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WINTER 2022

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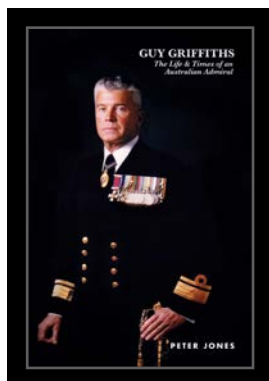


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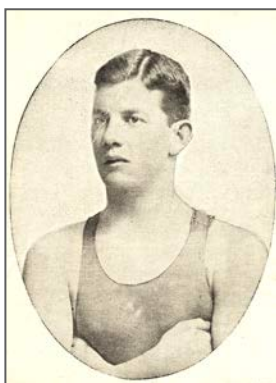
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COVER PHOTO

The gunsights on board HMAS Gladstone captured by Tingira Vice President, **CHRIS PARR**, during his recent visit to the Gladstone Maritime Museum

VIEWFINDER ALWAYS IN RANGE... BEST IMAGE THIS QUARTER



“ **As** a former Royal Australian Navy Photographer (1973 - 1984) I am often asked by former shipmates and friends if I still point the old Nikon camera these days?

"It's in my blood" - is always the answer, hasn't stopped for the past 49 years in the commercial world. If someone's paying my way, I'm there to photograph and deliver; that's how it works on the streets of Sydney. I also welcome the challenge today of a good iPhone image in my 'day-to-day activities to keep a digital edge.

Recently I was requested to produce a publication on the first two-year period of activities onboard one of the navy's newest ships, HMAS Supply. 'Editorial, creative design, publication, distribution and production, all with other people's images and directions' was the brief. Experience brings it all into line, to make images and words fit the page and produce a publication, as many of you have seen in my work on these VOICEpipe pages over the past 12 years.

The ship's motto is 'Strengthen The Shield. Commanding Officer, Captain Ben Hissink, tasked me to capture an image to fit the ship's motto for the front cover.

To date with a month until the deadline the image above is on the cover at present; this is one I and the Captain are extremely pleased with to fit the requirement.

However, there is always another great picture around the corner, and that is what often drives this mature-age photographer. The right time, place, focus, action, and light, to get that image! Nothing has changed in my 49 years of looking through the viewfinder, just the tools, and the process.

My 'new' Nikon camera is always at the ready, as I too like to 'strengthen my shield' at all times set at f8.

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How about hitting the keyboards lads, and those who can throw some good suggestions our way, it would be much appreciated

PRESIDENT'S DESK - From The Bridge

TIME TO SET OUR SAILS

THE PATHWAY AHEAD IS NOW

“ **WELCOME** to the winter issue of VOICEpipe, the cold spell certainly hit the East coast of Australia this week!

Covid and the flue virus. It had to get me at some time and they both did! These past six weeks have seen my health up and down like the rest of our community. Stay well veteran brothers and sisters, I know firsthand how many of you are on hard times with all these medical concerns.

Anzac Day was certainly a great highlight of my last 90 days. I do hope the politicians, State and Federal, have seen the light, and all things covid are now behind us from this point in time.

Today I was pleased to 'seal the envelope' with the winning name for this year's Tingira Stonehaven Medal. This award just keeps throwing up great surprises, I can only say it's going west again! We will back to Tingira's birthday party nationally on the evening of Friday 15 July to announce the winner at the Tradewinds Hotel in East Fremantle. Come along if you are local, sure to be a fun night that Paul and Jeff are going to run.

My mailbox had two wonderful surprise letters recently, Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan, acknowledged our proposal to have another ship named Tingira, preferably sooner rather than later. Former Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, penned a note that was the 'icing on the cake' for our senior veteran Bill Taylor with a congratulatory letter on Bill's JRTS book achievement.

The committee has tasked me to draw up the new skeleton frame of the next five-year strategic plan for the association. Where do we go, how do we do it and who will do it? Just a guideline as to what I need to do here. No problems, however, I have over 850 members on the books and they always have ideas with a drink in one hand!

How about hitting the keyboards lads, and those who can throw some good suggestions our way, it would be much appreciated.

Time to set our sails and navigate a true course, aiming high is my theme!

Long Live Tingira - Mates For Life

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED

*" The boy in shorts back when I was a sea scout on a day trip to visit a patrol boat.
HMAS Gascoyne sailed into Bundaberg recently; I couldn't help myself!*

Great to meet CO LCDR Lieutenant Commander Geoff Crane, no relation to the JR Crane brothers!



OUR FUTURE

VISION

TINGIRA AIMING HIGH



STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2025

Membership Input Requested

SUCCESSION - STATUS - LONGEVITY

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June 2022



Members, Associates and Friends
Tingira Australia Association

INVITATION

Strategic Plan Input - From Membership

Over the following five months of 2022, the national Tingira Committee will work together to present a new 'Strategic Plan' document for the association as we head towards 2023 and beyond.

Whilst this is one of the major core duties of any elected committee to carry out this task, some of the best ideas and directions often come from within the membership ranks.

I have set the committee the task for them to all input and gather suggested concepts from those who are close to their local ranks and at the local community level.

For those not so close to a committee member, all members with a keyboard and email account, your input communication is welcome, time is on your side in this instance.

Submissions of 100 - 1,000 words welcome to the Secretary, please. I will call 1st November the deadline so that we can create the document with as much suitable input as possible.

I have set a theme for guideline purposes:

SUCCESSION - STATUS - LONGEVITY

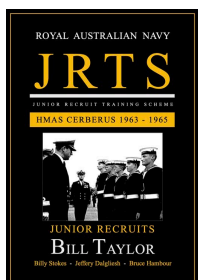
I look forward to the input and feedback from members and can rest assured we will continue to make another successful plan to take the association forward for the next decade.

Long Live Tingira - Mates For Life

BRAD MURPHY OAM
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TINGIRA STRATEGIC PLAN - Status - Q2 . 2022



COMPLETED JRTS HMAS CERBERUS 1963 - 1965

"That Tingira Aust Assoc assist in production, design content and promotion of first JRTS intake member Bill Taylor, to complete a book on the two intakes that served their initial JR time at HMAS Cerberus"

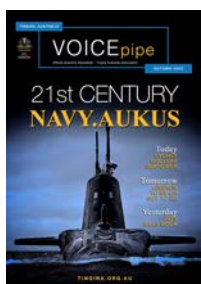
SALES COMPLETED - Publications delivered, copy to Tingira VIP list, GG, PM, CN, WoN, FC, Seapower, ANMM, Navy History, Anzac memorial, RSL NSW, TAA collection and State Premier NSW



COMPLETED ANNUAL REPORT 2021

"That Tingira Aust Assoc produce a 2021 ANNUAL REPORT for members, Associates, former JRs and Friends of Tingira for PDF version on website, with 100 hard copies for merchandise orders of 2022"

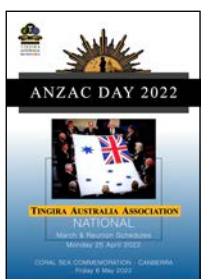
Secretary completed, placed on website 1 February, presented at AGM Gladstone, Queensland, Saturday 19 February 2022



COMPLETED NEW VP NEWSLETTER DESIGN

"That Tingira Aust Assoc reshape the newsletter VOICEpipe with new content theme of YESTERDAY - TODAY - TOMORROW displaying history, news and vision of the membership and associated supporters of Tingira and that the magazine is produced quarterly, published on the first day of each seasonal change"

First issue of new VOICEpipe design and format delivered 1 March to Tingira Membership and Friends of Tingira, download from website only



COMPLETED 2022 NATIONAL ANZAC DAY BOOKLET

"That Tingira Aust Assoc provide for members a document with the meeting and march off points and after march reunion locations for all Tingira members across the Australian capital and regional cities"

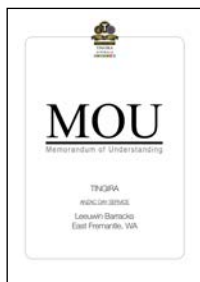
New updated version on website 1st April, followed by late media release on 22 April on website



COMPLETED WINNER SELECTED - TINGIRA DAY

"That Tingira Aust Assoc call for nominations - Tingira Stonehaven Medal 2022 - awarded annually to the 'Tingira Boy' or Boys who go above and beyond the normal call of duty"

National Tingira Committee received several creditable nominations, and have voted an outstanding winner; to be announced with presentation of Tingira Stonehaven Medal, Friday 15 July 2022 - Tingira Day, Tradewinds hotel, East Fremantle, WA.



IN PRODUCTION FUTURE LEEUWIN ALLIANCE

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

On hold until statement from Federal Government on the future direction of the Leeuwin Barracks base, due 2022 as part of urgent Defence property review



IN PRODUCTION ANM MUSEUM ALLIANCE

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

Contact has been made with national marketing manager for future Tingira functions and presence at museum, awaiting appointment new CEO next step



IN PRODUCTION WOOLAHRA COUNCIL ALLIANCE

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

Tingira Secretary is communicating with Mayor Woolahra Council, set into discovery mode the way ahead for possible restoration of the present Tingira Memorial Park. New Rose Bay town upgrade - progress updates of the Tingira Parkland are in present production



IN PRODUCTION 2022 PRESIDENTS DINNER

"That Tingira Aust Assoc investigate the possibility of the 2022 Presidents dinner at HMAS Watson on Remembrance Day evening"

Secretary has made request in writing to the executive Officer HMAS Watson for possible joint dinner with the present ships Officers at the Wardroom for Friday 11 November with Patron as the possible VIP guest



IN PRODUCTION 2022 - 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

"That Tingira Aust Assoc review the present 2000 Strategic Plan and carry forward a new updated five year plan for present and future national Tingira Committee."

Secretary and Treasure have commenced the project with input from committee and the present membership.



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Mr. Lance Ker
Chairman
Tingira Australia Association

Dear Lance

Thank you for your letter of 26th October 2020 regarding the suggestion made by the Tingira Australia Association National Committee, of naming the STS *Young Endeavour* replacement vessel, STS *Tingira* after the former HMAS *Tingira*.

I acknowledge the significant part played by HMAS *Tingira* and the almost 16,000 recruits who started their careers in the Navy as 'Tingira Boys'. Those young recruits that went on to play such an important part in the development of the proud and capable Navy of today, rightly deserve to be remembered. I applaud the Association's role in the preservation of that memory, not just by the Men and Women of today's Navy, but also by the wider Australian public.

Nevertheless, the naming of any ship of the Royal Australian Navy is a complex process with a number of factors and a wide breadth of input to be considered. Commonly, the Sea Power Centre - Australia proposes the names of new vessels or classes of vessels based on initial guidance from myself, historical research and wide stakeholder engagement. Stakeholders as you know can be many and varied and may include governments, community groups, ex-Service organisations and the relatives of named individuals, especially for a ship as unique and iconic as this will inevitably be.

Thank you again for your comprehensive submission. I appreciate the thought, effort and care that has gone into providing this proposal, it has given me and the Navy, much food for thought and it will be afforded the full consideration and respect that it deserves within the naming process.

In the meantime I would like to wish you and the Tingira Australia Association all the very best with your on-going efforts to remember and commemorate this important part of our Navy's history and heritage.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Mike Noonan, AO
Vice Admiral, Royal Australian Navy
Chief of Navy

10 March 2022

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RESPECT

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COMMUNICATIONS - Tingira E-Mail Letter Box

NEW LOOK VOICEpipe

Mark and editorial team.

Congratulations on the latest edition of VOICEpipe magazine. It is very well presented and a 'bloody good' read!

Best wishes

Commodore Dr. Lee Cordner AM RAN (Rtd)

22nd Intake HMAS Leeuwin

BILLS BIG NIGHT

Team Tingira, thanks again for your efforts in making Bill Taylors JRTS book launch very successful. Hope you all arrived home safely before the floods.

Cheers.

Ken O'Dowd MP

Federal Member Flynn

NEW FORMAT

Thanks Mark.

Pleased the book launch and AGM went so well. Sorry I missed it.

Just read the VOICEpipe magazine and the Annual Report. Well done once again to all involved. A myriad of information and news and I like the new VOICEpipe format.

Russ Crane

32nd Intake

Patron, TAA

LEEWIN TROPHIES ?

Hi Mark

I won the trophy for the 32nd intake, Walton division.

