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HMAS Hobart personnel line the flight deck as the ship sails ahead of HMAS Stalwart into the port of Tokyo in Japan, during a regional presence deployment

OFFICIAL IMAGE  
Royal Australian Navy  
LSIS DANIEL GOODMAN

# VIEWFINDER IN RANGE HISTORICAL IMAGE THIS QUARTER



“ I would like to thank many of our VOICEpipe readers who have contacted me and appreciated this brief detailed photography segment of my daily 'camera life' as a new contribution to our VOICEpipe magazine. ML

### Friday 9th September 2022 ...

The news hit me at 4 am on my bedside radio that the Queen had passed. I scrambled into my old jeans and sneakers in the dark, grabbed the camera bag with my little Panasonic 'PJ' travel camera. Just made the 5 am train to the city from Beecroft, I was the only passenger for the first 20 minutes of the 30 minute journey!

My plan was, to photograph the 'MOOD' of the people on that morning around the streets of Sydney, and anything else that resembles a storyline the announcement of the Queen's passing.

In a few words from the Circular Quay station master, it was just a 'face of gloom across the platforms'.

You could see it, as each carriage unloaded, passengers with faces of despair were off to work. Heads down, shoulders slumped, strolling slowly with one foot leading the other, silence was everywhere, until the next station announcement pieced the air.

This was a day workers would never forget if they were just about to learn of the news of the hour. And that's why I hit the streets early that morning. As a working photographer, you know there is an image out there waiting to be made, you just needed to be there, and not in bed thinking about what if?

I took many interesting angles of people and buildings that morning that represented the mood, however, to pick out 'one' and write about it; that was always going to be difficult on such an occasion.

Walking up Martin Place towards NSW Parliament House at 6.30 am, I thought I would see if the flags were at half-mast to add to the storyline. On my way, I passed the channel Seven open window newsroom at Pitt Street, and there before me there was the image to be taken. David Koshe and co host Natalie Barr, were hard at work on the morning news desk.

Dressed in black, these presenters were on their game. Eyes wide open, coffee in hand, and hamburgers under the desk, they were presenting the first big picture of the Queen with headlines on screen, this was to be the image millions of Australians were waking up to that morning.

Wide angle lens gets the shot, window cross frame and all, the lighting is brilliant, compliments to the film crew on the news floor, get it all in from wall to wall was my thought, it's just a 60th second at f8, but that's what history is to me, the moment.

Let the picture tell the story, sometimes it just works like that, and this was that time.

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*September 1981 - HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruit, Brad Murphy, 74<sup>th</sup> Intake, receiving the 'Citizenship Award' from Rear Admiral Sir Paul Greening GCVO, Commanding Officer HMS Britannia.*



TINGIRA PRESIDENT

**BRAD MURPHY OAM**



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***Brilliant  
seeing the  
young RN  
recruits and  
many 'old  
salt' sailors in  
REAL  
uniforms at  
their peak  
performance  
on  
ceremonial  
duty***

## PRESIDENT'S DESK - From The Bridge

# MEMORABLE MOMENTS ROYALS - RECRUITS - REUNIONS and KING CHARLES III



**T**oday, the first day of summer, where did spring go? What a quarter it has been from my desk! Up here in Central Queensland (Bundaberg), my medical profession has never been so busy or stretched! That is why I love everything I do for my Tingira, DVA support duties, helping system change and education of GP's and our teams to support Veterans and their families.

It was a great honour recently to give several hours of evidence to the Royal Commission into Veteran and Defence Suicide travelling to Darwin, acknowledging the impact this has on so many, the opportunities to support our Brothers and Sisters. Highlighting supports during service, transitioning and in the times that follow service to ensure service men and women enjoy a long and healthy life and with the optimal support form the health system in conjunction with DVA entitlements as appropriate. There is a great appetite to improve what we do in this space and I am proud of the small role I have in this space

and the great role that team Tingira also steps up to where we can supporting our cohort in this space.

I have about 30 ex-JRs up here on my patch and if I make one general observation, those that are fit and healthy (many) seem to always have plenty on their plate, they keep active in their communities with outside duties from their retired home life, on and on they seem to roll; lesson for retiree beginners I ponder!

### ROYALS

This issue of VOICEPipe is one that was always going to be tough with the passing of the Monarch, HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We are fortunate to have John Perryman on our pages with his keyboard.

John has again delivered one of his finest projects before he shut the door on his way out of RAN Seapower Australia recently, a tribute to the Monarch with her duties crossing the sea waves of the RAN over her reign.









*We called for members to give us their moments when they brushed with the 'Royals' over the years, we received some interesting contributions, thank you to all.*

*My closest brush was with Rear Admiral Sir Paul Greening, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Yacht Britannia, a bit of a long bow, however, the occasion was big for me as a 16-year-old. I stepped up to receive a citizenship prize back in my HMAS Leeuwin days. The old pic (opposite) from my shoebox collection comes up nice too, thanks to our editor's brilliant photoshop skills.*

### ROYAL NAVY RECRUITS

*It was a heavy 'month of media' for us all on the Queen's funeral and it brought back so many navy day memories. Brilliant seeing the young RN recruits and many 'old salt' sailors in REAL uniforms at their peak performance in ceremonial duty. Not once, but it seemed like an everyday event for 30 days when you turned on the tube there was another ceremonial parade or event, they missed nothing, and well done it was by all. The pic opposite moves me just looking at spit polished boots, white belts and gaiters, there's a chore I don't miss!*

*The next chapter on the Monarch's reign of King Charles III is certainly going to be different from his mother's contribution over her time, I look forward to seeing how this all turns out over the next decade.*

*I'm just thinking, how many uniforms and stationary cards around the world have to be changed for the Queen's Crown to become the King's Crown in a short period of time? Like millions I presume! We are bound to see a story and image jump out of the navy news pages soon when some young midshipman is commissioned with the first Officers cap badge and then the task for the Navy Office to find the youngest PO of the day to get a 'Crown and Anchor' cap badge, let's see if it gets a run from the navy PR machine?*

*Back at the Tingira helm, our crew has been busy putting some final touches to a three-year strategic plan that I hope to release on Australia Day of 2023 at this stage.*

*Many of our members presented themselves in Tingira uniform nationally at local RSL around the Remembrance Day services; thank you to those lads, you were not unnoticed in your efforts.*

### REUNIONS

*The first thing that comes to mind is another navy reunion when we mention the word REUNION in my household, however, I believe it has a different meaning at present as we face the upcoming festive season.*

*Australians are returning home from around the globe, traveling far and wide across our country to be reunited with family and loved ones. The reunion of the family is important to us all after the two years of Covid and the many restrictions imposed on all of us at some stage.*

*And then there is the empty chair at the Christmas table, the one that we lost along the way. In my business, it's a sad reality as my patients move on, especially as we establish such close relationships during the time of their care and life's adventures. It's one of the toughest parts of my job when one of the staff says "Old Jim is gone", a cause for reflection on lives well lived and the shift of care towards family and friends left behind, our time is precious men.*

*I treasure REUNIONS at the family level and especially at the navy level when the grand occasion occurs. Already in 2023, there are a few JR intake reunions on the cards. I know they will be good for all, and I encourage other members to make the effort and attend your reunion.*

*I am personally preparing to celebrate with my 74th classmates as we celebrate in Bundaberg in February, including a guest appearance by former JR and Chief of Navy, VADM Russ Crane AO who is opening the TINGIRA Australia conference room at our surgery as part of our celebrations (Many thanks to a former JR still showing his support for where we all began all those years and adventures ago!). If it's your old ship, branch, or intake gathering, I can just say the memory is well worth the effort.*

*Big thank you to our National Tingira Committee, sponsors, and supporters, it has been another eventful year at the helm for all of us and I know 2023 will hopefully be 'back to normal' as life goes on. Season's greetings to all, safe travels, and happy memories.*

**Brad Murphy** OAM  
President - Tingira Aust Assoc



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## IN PRODUCTION ANMM & RAN HERITAGE CTRE ALLIANCE

***“That Tingira Aust Assoc make closer contact with Australia National Maritime Museum AND RAN Seapower Heritage Centre, Garden Island possibility of using museums facilities future display of the Tingira collection.***

Ongoing discussions with both groups - for future Tingira functions and presence at museum.

## IN PRODUCTION

### WOOLAHRA COUNCIL & RSL ROSE BAY 2023 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, committee of Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch on the future of this Memorial due for high maintenance and upgrade.



## IN PRODUCTION 2023 - 2025 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.***

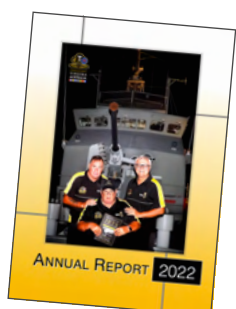
Secretary and Treasurer have commenced the project with input from committee and the present membership, due release Australia day 2023.



## IN PRODUCTION STONEHAVEN AWARD 2023

***“That Tingira Aust Assoc call for nominations - Tingira Stonehaven Medal 2023 - awarded annually to the 'Tingira Boy' or Boys who go above and beyond the normal call of duty”***

National Tingira Committee has commenced the nomination process with adverts and social media calls for the 2023 award.

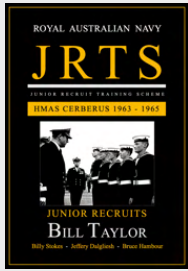


## IN PRODUCTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

***“That Tingira Aust Assoc present Annual Report for membership, presentation at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, first half 2023.***

Tingira Secretary has commenced the design and layout process with assistance for final financial reports from Summit Consultants by last week of January 2023.

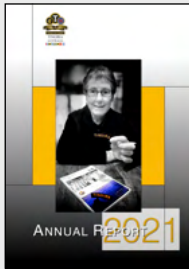




## COMPLETED JRTS HMAS CERBERUS 1963 - 1965

**"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"**

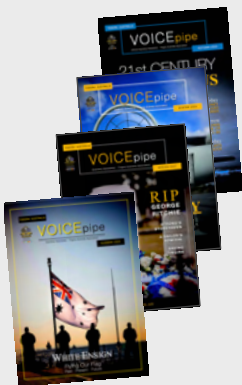
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## COMPLETED ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**"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 VP AUTUMN - WINTER - SPRING - SUMMER 2022

**"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"**

Editor Mark Lee, and the new editorial sub committee, have delivered the first four 2022 issues of the new format VOICEpipe magazine to the membership



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> April, followed by late media release on 22 April on website



## COMPLETED STONEHAVEN PRESENTATION - WA

**"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 duel winners. Husband and wife, Jack and Anita Strong of Rockingham were presented with the Tingira Stonehaven Medal, and Shield Friday 15 July 2022 - Tingira Day, East Fremantle, WA.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP



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# COMMUNICATIONS - Tingira Letter Box

## VALE REGINA

*On behalf of the membership of the Tingira Australia Association, I extend my deepest sympathies to all members of the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

*As we reflect on her life, we acknowledge her commitment as an outstanding servant of her people who has shown dedication, compassion, leadership and commitment unmatched over her 70 years of service as our Sovereign. It is right that we commemorate and celebrate her unswerving service.*

*At a very young age all of our former RAN Junior Recruits, who joined our Navy between 1960 and 1984, willingly and enthusiastically pledged their loyalty and allegiance to Her Majesty as Australia's sovereign. Her courage and inspirational service over 70 years as our Sovereign acknowledges the commitment made by those young men.*

