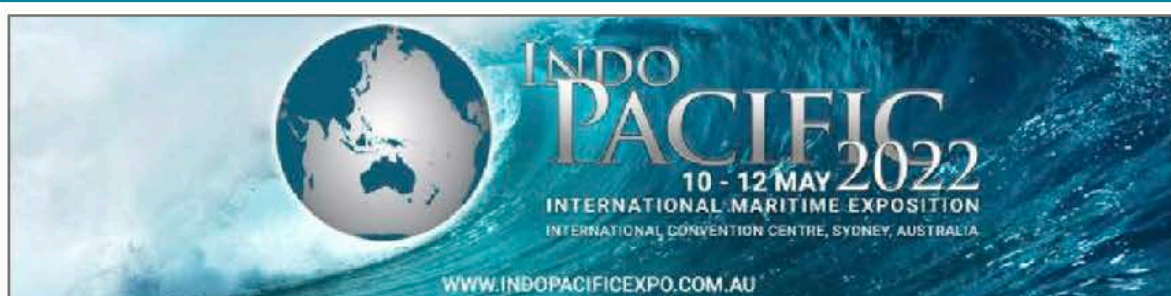
2021. A Memorial park, nature reserve, apple ordered, fire station, rabbit farm, girl guide troop, boat club, streets, resort, community centre, church, farm gates, pre-school, retirement village, paddle boat race, and a NSW suburb, navy cadets and this ex-navy association are some of the many landmarks across this nation that proudly carry the name Tingira. The NSW train system, TANGARA (*sound similar*) was built by many former Tingira Boys, 'engineers' from the Newcastle rail yards.

Enjoy your festivities this evening, a short history lesson is good medicine says a wise doctor! A tot of 'Pussers Rum' all round, a salute to Queen and Country, the Tingira Boys, one and all 'sailors' across this nations seas.

Long Live Tingira



Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, Sydney



INDO PACIFIC 2022 CONFIRMED FOR 10-12 MAY 2022



INDO PACIFIC 2022, the International Maritime Exposition for the Indo Asia Pacific Region, will be held from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May 2022, at Sydney's International Convention Centre.

INDO PACIFIC organiser AMDA Foundation has confirmed the new dates after deferring the event from its original August 2021 dates as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Since the inaugural PACIFIC International Maritime Exposition in 2000, the 11 biennial events held to date have seen PACIFIC (now INDO PACIFIC) firmly established as an essential hub for topical discussion of issues affecting naval and commercial maritime strategy, industry and technology in the Indo Asia Pacific region.

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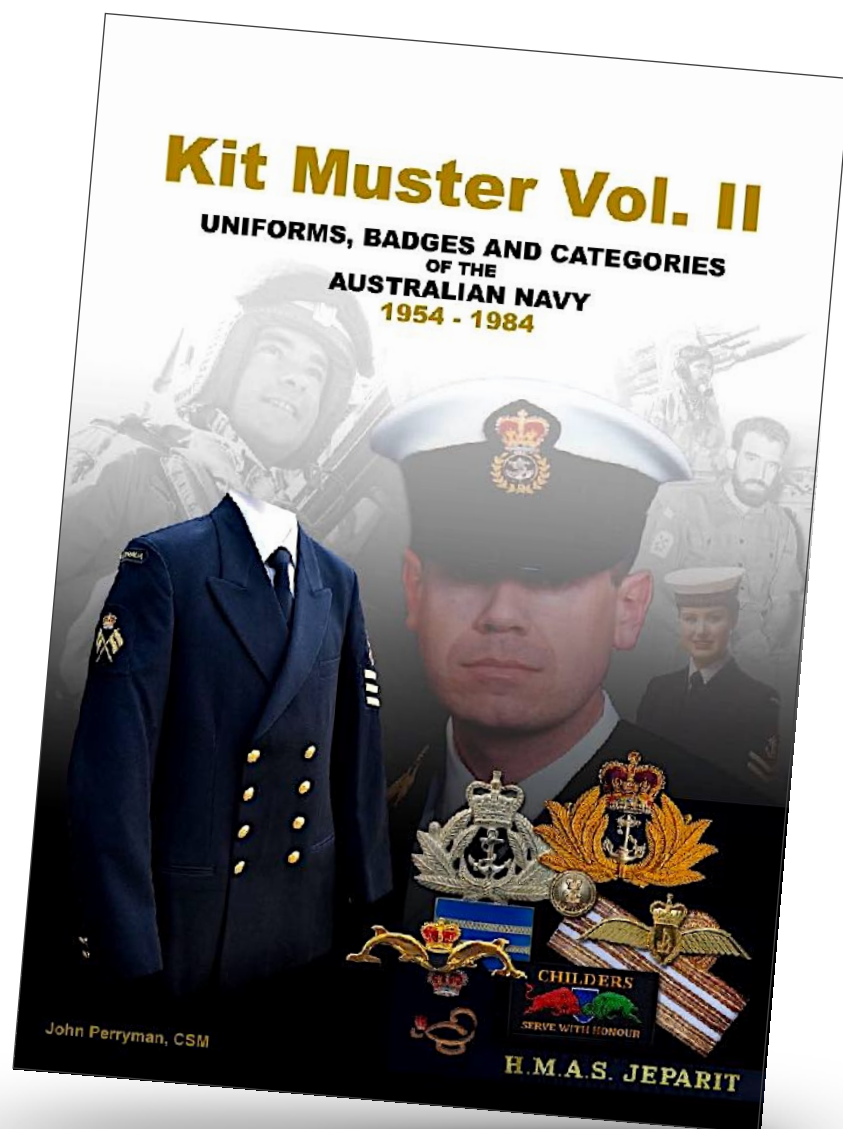
Australia's Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC.

The 2019 event broke attendance records, including:

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- **182** industry, government, defence and scientific delegations from **48** nations, including **45** international naval delegations and **21** Chief of Navy counterparts from across the region
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Minister Reynolds at PACIFIC 2019



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Mr Lance Ker
President
Tingira Australia Association

Dear Mr Ker

Thank you for sending me a limited edition copy of *Voicepipe*.

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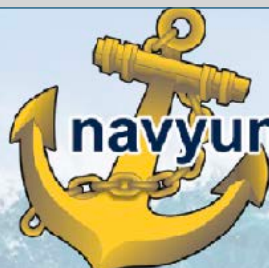
I appreciate the time the association has taken to produce this publication and I am honoured to receive one of a small number which have been printed.

Thank you again for thinking of me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and encouragement.

Yours sincerely

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FUTURE of LEEUWIN BARACKS



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LEEWIN Sub Committee

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.