Can you tell me where the honour board is now kept?
It was hanging in the Leeuwin drill hall.

Best Regards

Andy Cobb

Some Leeuwin trophies are on display at the base museum HMAS Stirling, Rockingham, several are in the HMAS Kuttabul museum, Garden Island, Sydney. Others may be in navy stores across the country? Open to further information?

TINGIRA COLOURS

G'day, Hon Sec

I was wondering if you could please explain the colours we use on our ties, etc. I have been searching but cannot find any reference

Yours aye

JR Rob Dyer Rhoades 49th

PS: I've attached a pic of myself taken after the ANZAC Day March, Rockhampton '22.



Thanks Rob appreciate the note.

The corporate colours for the association were decided on the black and white used on the original Tingira Crest and the black and yellow/gold as the main colours on the Leeuwin crest at the time association was formed in 2011.

Tie company had very few options, as many other associations, especially rugby and cricket, also use these colours in various formats.



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STONEHAVEN

WINNERS



2017
KEN & LORRAINE DOBBIE
Devonport, TAS

2018
PHILLIP LANCASTER
Piara Waters, WA

DAVID CASSIDY
Banora Point, NSW

MICK SHARP, QLD



2019
DARYL & SHANE WALTON
Forrestfield, WA

2020
BRAD & JACKIE MURPHY
Windemere, QLD



2021
JOHN & MEREDITH PERRYMAN
Fadden, ACT

"The annual Tingira Stonehaven Medal is awarded annually to the Tingira Boy/Boys/Group, who go above and beyond the normal call of duty"

GREG READ SC
Tingira President 2013



You Hear There

Members, Associates and Friends ...

The winner of 2022
TINGIRA STONEHAVEN MEDAL
will be announced by
Tingira President, Brad Murphy OAM
Friday 15 July 2022

On this day we celebrate
TINGIRA DAY
National Birthday Celebration
62 years JRTS

Watch the website for final national party details soon



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TINGIRA STONEHAVEN MEDAL

TINGIRA DAY

National Celebrations

FRIDAY 15 JULY

EAST FREMANTLE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2022 Stonehaven Medal Presentation
Tingira Birthday Celebration

6 pm - Tradewinds Hotel
59 Canning Highway, East Fremantle

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

RSVP - **Paul Kalajzich**
0403 - 402 496



BUNDABERG

QUEENSLAND

Tingira Birthday Celebration

6 pm - Ashmore City Medical Centre
Cnr Nerang and Currumburra Rds, Ashmore

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

RSVP - **Brad Murphy**
0467 - 625 362

TINGIRA DAY

National Celebrations

FRIDAY 15 JULY

CAIRNS

QUEENSLAND

Tingira Birthday Celebration

6 pm - Cairns RSL Club
115 - 119 The Esplanade, Cairns

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

RSVP - **Rod Howard**
0416 - 125 434



ADELAIDE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Tingira Birthday Celebration

6 pm - Royal SA Yacht Squadron
750 Victoria Road, Outer Harbor

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

RSVP - **Stephen Beal**
0400 - 366 845

TINGIRA DAY

National Celebrations

FRIDAY 15 JULY

TASMANIA and NORTHERN TERRITORY

Tingira Birthday Celebration

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie



To Be Announced
Coordinator required

CANBERRA AUST CAPITAL TERRITORY

Tingira Birthday Celebration

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie



To Be Announced
Coordinator required

TINGIRA DAY

National Celebrations

FRIDAY 15 JULY

SYDNEY and BRISBANE

Tingira Birthday Celebration

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

To Be Announced
Coordinator required



CRIB POINT VICTORIA

Tingira Birthday Celebration

Members - Friends & Family welcome
Dress Smart - Coat & Tie

To Be Announced
Coordinator required





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JOHN PERRYMAN



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Rear Admiral Griffiths reminds us, now is not the time to bury ourselves in the past, but to look confidently towards the future in support of the many men and women of today's generation of sailors, who now fill our shoes at sea, ashore and in the air.

TOMORROW'S VISION

NAVY TODAY ACKNOWLEDGE THE PAST EMBRACE THE FUTURE

Challenging Times...

*Former RAN communications Officer
recently retired Director of History at Sea Power Centre Australia,
JOHN PERRYMAN, presents a glimpse of our navy today*

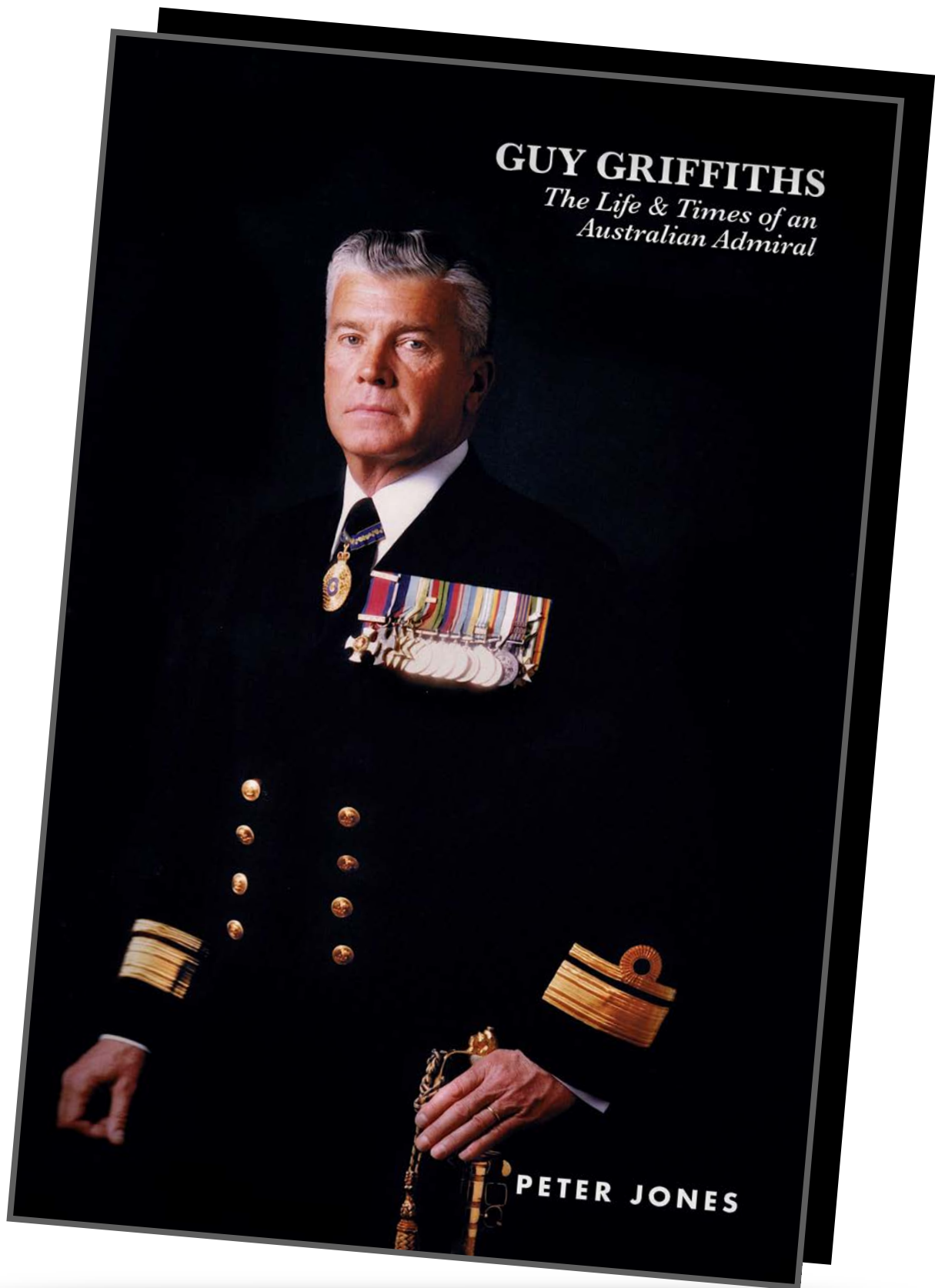
Last year I was fortunate to be present at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, for the book launch of **Guy Griffiths, 'The Life and Times of an Australian Admiral'**.

Researched and written by retired Vice Admiral Peter Jones, AO, DSC, RAN, the book explores the naval career and life of Rear Admiral Guy Richmond Griffiths, AO, DSO, DSC, RAN, (Retd), who joined the Royal Australian Navy as a cadet midshipman in February 1937.

Known to many in naval circles, and especially to those former RAN junior recruits who served with him in HMA Ships *Parramatta* (III), *Hobart* (II) and *Melbourne* (II),

Guy is now in his 99th year – a decorated veteran of World War II the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

At the time of the launch of his biography, Rear Admiral Griffiths was present to address those gathered in ANZAC Hall where he stood alert and poised against the backdrop of a long since retired former RAN Sea Fury fighter aircraft. His opening words sent a thought-provoking message to those assembled when he remarked, inter alia, that he sometimes overheard RAN veterans comment that 'the Navy isn't the same as it used to be'. A pause of a few marching paces followed before he continued with 'and thank goodness for that', for if it were, particularly in a materiel sense, 'the Navy would be in no fit state to respond to the many challenges it faces today' in





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an increasingly unstable regional and geo-political environment. The rear admiral's message was clear, while there is a time and a place for nostalgia, one must be cautious not to bury themselves in the past.

In his own lifetime Rear Admiral Griffiths had the privilege of commissioning HMAS *Hobart* (II) into service in December 1965 following her construction in the United States. At that time the *Charles F. Adams* class guided missile destroyers (DDG), of which *Hobart* was the second of three ordered for the RAN, were considered to be among the best in the world and their addition to the fleet proved an important technological leap forward as the RAN consolidated itself as a modern missile-age navy. *Hobart* was a far cry from Griffiths's first ship, the Royal Navy battle cruiser HMS *Repulse*, in which he was serving when the ship was sunk, in company with the battleship HMS *Prince of Wales*, by enemy aircraft in waters off Malaya in December 1941. His newly commissioned command, then equipped with the RIM-24 Tartar anti-air missile system, was designed specifically to deal with medium range air threats and could have easily dealt with the air threat that claimed *Repulse* and *Prince of Wales*, demonstrating how rapidly naval technology can advance over a relatively short period of time.

Over the next thirty years HMA Ships *Perth*, *Hobart* and *Brisbane* underwent numerous upgrades and modifications to machinery, weapons and sensors to ensure that they remained fit for purpose. HMAS *Brisbane* (II)'s participation in Gulf War 1 serves as an example of this when she steamed out of Sydney Harbour bound for the Middle East equipped with a Vulcan Phalanx close-in weapons system and adorned with radar absorbent matting (RAM Panels). While this demonstrated great ingenuity on behalf of Naval engineers, designers and dockyard technicians, her appearance also demonstrated that there was little more that could be done to extend the useful lives of these venerable warships. A decision to decommission the three DDGs saw the last of them, *Brisbane*, lower the Australian White Ensign for the final time on 19 October 2001 at which time the Australian Navy was, for the first time without destroyers in its order of battle. It would be 16 years before the first of the next generation of DDGs would enter service when HMAS *Hobart* (III) commissioned on 23 September 2017.

The interregnum of 16 years without guided missile destroyers, coupled with an ageing frigate and submarine force, was to become a topic of hot debate among naval commentators and a number of politicians who argued strongly for a continuous shipbuilding program to ensure that the RAN would not again suffer from gaps in capability and be able to maintain its potency in the Indo Pacific region. Over time this led to the previous Australian Government announcing its Naval Shipbuilding Plan on 16 May 2017.

In short, that plan set out how the Australian Government intended to deliver on a commitment to build a strong, sustainable and innovative Australian naval shipbuilding industry. It was to form the foundation for implementing the Government's commitment to the greatest regeneration of our country's naval capability since the Second World War. It was also aimed at creating a long-term, sustainable naval shipbuilding and ship sustainment capability to serve Australia's strategic and economic interests for the foreseeable future.

The goal of the Naval Shipbuilding Plan is to ensure that the regeneration of the RAN over the coming decades realises a cost-effective solution for the Government to provide Navy the assured capability to fight and win at sea. A National Naval Shipbuilding Office has been established to implement the Naval Shipbuilding Plan and the foundations have been laid for a continuous National Naval Shipbuilding Enterprise, to end the boom-bust cycle that has afflicted the Australian naval shipbuilding and sustainment industry. The changing nature of the geopolitical situation in our region has, quite understandably, placed great focus on this endeavour.