*May Her Majesty now Rest in Peace and we, her servants, say thank you for a lifetime of exceptional service.*

**Russ Crane**  
Vice Admiral AO RAN Rtd  
Patron - Tingira Australia Association

## VALE - PAUL BIRCHETT

*This email to inform Tingira members and former RAN Junior Recruits, of the recent passing of Paul Birchett, Junior Recruit in the 31st Stevenson division, HMAS Leeuwin, 1970.*

*Paul passed peacefully in his sleep on 10th September, at Jerilderie hospital, NSW.*

**Bill Potts**  
31st Stevenson - 1970

## MEMBERSHIP - POSTAGE

*It could be said that I am many decades overdue in wishing to join the TINGIRA Aust Assoc, but better late than never.*

*I have one query, which is the additional \$9.99 postage added to the cost of general membership?*

*What is it for?*

**Jeff Booker**  
CMDR RAN Rtd  
5th Intake - 1962

*Jeff,*

*The association issues a new certificate (printed and laminated at cost of \$5) with current new and renewed memberships. Life Membership upgrade also receive certificate and a new lapel pin also at \$5 each.*

*The certificate is sent in registered Express Post, at a cost of approx. \$13. The postage charge \$9.99 helps us cover these costs; we have never lost a package in Australia Post under this process over the 12 years of our merchandise operations so far! The association also has good sponsorship support and occasionally receives donations from members to keep us rolling, it all helps when balancing the books. SEC - MSL*

## USA - TINGIRA LIFE MEMBER

*As we talked on the phone recently, I thought it best from the US over here that a make a Life membership contribution, maybe best for me so you don't have to chase me anymore for the annual fees!*

*Thanks for your time shipmate, best regards*

**Roger Reinke**  
27th Stevenson - 1969  
Henderson NV, USAI

## CALLING - FROM OUT WEST

*I must congratulate you on the "Voice Pipe" which is now circulating.*

*A much improved version you are now producing, and full credit to you.*

*Thanks for being such a dedicated group at the helm of Tingira to continue for such a long time since the Chandelier fell from the ceiling at the 2010 reunion in Perth where this association formed and continued onwards for us.*

*Congratulations much go to you and your Team for keeping the Members informed and together.*

**Alan Rodgers**  
1st Intake - 1960  
Perth, WA



The image is a promotional banner for Trophy Land. On the left is the Trophy Land logo, which consists of a stylized 'TL' inside a square frame with the words 'TROPHY LAND' underneath. To the right of the logo are three circular images: the first shows a green award cup, the second shows a hand holding a gold trophy, and the third shows a laser engraving tool. Below these images is a black banner with the website 'www.trophyland.com.au' and the text 'AWARDS and TROPHIES'. On the far right, a black box contains the address 'PARRAMATTA ROAD STANMORE, NSW' and the phone number '02 - 9279 - 0009'.

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# TINGIRA

## STONEHAVEN MEDAL

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



**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

**GREG READ SC**  
Tingira President 2013



**2020**  
**BRAD & JACKIE MURPHY**  
Windemere, QLD



**2021**  
**JOHN & MEREDITH PERRYMAN**  
Fadden, ACT

**2022**  
**JACK & ANITA STRONG**  
Rockingham, WA



# 2023 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Tingira Australia Association has set about to reward a member who has gone 'above and beyond' their normal requirement of duty, either in navy, civil or community projects during the period of.

Please nominate a ship mate or a group of ship mates that have performed to an elite level for consideration for next year's Stonehaven Medal

A brief explanation 100 - 500 words to describe the task  
by the person making the nomination  
Group projects are also encouraged for nomination

**Nominations close last mail - Wednesday 1 March 2023**  
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**JOHN PERRYMAN**



“

***Generations  
of Australian  
naval personnel  
have served in  
Her Majesty's  
Australian Ships  
and many others  
have paraded  
for HM during  
her sixteen visits  
to Australia.***

## TODAY'S NEWS

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN BY TINGIRA BOYS

Queen Elizabeth II  
and Prince Phillip  
were a large part of  
our navy days



*One of the final projects that former Seapower Australia director of history, John Perryman had to prepare before his departure from office; a detailed document for release on the pending change of the Monarch.*

*John swaps his 'Vision cap for his History cap' on this occasion inside the Voicepipe pages, we publish his Seapower document that gives a thorough association of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip with the Royal Australian Navy over the past 70 year period.*

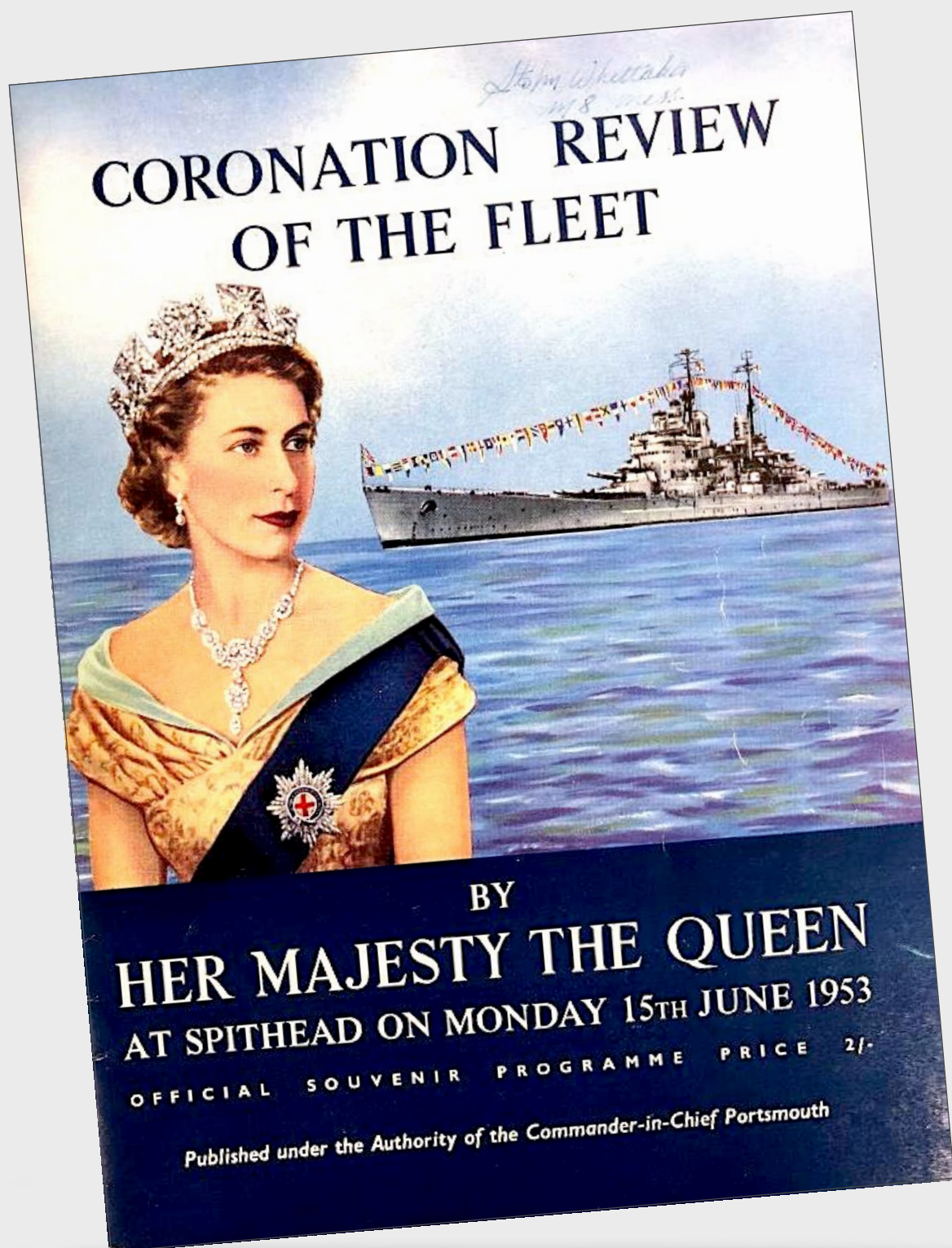
**T**his narrative marks the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and serves to highlight the unique relationship Her Majesty (HM) had with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Australian Nation throughout her reign.

Queen Elizabeth II ruled for longer than any other monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her extraordinary reign saw her travel more widely than any other monarch, undertaking many historic overseas visits.





*Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh pose for a coronation portrait in June 1953.*



*A treasured souvenir program retained by a member of HMAS Sydney (III)'s ship's company who took part in the Coronation Review of June 1953.*

Her Majesty was no stranger to Australia, visiting our shores to take part in numerous significant commemorations, anniversaries and ceremonies. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of unprecedented social change.

The Queen was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926 at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, London. She was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York - who later became King George VI - and Queen Elizabeth. She was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary at Buckingham Palace on 29 May that year.

Her Royal Highness was expected to live a relatively normal, if privileged, life with her close-knit and loving family. But that changed in December 1936 when her uncle - King Edward VIII - abdicated, leaving her father as King, and Princess Elizabeth as next in line to the throne.

The war years, 1939-1945, took a tremendous toll on King George VI as he encouraged and inspired his subjects through some of Britain's darkest hours. Many believe that the burden of responsibility imposed on him led to his premature death on 6 February 1952 following a prolonged illness.

Princess Elizabeth immediately acceded to the throne, becoming Queen Elizabeth II and taking on all of the responsibilities which came with her new title including that of Queen of Australia.

The new queen's Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953 with prime ministers, leading citizens of Commonwealth countries and representatives of foreign states gathering to mark the occasion and pay their respects. Elsewhere crowds of people lined the procession route in spite of heavy rain. A contingent of Australian Armed Forces personnel was also in attendance most of whom had taken passage to England in the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney (III) as part of an official coronation contingent. In a world first, the coronation ceremony was also broadcast on radio and television around the world.

Following the coronation, a fleet of 300 vessels, comprising Royal Navy, Commonwealth and

visiting foreign warships, formed up in 12 columns in the waters of the Solent adjacent to the major ports of Portsmouth and Southampton. The spectacle was reviewed by Her Majesty on Monday 15 June 1953. For those serving in HMAS Sydney (III) it proved to be a memorable occasion and one of the last great reviews of a bygone era.

In 1954 Her Majesty (HM) set out to complete the tour of the Commonwealth she had begun prior to the death of her father. Accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, she visited Bermuda, Jamaica, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Uganda, Malta and Gibraltar.

Ceremonially conveyed ashore by naval personnel at Farm Cove, Sydney, on 3 February 1954, HM became the first reigning monarch of Australia to set foot on Australian soil. This proved to be the beginning of a relentless itinerary that included visits to seven capital cities and 70 country towns in just 58 days. Throughout many of those visits HM was welcomed by Royal Guards of Honour comprising RAN personnel.

The next visit to Australia by HM took place in February 1963 when she and Prince Philip arrived in Australia to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Australian capital, Canberra. The tour saw HM also visit Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane, the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme in NSW, the Northern Territory and Perth.