TINGIRA - LEEUWIN Sub Committee

Meeting 02/21 held at the Tradewinds Hotel 1630 hours
Saturday 19 July 2021

1. Attendance: **Paul Kalajzich, Bill Prince and Jeff Wake**, meeting opened at 1630
2. **LEEWIN BARRACKS** - Propose to National Tingira Committee with a meeting via the CEO of Leeuwin Barracks to have the Junior Recruit Memorial annually 'DRESS SHIP' on Australia Day 26 January, TINGIRA Day 13 July and any unforeseen 'joyful' naval occasion that may arise eg: visiting ship, admiral or VIP visit.
3. **JR MEMORIAL** - Nautical Flags and revamping Flag staff of the JR Memorial need to be addressed and repaired. Navy personnel who were at HMAS STIRLING and were our contacts have all posted out, new contacts required. All sub-committee members requested to research as to location of supply of set of 'good condition nautical flags' to enable Dress Ship to occur in 2022, or a potential local sponsor \$5k donation to purchase a set.
4. **TINGIRA FIRST CONTACT** - East Fremantle Council (Mayor) should become our established first point of contact on all things East Fremantle and the Leeuwin Barracks future role in the local community. JW to approach East Fremantle Council and cement the TAA as the preferred and only contact for future of Leeuwin Barrack dialogue with us as the ex-service association.
5. **HMAS STIRLING** - Meeting with new CO HMAS STIRLING should happen in the first instance.
6. **LEEWIN BARRACKS** - Meeting with Leeuwin Barracks CEO who is the Base Senior Manager.
7. **Leeuwin Barracks DRILL HALL** - The Tingira sub-Committee is NOT looking at save the Drill Hall. The Federal Government DVA package for the JR's Memorial and the Flagstaff as being the only TAA options to be retained with the future pending sale. The new owner will decide and or be directed by other authorities of what they can and can't do with their property including the Drill Hall, if that is included in the sale boundary?
8. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - MOU** To be sought with the CEO of Leeuwin Barracks for Tingira Australia Association to conduct the commemoration services ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other days of commemoration as required services on the JR Memorial.
9. **FENCE JR MEMORIAL** - Proposed to 'draw a plan' for a possible security fence area around the JR Memorial to make the memorial open to general public 24/7 with it on the outside the security boundary of the Leeuwin Barracks so that security is not required to VISIT our memorial. This would allow greater future potential to draw public awareness to the memorial with unlimited access. JW to discuss with EF Mayor and CEO LB.



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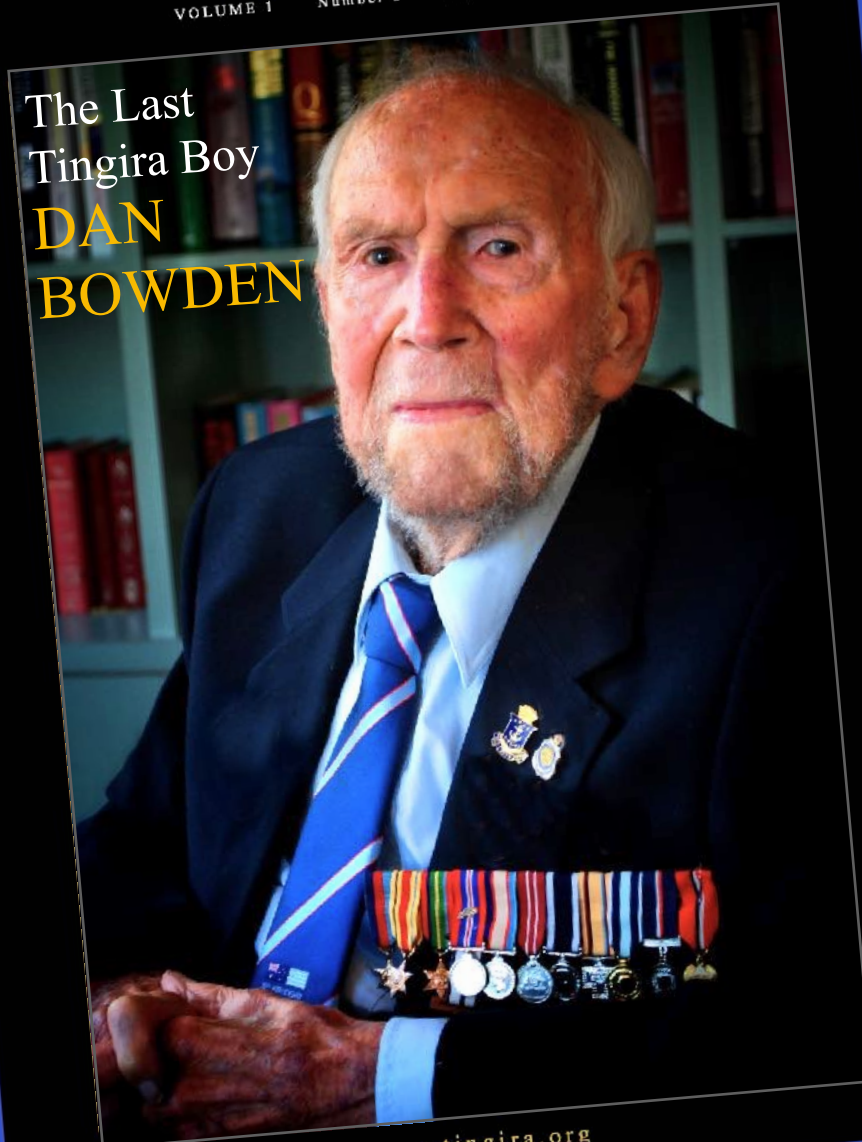
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TINGIRA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION *from 1929 to 1982*

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The Last
Tingira Boy
**DAN
BOWDEN**



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OUR TINNY BOYS

TOBA - STALWARTS TO THE END

Often this editorial desk receives enquiries from Tingira family members concerning what happened to the Tingira Old Boys Association (TOBA) that was instituted originally in Sydney during 1929.

In 1982, following 53 years of fellowship, the association finally decommissioned like many of its former member's ships. Time and tide had inevitably caught up with them

Throughout the existence of the TOBA, it enjoyed a large following of former naval men and their descendants. It proved to be a very active ex-service association that routinely participated in the annual Anzac Day march at Rose Bay, hosted an annual association dinner at the Rose Bay RSL Club as well as an annual Remembrance Day church service at St. Stevens in the City of Sydney. An annual picnic also

proved popular, most years this took place at Sydney's South Head, usually in the autumn.

Within the Tingira Old Boy's ranks were many hard-working executive committee members who were devoted to keeping their 'ship' afloat. It is a testimony to them that the TOBA operated efficiently through thick-and-thin for as long as it did.

It is apparent that the committee understood the value of a good public relations machine and it was to establish a high profile for the Tingira veterans in and around Sydney.