Foremost in the new ship building program is the construction of nine *Hunter* class anti-submarine frigates that will, in time, replace the smaller *Anzac* Class frigates that have been at the vanguard of surface operations, particularly in the Middle East Region (MER), for more than a decade. The reference ship for the *Hunter* Class is Britain's Type 26 Global Combat Ship that is being modified to meet the RAN's operating requirements. It will incorporate the leading edge Australian CEA phased-array radar and the Aegis combat management system with a Saab-designed interface built specifically for Australia. It will also carry a Seahawk Romeo Maritime Combat Helicopter.

However, indications are that the project is suffering from design issues centred primarily on a diminishing weight margin that may affect the ability to equip the vessels as intended with the necessary weapons and sensors now and in the future. A reduction in the speed of the vessel, due to a burgeoning displacement, has also been the subject of concern among defence and strategic commentators. The \$45 billion project will be a chief concern to the new Australian Government as it assesses the situation and considers all available options. What is beyond doubt is the need for new surface combatants, particularly in light of growing military competition in the region. For those interested, a further examination of the nuances of this project may be found at: <https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/hunter-class-frigates-wont-meet-the-rans-needs/>

The other major acquisition issue facing the RAN is replacing the *Collins* Class diesel/electric submarines. Most readers will be aware of the former Australian Government's decision to discontinue the French led *Attack* Class submarine project in favour of seeking a nuclear powered solution. The nuclear powered option is certainly a sensible solution for the RAN given the vast distances Australia's submarines must first steam in order to be strategically poised to effect the greatest tactical influence on any potential adversary. However, this is a huge leap forward for Australia and it will take a significant amount of time before the RAN sees its first nuclear powered vessels.

The formation of the trilateral security pact AUKUS in September 2021, incorporating a technology sharing partnership, is accelerating progress but it is not yet clear what the final solution for the RAN fleet will be. In the mean time the life of the *Collins* class submarines will have to be extended if Australia is to avoid a looming capability gap. This will be another area of concern for the new Australian Government to grapple with as it assesses current ADF capability issues.

What is agreed is that Australia needs an effective submarine force if it is to safeguard out strategic and economic interests in the future.

On a lighter note, late May saw the release of the much-anticipated sequel to the blockbuster film *Top Gun*. At the time of its 1986 release, applications to enlist as aviators in the US Navy

soared, such was the impact of the movie. It was to become a favourite in the mess decks and wardrooms of navies around the world spawning many 'one-liners' that are still in use today. The sequel, *Top Gun Maverick*, is arguably as good, as Captain Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell returns to the United States Navy Top Gun School to teach a new generation of pilots air combat and evasive manoeuvring. As with the *Charles F. Adams* class destroyers referenced earlier in this piece, the F-14 Tomcats that featured so prominently in the original *Top Gun* film have given way to the latest generation of F/A-18 Hornets that are flown by both men and women – a further reminder of how far navies have progressed during the last 30 years. No further 'spoilers' will be mentioned here, but the movie certainly lives up to widely held expectations.

What readers may not be aware of is that during the time when the RAN operated fixed wing fighter aircraft from HMAS *Melbourne* (II) and NAS Nowra a small number of A4 Skyhawk pilots attended *Top Gun School*. The storied careers of two of these pilots may be found on the following links : <https://www.navy.gov.au/biography/lieutenant-commander-john-michael-hamilton>

<https://www.navy.gov.au/biography/lieutenant-barry-evans>

Conclusion

This article touches on just some of the challenges facing Australia as it grapples with the dynamics of ensuring that the RAN fleet is suitably equipped to face both current and future maritime challenges associated with regional geopolitics. We are living in a time of rapid technological change in a digital and highly automated world. As Rear Admiral Griffiths reminds us, now is not the time to bury ourselves in the past but to look confidently towards the future in support of the many men and women of today's generation of sailors who now fill our shoes at sea, ashore and in the air.

Writers Footnote *For those who may be interested in the book, 'Guy Griffiths, The Life and Times of an Australian Admiral' may be purchased on-line in hardback, paperback or on Kindle from Amazon Australia.*



Vice Admiral Guy Griffiths at the book launch at the Australian War Memorial.

TINGIRA ANZAC DAY AROUND THE STATES



EDITORIAL FOOTNOTE

CAIRNS

Event was on and off during the course of the day due to heavy torrential rain, photographs and report not available due to circumstances

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A D E L A I D E



BOY SEA CADETS... NOT Tingira Boys under 'their' banner

A typical Adelaide morning in autumn, under cloudy skies, eight local Tingira boys assembled, along with some youth young Sea Cadets and one very proud Tingira granddaughter.

Again, we were not surprised when put into our place of march that the organisers for the third successive year provided us with a recognition sign stating were the "Tingira boy sea scouts".

After several letters from our Tingira HQ to their RSL HQ, it's time for us to take a stand on this next year and make our sign. Enough is enough, standby, a new sign coming!

So we again marched and proudly flew the Tingira banner through the streets of Adelaide.

Back to somewhat of a normal march after the recent covid interruptions, the local community was in full view and voice. They lined the street sidewalks and showed their appreciation as we marched to the drum beats all the way down North Terrace and King William Street to give the new South Australian State Governor a march-past salute.

Several of the boys then retired to the nearby Plympton Glenelg RSL for lunch and enjoyed a couple of quiet ones on all things Tingira.

Thanks, lads for the efforts, much appreciated by all.

STEPHEN BEAL
Adelaide coordinator

Central QUEENSLAND

B U N D A B E R G



Open Skies ... Bright Stars

Bundy veteran community gathers

4am - Ashmore, Bundaberg Our back yard can be a very solemn place in the eerie hours of 4 am on Anzac morning. I

Myself and several hardworking staff had everything in place to welcome our local veteran and community groups. The numbers have swelled in past years to attend our service at the Ashmore Road Medical Centre; today was going to be a big test after the covid lockdowns to see if those numbers returned.

4.30 am - Headlights were streaming up the driveway onto the adjoining car park paddocks, my two young traffic marshals had it all working to a tee, it was five rows deep, the locals are back!

The numbers did swell, after the first 50 seats were taken by the early markers, it was standing room only across the back lawn and the balconies.

Our local veterans got front row status and did us all very proud with their participation commemoration ceremony.

The breakfast and coffee wash-up was a delight, as most stayed participants stayed on to enjoy the company, talk warries, and then decide who was going to win football games around the country on the day. My wife Jackie and staff were at their best delivering smiles and treats to all.

It is such a pleasure to provide this event at the dawn on this day. It puts a good break in our normal life routines here at the Ashmore clinic, brings us back to normality in those great Anzac traditions as we spend most days treating our local sick and elderly.

Our veterans are in good hands and in fine spirits, they are our brightest stars in my eyes.

Lest We Forget

Dr. BRAD MURPHY OAM
Bundaberg Coordinator

South East QUEENSLAND

NERANG



RAIN RAIN... GO AWAY

Brisbane Boys display united spirit

Tingira members from the South East Queensland region gathered this year on the Gold Coast to take part in the Anzac Day commemorations with the Nerang RSL sub - Branch.

As the sun rose the storm clouds broke with more rain onto the Gold Coast region, this day was not spared by the weather gods. The dawn service commenced early under a sea of umbrellas with over 400 members of the local community in attendance.

Followed by the traditional army 'Gunfire breakfast' bacon and eggs with lots of hot coffee were on the menu and appetite menus of many wet veterans who braved the early dawn task.

TINGIRA Boys had the distinction of being the only solo unit on the day that marched behind the Nerang RSL sub-branch with its own banner. There were 10 Tingira members

who attended and completed the short stroll down the hill to the cenotaph and received thanks and applause from the local community who again gathered with an array of colourful umbrellas for the event.

For the ceremony, TINGIRA was given front row seating and was encouraged by other servicemen to do so

A wreath was laid by Ian Taylor on behalf of TINGIRA prior to lads retiring to the club for the reunion luncheon, bebies, and debriefing discussion!

Many thanks to all boys who made it a great day, special thanks to Eric Pitman who traveled up from Coffs Harbour for the event

DANNY O'RIORDAN
Brisbane Coordinator

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



SALTY SOUNDS of LEEUWIN

Floodlights shine on Junior Recruit Memorial

ANZAC DAY - Western Australia

To be or not to be? Was it going to happen this year or was it the third strike and we are out again? The question asked by many Tingira Boys is 48 hours out from the starting point. As we pondered the sixth Perth Anzac Day march as the 'Tingira' group of former RAN Junior Recruits, after the disappointment of the government cancellation of the 2020 & 2021 events.

The word is out at 5 pm the night before - it's on!

5 am EAST FREMANTLE - Leeuwin Barracks

The two large front gates are opened wide to welcome the gathering group of dedicated local community members onto the Leeuwin Junior Recruit Memorial, for this memorable Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The cold fresh salted sea air withering across the foreshore river banks of the Swan on Prestons Point was certainly an early morning wake call to anyone a little drowsy for the occasion. Those glorious and familiar early morning sounds that are 'Leeuwin', were all there to bring our memories back to either early morning PT or the 5.30 MUPS routines on and around that parade ground!

A few familiar Leeuwin 'berets' from several generational intakes were sighted, we formed up and took our place centre stage as part of the commemorative event. Many a short navy story soon commenced in small talk chatter amongst the lads as we gathered at the JR Memorial and flagstaff, ready to honour those that have gone before us.

The Last Post bugle call was truly stirring in the still of the morning. As the sun rose to bring daylight onto the commemoration performed by young members of the local Fremantle Army Cadets Corps, they had delivered a stunning ceremonial performance.

Local Tingira supporter, East Fremantle Mayor, Jim O'Neil, and I had the honour to lay handmade wreaths with other local service identities.

Bravo Zulu Leeuwin Barracks CEO, three years in the making, worth every moment, thank you Tingira Boys WA.

PAUL KALAJZICH
Perth Coordinator

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

P E R T H



IN STEP - ON TIME

Tingira Flag paraded - first time WA

ANZAC DAY - Perth City

As the sun moved closer to the midday yard arm, a larger gathering of Tingira Boys now emerged onto the streets of Perth for the much publicised Anzac day March after two years of absence after the Covid restrictions. It was to be the first time we had our new Tingira flag out front, we were very proud of the moment.

The 'youngest' in our ranks, Graham White, of 2nd Leeuwin intake was on his first Perth Tingira march along with Paul Harris 3rd, John Lloyd 12th, Marco Markovic 21st, Steve Suckling 22nd, and a contingent of other stalwarts that had awaited the opportunity to return to gathering.

A 'Tingira traditional tot of Pussers Rum' or two warmed the waistlines and legs for the readiness of the march as we stepped off to the sounds of distant drum beats echoing the streets and hills of downtown city Perth.

It was certainly a pleasure to see the outgoing, WA Governor, Kim Beazley, taking the march past Salute from the participants this year.

Tingira banner and flag out front flying our brand, ties and berets looking smart, we were there for business, we are Tingira. Anzac Day march, is such a small sacrifice in our day to honour the many who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, to die for King, Queen, and country.

An hour later upon completion, the Tingira Boys moved to the new Perth RSL clubhouse for a post-march beer before joining again at The Globe Pub for a bite to eat a few more beers, some footy, and plenty of warries both new and familiar.

Anzac Day is not everyone's 'cup of tea' but its certainly some I and many other like-minded ex-JRs now look forward to once a year; representing Tingira and catching up with old and new navy new shipmates, roll on 2023!!

PAUL KALAJZICH
Perth Coordinator

NEW SOUTH WALES

SYDNEY



FAUX PAR and ON PAR Tingira Boys marched - finally

Covid and Rain - The worst two ingredients one could have been dealt with on an Anzac Day parade, however that was our status for the 2022 march down Elizabeth Street in Sydney.

The numbers were not only down on all marches over the past decade, part of the crew was completely lost.

The reunion drinks were double the size of our march participants.