Throughout the official tour, the RAN assumed many responsibilities to ensure the Royal couple's safety including sea patrols during Royal over-flights and the provision of HMAS Anzac (II) as an official escort to the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Following the arrival of Britannia at Sydney's overseas passenger terminal, Circular Quay, a Royal Guard of Honour and RAN band received Her Majesty; an occasion that also marked the first parading of the new Queen's Colour under the watchful eye of Colours Officer Lieutenant D. Daly, RAN. The Navy was also responsible for the handling of secure Royal communications and for the provision of sentries during the visit which concluded on 27 March 1963.

Queen Elizabeth II's third visit to Australia took place in March/April 1970. On that occasion she was accompanied by HRH Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

Arriving at Mascot Airport, Sydney, on 30 March, HM was again received by a Naval Royal Guard and Band. The occasion was all the more significant for the RAN as it was the first time that the new Queen's Colour, incorporating the Australian White Ensign adopted in 1967, was paraded in her presence.

The Royal visit marked an important milestone for modern Australia as it coincided with the bicentenary of Captain James Cook's arrival in 1770; a reminder of the part played by naval forces in the discovery, exploration and ongoing defence of our island nation.

Queen Elizabeth II's next visit to Australia took place in October 1973 focussing on the opening of the Sydney Opera House. As the home of the RAN fleet, hundreds of Sydney-based naval personnel were involved in the celebrations, notably the RAN fleet band which featured prominently throughout proceedings taking the opportunity to release and promote a new album entitled Pacific Horizons.

In late 1973 invitations from the governments of New Zealand and Australia were accepted by HM to visit both countries as part of a tour of the Pacific scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 1974. The visit proved to be a busy time for the RAN with multiple ships performing Royal duties.

HMAS Anzac (II) was the first to host a Royal when HRH the Duke of Edinburgh visited the ship on 9 January 1974 while berthed at Port Lyttelton, New Zealand, mid-way through a training cruise. Later, HMASTorrens (Captain DJ Martin, RAN), performed the duty as the principal RAN escort for HMY Britannia for 14 days between 10-24 February as HM, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne, made calls at a number of Commonwealth Pacific island nations.

RAN patrol boats also played a part when HMA Ships Aitape (Lieutenant K Wintle, RAN), Madang (Lieutenant D Caton, RAN), Ladava (Lieutenant G Smith, RAN) and Lae (Lieutenant S Pert, RAN), all of the Papua New Guinea

Squadron, welcomed the Royals with a 21 gun salute as they entered Kieta Harbour, Rabaul.

At the end of her escort duty Torrens received special praise from HM who conveyed the following message to Captain Martin: 'Thank you for your escort. I was most impressed by the admirable way in which you carried out your duties, the smart appearance of your ship and by your steampast.'

Several years would elapse before the Queen's next visit to Australia to celebrate her silver jubilee in 1977.

The 1977 jubilee tour saw the Queen and Prince Philip spending most of the month of March touring Australia.

Arriving in Canberra on 7 March, the tour began in spectacular fashion when more than 1600 Service personnel paraded on the lawns in front of Parliament House the following day. The Royal Guard of Honour comprised 300 men from the three Armed Forces and was under the charge of Commander Ralph Derbidge, MBE, RAN. The naval component of the guard was drawn from the RAN Apprentice Training Establishment HMAS Nirimba and was ably led by Lieutenant Commander Don McNaught, RAN. The musical accompaniment was provided by a 100 strong massed tri-Service band.

After opening the second session of the 30<sup>th</sup> Australian Parliament the Queen moved to a dais where she received a Royal Salute before reviewing the parade, the climax of which saw 56 ADF aircraft fly overhead in two separate formations.

On completion of their visit to Canberra, the Royal party began an extensive tour of Australia which saw them visit each state and territory. Throughout the tour HMAS Vampire (II) (Captain AR Horton, RAN) escorted HMY Britannia and 8 RAN personnel were fortunate to be selected to serve in Britannia as part of her crew. Elsewhere around Australia, naval personnel routinely paraded adding to the pageantry.

Although the visit concluded on 29 March it was not the end of the RAN's involvement in jubilee celebrations. On 28 June HMA Ships Melbourne (II) (Commodore RC Swan, RAN) and Brisbane (II) (Captain RW Burnett, RAN) represented Australia in the Silver Jubilee Naval Review at





*HM Queen Elizabeth II, inspecting the Royal Guard and Colour Party paraded for her on arriving at Mascot Airport, Sydney, March 1970.*



**Former RAN JR - RAY STELCIUNAS**

" I was in the Royal Guard in 1962 when the Royals arrived at Perth airport to open the, then Empire games and later for the opening of the Perth Royal show; we had the old 303 rifles with the ceremonial bayonet.

Spithead, UK. Hailed as the greatest naval review since the Queen's coronation, it comprised some 175 ships from 18 nations.

The Queen and Prince Philip visited Australia on five separate occasions during the 1980s.

The first visit, in May 1980, was centred on opening a new High Court building in Canberra and was followed in 1981 with HM's attendance at a Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Melbourne. In October 1982 HM returned to Australia with Prince Philip to attend the XII Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and officially open the new National Gallery in Canberra. While visiting Darwin, Her Majesty also opened the Navy's new patrol boat base adjacent to Larakeyah Barracks. On each of those occasions the Navy continued to provide ceremonial and practical support to the Royal entourage with HMAS Torrens (Captain JG McDermott, RAN) reprising her role as escort ship for HMY Britannia as the Queen continued her tour visiting a number of Pacific island dominions.

In March 1986 HM returned to Australia with Prince Philip to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of the 'Royal' title to Australia's naval forces. During the visit HM dedicated a national RAN memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra and later presented the Navy with a new Queen's colour in a ceremony at HMAS Cerberus.

During the 1986 Royal tour the duty of escort ship to HMY Britannia fell to HMAS Darwin (Captain H Donohue, RAN) as the Queen travelled by sea from Port Melbourne to Western Port and then on to Adelaide.

Australia's bicentennial year, 1988, saw the Queen and Prince Philip arrive in Perth in April where they began a three week visit which included the opening of the World Expo in Brisbane, the opening of Darling Harbour in Sydney and the opening of Australia's new Parliament House in Canberra. The Navy again featured prominently throughout proceedings, providing security and ceremonial support to the Royal entourage and a noticeable presence at the opening of Parliament House on 9 May 1988.

The 1990s saw a sharp decline in visits by HM to Australia with just one taking place in 1992.

On that occasion HM came to take part in celebrations commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of Sydney as a city. The second session of the fiftieth parliament of New South Wales was also opened by the Queen on 20 February with a tri-Service guard in attendance led by Lieutenant Commander K Bailey, RAN. The naval component comprised chiefly of apprentices drawn from HMAS Nirimba.

Eight years would elapse before the Queen resumed tours of Australia with the first of them taking place in March 2000, just four months after a referendum was held concerning whether Australia should become a republic. The result of the referendum revealed ongoing public support for the monarchy and the visit was, no doubt, timed in recognition of that outcome.

Highlights of the visit included the first parading of Australia's Tri-Service Federation Guard before Her Majesty with some 3000 members of the public turning out, in steady rain, to welcome the Royal party. The visit also took place following the conclusion of the highly successful INTERFET operation in East Timor and Her Majesty personally decorated a number of ADF personnel for bravery at Government House, Canberra, who had distinguished themselves while on active service in East Timor. Able Seaman Clearance Diver Justin Brown was one of those recognised through the award of a Commendation for Gallantry.

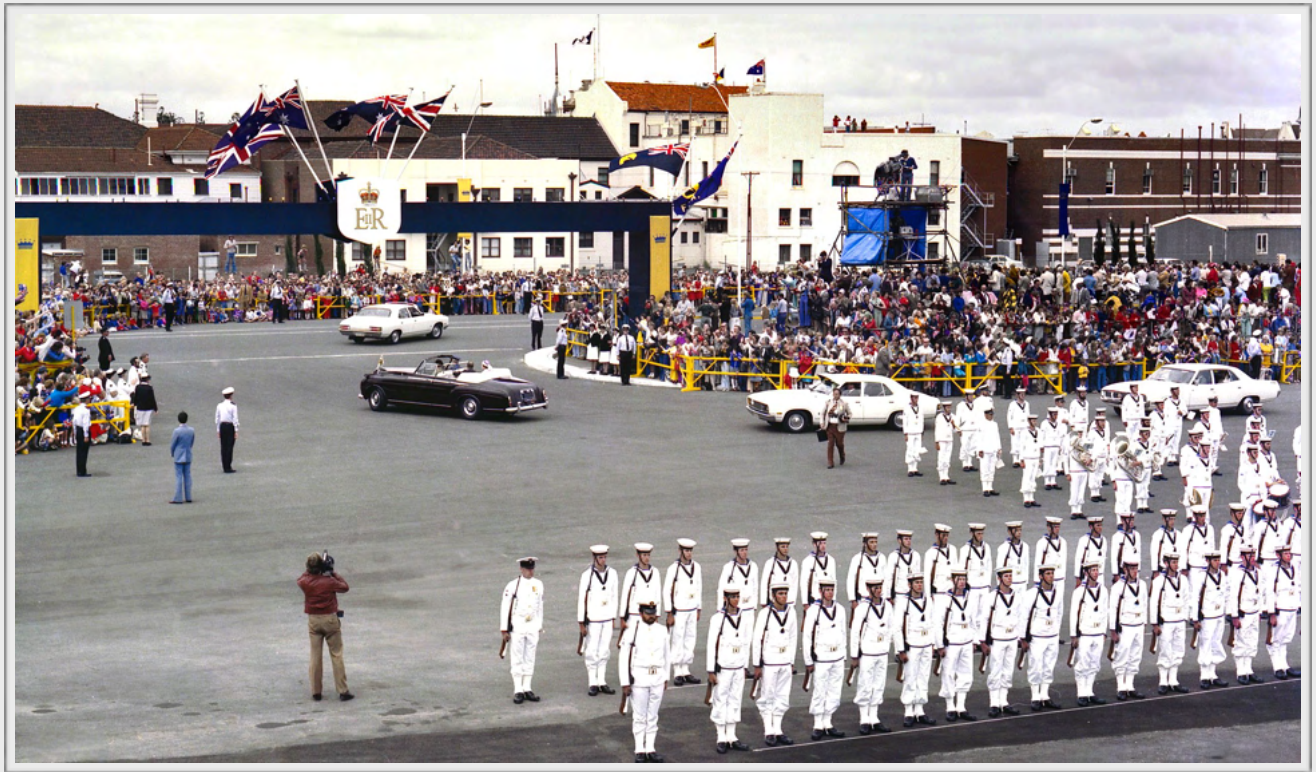
HM returned to Australia in February 2002, during her golden jubilee year, to attend the seventeenth Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Coolumb, Queensland, between 2 and 5 March. Regional security was at the top of the agenda following the 11 September attacks on the United States the previous year, as was the Queen's personal security throughout the visit. The five-day programme saw the Queen and Prince Philip spend most of their time in South Australia and Queensland.

In her 80<sup>th</sup> year HM returned to Australia to open the XVIII Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in early March 2006. Around 2,600 Australian Defence Force personnel supported Commonwealth and State security operations in connection with the games to ensure their success. At that time many speculated that it



*The crew of the RAN's flagship record their participation in Jubilee celebrations on the flight deck of HMAS Melbourne. The carrier is escorted by HMAS Brisbane (II) and HMNZS Canterbury en-route to the UK.*





1977 - The Royal party departing the Port of Fremantle, HMAS Leeuwin - JR Royal Guard.



may have been HM's last visit to Australia, however, this prediction proved premature with the Queen and Prince Philip both making one final appearance in 2011.