During the 1970s and 1980s, the TOBA would often gain favourable publicity when its veterans were interviewed on the radio or appeared on television to discuss different aspects of their naval service. At that time its membership still included men who had served during the First

and Second World Wars. It came as no surprise then, when on most years they seemed to 'high-jack' proceedings during the RAN's 'Navy Week'.

As an association they entered a competition for re naming a town, and won. The North coast town of Cockatoo, was renamed Tingira Heights after they put their case with links back to the reformatory ship Sobraon, in which on going for NSW child reformatory program was in this district.

They had a continuing ongoing strong relationship with the Woollahra Council and the Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch also served to lift their navy profile. They turned there small plot of a memorial garden into a park and now stands as a fine war memorial to the Tingira Boys of Rose Bay.

TINGIRA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

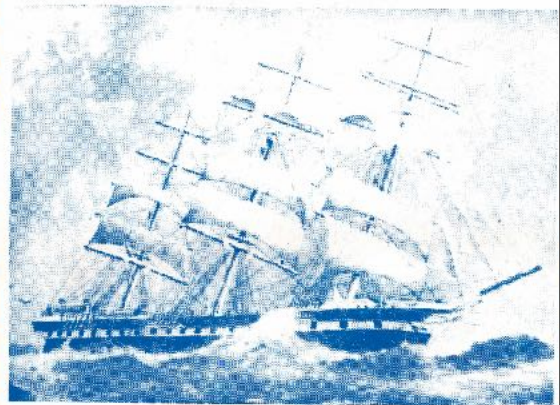
AN OLD TINGIRA BOY

Years ago I used to be
As smart a boy as you would see;
One day an idea came to me —
To go and join the Navy.
I joined Tingira as a boy;
A life I felt I would enjoy,
Climbing rigging — splicing rope,
Scrubbing decks — no time to mope.
Years have passed since I left her;
On many ships I've served,
And helped to give aggressors
The reception they deserved.
Association meetings and memories
Are all that remain with me
Of those early days of youth
When I first went to sea.
Now I'm turning old and frail
Like a dog without a tail,
Drinking beer with other blokes
Spinning yarns — cracking jokes.
Years have passed, but I go on
And make the best of life,
Doing little odd jobs for
My very best friend — my wife.
My old ship's sides are rusty,
My paintwork's in a mess
This may happen to many of us
When we grow old, I guess.
Inside my engine's toiling;
My boilers not too strong
My steaming lights are getting dim
But they light my way along.
Memories of Tingira days
Warm the heart of me
And remind me of those early days
When first I went to sea.
And so I'll keep on plodding
Along life's weary road,
Until the day I reach the end
And anchor with my load.

By Syd (Monk) Gibbons — O/no. 6039

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Vol. 8, No. 1

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OPEN SEA, September, 1982



On several occasions, members tried to have a new RAN ship named HMAS Tingira. The hope was that this might help to keep the Tingira name and their story alive. The training ship HMAS Jervis Bay was one candidate and the bicentennial gift to Australia from Great Britain, STS Young Endeavour, was another - both to no avail.

Over time the Victorian Division of the TOBA decided to go it alone and this fracture may have unwittingly accelerated the association's demise. Details concerning the split are unclear but it does serve as a reminder about the importance of ongoing unity.

In an effort to ensure the association's longevity the TOBA NSW members approved a constitutional change in March 1982 to allow former RAN Junior Recruits who had entered the navy through HMAS Leeuwin, to join their ranks as full members, however, this came too late to have a positive effect and in October 1982 the Tingira Old Boys Association decommissioned.

October 1982 - All assets and funds were subsequently transferred to the Legacy organisation and a Tingira museum collection was donated to the Navy League Cadets operating on Snapper Island. It has since been accessioned into the Navy Heritage Collection on nearby Spectacle Island and many portrait postcards of former 'Tinnie Boys' are held in the Naval History Section in Canberra.

The Tingira Memorial was established in Tingira Park outside the front of the Rose Bay RSL Club. Although it has undergone a number of upgrades over the years it is now well overdue for another as it has regrettably fallen into a poor and very weathered condition. An associated Tingira storyboard is similarly affected and in

need of replacement if it is to continue to effectively relate the Tingira history.

Reprinted in this chapter is a Tingira Old Boy poem from the final September issue of the TOBA's quarterly magazine 'Open Sea'. At the time of its printing in 1982, the TOBA membership was unaware that it was to be the last issue.

The poignant poem is very much a part of today's Tingira Boys status, the second generation Leeuwin lads, who proudly wore the famous Tingira name as a 'flash' on their uniforms as young 15 and 16-year-old boy sailors.

2011 - Tingira Boy Dan Bowden, was to be the last surviving member of the Tingira crew. Aged 103 when he passed peacefully in the night at a central coast nursing home after falling into the garden the day before.

In the early part of 2002, Dan was given 'time on the wheel' of the Cunard line vessel 'Queen Mary' when he made his final sea voyage, a trip around the world on their newest ocean liner.

Dan was also the 'pin up' boy for the DVA veteran community for the last decade of his life. Federal Ministers and Heads of Government attended his memorial service.

Tingira Australia Association made Dan their first Honourary Gold Life Member in his final months and presented a display of 'all things Tingira' at his memorial service passing onto his family a two hour video of Dan's last interview of his 'Tinny Days' with Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee.