The Navy contingent was one block ahead of their rostered position, thus overcrowding one complete block of the WW11 veteran community squads trying to gather and sort themselves into a marching unit. We also lacked direction, as the odd coordinator with the RSL high vis vest and clipboard, just seemed to be a 'floating ghost' somewhere in Castlereagh Street on the day, head in the sand

somewhere. It was mass confusion until someone shouted "step off now you lot" pointed the finger in our direction from the sidewalk, and off we went with Troy Slender out front on flag duty! We picked up a few extra Tingira Boys along the route, lost in the crossfire. It was disappointing for those boys who made the effort to be there after months of planning, and they became spectators.

The reunion drinks at our new venue 'The Pullman' hotel; went fine after they realised we were more than just a table group of six for coffee. Ladies on the bubbles, boys on beers, it was a solid session for three hours until the AFL and Rugby League took the next focus on the day. We departed our ways, well done to all, we will meet again!

MARK LEE
Sydney coordinator



Troy Slender, former Junior Recruit from the 78th intake at HMAS Leeuwin 1982, was the 34th person to join the Tingira Australia Association in 2011. For the past decade, Troy is the sole JR with his wife Levene, to attend every Tingira march in Sydney on Anzac Day, BZ team Slender.

"It's just great to be here with the lads every year, terrific to make a new friend or two, that's what Tingira is to us, old and new friendships. My long hair? I'm making up for a lost time, said Troy who was given the honour to lead the Sydney division with the Tingira flag in 2022.

CORAL SEA

COMMEMORATION CANBERRA

The 80th anniversary Coral Sea commemoration was conducted in Canberra recently on another cold windy day around the concrete surrounds of Defence HQ, Russell Offices, at the USA Memorial.

Representing People and Prime Minister of Australia, Senator Hon Zed Seselja, representing Japan and her people ambassador of Japan, His Excellency Yamagami Shingo, and representing People and President of USA, US Charge d'Affairs Mr. Michael Goldman, all delivered a timely and accurate message on this most important battle of the WWII effort. Event music was provided by the Royal Australian Navy band and members of the Federation Guard performed ceremonial duties.

Tingira Patron, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, laid a wreath for the many Tingira boys who served onboard HMAS Australia and the naval ode was read by Tingira Secretary, Mark Lee.





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Tingira Patron, Vice Admiral Russ Crane (Ret) laid the Tingira wreath on behalf of the many Tingira boys who served on board HMAS Australia.

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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' and naval happenings in Western Australia.

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 Kalajich.

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 three to five year period until final settlement of the Leeuwin site and future developments.

TODAYS NEWS

LEEWIN BARRACKS...

NEW ROPES FOR ADF CADETS

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN SEAFARERS

At the time of writing, 5th June, there is a fair bit happening in our defence space after the results of the recent Federal government election.

There are probably a lot more questions rather than answers at present around the corridors of power in Canberra and at the local navy bar where former sailors often meet.

At the Tingira desk, we are none the wiser on the further use, name or direction of the prestige Leeuwin Barracks. Former minister Peter Dutton, made a recent announcement on his way out the door, that the local Australian Navy Cadets. TS Perth, have some newly upgraded facilities inside the Leeuwin gates compared to the old tin shed down on the Swan River banks at the Leeuwin back gate.

We reprint local WA writer Robert Hobson's article on the next page to give some local insight into the Leeuwin status.

Then, "surprise surprise golly gosh" sergeant' as Goma Pile would say, in the final week before polling day, an announcement that a local NSW, Port Macquarie shipbuilding firm, Birdon, have

won the contract to build a brand new Sail Training Ship, to replace the ageing STS Young Endeavour.

The \$35million budget allocated, she has a finish date scheduled for late 2023, and to still be run by the RAN, that's all good news. If the new Defence Minister, Richard Marles, can keep it on the production books, it will be one of many wait and see cat and mouse games ahead for us on several Defence issues.

This Sail Training Ship would be a welcome addition to Australian waters, and for the future young adult Australian to sail in her continuing on the Young Endeavour program, a proven life-changing experience for many.

We live in interesting times! With many hotspots locally and internationally in politics and defence, I still enjoy sunrise and sunset daily, that's real life!

Watch your local news feed and our website; if we have any further updates between now and the next issue in September we will be the first to broadcast.

Dutton's \$120m call to arms

Coalition commits to 10-year upgrade of defence cadet facilities

KIMBERLEY CAINES

WA has been promised a \$120 million upgrade for 10 Australian Defence Force reserve and cadet facilities across the State over the next 10 years.

The Federal Government funding commitment, to be announced by Defence Minister Peter Dutton on Thursday, is part of \$1 billion-plus investment in 73 national ADF sites.

It will include \$63 million for infrastructure at 18 cadet facilities, including in rural and remote communities, during the next year.

Two sites in WA — Coodanup and Palmer Barracks — are

top of the list for improvements and will receive more than \$6.5 million.

Eight regional locations, including Rockingham Training Depot, Geraldton Training Depot, Leeuwin Barracks, Albany Training Depot, Kalbarrie Training Depot, and Pilbara Regiment will receive more than \$115 million over 10 years.

Mr Dutton, pictured, said the infrastructure investment would enable a 10 per cent increase in the number of ADF cadets nationwide over the next year.



"We want to provide improved opportunities for cadets through a number of avenues, including better facilities, enhanced experiences, mentoring and relevant skilling," he said.

"In addition to the more traditional skills developed through the program, future cadets will also be engaged in STEM-focused activities including cyber security, virtual reality simulation, robotics and flight simulation."

There are 28,308 ADF cadets

enrolled in 476 units across the country — 4880 of these are in WA.

The Government hopes the national figure will increase by 2800 cadets in the next 12 months.

"The program will focus on growing cadet and volunteer numbers, and establishing new units in rural and remote areas, including in Indigenous communities," Mr Dutton said.

"To ensure enduring local unit success, additional personnel including veterans and reservists will be employed to provide administrative support.

The investment in facility upgrades will also provide op-

portunities for Australian industry, including local and Indigenous suppliers and contractors." Former Australian governor-general Sir Peter Cosgrove will become the first patron of the ADF cadets and will serve as a mentor.

Assistant Defence Minister Andrew Hastie said the funding would also see upgrades to ADF-owned and leased premises across all States and Territories.

"The sites prioritised under this investment are integral to the ADF emergency response network, and ensuring facilities are fit-for-purpose to develop our nation's youth," Mr Hastie said.



Birdon Awarded Young Endeavour Replacement Contract - 10 May 2022

MEDIA RELEASE

Birdon has been awarded the contract to design and build the replacement for the brigantine Sail Training Ship (STS) Young Endeavour, which has been operated by the Royal Australian Navy for more than three decades providing youth development and sail training to Australian youth under The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme.

Birdon will work with Dykstra on the core vessel design, and will also be responsible for the design, engineering, and integration of all the vessel's systems, including mechanical, electrical, propulsion, communication & navigation systems.

The replacement vessel design is testament to over 18 months of hard work from the Dykstra and Birdon engineering teams, and this new contract is a recognition of the team's ingenuity and capacity.

"It's an honour to have been selected to design and build the Young Endeavour replacement tall ship. It is a unique vessel, providing leadership opportunities to young Australians that we are proud to be able to ensure continues. It is also an important step in Birdon's vision, as an Industry Partner, to deliver increasing sovereign capability in support of the Australian Naval Shipbuilding Plan" Birdon CEO Jamie Bruce said.

My name is **Robert Hobson** and I hail from Perth, Western Australia. I started this site in 2011 to showcase my articles and other written pieces after being told – in no uncertain terms – nobody would consider publishing anything I wrote unless I was ‘established’, despite having worked as a journalist.

DEAD IN THE WATER

WILL NAVY CADET UPGRADES HALT LEEUWIN BARRACKS SALE ?

By **ROBERT HOBSON**

A recent announcement by the federal government to upgrade Australian Defence Force cadet facilities Australia-wide may be the final nail in the coffin of plans to sell off Leeuwin Barracks.

The riverside base, located in East Fremantle, was deemed ‘surplus to requirements’ in 2015, however mid-last year the Defence department suspended the sale citing changes in Australia’s strategic environment, particularly because of “a forecast (of) new Royal Australian Navy capabilities and workforce growth”.

The department also stated it has undertaken a study evaluating the long-term defence ‘estate requirements’ in Perth and Fremantle, which will determine the ultimate fate of the facility.

Its completion date was scheduled for the first quarter of this year. At the time of writing, I was unable to find a public copy of this study.

However, the inclusion of Leeuwin Barracks in a list of facilities earmarked for cadet upgrades by assistant defence minister Andrew Hastie suggests that the federal government will maintain it as a defence force base in the foreseeable future.

Cadet units are often – but not always – located in ADF bases housing reserve units, and with respect to Leeuwin Barracks, the Australian Air Force Cadet’s 703 (City Of Fremantle) Squadron and the Australian Army Cadets’ 56 Army Cadet Unit are both based at the premises, along with the Western Australia University Regiment – an Army Reserve unit. The Australian Navy Cadets’



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TS Perth is located adjacent to the barracks on the Swan River.

Speaking at Irwin Barracks in Karrakatta earlier this month, Hastie said the move was part of a larger effort by the federal government to grow the ADF cadet program by 10 percent over the next 12 months.

He said \$1 billion dollars will be allocated over 10 years to upgrade 73 ADF reserve and cadet facilities Australia-wide, with \$115 million earmarked for Western Australia.

What exactly this 'growth' metric is isn't explicitly stated by either Hastie's or defence minister Peter Dutton's press releases, but both did allude to increasing the number of cadets, volunteers and units, particularly in the New South Wales south coast, North Queensland, Ceduna and Katherine.

Both politicians also said the upgrade program will give opportunities to local suppliers and contractors.

"This expansion will be achieved through increased community engagement and support personnel, investing in infrastructure, and information and communication technology," Hastie said.

"A future infrastructure investment of more than \$115 million over the next 10 years for cadet and reserve facilities across WA will help achieve this growth, including (the) Kalgoorlie Training Depot, Geraldton Training Depot, Leeuwin Barracks and for cadet units in Coondanup."

In addition to upgrading facilities, the government's program also sought to 'upskill' cadet training through what Dutton has dubbed

"better mentoring and relevant skilling" in STEM-focused activities.

"To ensure enduring local unit success, additional personnel including veterans and reservists will be employed to provide administrative support," he said.

Whether these roles will be paid positions, i.e. 'employed', or come from the cadre of adult volunteers remains to be seen.

In a news report by the Fremantle Herald in October last year, WA assembly woman for Bicton Lisa O'Malley and federal member for Fremantle Josh Wilson expressed frustration at the federal government's decision to suspend the sale.

Both said it had impacted planning efforts of local sports clubs bordering Leeuwin Barracks and effectively negated the six years of local community discussion on what to do with the site.

I followed these concerns up with Ms O'Malley and Mr Wilson, asking if they still felt the same way, especially with the news that the federal government have decided to upgrade cadet facilities at Leeuwin Barracks.

I received no reply from the former but was advised by the latter to contact shadow defence minister Brendan O'Connor about the current status of Leeuwin Barracks. I will do so in due course when I begin to write a follow-up article.

Editors note: Thank you Rob Hobson for permission to reproduce your fine article on the present status of Leeuwin Barracks. Our Tingira membership has a strong interest in the future of the base. With a new government in place, its all about watch this space! MSL

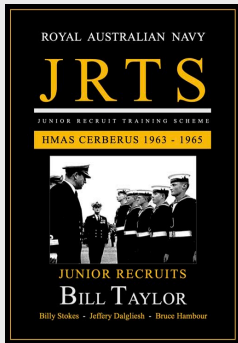




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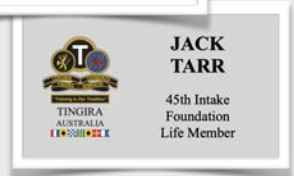


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CHRIS PARR

Tingira Boy - Done Good

Tingira Vice President, Chris Parr, was one of the first former Junior Recruits to put up his hand and ask "what he could do" when he heard the buzz that we were forming an association after the 2010 reunion in Western Australia.

"Join the formation committee" was the shout from his former 46th intake shipmate, Chris Perrin, who had just accepted the role to be two years inaugural President in January of 2011.

Chris has served on the committee as, a committee member, Treasurer, and Vice President, and is one of several members who have served the first decade of the association on the committee.

At the recent JRST book launch in Gladstone, Tingira President, Brad Murphy, took Chris by

surprise and awarded him his gold lapel with honorary Life Membership to the association.

Recently retired, Chris has moved from his daily duty of moving trains across the Blue Mountains to a new tropical lifestyle on the Gold Coast.