The 2011 visit was an important one for Australia's naval forces which commemorated 100 years of service as the 'Royal' Australian Navy, the Royal title having been approved for use by King George V in 1911.

The Queen's 16<sup>th</sup> visit to Australia took place during the period 19-29 October 2011 beginning in Canberra when the Royal aircraft touched down at Fairbairn air base. There HM was received by the Australian Federation Guard and a 21 gun Royal salute. The following day the RAN's VIP boat squadron conveyed HM and Prince Philip across Lake Burley Griffin from Government House to Commonwealth Park. The appearance of an admiral's barge on

Canberra's lake, with the Royal couple embarked generated great interest and HM remarked to its crew on how much she enjoyed the 25 minute journey.

The visit also saw HM and Prince Philip visit Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth before returning to the United Kingdom.

Throughout the reign of Queen Elizabeth II she, and her late husband HRH Prince Philip, maintained close ties with the Australian nation and its Navy. Generations of Australian naval personnel have served in Her Majesty's Australian Ships and many others have paraded for HM during her sixteen visits to Australia.

As the Nation entered a period of respectful mourning, the Chief of Navy's flag remained at half-mast until sunset on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. JP



Navy Photographer - **PETER LEWIS**

" This photo was taken by Defence Public Relations Photographer, ABPH Murray Staff.

was in the press group next to the Australian War Memorial to photograph the unveiling, another navy phot, Steve Given was next to me. From Canberra I went down to HMAS Cerberus for the presentation of the new Queens Colour, where I got to photograph and meet Her Majesty, a very memorable and busy few days.



## RAN SAILORS - MANY TIMES WITH OUR MONARCH



**Lance Ker - CHAIRMAN - Tingira Australia Association**

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At the age of 15 on my way to HMAS Leeuwin I swore a allegiance to this amazing Monarch and I would do it all again RIP Your Majesty.

I Lance Ker swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, Her Heirs and Successors according to law, as a member of the Royal Australian Navy ,and that I will resist her enemies and faithfully discharge my duty according to law. SO HELP ME GOD!







## HELEN HOWLETT

*Queens visit - Sydney - 1954*

"Photographs from my late fathers collection when he was part of the RAN Royal Guard for the Queens welcome at Farm Cove, Sydney".





## RAN SAILORS - BRUSH WITH THE MONARCH



### Paul 'Blue' Hartridge ...

*Never involved with the Queen or Prince Phillip, but....I believe it was March 1979, I was at LEEUWIN, 66th Intake when Prince Charles came to WA for the State's 150th celebrations.*

*He came to LEEUWIN and we did an informal 'meet and greet'. He stopped to talk to a few of us, and eventually stopped at me and asked....'So, you go ashore on the weekend and have a drink?' giving the hand signal for a drink.*

*I was horrified, the future King of England basically asking if I went ashore and got drunk, and there I am surrounded by Coxswains the CO and NOCWA.*

*I meekly replied, 'No Sir, I am a local and I go home to my Granma'. LOL*

*I cringe when I think of my 16 year old response.*

*The Prince asked us (Rugby League team) if we played Union.*

*Jim Twyford and I both said "No. We play Rugby League. Union is for girls."*

*The Prince then replied, "You know I played Union at college, I didn't like it, too tough". Then walked on.*

*The 'look of death' from the Commodore will forever be seared into my brain.*

### Bruce Fitzgerald ...

*Never had a lot to do with Her Majesty but we followed Britannia around for six weeks.*

*I got to shake Prince Phillips hand in 2 Mess on HMAS Anzac.*

*We had an Aborigine OD that did a lot of duty on the Queens Gangway, don't recall the name but he adore her, when we were moaning about all the Ceremony, and some were cursing them, he would stand up for her no matter what.*

### Ken Andrews ...

*The only time I participated in anything involving the Queen, we were anchored middle harbour, Sydney, to witness the opening of the Opera House on HMAS Supply, about 50 years ago!*



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### **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral**

*The Commonwealth contingent made up of the Australian Defence Force, Canadian Armed Forces and New Zealand Defence Force march on the procession route during the state funeral in London. Australian Defence Force personnel represented the nation in the United Kingdom following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022.*

*On behalf of the three services and Defence organisations which the Queen was directly associated with, the 40 personnel participated in official commemoration and memorial ceremonies as part of the official national contingent alongside the Governor General and Prime Minister of Australia.*

*Photograph by Sergeant Jarrod McAneney*



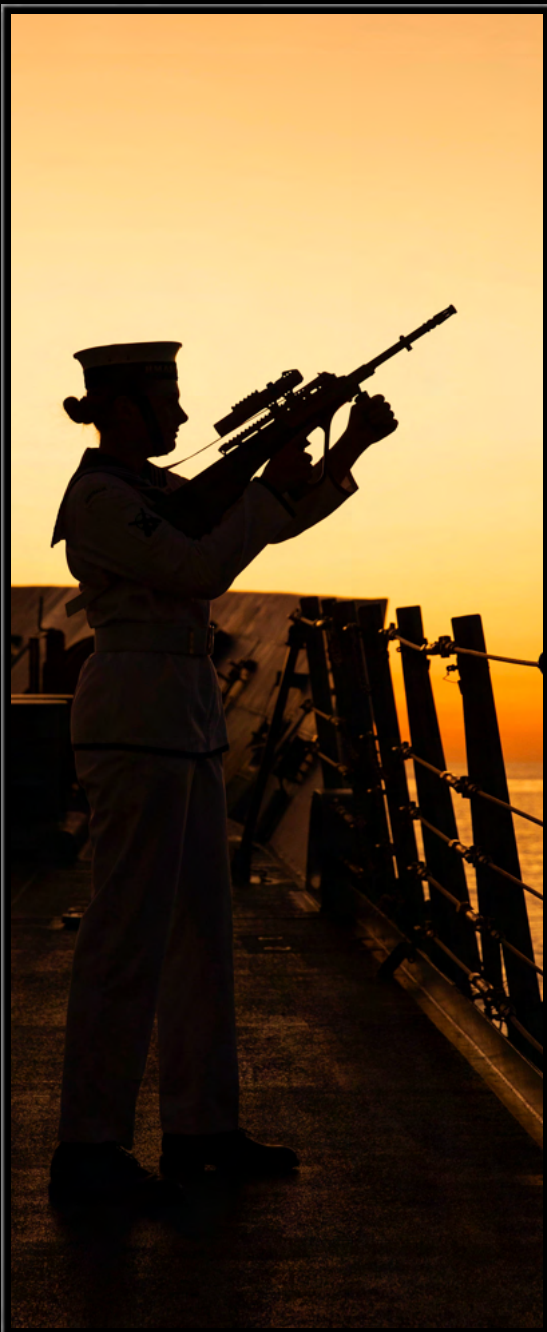
# HMAS HOBART

## Ceremonial Dedication At Sea

*Pictorial Tribute*

*Images by*

*LSIS TARA MORRISON*



Royal Australian Navy. While people across the globe came together to mourn Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, approx. 3,000 military people gathered in Darwin for #ExKakadu 2022 who also honoured the Queen's example by strengthening international bonds of friendship.

During the sea phase of the exercise, HMAS Hobart's ships company participated in a ceremonial sunset at sea for the occasion.

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KA 22 is the 15th iteration of the RAN's flagship biennial regional Maritime International Engagement exercise and is expected to draw together approximately 3000 personnel, 17 warships and 34 aircraft from 22 countries. The exercise theme is 'Partnership, Leadership and Friendship'.

Exercise Kakadu is a Royal Australian Navy (RAN)-led biennial exercise supported by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The RAN's flagship regional international engagement activity, Exercise Kakadu has grown in size and complexity since its inception in 1993.

This exercise provides an opportunity for regional partners to undertake multinational maritime activities ranging from constabulary operations to high-end maritime warfare in a combined environment.





# Kit Muster Vol. II

UNIFORMS, BADGES AND CATEGORIES  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN NAVY  
1954 - 1984



Tingira Boy, former RAN Junior Recruit  
Duncan 'John' Perryman recently  
published his second volume of 'Kit Muster'  
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## INDO PACIFIC MAKING A SPLASH AT EUROMAR



*The INDO PACIFIC 2023 team is part of a busy Team Defence Australia stand (G69) at Euronaval 2022.*

**The INDO PACIFIC 2023 International Maritime Exposition team is at Euronaval 2022 in Paris this week, and has already taken its first order for exhibition space.**

INDO PACIFIC 2023 will be held at Sydney's International Convention Centre from 7-9 November next year. Coming on the heels of a record-breaking 2022 event, INDO PACIFIC 2023 is generating great interest at Euronaval, as the premier window to the Indo Pacific maritime market.

"We have already had our first order for INDO PACIFIC 2023 exhibition space at Euronaval, and enquiries have been brisk," said INDO PACIFIC 2023 Sales Manager, Jason Thomas, from Paris.

"European companies know that INDO PACIFIC 2023 is a mature, professional regional event, offering access to representatives of nations from across the Indo Pacific, as well as a very dynamic Australian maritime marketplace."



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# RSL NSW & RSL QLD

## PRESIDENT'S

### Form Agreed Partnership



RAY JAMES



STEPHEN DAY

## September 2022 ...

**RSL NSW State President, Ray James, and RSL QLD State President, Stephen Day, met and discussed strategic cooperation opportunities for both States to work more collaboratively.**

Sharing the same brand, similar aspirations, and a core charitable purpose of supporting all veterans and their families - not just our members - it was agreed that a series of activities will be immediately pursued to support the veteran community across both States, as well as committing to exploring other strategic initiatives over the medium-term (the next 2-3 years).

The agreement addresses the following key areas:

**Funding support:** In order to assist RSL NSW to deliver strategic initiatives to better support veterans, RSL Queensland will provide RSL NSW with funding to the value of \$2.6 million.

**Aligning Services:** RSL NSW, through its service provider RSL LifeCare Ltd, will explore the opportunity to collaborate with RSL QLD to deliver the RSL Employment Program and the opportunity to access established grant programs such as the Veteran Enterprise Start Up Grants.

**Sustainable local fundraising:** RSL Queensland will explore opportunities for sub-Branches in both States to join an affiliate program designed to boost their fundraising efforts. The affiliate program will be offered by invitation first to RSL Queensland's more than 230 sub-Branches, before being expanded to RSL New South Wales' more than 320 sub-Branches. It is envisaged that the program will enable sub-Branches to invest in the ongoing delivery of unique and localised support to their veteran community while ensuring the sustainability and longevity of the RSL.

**Consistent care:** RSL Queensland and RSL NSW will prioritise the alignment of service delivery operating models so that veterans will experience a consistent standard of care and support from State to State. This will include the interoperability of Veteran Wellbeing Centres (now referred to as Veteran and Family Hubs) and all forms of digital delivery of services and support to veterans and their families.

The ABS Census Data released earlier this year revealed that more than half of Australia's veteran population resides in Queensland and New South Wales.

Through deeper collaboration and a shared approach, RSL Queensland and RSL NSW can shape positive outcomes and enhance the support and services we offer veterans and their families, no matter where they live. This, in turn, will enable RSL Australia to stand stronger as a united advocacy voice to the Government on key veteran matters and to collaborate with other RSL State Branches.