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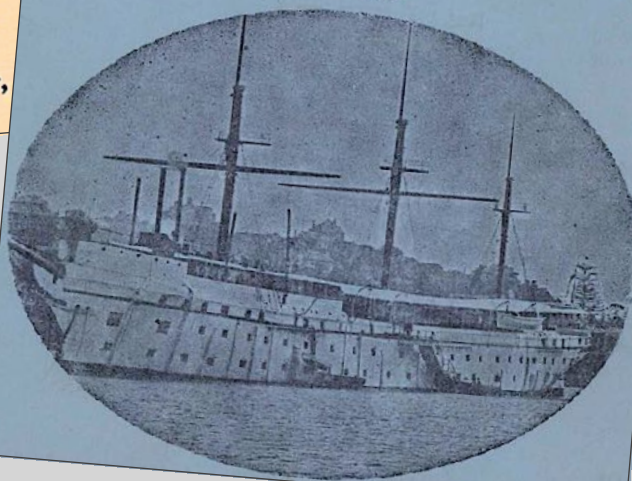
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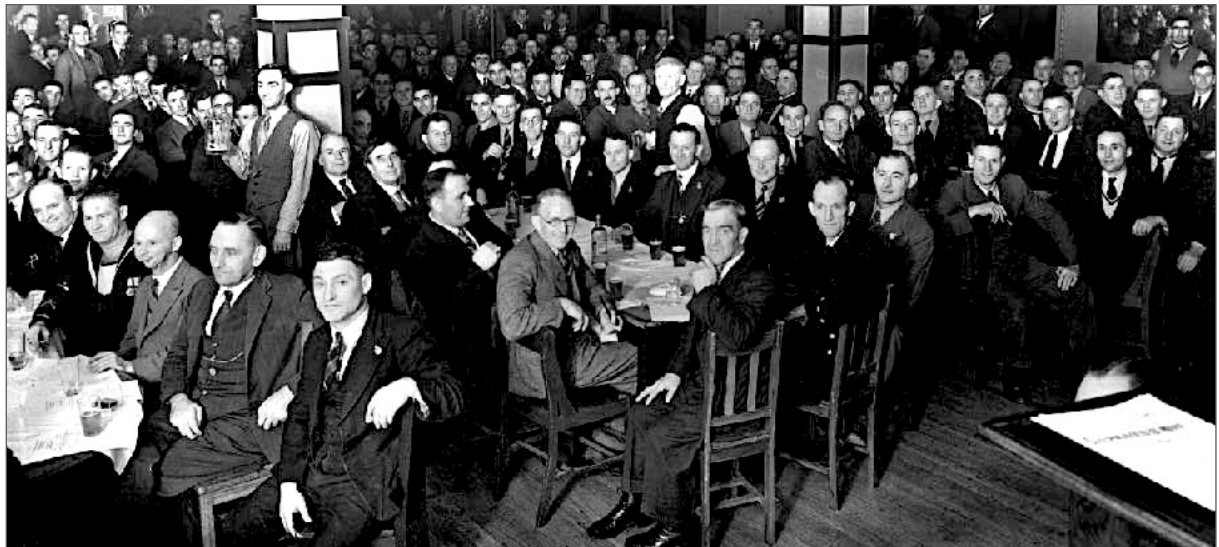


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The annual anniversary, 9 November, of the sinking of the German raider 'Emden' the Tingira Old Boys Association would hold the annual dinner, also known as a 'smoko'.

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TINGIRA RESERVE - ROSE BAY

Tingira Boys were given a small plot of land by Woolahra Council for the Tingira Memorial fountain and rock garden in 1962. The park area became known as the new 'Tingira Reserve'.



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2021 - TINGIRA MEMORIAL PARK

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Australian National Maritime Museum

Director and CEO to Depart



The Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum recently announced the departure of its long-serving Director and CEO Kevin Sumption.

Mr Sumption has today been announced as the incoming CEO of the Sydney Jewish Museum commencing in February 2022.

John Mullen, Chair of the Museum Council said, 'Kevin is the third person to have held the post of Director at the Australian National Maritime Museum since it opened in 1991, and has led the Museum through substantial growth since his arrival in 2012. Under his leadership the Museum has become one of the most visited museums in Australia.'

Under Mr Sumption's leadership the Museum now engages three times as many school children, four times as many on-site visitors and more than eight times as many off-site visitors via online and touring exhibitions than it did in 2011.

Key achievements during Kevin's directorship have been modernising the Museum's 'visitor experience', the successful creation and roll out of the MuSEAum brand, the conceiving and delivery of the Sydney Harbour

Gallery, and the Under Southern Skies gallery, the conceptual development and the delivery of the multi-award winning Action Stations Warship pavilion in 2015, the new Bex Lexcen Terrace venue in 2020 and the Museum's new store which will open later this year.

Kevin has significantly enhanced the Museum's national leadership of Australia's migration story, most recently culminating in the elevation of the Museum's Welcome Wall to the National Monument to Migration.

Kevin was instrumental in establishing the Museum's first Indigenous maritime curatorial team with their focus of developing a new national collection, as well as an extensive program of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander exhibitions, including the multi-award winning Gapu-Monuk Saltwater – Journey to Sea Country.

Kevin's passion and expertise in online education has led to the development of the Museum's multi award winning online education games: The Voyage; Cook's Voyages and the recently launched Wreck Seekers. This has seen an increase in digital engagement by students of over 200,000 in the past year.

Through his leadership, Kevin has enabled the Museum to successfully share Australia's maritime history from both Indigenous and European aspects. This was acknowledged at the 2021 Museums and Galleries National awards, with the exhibition Mariw Minaral (Spiritual Patterns) being selected for the Indigenous Projects award and Cook's Voyages – the view from the shore in the Interpretation, Learning and Audience and Engagement category.

Kevin has driven a reactivation of the Museum's Foundation and attraction of several major gifts (SY Ena and Duyfken) and important maritime archaeological projects, including the finding of the AE1 and the ongoing search for the remains of HMB Endeavour.

Kevin was recognised with a Public Service Medal (PSM) for his outstanding public service as in 2017.

John Mullen concluded, 'The Council offers their congratulations to Kevin on his new role at the Sydney Jewish Museum. We wish him every possible success and we thank him for his tireless work and stewardship during his time at the Museum.'

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"The annual Tingira Stonehaven Medal awarded annually to the 'Tingira Boy' who goes above and beyond the normal call of duty"

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Tingira President 2013



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2022

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 2021

Please nominate a ship mate or a group of ship mates that have performed to an elite level for consideration of next 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 - Tuesday 1 March 2022
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TINGIRA SAILOR BOXED ON FOR MANY ROUNDS

TINGIRA BOY VICTOR LANE



“As the Tingira Association Secretary, I often get the odd request and or information about someone looking for details on one of the original Tingira Boys.

This correspondence and images came our way recently from Ms Helen Lane. Although a little short on detail and perhaps not all 100% accurate, it's a great 'sailors dit' and 'Vic Lane' sounds like a good bloke to have done a run a shore with.

Any further details would be grateful, to the Secretary if possible, enjoy.

MARK LEE
Tingira SEC

“One thing my father told me was that they sailed up the Derwent in Tasmania and he was able to go up in the crows nest and the view was incredible. I am presuming that was in the Tingira. He also served on the HMAS Sydney, which would be the original one.

He served in 1926-27 as a gunner, unfortunately he absconded with Steve. Many years later he spoke to someone at HMAS Leeuwin about it. He is in 2 Police Gazettes.

He worked at North Fremantle building boats during WW2 and unloading ammunition from NZ.

He met someone he knew on the HMAS Sydney that was sunk off the WA coast during this time. ANZAC day always upset him. He felt he should have been on that ship. He tried to enlist during the war but couldn't because he had had an operation that precluded him. He tried every service.

While on the Sydney he met his future wife's step father who was

also serving on there. I think that is how my parents met.

His step father was one of the first 3 to start the RAN. He first came to Australia after WW1 on the HMAS Brisbane. Some time later there was a ceremony in the Chapel at HMAS Watson and my Grandmother was invited. There seems to be no record of it. Not sure if there was a window in the Chapel about it. I believe that chapel is no more.