Bunkered down with his wife Donna in a new abode overlooking the coast he has his retirement cap well and truly in place at this stage in life.

"This was bit of a shock, Gold Life Member, happy to put my hand out for this and I just hope many more former Juniors Recruits can jump on board and keep us rolling along and growing in stature for the next decade," said Chris.

"Long Live Tingira", I think that works very well for me, it has opened many doors for me in life, said Chris on receiving his lapel pin.



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MARK LEE



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*So ended one of
the greatest
sporting careers
ever seen*

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*In less than two
years this boy
had conquered
the world of
swimming,
holding, at the
time of his
death, every
world record
from 200 yards
to one mile*

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*The funeral of
Barney Kieran
on December
26, 1905 was
one of the most
impressive
ceremonies ever
witnessed in
Sydney*

YESTERDAYS HISTORY

SPORTING FUNERALS

Recently the world came to a standstill in disbelief with the sudden death of one of Australia's most famous modern day sportsman, Shane Warne.

The Victorian government granted a State funeral, an event watched by millions all over the world. It was an event people will remember for years to come.

Shane Warne leaving his name on the MCG grandstand as a lasting legacy to the game of cricket and our nation.

However this was not the first time that Australia had lost a sportsman of such international fame who was struck down in his prime.

1905 - A young Brisbane boy, Barney Kieran, educated in Sydney on board the NSW Nautical School Ship, Sobraon, was 'Champion Swimmer of the World' in his day, dying of appendicitis at age 19 in his prime. Barney too was granted a 'Peoples' funeral by the NSW government, it was one of the largest funerals ever witnessed in NSW with 30,000 at the Gore Hill gravesite on Sydneys north shore.

Reprinted are the last few chapters from the book 'The Sobraon Wonder' by Wagga resident, the late Laurie Fromholtz. this book is a recent acquisition to the Tingira history memorabilia collection.

AUSTRALIA 1905 BARNEY KIERAN

Concern was expressed in the newspapers of the day that the sudden indisposition which prevented Champion Kieran from starting in the Mile Australasian Championship the previous Saturday proved to be more serious than first thought.

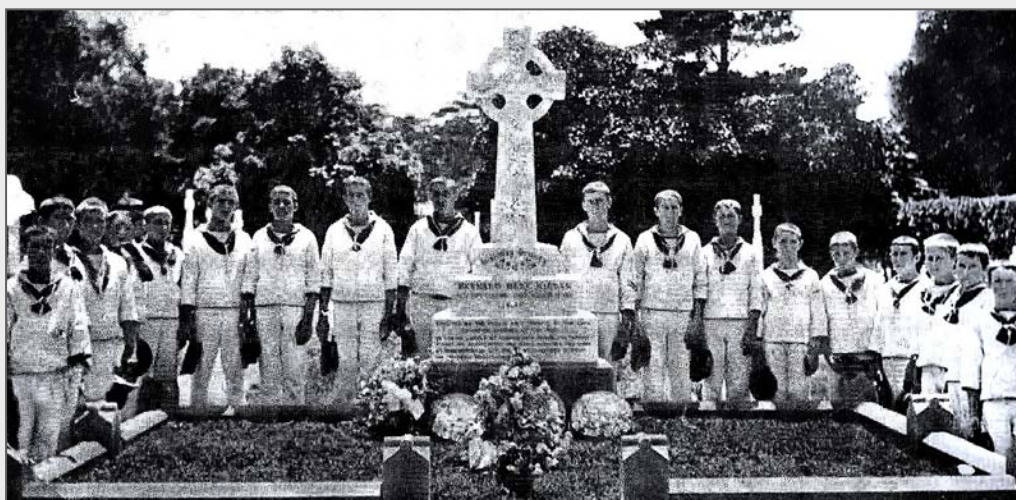
Kieran first took ill on Thursday 7 December 1905, and was thought to be suffering from gastric catarrh, brought on by his drinking ice water. Unfortunately, on Saturday, the illness was diagnosed as appendicitis, and the sufferer was at once removed to the St. Clair private hospital, where on Sunday, an operation was successfully

performed. The latest news indicated that the champion was progressing favourably.

The swimmers seemed to have struck an epidemic, for in addition to the champion, the New Zealander Campbell and Gailey (Queensland) were too ill to start in Saturday's races.

Following his operation, Barney appeared to be recuperating well but on Thursday 22 December, he suffered a relapse and great fears were held for his life. At 10.40 p.m. on Friday, 22 December, 1905 he died.

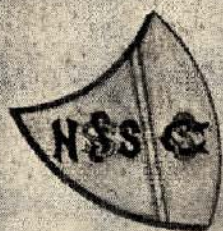
So ended one of the greatest sporting careers ever seen. In less than two years this boy had conquered the world of swimming,



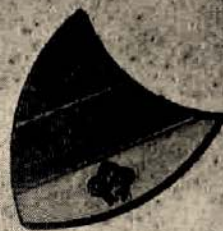
Young Sobroan Boys at the Gore Hill gravesite of their former ship mate Barney Kieran.



An estimated 30,000 Sydney residents were at the Gore Hill cemetery in one of the largest funerals ever conducted in NSW for the great Australian swimming sensation 'The Sobroan Fish' Barney Kieran.



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1000 ..	Feb 11 ..
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HOLDER OF ALL THE
WORLD'S
CHAMPIONSHIPS

B. B. KIERAN

FROM
200 YARDS
1 MILE 1905-6

CHAMPION SWIMMER OF THE WORLD

holding, at the time of his death, every world record from 200 yards to one mile. His death was registered in the District of Brisbane, in the state of Queensland, by one Thornhill Weedon, who noted that Bernard Bede Kieran, a carpenter, male of 19 years of age died on 22 December, 1905 in St. Clair Private Hospital, Duncan Street, Valley, of appendicitis.

I would hope that every Australian would register that Bernard Bede Kieran, a modest lad, during his brief life made his Country proud by his exceptional courage and performance. His achievements typified the emergence of our State and Country, illustrating a true spirit of the Federation of Australia, and his life should be an inspiration to every young Australian who comes to know his story.

The passing of Barney Kieran did not go unnoticed. Many Australian newspapers eulogised this young man but perhaps the most fitting record is the article by "TRUDGE".

"TRUDGE" faithfully reported every detail of Sydney and N.S.W. swimming for many years under the heading of "Swimming" in the **Sydney Sportsman**, a magnificent sport newspaper of those days. His report verbatim is included below:-

THE PASSING OF BARNEY KIERAN

Poor little Barney Kieran has finished his last lap on this sphere, and the fiend appendicitis has claimed another victim. At Brisbane at 11 o'clock on Friday evening last the most brilliant swimmer the world has ever know passed away, leaving behind him a record that no swimmer has ever approached. It seems a cruel fate that this manly, modest lad, on 19 years of age, who accomplished so much, who has gained world-wide renown, proving himself master of the world's best swimmers, and had not even reached his zenith, should be cut off so suddenly, when there was every reasonable possibility of his adding still more laurels to his record, and holding the top rung for a good many years to come. Kieran's career as a swimmer has been blazingly meteoric and, together with his untimely ending, finds a parallel with that of Harry Searle, the sculler.

Not two years ago, 19 March 1904 Kieran first came into prominence by defeating Rick Cavill in the half-mile Australasian Championship, creating world's record for the distance. During the next few days he swam second to Cavill in the 220 yards and 330 yards Australasian Championships. Who will ever forget, who saw it, this latter event? It must ever rank as one of the greatest swimming contests the world has ever witnessed; neck and neck for 16 laps these two Trojans battled, never more than a few inches apart, speeding liked 50-yard sprinter, and then on the last turn Cavill gained a half-yard lead and won by that margin, the spectators being nearly frantic with the excitement.

"Then a loud cry of "Time'Time'" went up, followed by an expectant hush, the verdict "World's record beaten by three seconds," was followed by a pandemonium of excitement and cheering simply indescribable. Cavill never raced after this, and on the following Saturday Kieran simply knocked the one-mile records endways.

Since then his record has been one continual triumph. He has won, as we know, championship after championship in Australia and England. With his English visit we are all familiar. How a public subscription was raised to send the lad to the Old Country to battle there, and how he more than realised all hope and anticipations. And now, after returning to receive the "well done" from his admiring countrymen, and almost before the welcoming applause had died from his ears, he has been laid low, has gone on his last journey o'er Death's dark river.

To the very last Kieran had proved himself champion, for it was during the Australasian Championship meeting at Brisbane that he was stricken with his fatal illness. At this meeting Barney won three Australasian championships, and the pathos of it is that in one of them – the 220 yards – he secured that which he had set his heart on gaining, viz, the world's record for the distance.

In this his last race he broke the record by one-fifth of a second, and completed an unbroken string of world's bests from 200 yards to a mile.

With the passing of B.B. Kieran Australia loses one of the brightest jewels in sport; our county loses one of its most manly and truest spirits; and a fond mother loses a loving loyal son. Her loss is ours. God bless and comfort her and her family in their



2022 - The 'Kieran Memorial Shield' is still current at the annual Australian Swimming Championships presented to the winning state in competition.

affliction. With them, all Australia – aye, all the world – mourn the loss of a hero. May his memory ever be kept green in our minds, and our affection for him remain planted deep in our hearts. God rest his soul.

The Australian Star on the day after his death: -

“The fact that in his Brisbane performances, he not only equalled but excelled himself, adds to the grave doubts which may be entertained as to whether nature did not revenge itself for the excessive demand which the poor youth thus made on his own strength. However the speculation now on such a subject is vain. The swimmer who bade so fair to be one of the most remarkable that the world has ever produced will swim no more. He will be long remembered here, as not only a wonder in his way, but as a modest unassuming and straightforward young fellow. He never showed the least disposition to put on side.”

This article sums up the fears for his health which were shared by a number of sources prior to his entering the Australasian Championships.

The Sydney Morning Herald Saturday, 23 December, 1905 records:-

“How great his effort must have been may be gathered from the fact that, when out of training he accomplished a feat which he had several times failed to effect, at a time when in the pink of fitness, that is, break the world’s record for 220 yards. It is impossible to say how far this is responsible for what has happened.”

Medical evidence however, points to the cause of death being peritonitis.

The body arrived in Sydney on Monday, 25th December, at on o’clock. The train was a couple of hours late. All along the line from Brisbane to Sydney widespread sympathy was expressed to Keiran’s mother in her bereavement.

Mr W.H. Mitchell who arrived at Brisbane too late to be at the death-bed, received sympathetic messages on behalf of the relatives of the departed champion. Wreaths were placed on the coffin at Ipswich by the local swimming club, at Toowoomba by Mr. Atkins, secretary of the Darling Downs Swimming Association, and at Newcastle there was a representative gather on the platform. Here a wreath was received from Mr.D.McLean,

secretary of the Newcastle Amateur Swimming Association and other representatives of that body present were Messrs. C. Hawken, J. McLean, J.J. Moloney, and others. Mrs Dick, wife of Mr W.T.Dick, honorary Minister, and one of the Members for Newcastle expressed the sympathy of the ladies of that city. There was a large crowd at the Redfern station, and amongst those present were Messrs. A.T. Hendry (Life Saving Society), W.H. Hodges and A. Munro (of the Bondi Club), A.J. Wilkins, Balding and C.G.R. Wilson (of North Sydney), and H.F. Cox (of Eastern Suburbs).

The body was conveyed by hearse, followed by the deceased relatives, to the ferry, and thence to his late residence at Burton Street, North Sydney. During the day a large number of people attended at the house.

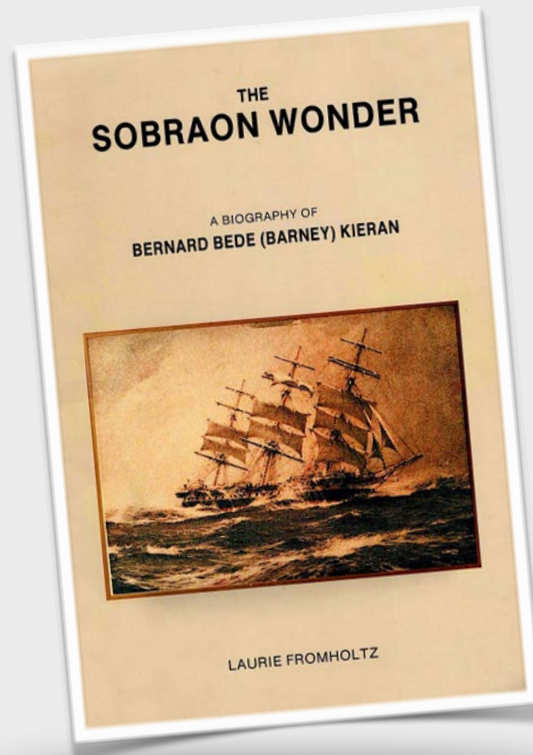
Matthew Conlan who was at sea had received news of Barney’s illness and arrived in Brisbane after his body had been transferred. He immediately departed by train to Sydney to join the bereaved family.