We agree that a united RSL is a strong and relevant RSL.

We see an RSL that continues to advocate for veterans, enables mateship and camaraderie and leads commemorations for all veterans in their communities. Achieving real change for veterans demands this deeper level of collaboration and partnership across the RSL network and the veteran charity sector.

RSL NSW State President **Ray James**, OAM

RSL QLD State President **Stephen Day**, DSC, AM



**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE - DAWN SERVICE**  
**Friday 11 November 2022. - RSL NSW President, Ray James OAM**

*The day began with a gathering of RSL NSW members, veterans, current serving ADF members, their families and the general public at the Opera House in Circular Quay for a 6am dawn service.*

*The sails of the Opera House displayed the red poppies, this was repeated after sunset until 9pm.*

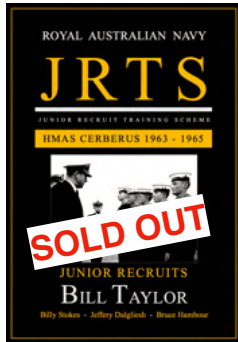


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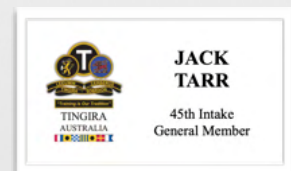
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**The Hon Matt Keogh MP**  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister for Defence Personnel

# VETERANS PRIORITISED

## Federal Budget 2022

**The Australian Government is investing in a better future for Defence personnel, veterans and families, responding to important recommendations put forward by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and delivering on commitments from the Federal Election.**

Our veterans have protected us and in return we must look after them. Key investments made in this Budget seek to improve the claims process for veterans, simplify legislation and ultimately better support Defence personnel, veterans and families as they not only need, but deserve.

In implementing the Government's Response to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide's interim report, the Australian Government will;

- ***Invest \$233.9 million to engage 500 new frontline staff at DVA to eliminate the compensation claims backlog, delivering on a key election commitment made by the Government***
- ***Invest \$9.5 million into developing a pathway for simplification and harmonisation of veterans legislation***
- ***Invest \$87 million to modernise IT systems in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), improving claims processing***
- ***Commit \$24.3 million to provide increased support to veterans who are having their claims processed***
- ***Improve modelling capabilities needed to forecast and manage future demand for DVA services***
- ***Commit \$15.5 million to support DVA's continued and timely engagement with the Royal Commission***

The Budget delivers on our election commitment to provide long-term benefits for Defence personnel, veterans and families, with significant investments including;

- ***\$46.7 million for 10 new Veterans' and Families' Hubs across the country, more than doubling the size of the existing network, providing critical services to veterans and families in areas with significant Defence and veteran communities***
- ***\$24 million to deliver the Veteran Employment Program, which will not only support veterans as they transition to civilian life, but also champion veteran employment by raising awareness of the skills and experience veterans have to offer the civilian workforce***
- ***\$4.7 million for the development of the Operation Navigator smartphone application to better support Australian Defence Force personnel as they transition to the civilian workforce***
- ***\$97.9 million for a \$1,000 increase to annual Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) payments, providing additional financial support to around 27,000 of our most vulnerable veterans***
- ***\$46.2 million to boost Defence personnel and veterans' home ownership.***

The Australian Government recognises the important role ex-service and community organisations play in supporting Defence personnel, veterans and families and the Budget commits \$8.1 million to community focused programs that not only support, but pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of our veterans. These commitments include marking war graves, the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Sydney and combating veteran homelessness in Darwin.

The Government is committed to providing practical services and supports to Defence personnel, veterans and families to ensure a better future for the veteran community.



TINGIRA  
National Committee Member

**JEFF WAKE**



## 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 NEWSFRONT

# WHITE ENSIGN

## Flying Our Flag Past, Present & Future



“Living at Attadale on the banks of the Swan River here in WA, just behind our beloved 'Leeuwin Barracks', I often have the case to visit the entourage of coffee shops of the foreshores of the Swan at East Fremantle. Good old Riverside road, walked and marched it many times, who would have thought 50 years later I'm still here today writing a story about Leeuwin.

What gets me every time is when I do drive past old Leeuwin, I miss seeing what I saw for many years; my big proud 'White Ensign' flying high on the mast, flapping aplenty with the Fremantle wind, in front of that classic Leeuwin Drill Hall that also brings many fond and not so fond memories, and that's a story for another day.

My brief today was to pen (type) something on the 'RAN White Ensign' and that it would be our lead cover story with the great image we found for the front cover, thanks, Dixie!

.... So back in the day when I was a boy, 7th intake 1963, long black socks, short white shorts, shiny black shoes, white front, and a clean cap, my proud tally band told the world that I was from HMAS Leeuwin. This was my home for the most memorable 12 months of my life. However, it was that Royal Navy white ensign flag we saw every morning at 8 am raise up that flagpole, and not just one pole. that gave us true pride in who we were on that day.



### **HMAS HOBART**

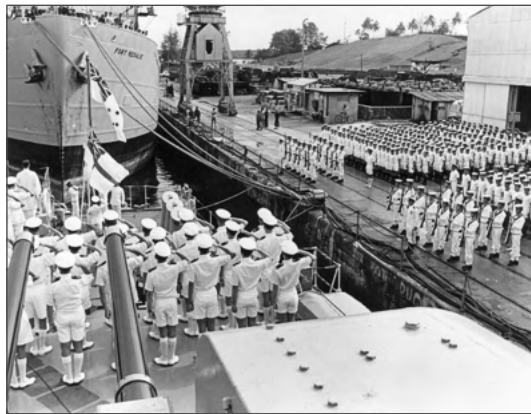
*Personnel line the flight deck as the ship sails ahead of HMAS Stalwart sail into the port of Tokyo in Japan during a recent regional presence deployment*

*Photograph by - LSIS DANIEL GOODMAN*



There were three flag poles.

The very large mast up on Wardroom hill, the ceremonial front gate with cannons, and the sacred acre, the main parade ground. We were well are truly drilled at the young age of 15 that this was our flag. And our flag it is, we have been behind it for many decades on our ships and parades, often for commemoration, and today sadly for many, it's our last call with a national flag or for some the White Ensign at our funeral service.



*HMAS Vampire lowers the Royal Navy White Ensign for the last time and raises the new Australian White Ensign for the first time while alongside in Singapore, 1 March 1967.*

My White Ensign.... well she comes with history. I do remember the changeover from the RN flag to ours today. On the day in question I was a WTR onboard HMAS Queenborough and I think we were off JB Exercise area. We used to play the job of the "baddie" and the brand new HMAS Perth which had arrived from the States was the goodie.

When the Perth was working up prior to going to the gunline in South Vietnam [I do believe that HMAS Hobart was the first ship to do so] the Queenbee was tasked to pick up a floating gunnery target from the Boffins in Watsons Bay and proceed very carefully to the Exercise area off JB where we would sail at 2359 Sunday night and not arrive in the EXA until 1000 Monday morning. So we would pull this target at around 8 knots.

The boffins joined the Perth from HMAS Creswell as they didn't like sea time. On this day I do remember, I was in the Ship's Office writing up pay and a pipe was broadcast to clear lower deck of all junior sailors not on watch. Off I go to the quarterdeck in shorts, sandals, and no shirt, my working rig until around July. We mustered, fell in, around 20 of us did, whereby the XO said that the RAN had a new White Ensign. We watched the TO pull it up to the mast head, shrugged our shoulders and said 'so what' then went to stand easy, just another day, or was it? I guess thats how we look at history now. And that was how a training ship at sea responded to the new RAN White Ensign on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1967.

The document on the following page 39 from the RAN Seapower Centre Australia, gives a full explanation as to 'how and why' many of us in the mid-sixties served under the Royal Navy White Ensign and then our RAN White Ensign, interesting times.

For me I now wonder where this history of our flag will take us. It represents our commissioned commonwealth navy ships and establishments and that's where I'm at, down here at a Riverside road

cafe looking back at Leeuwin Barracks on my horizon.

Leeuwin Barracks...today the three Commonwealth flags representing an Australian commonwealth department (Defence) fly between our JR Memorial garden bed and the old drill hall, I will leave it at that and say no more. However, the future as to where Leeuwin Barracks is to go from here is the question I hear from constantly the 13,000 former RAN Junior Recruits who went through those front gates from 1960 to 1984.

Will we ever see the White Ensign fly again from that mast proudly over out JR Memorial?

Leeuwin Barracks has been taken off the 'For Sale' list about 12 months back and is now an essential part of the present 'Defence Review' on base establishments around the country. There is no doubt the importance and urgency that our navy is very much part of where our future defence capabilities are. Where they will be trained and serviced in future decades is the big decision bubbling within the Defence corridors and walls of Canberra today.

Will Leeuwin be reborn as a naval establishment? I can only hope to see it, sooner rather than later.

Will she be recommissioned HMAS something, just as HMAS Encounter recently was recommissioned in South Australia, to assist with the vast new shipbuilding programs in their local dockyards.

I then I ponder as I sit here on my laptop at the Riverside road cafe, they could not call her HMAS Leeuwin again, as we presently have such a vessel, she is part of the survey support fleet in North Queensland.

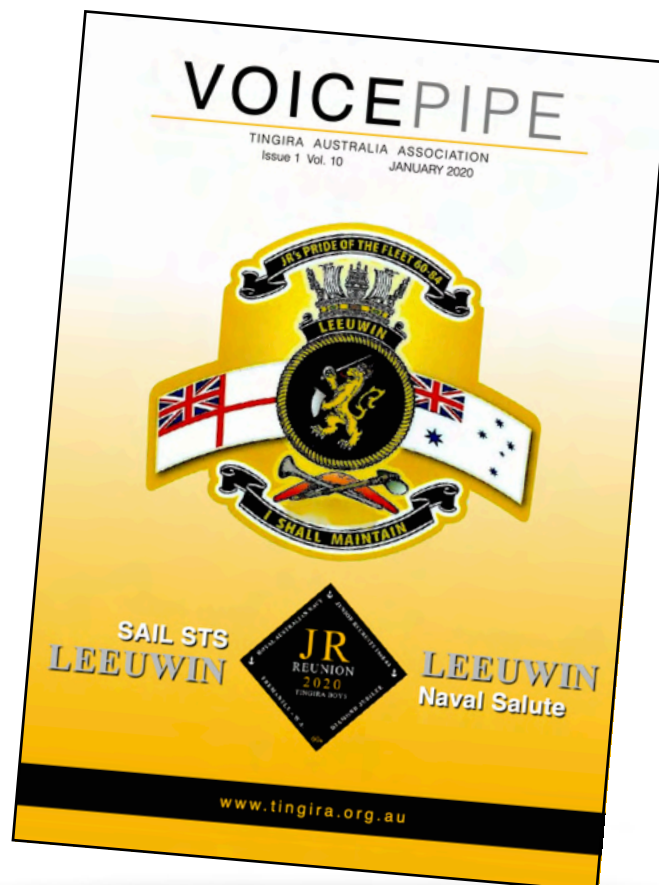
Perhaps with navy history and tradition on our side, I could only hope that she does become a training and support base of some sort for the future navy generations and called HMAS whatever.