As a child I saw his Boxing Belt that he won and also trophy cups for underwater swimming.

He is reputed to have boxed in the Golden Gloves in the Perth Town Hall. Trying to find any info on this. He also earned money during the depression by boxing to keep his family. He only lost 2 matches. If he boxed a heavyweight he got more money.

He built his own 17 foot yacht, then a 34 foot one he lived on for 6 yrs

VICTOR JAMES LANE

23 Sep 1909
West Perth, Western Australia
School - Leederville Sports -
Football

Parents
James Lane
2 Jul 1867 Christchurch,
New Zealand. Gold Miner

Isabel Thompson
24 Apr 1862 Clough Dene,
Durham, England;

Brother - Alfred Frederick Lane

Sister - Ellen Elizabeth Lane

Victor worked for a Blacksmith,
picking up and delivering the
horses to be shod before joining
the navy

Joined RAN - 27 Oct 1925
HMAS Tingira, Howe Division

Discharged - 28 July 1927
HMAS Sydney
Ordinary Seaman Gunner
VG Character

Married in 1928 to Ida Raistrick

Two sons

Victor Lewis Lane
Carpenter, Public Works Dept

Graham William Lane
Blast Hole Driller

Victor worked for Water Supply in
various places. West Perth, South
Coogee, north WA, Bold Park
Reservoir, City Beach

Resided Leederville, South Coogee,
City Beach and Nollamara

WARTIME service - Foreman State
Shipbuilding Yards, North Fremantle
constructing wooden ships for
transporting munitions and service
personnel overseas.

Night surveillance in boats on our
coast for detecting enemies.

with his wife and 2 children
on the Swan River during
the war.

He also took the
Naturalist Vincent
Serventy up to the
Abrolhos Islands for his
research, and others on
fishing trips in the 34 foot.

In my day he built a 48
foot flat bottom boat with a
centre board keel. He
sailed it by himself and
had it rigged to be able to
lower the mast to go under
the bridges in Fremantle.
They had to get a crane to
lift it out of our back yard.
I am going to track down
the newspaper picture.

He belonged to the Flying
Squadron Yacht Club in
his later years and won a
few cross river sailing
competitions. I am going
to track down any
memorabilia from them,
thank you, Helen Lane.



Victor Lane
1909 - 1993



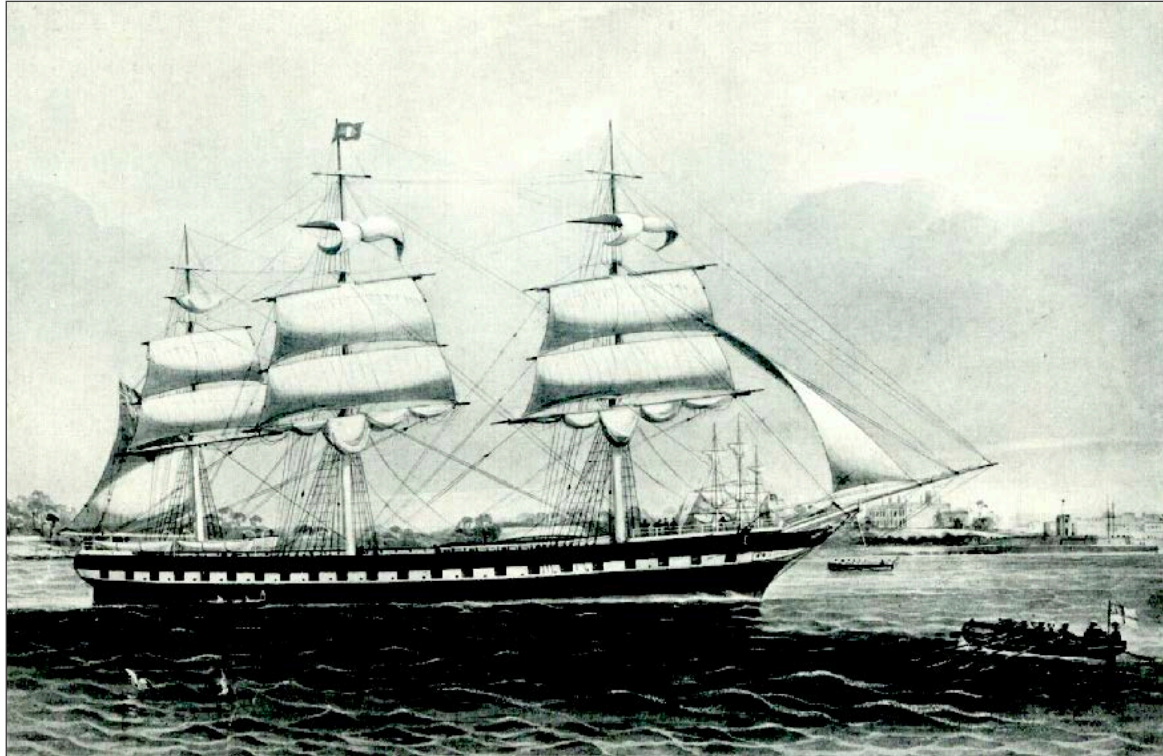
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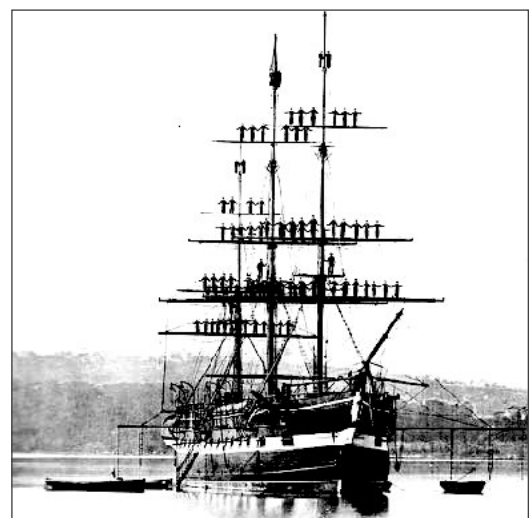


The internet still has the availability to throw up the odd surprise when you search the word SOBRAON and TINGIRA.