The funeral of Barney Kieran on December 26, 1905 was one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed in Sydney.

A short service was conducted at 20 Burton Street, where he had lived since his departure from the “Nautical School Ship Sobraon” with his mother, stepfather and family. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father O’Dowling S.G. of St. Mary’s North Sydney who also officiated at the grave side service.

The cortege left the house at 3pm and proceeded via Alfred Street, Junction Street, Walker Street, Mount Street, Miller Street, Falcon Street and Lane Cove Road to Gore Hill Cemetery. The who of the rout, a distance of approximately four kilometres, was lined with people standing in the sun, on a very hot day, to pay tribute to this young hero.

The funeral was led by the Sobraon Band, playing the dead march from “Saul” with muffled drums. The band was followed by about 300 representatives of sporting organisations and close friends. The hearse, covered with wreaths, followed next, along with the mourning carriages containing his mother and stepfather, M. and Mrs. Conlan, brother Joseph, sisters Rose Alice and Annie, Sister Mary Duck and her husband, stepsisters Veronica and Roseanna, stepbrothers



The complete Barney Kieran story of the 'Sobraon Wonder' by the late Laurie Fromholtz of Wagga Wagga.



In the middle of the Gore Hill cemetery, in the shadows of the Royal North Shore hospital, opposite one of the busiest roads in Sydney, the Pacific Highway is the burial plot for the Sobraon Boy, Barney Kieran. Over the past decade several Tingira Boys have visited and have assisted to keep it tidy and presentable.

Matthew, Lawrence and John, and Aunt, Mrs Teague, and long term friend Hilton Mitchell.

A large crowd had gathered near Burton Street prior to the departure of the funeral procession. This crowd was joined by those lining the streets until gaining in strength as it passed, a crowd estimated at 30,000 gathered at, and around the cemetery for the final ceremony.

This huge crowd represented the inexpressible sadness felt by this young country for this loss of this outstanding son, who, in less than two years, had risen from obscurity, and by his remarkable achievements, courage and modesty had heaped honours on his family, his "Alma Mater" the Sobraon, the sport of swimming, and Australia.

At the time of his death Barney held every world swimming record from 200 yards to one mile, the last, the 220 yards having been captured only just before his death.

Lists of his achievements, records and medals are contained elsewhere and cannot cease to amaze all who read them.

So passed Barney Kieran, Champion Swimmer of the World.

THE LAST SCENE

The support for Barney's memory, demonstrated admirably during the trial of the illness, death, transport of the cortege from Brisbane to Sydney, and the massive funeral, was not quickly lost, for a great movement to perpetuate the memory of this lad was instituted.

The North Sydney Swimming club, led by its president Walter Bethel, and the N.S.W. Swimming Association staunchly supported the family during this difficult period.

Bethel moved swiftly for the calling of a public meeting and this was rewarded by a gathering in the North Sydney Memorial Hall for the purpose of perpetuating his memory.

The meeting was chaired by MrDugald Thompson M.P. vice patron of the North Sydney Club.

Also present were Sir Francis Suttor, President of the Legislative Council, Mr J.W. Turner Assistant

Under Secretary of the Department of Public instruction, Mr David Felk M.L.H., Mr John Carter, Mayor of North Sydney, Mr A.W. Hendry Secretary of the Lifesaving Society, Messrs. N.J. MacDonald and J. Blackman (N.S.W. Diving Association), C.G.R. Wilson (Hon. Secretary North Sydney Swimming Club), W.W. Hill (Hon. Secretary N.S.W. A.S.A.), G.A. Stanley (Secretary East Sydney Swimming club), W.H. Mitchell and many others.

The meeting resolved that a fund be raised which would be used in part to defray the expenses of Kieran's sickness and funeral, to erect a suitable monument over his grave and to create a swimming event which would perpetuate his memory.

This gathering was followed by a meeting of the N.S.W. Swimming Association. This meeting, presided over by Sir Francis Suttor, elected a committee with Hilton Mitchell as Secretary and Walter Bethel as Treasurer, with the same objectives as expressed by the North Sydney meeting.

The committee of 25 members represented every affiliated Amateur Athletic Association in N.S.W.

The form of the memorial event was decided as a perpetual trophy to be contested by all Australian States at each Australasian Championship.

This was the beginning of the Kieran Shield which is still proudly contested today in 2022.

Barney's memory did not go unmarked by other groups, and 200 boys from the Sobraon attended a service at St. Johns Balmain, on Sunday, 31 December, at which the Reverend W.J. Cakebread (Rector) remembered his achievements and his example to his juniors.

A sad touch was the program of the Rose Bay Club's Christmas Championship Carnival at Pikes Crystal Baths. A note in the program (23 December, 1905) refers to his entry in an event, his inability to attend due to an appendicitis operation and the wishes of the club for his speedy recover. At this time he was dead.

On the 29 January, 1906 the Nautical Training Ship Sobraon Amateur Swimming Club held a Kieran Memorial Fund Carnival at Drummoyne Baths. Joint honorary secretaries were H.C. Wood and E. Dermody. The balance of the program was mainly



Nautical School Ship "Sobraon."

Kieran Memorial Concert.

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the Officers and Boys on
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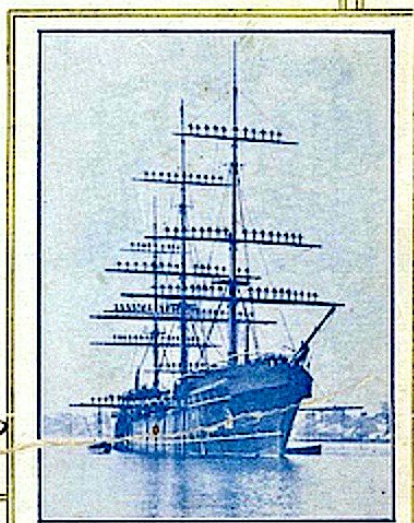
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of interest for a reference to the officers of the ship at that time, viz, Captain Mason, Lieutenant Robbilar, Messrs. Matthews, Parberry and Grey. Messrs. Bourke, Lynch, Keers and Mitchell.

On the 19 January, 1906 a Kieran Memorial Concert was held aboard the Sobraon in order to augment the Sobraon Contribution to the Memorial Fund.

A special steamer left No. 7 Circular Quay at 7.15 pm to return at 10.30pm, the fare being 4d. return. The boat called at Cove Street, Balmain from which the fare was 1d. return. The ship was to be illuminated for the occasion.

The program featured a photograph of Kieran and also the ship.

The program of the Randwick and Coogee Aquarian Baths contained a photograph of the late B.B. Kieran "Champion Swimmer of the World" and:

A TRIBUTE

"His race was run, the plaudits stilled, and everything is perfect rest, with memories now the world is filled. He was the brightest and the best."

The program of the Mosman Swimming Club for its carnival of 3 February, 1906 also contained a photo of Kieran.

At the Gore Hill Cemetery on Sunday, 19 August, 1906, the last scene was enacted, the monument dedicated and the curtain was finally lowered, only to be slightly lifted when the contests, for the Australasian Shield and school medals were held.

Perhaps the greatest memorial to Barney was the membership of the Sobraon Swimming, affiliated for the 1905/06 season, following Barney's successes, it achieved during that season, a membership of 90. In the 1905/06 season it had membership of 350, as recorded in the 15th Annual Report of the N.S.W.A.S.A. this phenomenal growth could not be attributed to any other cause than his achievements.

But the memory of this fine Australian dimmed and has been forgotten by most, although his name is occasionally linked with the perpetual shield awarded for the state with the greatest number of

firsts at the Australian Championships each year, and the mighty Sobraon is seldom recalled without reference to this lad, who shaped by its influence was to bring to it, his family, his City, his nation and his sport, great honour.

He emerged as Federal emerged, and it is appropriate at a time when Australia is developing great national identity that he is remembered as a spirit of those striving to bring about such nationhood.

EPILOGUE

While I cannot explore the details in this book it has been interesting to trace the descendants of the siblings of Barney some of whom have been of a good deal of assistance in research.

Some records are held of the awards of the Kieran Shield and medals and a replica of the shield is held at North Sydney Swimming Club.

Barney's trophies and medals were kept aboard the Sobraon until 1911 when they were transferred to the Technological Museum (now Power House Museum) later to the N.S.W.A.S.S. and later to Sports House and then the N.S.W. Sports Centre Homebush, where they now reside.

Barney in later years was to be admitted to both the NSW Sports Hall of Champions and the Swimming Hall of Fame, which recognises him as the "Pre-record Book Champion of Champions". (With the formation of an international Association, F.I.N.A., in 1908 most previous records were suspect and not recognised).

Sobraon continued in much the same way as when Barney was Senior Boy until 1911. During this period approximately 4,000 boys passed through her decks and its records show, in many cases, with remarkable success.

Captain Mason remained in command until the end.

The ultimate decision to abandon the N.S.S. Sobraon as a school ship was condemned by many writers to the papers of the day but the decision was ultimately made in favour of a land based institution and the Sobraon ended its role in 1911.



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BARNEY KIERAN

The Sobraon Boy

'Champion Swimmer of the World'

Barney Kieran is one of the forgotten, outstanding and tragic figures of early Australian swimming history; one of a group of champions who established Australia in the early days of the century as a notable nation in swimming.

At the peak of his career (which spanned less than two years), Kieran was unchallenged as the fastest man in the world over all distances from 220yds to the mile.

His formative years were spent literally surrounded by water as a cadet on the New South Wales Naval School Ship 'Sobraon'. He was at first self-taught, 'training' by diving overboard and swimming casually around Sydney Harbour. Later, the former Australian champion R R Craig coached him. He was extremely successful over 220yds, but specialised in distance events.

Kieran, burst into prominence in 1904, and at just 17, he showed such speed that he was matched with the great Dick Cavill over the 220yds. Cavill, then the world's leading swimmer, won by a touch. The pair met again later that year over 880yds and Kieran won.

Kieran won every Australian title from 220yds to a half mile at the beginning of 1905 and then went to England. Managed by Hilton

Mitchell, after months on a ship and far out of shape, the 18 year old Australian beat the best swimmers in Europe, setting eight world records, however only one was accepted in the record books (the 500yds). In a race for the championship of the Mersey River Liverpool, he won by 300yds.

In 1905, Kieran recorded four times which were easily the best in the world and in one case stood for 19 years. But in that era, it was near impossible to have times that were recorded in Australia accepted by other countries and Kieran was credited with only one - 6min 02.7secs for 500yds freestyle set in England. The International Swimming Federation (FINA) (constituted in 1908), in retrospect recognised this record. Many of his times had been established from the scratch mark in handicap races.

Kieran was clocked in official competition at 2:28.4 for the 220yds, 5:19.0 for the 440yds (7.4 seconds faster than the 'world record' in 1908), 11:11.6 for 880yds (13.8 seconds faster than the 'world record' in 1906) and a remarkable 23:16.8 for the mile set at Sydney's Lavender Bay 50y pool. This time was a staggering 2:07.6 faster than the 'world record' set in 1908 and was not bettered in a 50yds pool until 1924 when the great Arn Borg accomplished the feat. In 1921, 16 years after Kieran's mile record, American Norman Ross

recorded 22:58.4 in the 33.5yds course at the Coogee Aquarium Baths in Sydney.

Not until the early 1920s, did swimmers anywhere in the world approach Kieran's times in an era when few knew anything about conditioning and training. Sports medicine was unknown.

Sadly, Kieran never contested an Olympic Games. Back in Australia, he won the Australian 220yds, 440yds and 880yds titles early in 1906 and seemed to be shaping as a stand-out prospect for the 1908 Olympic Games. He became ill on the third day of the titles and was rushed to hospital almost immediately after winning the 880yds. He had acute appendicitis, was operated on, and died three days later aged only 19.