Long live Leeuwin is the call, the White Ensign will still fly proudly in this region with many ships in and out of our waters at HMAS Stirling. Now hasn't she become much more that we ever thought when they commenced building a bridge to nowhere we thought in the early 70's. She was just one big old

sand hill island, someone had some big ideas at the time, they have certainly come to fruition over the past five decades, BZ that team!

So thinking out loud to oneself, this old salt scratches the balding top half and thinks, a new name for Leeuwin Barracks? Preferably something after one of our former navy training ships, just a thought, more coffee is an easier decision today! We will wait in hope for Canberra to make a decision within the first quarter of the new year on these future defence paths I presume, let's just hope Leeuwin survives the cut this time and our flag is back on the old Leeuwin mast!

JW



**VoicePipe Cover - January 2020**

*Interesting art work crest found inside the Tingira archives.*

*Many JR's served under both RN and RAN White Ensigns between 1960 and 1984.*

*JR's were also part of 1980's adverting production for navy recruiting 'Pride of the Fleet'.*



*An overt affirmation of the close link between the Navy and the Nation - The Australian White Ensign projected on the sails of the Opera House in Sydney during the 2013 Fleet Review.*

**D**uring the 1909 Imperial Conference the question of what ensign the dominion navies would fly was first raised. The representatives from Australia and Canada proposed that the ensign should be a white ensign defaced by the emblem of the particular dominion. No decision was reached on this matter.

In August 1910 the Admiralty raised the issue concerning the status of dominion warships and proposed that they should fly the white ensign. Shortly after this the Parramatta City Council sought advice as to the flag to be worn by Parramatta (I) as they wished to present her with one. They were informed that Parramatta (I) would fly the Australian Blue Ensign on her arrival in Australia and until the matter of an ensign had been resolved with the Admiralty.

Australian opinion favoured a uniquely Australian ensign but the Admiralty continued to resist and insisted that the Dominion Navies use the white ensign. The Admiralty eventually won out and the ships of the newly formed Royal Australian Navy flew the white ensign. There the matter rested until 1965.

On 28 October 1965 the Member for Batman, Mr SJ Benson MP, while speaking on the Naval Estimates argued that Australia should have its own, distinctive white ensign. His point was that Australian ships were engaged in a war

flying the ensign of another country. The Minister for the Navy informed the House, on the same day, that the Navy was already looking at possible variants of the white ensign which would carry a distinctly Australian appearance.

The Chief of Naval Staff subsequently sought the views of other members of the Naval Board and his senior officers. Following this consultation the matter was considered by the Naval Board on 21 January 1966. The Board decided to recommend to the Government "that the Royal Australian Navy should have its own unique white ensign". The ensign was described as being a "white flag with the Union Flag in the upper canton at the hoist with six blue stars positioned as in the Australian flag".

The Minister for the Navy, Mr F Chaney MP, informed the Prime Minister of the Naval Board's decision and the formal approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was requested. Royal assent to the new ensign was granted on 7 November 1966.

The formal announcement of the new ensign was made by the Prime Minister on 23 December 1966. Originally it was intended to introduce the new ensign on the 1 May 1967 but this was subsequently amended to 1 March 1967.

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## New Associations Incorporated Regulation 2022

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A new Regulation\* for incorporated associations commenced on 1 September 2022. This followed a review, public consultation and feedback process earlier this year.

The new Regulation keeps many of the existing rules and introduces some new requirements.

### What has changed?

The changes include:

#### Postal ballots or electronic ballots

We have made several minor changes to the postal and electronic ballots process. This improves flexibility and operational guidance by clarifying the obligations of committee members and the returning officer.

#### Model constitution

Changes to the model constitution include:

- clarifying the obligations of entrance fee payments
- clarifying the process of filling casual vacancies by the committee
- allowing associations greater flexibility to conduct business outside of meetings.

## New laws started on 1 September 2022

15 Sep 2022

The *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2022* was drafted and gazetted on 31 August 2022, following public consultation in June–July 2022.

We received 733 survey responses, 9 written submissions and 6 submissions sent directly.

The feedback we received helped us update laws for the day-to-day operation of NSW associations. Over 85 percent of survey responses supported the proposed changes, with almost 90 percent of responses favouring the use of technology and streamlining of duties.

Almost all association obligations remain the same with new ones added in some areas. For example:

- using technology for committee and general meetings
- financial reporting requirements
- postal or electronic ballots
- filling casual vacancies.

The new Regulation came into place on 1 September 2022. To find out more about what the changes mean for you, visit the [NSW Fair Trading website](#).

You Hear There ...

## 2023 JR REUNION

**HMAS LEEUWIN JR INTAKE - No. 74**

"Members, Partners and Mates... All Welcome"

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## 2023 JR REUNION

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8 April - Sydney, NSW

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# BUDGET UPDATE

What it means for veterans & family

**RSL NSW welcomes the Australian Government's commitment to establishing an additional eight Veterans' and Families' Hubs across the country, announced in the recent October Budget.**

The \$46.7 million commitment includes funding for four new Veterans' and Families' Hubs to be established in locations with significant defence and veteran communities in New South Wales.

The Treasurer also announced additional investment in staff and technology for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to eliminate the claims backlog and administrative improvements in claims processing systems.

RSL NSW will support our partner charity RSL LifeCare, the operator of the only DVA-funded Hub in NSW, to expand its network and bid to operate new Hubs in Queanbeyan, the Hawkesbury, Hunter, and on the Tweed/North Coast, in collaboration with local veterans and their communities, and other ex-service organisations and service providers. Our network of over 320 RSL sub-Branches will work together to connect veteran communities to the Hubs.

RSL NSW President Ray James said veteran communities have witnessed the benefits of these Hubs in action since the Nowra and Riverina Veteran Wellbeing Centres (now referred to as Veterans' and Families' Hubs) were established, and that RSL NSW and RSL LifeCare have a strong business case to support how the

organisations can operate the centres using their combined resources.

"RSL NSW welcomes this funding commitment for one reason; we know Veterans' and Families' Hubs work," Mr James said.

"Since 2021, RSL NSW sub-Branches have donated over \$5.2 million to RSL LifeCare to support the ongoing delivery of services to veterans and their families and I welcome the commitment from the Australian Government to expand the Veterans' and Families' Hub network.

"RSL NSW and RSL LifeCare are uniquely positioned to operate Veterans' and Families' Hubs in New South Wales without the need to for recurrent government funding."

The Nowra and Riverina Veteran Wellbeing Centres are aligned to the DVA Veterans' and Families' Hubs Network and offer a full suite of critical services to veterans and their families including employment, homelessness and housing support, physical and mental wellbeing services, financial assistance, and DVA claim advocacy.

If any veteran is experiencing financial or housing hardship, RSL LifeCare Veteran Services, RSL LifeCare Veteran Services can provide short-term financial assistance to help with groceries, electricity bills, or rental arrears. Contact the Veteran Services Team on 02 8088 0388 or visit [rsllifecare.org.au](http://rsllifecare.org.au)





# OFF TO SEA

## HMAS LEEUWIN 1969

Former RAN Junior Recruit

**KIM HARRIS**

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## YESTERDAYS HISTORY - JRTS

" More than 50 years after the events, my memory tends to let me down.

" Not in the sense it actually deflates me in size, pulling in my stomach does that in short, it falls short and leaves me entirely without some memories and others entirely wrong.

" I expect most other former Junior Recruits (JRs) will have cause to correct my recollections that follow, however this is my memory today of good times ... KH

“ My story of HMAS Leeuwin began in Swan Hill, Victoria.

How on earth did I convince my parents to let me travel to the other side of the country when my furthest venture before had just been to a few local scout camps? Perhaps the reverse aspect was true.

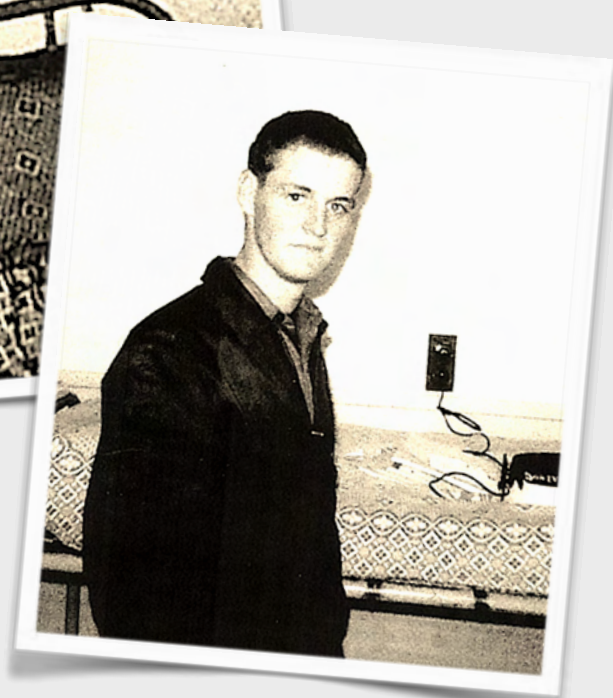
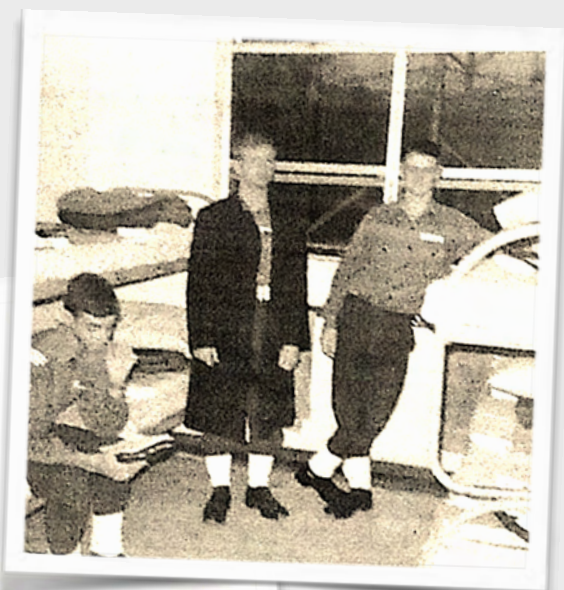
I am reliably informed I was an obnoxious teenager endowed with the universal traits of bored country boys.

Nevertheless, I was the first in our neighbourhood to leave it

voluntarily for the military, I'm remembering of course the blokes conscripted to Vietnam leaving in one way and returning in others.

I knew bits about WWI and WWII, obviously more of the latter. My home was on Tobruk Street and around the corner at the end of ours' was EL Alemain Avenue, constant reminders of where the fathers in the area had served. There were at least eight families like ours.

I once thought my running away to sea was out of obligation to try to live up to the experiences





of those men. But that's rubbish. It was never a self-imposed reliance on what I thought to be a high moral duty, it was pure escape. I'm still not sure from what, but I remain hopeful for an answer by the time I'm on my death bed not much use then, but enlightenment at any stage must be good for the soul.

I can place part of the blame on advertising.

Who could resist free overseas travel in '...the new missile age navy...' (MAN) while being paid. I was then earning \$3 for six days of very early morning Sun and Age newspaper deliveries to where they couldn't be found the paperboy's art: on rooves, under the house, in behind the stumps, in bushes, any place that'd challenge the frustrated would-be reader.

I was in form four at the local all-boys tech school marking time until an apprenticeship of some sort. University was unheard of and only the smartest went from the tech to the Bendigo School of Mines, I think it was called for life in geology.