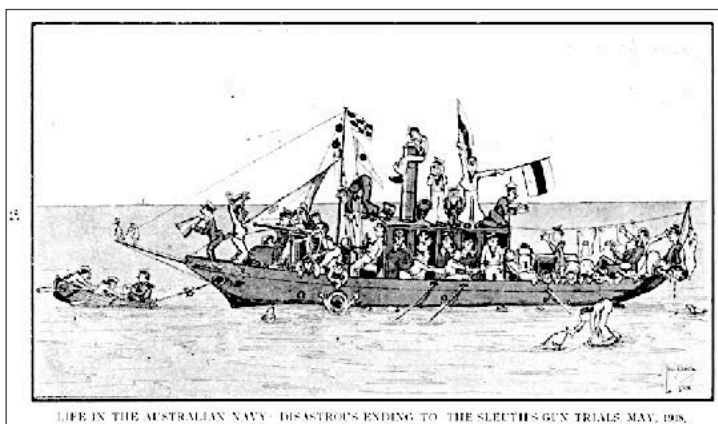
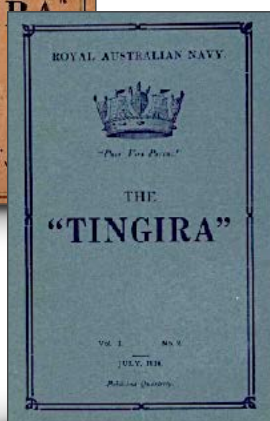
Above and below are two wonderful images of Clipper Ship Sobraon as part of the latest

'finds' that we have not seen on our desk at Tingira before.

Both images to be included in Volume 3 of the next Tingira publication 'Our Lifelong Voyage' due somewhere in the next decade!



TINGIRA DISCOVERY TINGIRA MAGAZINE No.2



The second edition of the magazine 'THE TINGIRA' has also come to light and provides some new interesting facts of ship life at the time.

The cartoon with reference to the Tingira tender boat, former HMAS Sleuth, takes

on a new meaning to a bad dad at sea.

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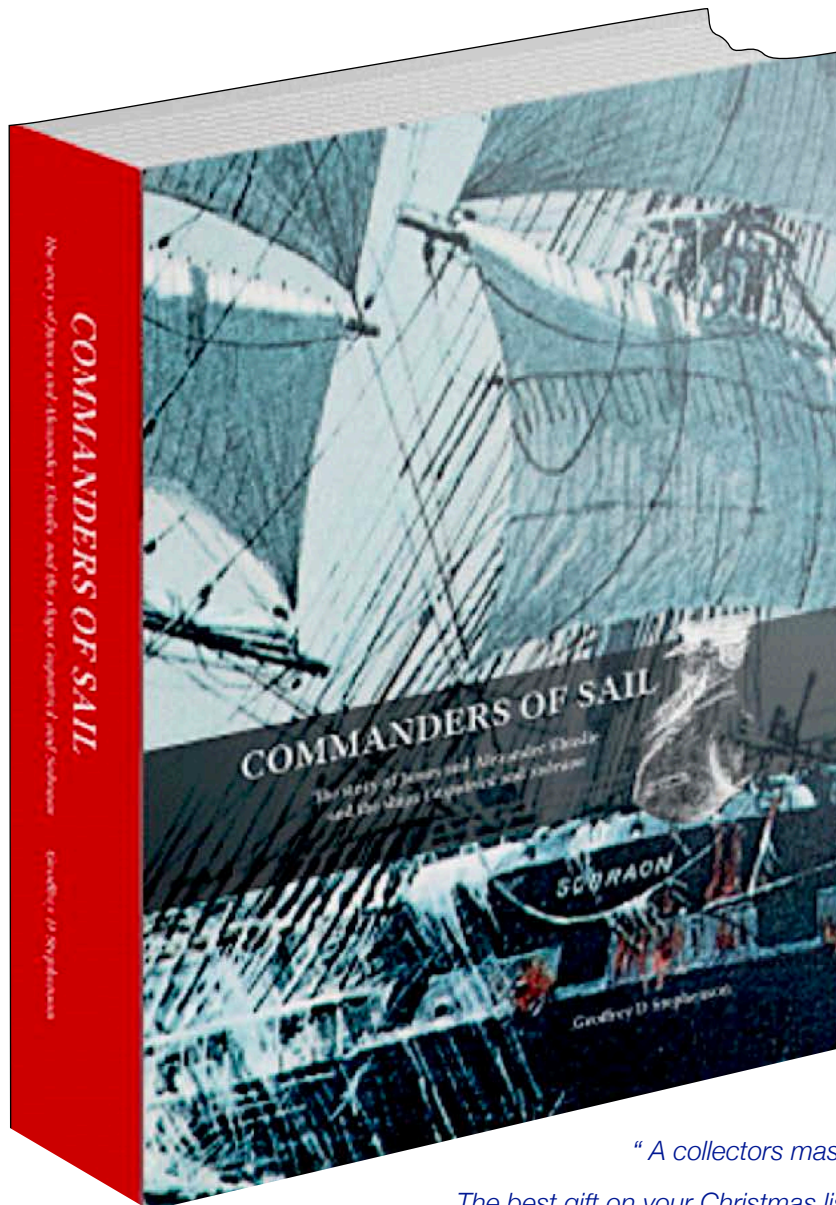
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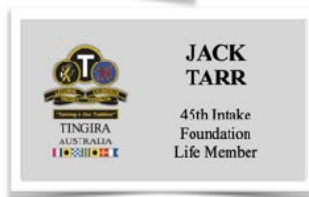
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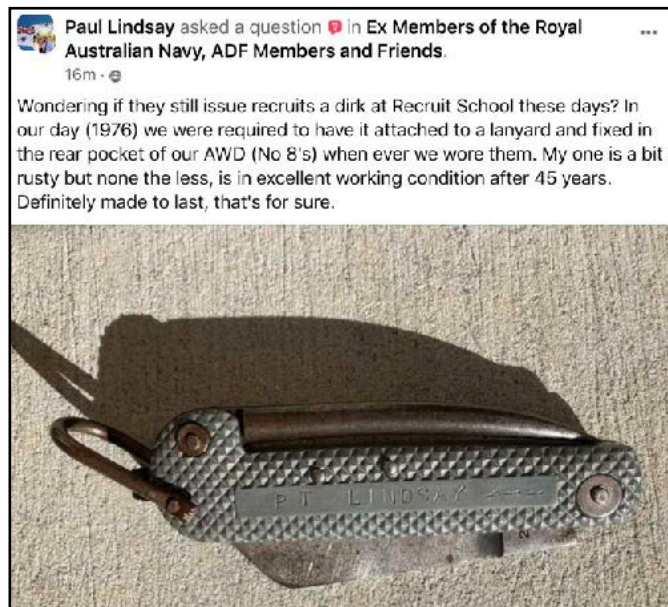