His best opportunity would have been in St Louis in 1904, but that year Australia ignored the competition and only one Australian - Corrie Gardner - paid his own way to the Games and represented Australia. Kieran probably would have won at least two gold medals. Had he lived to swim in the 1908 London and 1912 Stockholm Olympics, there is little doubt he would have won more swimming gold medals than any Olympian before or since.

He was honoured in the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1969.

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AUSTRALIA HAD A WONDROUS SWIMMER
IN THE STAR-CROSSED BARNEY KIERAN

Had he lived to swim in the 1908 and 1912 Olympics, there is little doubt that Barney Kieran should have won more swimming gold medals than any Olympian before or since. As he never had this chance, he remains a swimming legend.

The International Swimming
Hall of Fame

The story of Barney Kieran is indeed the stuff of which legends are made. Raised in turn-of-the-century Australia on a reformatory ship in Sydney Harbor, Kieran emerged from obscurity in 1904 to become the darling of his countrymen and the most celebrated swimmer on earth. Within a matter of months he set world records at virtually every recognized distance up to a mile. To complete the sweep, he needed only the 220 mark, a feat he accomplished at the 1905 Australian championships. Competing in six events over two days, he won all his races and on Dec. 6 set a world record in the 220. It was to be his last race. That night he collapsed of what was thought to be colic. Doctors later diagnosed appendicitis and operated within the week. Kieran appeared to be making a satisfactory recovery, but he suffered a sudden relapse and died on Dec. 22. He was 19 years old.

Bernard Bede Kieran, known as Barney, was born in North Sydney in 1886. He lost his father at an early age, and his mother, who by then had several younger children to care for, requested help from the Child Welfare Department. Kieran was placed on the *Sobraon*, a ship that served primarily as a reformatory for delinquents, but also provided lodging and instruction to others in the care of the Child Welfare Department.

While there Kieran received instruction in carpentry and swimming. Hilton Mitchell, a teacher who familiarized him with the trudgen stroke, a forerunner of the modern crawl, was so impressed by his progress that he summoned Walter Bethel, president of the North Sydney Swimming Club, to have a look at him.

Equally impressed, Bethel arranged for special coaching from Bob Craig, a former Australian champion.

Kieran's development was so dramatic that at 17 he was entered in the 440 in the New South Wales state championships. That event had belonged to Australian and world champion Dick Cavill, whose father, Frederick, had built the first swimming tanks in the country and developed the "Australian crawl" stroke. Using the trudgen, the unknown Kieran shocked the spectators by maintaining a lead over Cavill well into the final lap. "Only a desperate finish by Cavill, who as a last resort switched to the crawl stroke for extra speed, enabled him to overhaul his youthful rival and win by a touch," said Australia's *Daily Mirror* in a recent review of Kieran's achievements.

Kieran and Cavill then met in the 880. Dead-even with the champion at the 400-yard mark, the stronger Kieran moved ahead by three body lengths at 500 yards. Eight lengths back as the race drew to a close, Cavill again switched from trudgen to crawl, but Kieran held on, winning by 10 yards and setting his first world record. He had cut a full :20.6 off Cavill's 1902 mark.

Shortly after this triumph, Kieran left the *Sobraon* and moved into the home of his mentor, Bethel. His success continued. Swimming against his country's best half-milers in a handicap event in March 1905, Kieran spotted some competitors

as much as a two-minute lead. He finished a close second, breaking his world record by more than :11.

Having conquered everyone on his own continent, the prodigy set out to meet other challengers. A fund was started to send him to England, where the famed David Billington, holder of the world mile record, ruled swimming. Suffering from ship lag—the trip by sea took several weeks—Kieran lost his first race at a mile with Billington, but he won the next one. His time of 23:16.8 topped Billington's record by 1:40 and stood for the next 16 years.

Shortly after his return from England in November, Kieran entered six events in the December nationals, finally making his assault on the only record he didn't hold, Olympic hero Freddy Lane's 1902 mark of 2:28.6 in the 220.

With five races and five victories behind him, Kieran won the 220 by a remarkable 11 yards, breaking Lane's record by :00.2. A few hours later Kieran collapsed. He returned the next day intending to participate in the meet's final events but, obviously too ill to swim, was taken to the hospital. Fifteen days later he was dead.

Today, almost 80 years later, Kieran's achievements are still remembered; each year the Kieran Memorial Shield is presented to the state winning the most first places at the Australian swimming championships.

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ETHAN GOLEBY

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Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus, Captain Ainsley Morthorpe, CSM, RAN (right), and Mr. Don Barker of the HMAS Voyager and Tingira Associations (left), present the 'Topshot' of the Intake Trophy to Recruit Marine Technician Ethan Goleby during the General Entry 398 Rogers Division graduation, held at the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School, HMAS Cerberus, Victoria, recently.

This award is made to the recruit with the highest score during the course of rifle shooting at the recruit school.

The 113 Rogers Division recruits started general entry course No. 398 on Monday, 21 February

2022 and 96 graduated nine weeks later. The RAN Recruit School's mission is to induct the next generation of sailors into the Royal Australian Navy, enabling them to think independently and act collectively in the conduct of their core duties within the Navy, and as part of a Joint force.

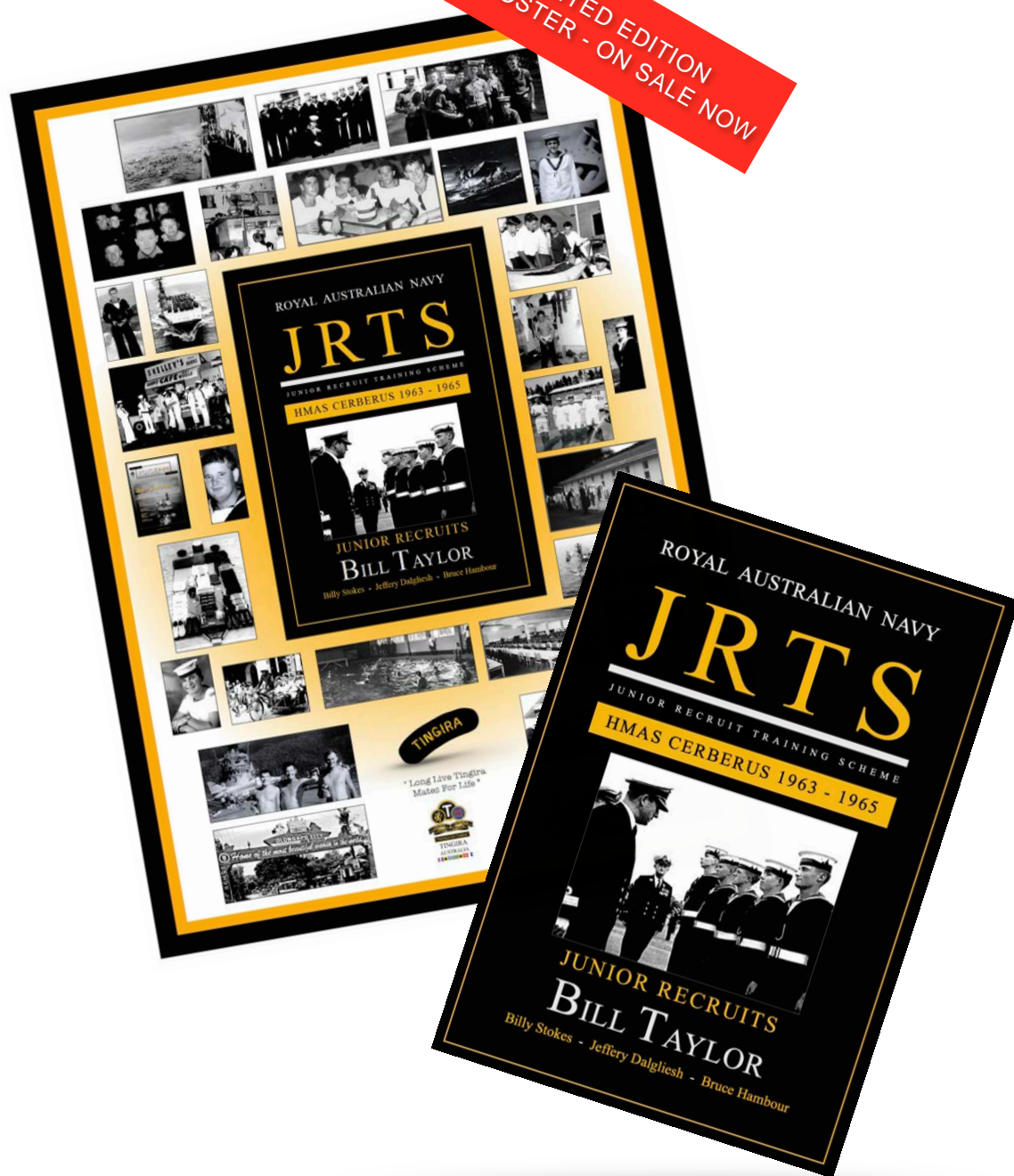
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MARITIME MUSEUM

Expands Volunteer Program to assist Defence Force Veterans

The Australian National Maritime Museum, in conjunction with long-term partner Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) today launched an expansion of the museum's existing volunteer program, designed to engage Defence Force veterans.

The program was launched by the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan AO RAN.

Tanya Bush, Acting Director of the museum said, "The museum's volunteers are one of our most

important assets and we are pleased to be able to extend our volunteer program to even more Defence personnel to share their invaluable knowledge and experience. In partnership with CSC, the program will support Defence Force veterans, through volunteering at the museum, to transition to civilian life, retirement and/or be a stepping-stone to general employment or simply provide community connection.

"Defence personnel are dedicated, resilient and disciplined individuals, and this program is unique in its design to tailor positions to the skills,





Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan presenting his address at the new veteran volunteer program at the Australian Maritime Museum in Sydney during the recent Seapower conference.

knowledge and experience of the veteran community, allowing them to gain the most benefit from participating. This includes training and professional development, mentoring and recognition. Additionally, those who have retired, who cannot work, or who are in civilian employment often miss the connection, purpose and support of military life. This program is dedicated to promote and encourage volunteering from Defence Force veterans with familiar objects in a public setting.”

Through the volunteer program, CSC will also be linking volunteers with their Vets Hub, an online community dedicated to improving financial well-being for Australian veterans and military families.

Damian Hill, CEO of CSC said, “As we celebrate our centenary this year, we are really proud to be the founding partner for the Museum’s Defence volunteer program and very excited to see it up and running.

“This initiative further builds on our strong connection to the Defence Force community and this next step in our partnership with the Museum

provides us with a really practical way to support those in the Defence Forces who have proudly served our nation.”

While veterans will have the opportunity to contribute to existing positions, a range of new and diverse volunteer roles are also being developed across the museum. These positions will be matched to applicants to ensure a good fit between existing skill level, experience, interests, and preferences, as well as the potential to provide opportunity for growth and learning.

It’s hoped this exciting initiative will lead to further collaborations between like-minded organisations, which will allow the museum to further expand the program.

Currently, approximately 10% of the 500 existing museum volunteers have worked in one of the Defence Forces. While the museum works hard to find a place for everyone regardless of mental or physical limitations, there were many more in the Defence community who wanted to be involved.

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so many levels.*

Peter O, ex-Air Force/Navy
and current museum volunteer

What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Develop a sense of wellbeing and self-worth
- Make new social connections with like-minded people
- Stay active and healthy
- Learn new skills and develop experience
- Get to know our heritage vessel fleet and historic collections
- Give back by sharing your knowledge with the community
- Share the joy of learning with our visitors as they discover fascinating stories, artefacts, and our rich history
- Enjoy working in a safe, supportive environment alongside an experienced team
- Access a range of social and educational activities as part of the museum's team

To find out how you can connect with this exciting program or to sponsor its development please email david.cutler@sea.museum

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Front Image:
Fleet volunteer Richard Hurley
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Our volunteers are the
beating heart of the museum.
They guide our visitors through
the day, helping them find
adventure at every turn.
They are the friendly face of
a world-class and engaging
visitor experience.

HMAS Onslow at the Maritime Museum
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Museum volunteer Ian Peters with Navy Cadets
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What do volunteers do?

There are many opportunities in our volunteering program, including guiding visitors, or working behind the scenes on our collections or fleet.