My father wasn't a farmer, so that career path also was also shut to me. By contrast, the navy promised:

1 . real money \$9-13 a week, though soon the gloss wore off most of it was kept from us until we grew up

2. real excitement, travel to see exotic lands and people.

Though soon the gloss wore off that too, we heard while we were at Leeuwin one of our ships had sunk a USN ship, a country of whom we thought were friends then the old salts told us the same ship of ours had sunk another of ours just a few years earlier.

What had we got into?

Some responsibility obviously lies in the freedom I hoped for. There was a taste of this in the two or three trips I made by myself to Melbourne recruitment interviews in Flinders Lane. There you could go "eeny meeny miny mo" between the three Australian defence Force services, except only the RAN had the gift of freedom for non-technical 15-year-olds like me, despite the tech schooling I'd had.

The next link in the chain was a flight in January from Essendon airport to Perth with my fellow Victorian Junior Recruits and soon-to-be shipmates.

We arrived at HMAS Leeuwin in the dark foreshadowing our induction into life as foskids aka mushrooms (fed on shit and kept in the dark). I have seen a photo at a recent reunion of some of us on the plane all smiling, overseen by a smiling and possibly caring flight attendant. Her smile may have lasted but the reception for us in the west wiped away ours.

After flying for about six hours, we arrived only four hours after we had left.

Slightly disorientated already (and I remain so about the sequential details, so I am indebted to Russ, a fellow Vic. recruit for his clearer recollection), we were advised ( in language that would make a sailor blush) where we stood in the pecking order of life and what would befall us if we did or even thought of acting contrarily.

Then we were shunted as if by tugboats, to our homes away from home and similarly advised ( very soon the distinction between that word and 'order' became painful) how to make up our bunks before we could lay in them. Those who thought why to bother with making up were bothered by those who had earlier so warmly greeted us.

Our homes weren't called accommodation 'blocks' for nothing. Rectangular two-story brick edifices would make an architect blush. Eight of us in a doorless double cubicle (donga), heads and dhobys and staff office at one end near the main exit, all for the purpose of close supervision.

An excellent book suggests a twofold intention in the re-introduction of us boy sailors to the RAN. The first was to solve manpower shortages (some irony in the thought boys could solve that), and also to recruit better-educated general service sailors for the new missile-age navy.

It was expected to be brighter boys "clever than those we (the RAN) normally recruit" who would join up. The paradox of knowledge versus a proper decision applies if we were the cleverer, how did we end up in the mess some found?

The paradox syndrome continued apace. Our lives at Leeuwin comprised being schooled in academic subjects, naval lore, and practicalities but most importantly, personal, general, small and large scale wiping, polishing, scrubbing, and painting. Most of this came as a surprise to most, certainly the extent of and seriousness with which we were so instructed, and on top of that we were expected to do homework! Hadn't we escaped all that?

Having already been graded intellectually, psychologically, and physically during the recruiting and selection process, on arrival at Leeuwin, we were assigned to one of three sections in either Marks or Morrow division and then graded into academic sub-classes A-F to study SGCE subjects.

I have a dim recollection that the subjects studied depended to some extent on whether you were ABCDE or F. Most grappled (some won) with Navigation, Geography, English Mathematics, and Physics. The naval lessons included parade drill, physical training, NBCD, small arms (very long, heavy, antique 303 rifles belying their formal description), fire fighting, survival at sea (including from the various and nefarious diseases sailors could be vulnerable to 'up-top.') jk m

My most memorable lessons learned were:

1. *Smoking calms your nerves (from an SBA)*

2. *After rowing a whaler up and down the Swan River, remember to take into account whether the tide is in or out when tying up back at the jetty, if it's high, leave some slack so the whaler doesn't hang into the water at the stern like a decoration on a Christmas tree (my class self taught)*

3. *If a person of superior rank (that's anybody other than you) asks if you can ride a horse or motorbike, the first to put their hand up will be making the superior a brew (I think this lesson may well have been part of the formal curriculum)*

4. *In the unlikely (like an Ansett aircraft plummeting into the ocean) event of a nuclear attack, I don't think it was totally to script but may well have been 'stick your head between your legs (as far as you can laddy) and kiss your arse good-bye (a wise and wizened NBCD-CPO instructor.) If, despite all, you survived, shower as your first priority: hair first then down your body to ensure all nasties went off you down the drain in proper and regulation order.*

There were other less formal gradings for JRs.

For most of us, it was our first exposure to interstates and their unseemly and unnatural practices. "What's this bonehead rugby league? What's this aerial ping pong? You can get your learners' at 16. You can't drink 'til you're 21. You had how many school holidays? Such novelties of difference soon wore off because another grading influenced us all from the moment we woke up to when we went to sleep, probably even during sleep.

I was part of the 26th intake at Leeuwin and on arrival was known and regarded as 'new grubs'.

The 25th were mere 'grubs', the 24th 'shits', and the 23rd 'top shits', a sobriquet much acclaimed and prized. Nothing but the passing of time could alter this grading, sometimes it seemed to go back as we did in the meal 'scrans line.' Those who were ahead of us in time but arrived after could 'jack' toward the front of the line as far as their rank permitted. Top shit went straight to the front, shit behind them, then grubs and our lot at the rear, even if we arrived first.

No argument, no chooks, and often no scrans left at the end of the line.

Despite the dizzy heights in the order of merit reached by top shit, the most privileged of those being instructed at Leeuwin were the 'top men'. These sailors, all men hence their title (though even if a woman could have qualified, she would have been, for naval purposes, a man) was rumoured to be officers in the making. I believe they were selected from outstanding JRs and sailors from the fleet.

Many of their characteristics had them stand out to us ordinary JRs, even the top shit. To distinguish themselves from us low life, they wore strips of white material sewn on each shoulder of their uniforms, a double chip really. The white badges announced they were in our company only under sufferance and because they had to share our scrans hall and classrooms.

Their reluctant and minimal tolerance of lesser beings was manifest in their constant snarl in our presence while their noses were thrust upward and outward as if we expressed a noxious odour that got up them. While the grubs, shit, and top shit made a shallow show of hiding their jacking to avoid detection by the navy cooks (more of them later) and consequent chooks, topmen made no such concession to civility, correctness, or compliance with standing orders.

They marched straight to the front to assume their self-entitled position. I say marched because another privilege vested in topmen allowed them to do so wherever their presence at Leeuwin was required. We JRs had to double (run).

Nonetheless, it was my true and sincere wish all Topmen went on to long and distinguished careers as RAN officers, the true and sincere understanding held by JRs was that a precondition of being commissioned as one necessitated surgical removal of the commissioner's brain substituted with a blind mullet.

Daily life for JRs began at 6:00 or 6:30 a.m. I'm not sure which is correct, save to say it was early even though I was used to early starts as a paper boy at







home. Whatever time it was, it started frenetic activity difficult to describe for all of the various tasks necessary for our proper compliance with the order of the day.

Mum didn't call out 'Breakfast is ready and on the table.' An unfortunate supervising junior sailor who had landed the overnight duty in our block marched throughout our cubicles yelling refrains which became increasingly familiar and thus contemptible: 'wakey wakey hands off snakey, out of your mates and into your 8s.' I expect each of us had a checklist (no, actually some didn't they were those who fell foul of the process and out of favour as an oppo).

It was difficult to get everything done before the morning parade without one, a list that is. Some prioritised dhobying because cleanliness is next to...but jostling with 100 other naked boys for six showers cubes and hand basins is fraught.

Shaving, despite the appearance of mere bum fluff, was compulsory, we knew who had real whiskers because the basins they used were left glistening with bristle to mix with others. Some favoured getting their bunk and bed linen properly arranged, meaning stripping sheets, pillow case, blanket/s, and RAN embroidered counterpane and making up a pile of them at the head of the bunk as laid down in standing orders (ALDISO).

Then came dressing in the dress of the day, no association with Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Like at school, there was a winter and a summer uniform, each had six months of longevity. Gray/blue was the dominant tone, presumably to blend in with the colour of the ships upon which we would serve on and hide in. Compulsory accessories in winter were blancoed gaiters and belt and contrasting polished (highly) buckle and guide, spit-polished black boots, and a useless cap, neither sun nor rain repellent.

The cap had its own accessory, a black ribbon tied with a bow mid, port to specific size and structure emblazoned in gold letters reading 'HMAS LEEUWIN'. Why I don't know, everyone knew where they were.

The organised among us spat and brassoed before lights out, I rarely had that distinction. Then scan, (breakfast) burgoo in winter, soggies in summer, and eggs cooked in peanut oil. The scan line was a favoured location where the junior sailors in charge of us could meet their quotas of arseholedness or satisfying KPIs (not then a phrase in use, but would have been if contemporary).

Imagine the scope of possible dress compliance failure for a boy teenager: ironed creases not sharp enough or in tram tracks, hair too long, too short, proper placement of a cap on head, too far back, too far forward, not enough polish, I can't see my face in your boots/brass (who'd want to), boots down at heel, a facial hair or down unshaven. All had to be fixed before you could eat, that meant missing out because missing the daily parade that followed was fatal.

Most of us learned quickly enough to do the necessary and come up to scratch enough to make the line up in front of the navy cooks. And what a joy that was.

There is a painting of a WWII army cook by a famous Australian painter whose name escapes me. I remember seeing a cigarette hanging out of his mouth, sweat rivering, filthy white T-shirt, all that's missing is the vocal accompaniment we enjoyed as our meal was plated up enough to make a sailor blush again.

They may have been badges of courage, but the spillage, splotts, sullage, and sprays of food on the cook's whites did little to enhance the view they'd prepared their signature dishes or cooked with passion or love.

Navy cooks were just that, not chefs: masters, celebrities, or otherwise. The palatability of our floating scans (enough liquid to float a boat) was akin, I'm told, to those of boarding schools, nurses' homes, and places of incarceration, only the latter known from personal experience as well, but that's another tale.

It wasn't unusual to see a JR holding his nose to stifle malodours in order to chew, swallow and so satiate hunger. Few asked for more, I don't think we were allowed. Perhaps this was scuttlebutt, in any event by asking for more, the cooks would imply the first service they had doled up was insufficient sustenance.

No one would have wanted to bring down upon their heads the wrath of cooks who:

- *Didn't want to be sent Leeuwin the most isolated RAN ship ever.*
- *Dis-liked JRs because they had to be fed*
- *Would rather have thrown out leftovers or given them to the Wardroom*
- *Never had seconds anyway.*

Fortunately, only officers were given access to swords, so any thought of Leading Cook Damocles smiting JRs from above their heads was chance less.

After the cooks had set our stomachs churning, it was the turn of the QMGs (Quartermasters). These men dished out the rifles for parades. At first, they were 303s and later, SLRs. Although our borne arms lacked bullets, they were still fearsome in our hands.

Attached to the barrel was a bayonet. The thought of my very adjacent peers flinging their arms about in the double sense, occasionally dropping them, was not comforting, nor was my potential to smite them!

The level of fear the QMGs generated for me and many other JRs was extreme because they (one in particular) dished out random intimidation and punishment. I think they saw themselves as Leeuwin equivalents of US marine drill instructors. Certainly, they could yell, but as their volume increased, so did any understanding of the intended instruction, leading of course to panic and mistakes and a cycle of increased volume, beration, and panic on our part.