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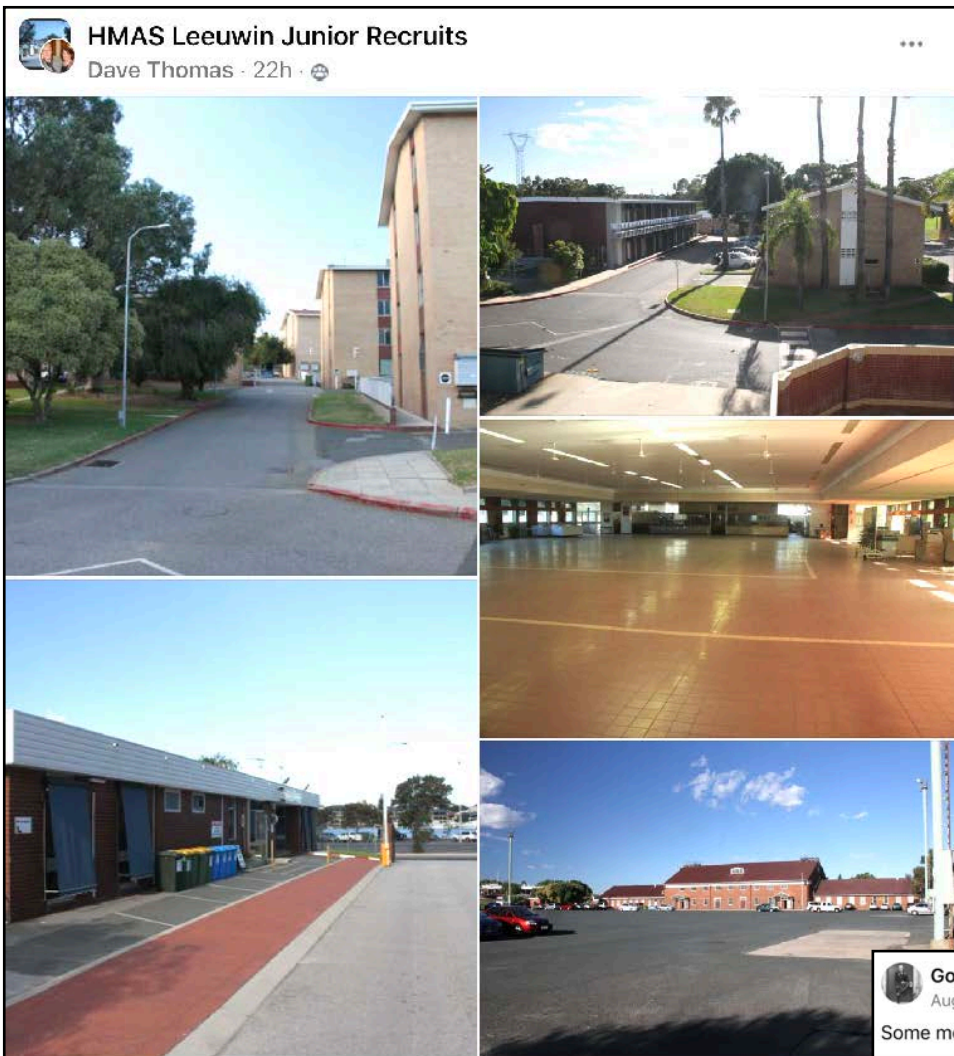
"Bill Stokes 74, HMAS Cerberus 1963 JR Entry, Ray Jesse James 72, (President NSW RSL) HMAS Leeuwin 1965 JR Entry. RAN Old Salts Rugby verse Army Leopards at Duntroon May 2021.

"Jesse scored the only try for the RAN Old Salts, I got 'Best and Fairest' only through age not skill.

The event was well supported by Ex RAN Women's Rugby Warrior Tania Oberg. We had to play the whole game including Tania due to our lack of Team Numbers.



TINGIRA BOYS - SOCIAL MEDIA



Gordon Lowe
August 23, 2018 · 🌐

Some more Naval photo's of my time in the RAN 1968-1988 📍

🔍 sembawang bars 1970's



Royal Australian Navy Days

July 4, 2020 · 🌐

I'm from Perth so I popped into what will always be HMAS Leeuwin to many of us.
It was ghostly silent without the scuff of leather on the tarmac and skylarking in the SCRAN line at the Junior Sailors Mess.

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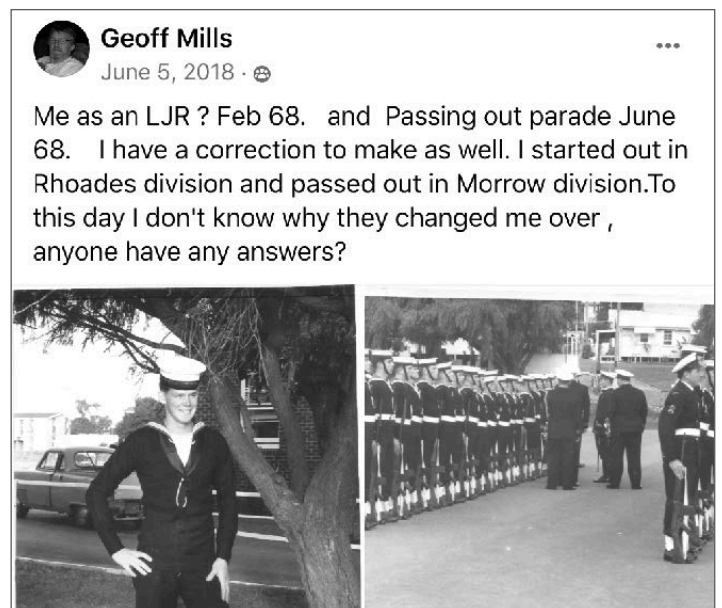
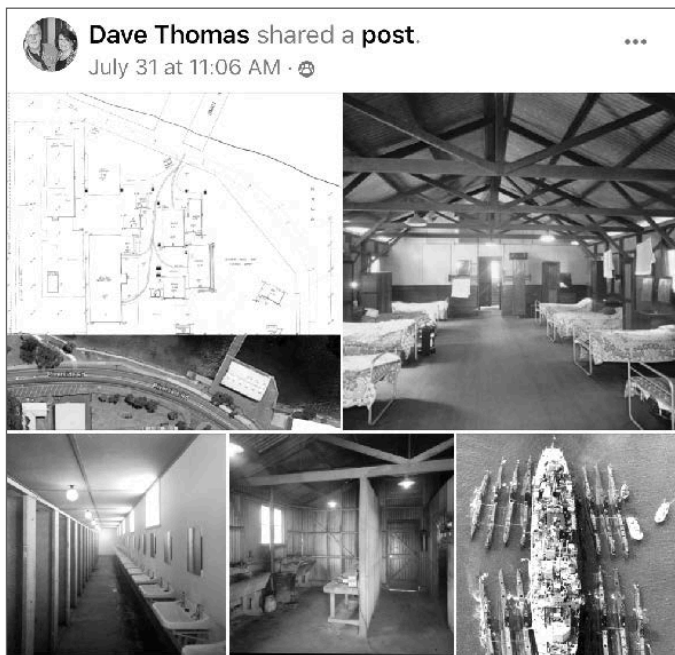
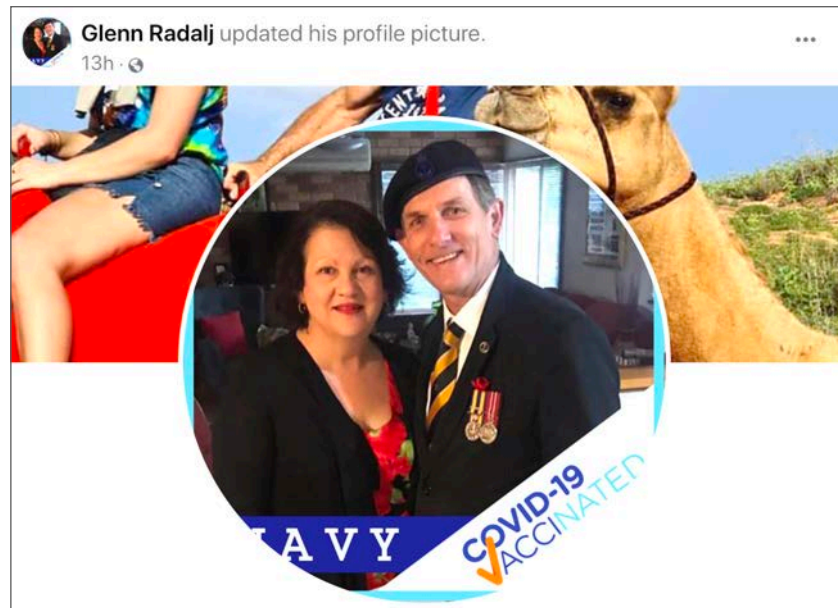
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Robert Trott