Here are some of the jobs volunteers can do for us:

Tour Guide

Enhance the visitor experience by engaging and providing information and advice about museum collections, exhibitions, and outdoor exhibits such as the historic fleet.

Fleet maintenance

Work alongside our shipkeepers and shipwrights to help preserve our fleet.

Sailing Hand

Learn and train alongside crew members to support the museum's tall ships as sailing crew.

Project Assistant

Contribute to upcoming exhibitions and programs.

Serving those who serve Australia

We acknowledge CSC, our founding partner and major sponsor, who have enabled this important expansion of our volunteer program to welcome former Defence personnel.

We are excited by the potential this exciting collaboration offers for the museum and the community in the future.

We invite you to learn more about our work with volunteers, and to support us in our goal to represent and enrich the lives of those who have served.

The Australian National Maritime Museum is an industry leader in the management of volunteers, a reputation achieved over more than 30 years supporting best-practice management based on core Australian Public Service values and ethics.

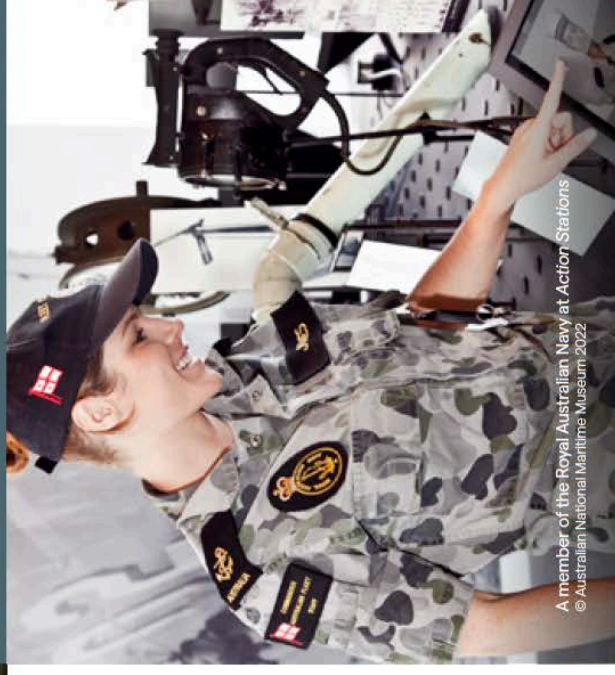
Our volunteers contribute across the museum in positions including on our historic vessels and 'behind the scenes' – our library, collections management and programming teams. Volunteers also publish our quarterly digital magazine *All Hands* and conduct oral history programs. There are many other volunteer opportunities, including our speaker's group, which promote maritime stories in the community.

Our team members express satisfaction and gratitude at the opportunities volunteering provides to connect with like-minded people, and become part of a supportive, social community. Volunteers also gain a sense of self-worth by helping to delivering the best experiences for visitors by sharing the nation's fascinating and important maritime history.



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A member of the Royal Australian Navy at Action Stations
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM - DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY



The Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) has partnered with the National Maritime Museum to provide every Defence Force veteran, serving member and current cadet with a complimentary ticket to the museum.

Simply present a valid ADF ID card, DVA-issued card, service medals or arrive in uniform to receive your free ticket which allows entry to everything open at the museum on the day of your visit.

As a bonus your accompanying friends and family receive a 50% discount off the same **See It All** ticket so you can enjoy the day together.

What's included with your free ticket

Access to all permanent galleries and special exhibitions including:

- Under Southern Skies
- Sydney Harbour Gallery
- The Navy Gallery
- Action Stations

You also get access to all museum vessels including:

- HMAS Vampire, Onslow and Advance
- HMB Endeavour and Bark James Craig
- Steam Yacht Ena

Defence Personnel receive a **10% discount** at the museum's Café and Store.

As vessel availability, opening hours and exhibition dates change, please check www.sea.museum or call **02 9298 3777** on the day of your visit.

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COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS
VETERANS - SHOW ID or RSL MEMBERSHIP



OPEN FOR TOURS ONLY
Patrol Boat: HMAS Advance



OPEN
HMAS Onslow



OPEN
HMB Endeavour



OPEN
Destroyer: HMAS Vampire



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One Ocean - Our Future



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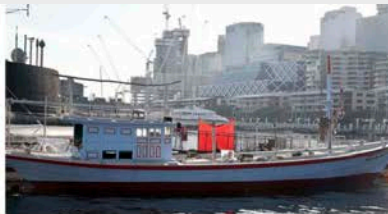
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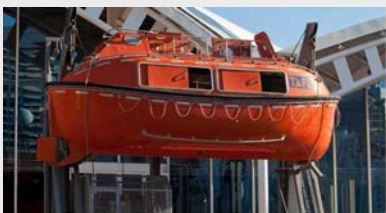
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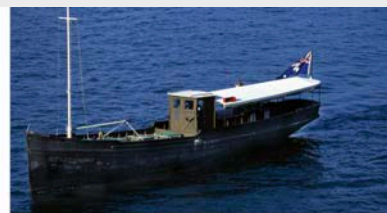
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Kathleen Gillett



ONGOING
Akarana

EXHIBITIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA - JRs Communicating

Rory Munn
Yesterday at 11:35 AM · 🌐

Last day in the mob. Can it be put on the Ops room People site?



Lance Ker
Yesterday at 7:35 AM · 🌐



HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits
Peter Anderson · 11h · 🌐

Joined the 26th in Jan 1969 and after 6 years part time study finished my Bachelor of Laws in November 2021. Might practice in semi-retirement. My catch phrase is you can teach an old sea dog new tricks.



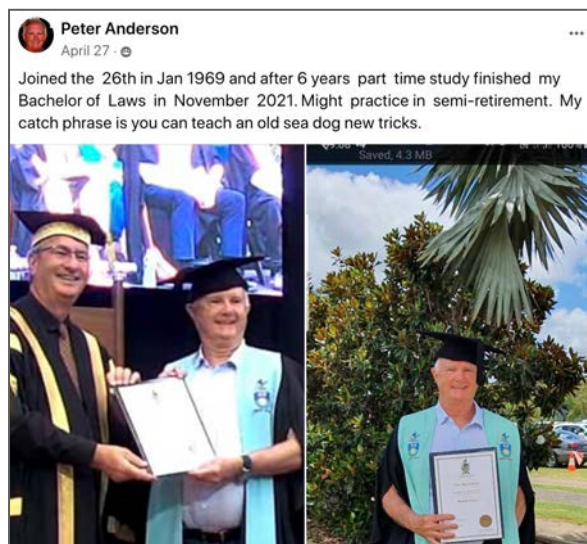
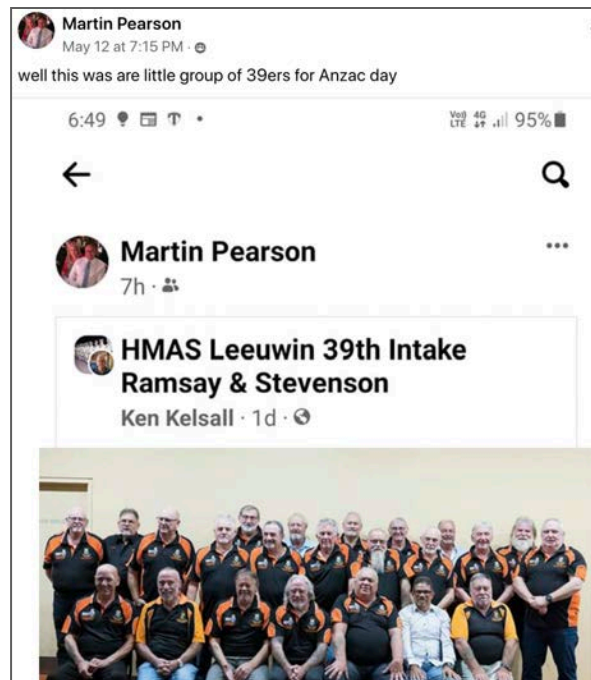
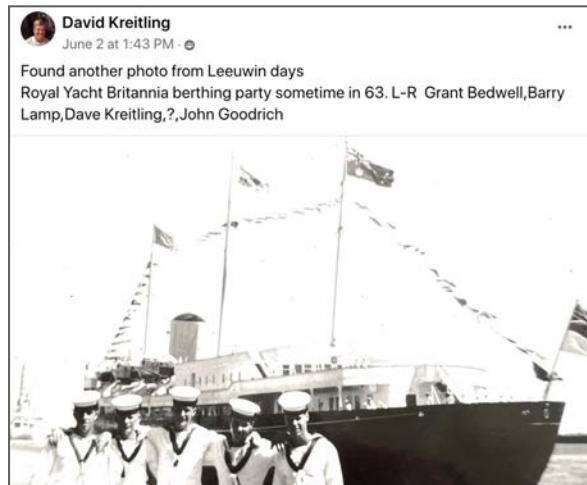
James Bishop was with Pete Bullock
April 8 at 1:11 PM · 🌐

40th next year. Life is fast. Much better with mates 🥰

James and Pete
Friends for 7 years



SOCIAL MEDIA - JRs Communicating





NSW PADDLEBOARDERS

Take up the Tingira Challenge

Shark Island Paddleboard club hosted the NSW annual 'Tingira Challenge' in bleak wet and windy conditions recently on Sydney Harbour.

Starting with a 'Le Mens' style start on the sandy shores of Tingira Park, Rose Bay, the paddlers set off on a 15km course. Young Casey Hayes from Wollongong, showing his fitness and style with paddle and board to over 100 fellow competitors, was the first to cross the finish line in just over one hour for this epic sprint across the Sydney waterway.

The Tingira Challenge is one of the longest-running paddleboard events on Sydney Harbour and a highlight of the season for the NSW paddleboard competitors.

Tingira Australia Association Secretary, Mark Lee, was on hand to present Casey Hayes the trophy, where he got his moment the ring his 'Tingira bell' for the first time.



Race winners » Long Course 15 km - Overall

Place ▲	Bib ◆	Racer name ◆ Affiliation ◆	Category ◆	Gender ◆	Finish time ◆	Difference ▼
1	366	HAYNES, Casey WP - Wollongong Paddlers - 282923	Ski - Open (16-39) Male	M	1:06:37.0	-
2	368	MARTIN, Trent SLSC - Other - PA710742	Ski - Open (16-39) Male	M	1:07:48.0	+1:11.0
3	362	DUNBAR, Wayne MWKC - Manly Warringah Kayak Club - 1035409	Ski - Open (16-39) Male	M	1:08:02.7	+1:25.7
4	363	MCMINN, Richard Interstate Paddler - PA282637	Ski - 40-49 Male	M	1:08:26.0	+1:49.0
5	306	CONSTABLE, Ben WP - Wollongong Paddlers - PA707603	Ski - 40-49 Male	M	1:09:14.4	+2:37.4



Australian Navy Cadets – TS Tingira

Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a leading provider of youth development experiences for Australian residents aged 12½ to 19 years old, sponsored by the Royal Australian Navy. It aims to build teamwork and leadership skills in young people through exciting and rewarding maritime activities and quality learning opportunities.



Adventure and fun are the key ingredients for activities covering everything nautical from sailing, knots, powerboating, seamanship and marching, to camps, ceremonial parades and events, sailing regattas and interstate trips. We also help you learn skills you will need in the future: leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, independence, resilience, trust and respect.

The life skills that Cadets learn complement their academic achievements and stand them in good stead for rewarding careers.

How do I join?

Come and visit the unit, based at HMAS Cerberus in Crib Point for a few weeks see if you like it, then complete the application paperwork. Once this is complete and the joining fee is paid we kit you out with your uniform (on loan) and welcome you to TS Tingira.

EMAIL.

tstingira@navycadets.gov.au



POSITION VACANT

CRIB POINT - Tingira Local Area Coordinator

*A Tingira member is required to 'step up' and muster the troops for
Anzac Day, Tingira Day and Christmas Drinks,
please consider, are you the new social leader of the VIC membership*

Contact Secretary Email. tsec@tingira.org.au

POSITION VACANT

TASMANIA - Tingira Local Area Coordinator

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please consider, are you the new social leader of the TAS membership*

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POSITION VACANT

DARWIN - Tingira Local Area Coordinator

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Anzac Day, Tingira Day and Christmas Drinks,
please consider, are you the new social leader of the NT membership*

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