March 13, 2017 · Yarra Junction, VIC · 🌐

A few faces from the 3rd intake, 1961. Sea training on Diamantina.
They only names I remember... Geoff Chalk, Greg Beck, Ralph (Pommy) Birch, Trevor Bartholomew, Alan Bauer...
Any more you can ID Allan?



Malcolm Bodman

July 13 at 2:55 PM · 🌐

Three different intakes at Cafe 63 in Morayfield QLD: Doughy Bowley (18th) ; Snow Bodman (41st) and Tony Mayes (30th) for Tony's Birthday:



Steven Hart

September 2, 2014 · 🌐

75th Ramsay passing out parade



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10 August 2021

ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR WHITE CARD HOLDERS

Ten thousand veterans with complex mental health needs will have access to a network of qualified GPs nationwide, following the expansion of support provided by the Australian Government.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Andrew Gee today announced the Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program has been expanded to provide additional support for DVA White Card holders with an accepted mental health condition.

"The Australian Government already provides free mental health care to anyone who has served one day in uniform," Minister Gee said. "This program goes a step further in providing dedicated and coordinated care to veterans with chronic conditions and complex care needs.

"No two veterans have had the same experience while in service, and their level of health care requirements and support should reflect these differences. The CVC Program aims to specifically support each participant based on their individual needs.

"Expanding the program means veterans with complex mental health needs can access this life saving support through their local GP.

"Our country asks so much of our men and women in uniform. In return, Australia needs to ensure they have the best care possible we can provide once their service concludes. This further mental health support is a very welcome and positive development."

Previously open only to DVA Gold Card holders, the CVC Program engages General Practitioners and practice nurses to provide veterans in need with a multi-disciplinary care team, who develop and deliver comprehensive care plans to suit the individual needs of each veteran.

"The CVC program has proven to be effective in reducing unplanned hospitalisation and improving the quality of life for veterans in need of critical mental health care," Minister Gee said.

"I am pleased that 4,888 GPs are already providing services to veterans and their families through the CVC program, and I would encourage GPs around Australia who are not in the program already to consider joining.

"The Australian Government is focused on addressing veteran mental health and suicide prevention within the Defence and veteran community. Expanding this program to Veteran White Card holders provides veterans with complex needs with the support they require to receive the best possible medical treatment."

White Card holders need to have an accepted chronic mental health condition and meet the other eligibility criteria of the CVC Program. For more information on the CVC Program and eligibility visit www.dva.gov.au/cvc.

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Recognising the Australians who served in the Indonesian Confrontation

On 11 August 1966, a peace treaty was signed between the Indonesian and Malaysian governments, bringing to an end the Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said the Confrontation was an undeclared war that began in 1962 involving New Zealand, Britain, and troops from Australia arriving in Borneo from March 1965.

"This year marks 55 years since the end of the Confrontation," Minister Gee said.

"Malaya gained independence from the British in 1957 and the expectation from the Malayan Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, and from the British, was for North Borneo to join Malaya in a new federation of Malaysia."

The conflict had a focus on whether the former British colonies of Sabah and Sarawak which bordered Indonesian provinces on Borneo, would become part of Indonesia or of the newly federated Malaysia.

The Confrontation began in December 1962 with an attempted coup in North Borneo by pro-Sukarno rebels known as the Kalimantan National Army who tried to capture the Sultan of Brunei.

In 1962 northern Borneo was made up of the British controlled Brunei and the colonies of Sarawak and North Borneo (now known as Sabah). The rest of the island was made up of Indonesian provinces of Kalimantan.

Australian forces became involved in the conflict through our membership in the Far East Strategic Reserve and fought as part of a larger British and Commonwealth force under British command.

"During the conflict, Australia provided training and supplies to Malaysian troops, along with a number of Royal Australian Navy vessels to patrol the area," Minister Gee said.

"On the 11th of August, the Last Post at the Australian War Memorial will feature Private Victor Herbert Richards of the 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

"Private Richards was wounded in action in a firefight in Sarawak, Borneo on 15 June 1966. He was evacuated by stretcher at night to a jungle heli-pad and evacuated by RAF helicopter the following morning. He tragically died of his wounds in hospital on 20 June, aged 24."

The Indonesian forces supported the coup leader, Sheikh A.M. Azahari. Although the coup itself was quickly suppressed by British and Gurkha soldiers, armed incursions from the Indonesian side of the border into northern Borneo continued, and Indonesian soldiers began to join Azahari's supporters.

On 11 August 1966 Indonesian President Suharto signed a peace treaty with Malaysia. The treaty recognised that the North Borneo states of Sabah and Sarawak would continue to be part of the Malaysian Federation.

"Tragically, 23 Australians were amongst the 114 Commonwealth serving members who lost their lives in the Confrontation. A further eight Australians were wounded," Minister Gee said.

"I urge all Australians to pause for a moment today to remember the selfless service, courage and sacrifice of those who fought in the Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation, and those who gave their lives in service of our nation."



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