Fortunately, my bladder withstood the pressure, I just sweated and shook. I can't imagine the response if anyone had cried. By mimicking the JRs around me, I apparently maintained enough composure most of the time to stay afloat. I can now recognise the fear induced kept us in the moment, not able to contemplate the next horrible fate that might befall, possible horrible fates were on a continuous cycle, like but unlike a prayer wheel.

Once the second dress inspection of the day was complete and our rifles returned to their slots along the walls of the guardhouse, we doubled marched to our daily lessons, the academic and naval ones, for we were always and everywhere learning some lessons intended, some otherwise.

The classrooms were a few minutes doubling away from the parade ground. As I'm writing this, I think we must have gone back to our accommodation blocks after the parade to collect books (mostly untouched), etc before again forming up for the run to school.

This was when the Topmen came down from the top of the hill, past and if they could manage it, through our ranks. It was like the firsts at footy training running through the seconds.

The instructors who greeted us each Monday to Friday (they were known as teachers) were generally young lieutenants and more like civilians in uniform than real sailors, certainly in the eyes of the junior staff who ruled over us. With chalk and talk, these enthusiastic young officers did their best to instruct, inculcate and inspire and sometimes

incite us in the absence of any genuine motivation on our part.

We were dulled by lack of sleep and sustenance.

My clearest recollection of class time is the breaks when we scoffed cigarettes and goffas (soft drinks), both being health-debilitating substitutes for real food. So it was that at lunchtime we less reluctantly doubled away from the classrooms to the scran hall.

The most precious of the fare on offer was fresh white round rolls, edible and satisfying, qualities absent from the rest. At the end of classes, time had been set aside in our routine for private study and recreation. Unfortunately, the space set aside for both was the same.

There were maybe eight desks that I remember being available for 800 or so JRs. And this study doubled as the television room, piss-farting around room, and bullying room. How any JR studied effectively is beyond me. I am in awe of them.

Some did well of course and achieved remarkable scores in the SGCE tests, they turned into Topmen and more than one eventually became the very highest-ranking RAN officer. But for most of us, the never-ending need to be right and proper in kit and donga took all available non-eating/sleeping time.

Inattention to these tasks had immediate consequences of an existential kind, whereas inattention to study paid off.

With every following intake of JRs, we moved up the scale of boldness and arrogance. Gradually we hardened, accepted, and looked forward to getting into the fleet, feeling more and more as landlocked as Leeuwin itself.

Weekend leave was possible, but always in full uniform after the ubiquitous inspection, and for limited daylight hours. The drinking age in WA at the time was 21, and few of us looked 18. Around and about the pubs of Fremantle on weekends it was common for adults going into pubs to be accosted by JRs begging them to buy grog, so I believe.

Overnight weekend leave was only allowed if you were sponsored by a local family. The quality and quantity of this I'm told was a mixed bag.

My experience with a family in Wembley Downs I remember very fondly. Because of their kindness, I was never adrift from normal society. After navigating Perth's public transport system: train to the city from Fremantle and then bus to a corner near the Barbers' home, they let me assimilate into



their weekend routine of kids' and parent's sport and socialising as if I'd known them forever.

I think they'd signed up to save me for a total of six weeks over my eleven months of naval indoctrination but must have felt sorry for me because I spent at least three times that many with them.

I played junior footy with one of their sons on Saturday afternoons. When I went to my divisional office at Leeuwin to apply in writing in triplicate for permission to do so, I was given the clear but covert instruction to keep schtum, "too complicated, too long, and too bad if you get injured, so don't get injured."

It was a surprisingly generous act by the Petty Officer who had us in his charge, one I still remember amidst all of the other less-than-generous acts to which we were subjected. There is an official report by Jeremy Rapke (then a County Court judge in Victoria and I believe a RAN Reserve Officer) into the less than generous I think stores of blancoe were exhausted in its compilation.

The best of memories I hope to prevail.

Mine is the chat with Mrs. Barber when she drove me, I was nearly going to write 'home', but it wasn't. I'd left one in Victoria and then this other in W.A.

The choice was open to us for our job was extraordinarily wide: Cook, QMG, Physical Training Instructor, Electrician, Scuba Diver, Radio Operator, Writer, Coxswain, Photographer, Meteorologist, and working in various capacities with aircraft or submarines.

At some point near the end of our time as JRs, we were required to say which job we wanted. The degree of influence our choice had over our ultimate placement was, I suspect, minimal if not negligible.

Why would the expectation of a sailor (junior and ordinary at that) a mere three rungs from the bottom of RAN life form hold any sway? We plugs

to be wrought into square or round holes as the needs of the missile age be.

JRs were paid the same wage (although I believe leading JRs received a little more). Naturally, I thought all sailors were paid the same too. But no. Due to my misunderstanding, I made my choice of a job based on the warries (stories usually with inflated facts) that filtered to us about a life spent at sea in the MAN.

Having made up my bunk (ALDISO) for the following eleven years, I had to use it, but the thought of being at sea for half the time had little appeal.

The prospect of worse scan, though constant seasickness mitigated the frequency of eating, no fresh water, no communication home other than by aerogram, working watches of eight hours on, eight off, and sleeping with thirty or 40 other sailors with their predictable peccadilloes didn't seem that attractive.

Some kind soul told me that in the Fleet Air Arm (FAA) you could only go to sea on the HMAS Melbourne and it was so old (the 1940s) it was in re-fit and getting the damage fixed.

Despite the fact, birdies (aircraft ratings) were regarded by other sailors as second-rate, I thought 'that's what I'd always wanted to be.' When I later heard my assumption about pay was incorrect and that birdies were paid a little more than the others, there was no going back.

By January 1970, the Melbourne was, disappointingly for me, sea-worthy. So after a brief visit to the FAA base at HMAS Albatross, all of the 26th intake who had the next step in the navy as a fledgling found themselves at sea for a few months long, gray funnel line cruise to Asia.

The warries old salts regaled us with at Leeuwin turned out mostly true, but outshone by sights and experiences few 15-17-year-olds could imagine.

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# MODERN DAY NAVY

## Yesterday & Today

**I** have had very little to do with the navy since I left in 1975 and that's a long time ago.

What I do know about today's RAN comes from reading the papers and journals generally about defence issues - strategy, planning and acquisitions for the ADF generally and the navy specifically. I also get some idea of how the navy is from FAA publications like 'Slipstream' and 'Flyby.'

It seems the tide has long turned from a very rigid disciplinary RN approach to getting things done to a US professional manner to achieve results (KPIs), HR managed treatment of ADF/navy staff.

It seems to me that a service life is not too far removed from a civilian one, when 'back in the day,' there was a great distinction between ours and civvy life, obviously the discipline and control of our time was almost 24 hour.

Having said that, life at the old 'Tross' was pretty casual, but from what I read, more so now and sailors are given greater flexibility because they are so expensive to train in such a

technical age and the ADF wants to hang onto them.

I gather there is greater care for sailors (and ADF people generally) than ever there was back when... far more expendable, ad hoc attitudes to how we were physically and mentally. No care was around unless you made a fuss and no-one wanted to do that in those days.

On the big scale - I'm impressed by the government's backing of defence priorities, the inter-service co-operation and the professional training that the troops get today. I don't think I'd cope in pussers these days because it seems the distinction between other ranks and officers are blurred rather than distinct and enforced - maybe I misread this, but the ADF seems too beholden to 'people and culture' control.

This is what I get from the language used by those I hear speaking about the ADF - all a bit too sterile.

And no JRs - a good thing? Perhaps we were too young to start such a career - maybe better to get 'em after VCE and gap year.

**Kim Harris**



## KIM HARRIS after navy ...

*I trained as a navy Electrical Mechanic Air Communications.*

*This was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1970 after a trip up top on HMAS Melbourne including to 'World Expo 70' as a big highlight.*

*I was at either Albatross or on the Melbourne with the squadrons until discharge in Jan. 1975.*

*Then HSC in Swan Hill High that year, mixed in with the kids, then a BA at Monash uni, Dip Ed in Bendigo, admin work at Monash uni and studied for LLB part-time, and then a lawyer in my own practice until retirement in 2021.*

*No kids in the services, although my sister just retired as a RAAF Wing Commander.*

*Retired and living my past with words on paper, living out the memories, thank you Tingira VOICEpipe.*



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# TINGIRA MEMORIAL

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

In what was a first for many years, sunshine and fair winds was the welcome ingredients for the RSL NSW Rose Bay sub-branch ,recently conducted the annual Remembrance Day service at Tingira Memorial.

Newly elected sub-branch President, Charles Gallagher, and his new Secretary, Peter Hickson, were very organised with a new audio additions for the event.

The main dedication was delivered by WW11 veteran xxxxx, with Tingira National Secretary,

Mark Lee delivering the Tingira Prayer for the occasion. Woolahra council was represented by Patricia Vella, PA to the Mayor, along with members representing the Royal Australian Navy from HMAS Watson, who also assisted with flag and wreath laying duties.

Several members of the Rose Bay club and general public were in attendance, all joined in fine voice behind RSL President, Charles Gallagher, who led the two verse rendition of the national anthem.



### TINGIRA MEMORIAL

*L-R: Peter Hickson, Mark Lee, Darryn Rose, Patricia Vella, Richard Schilling and Charles Gallagher*

### TINGIRA PARKLAND UPGRADE

A welcome new addition to the Tingira Memorial Park at Rose Bay, a new cement pathway running the full length of the memorial on the harbour side. This was a well used 'goat track' utilised by locals as pathway short cut to the nearby Rose Bay ferry terminal.

The Tingira Memorial has also had a 'spring clean' with a welcome high pressure wash down on the surrounding cement paths. The garden beds had a trim and facelift with new plantings and small fence lines now setting new boundaries.

Tingira Committee has been in discussions with council for over three years for this minor work and are most pleased with the present outcomes. Irrigation sprinkler pipes have been recently laid, new grass may be the next big item to appear, watch this space!

This upgrade is part of the Woolahra Council Rose Bay upgrade, now in progress during 2022 and 2023.

# TINGIRA

## STONEHAVEN MEDAL



***"I am honoured to announce that former Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruit, Tingira Boy, Jack Strong and his wife Anita, a former member of the Australian Army, are the joint winners of the 2022 Tingira Stonehaven Medal.***

***"Together they have raised 37 foster children along with their own two daughters, over the past decades in their hometown of Rockingham, Western Australia.***

***"These are two outstanding Australian citizens, who have gone beyond the call of normal duty. They are the proud recipients of the 2022 Tingira Stonehaven Medal.***

**MARK LEE**  
Secretary  
Tingira Australia Assoc

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**JACK & ANITA  
STRONG**



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# RECRUIT CRUISE SCHULD TINGIRA TOPMAN

## Recruit School Topshot Award

**T**he Royal Australian Navy Recruit School saw its latest recruits graduate during a parade at HMAS Cerberus on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, south-east of Melbourne recently.

Rogers Division recruits started general entry course 407 on Monday, 19 September 2022 and graduated nine weeks later. The RAN Recruit School 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 Navy, and as part of a Joint force. The RAN Recruit School provides new recruits with the many skills needed to pass onto a naval career. Teamwork, self-discipline and professionalism are the key attributes developed within recruits undertaking recruit training. Recruits are expected to adopt and display in their behaviour and their attitude the Navy values of Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity and Excellence.



*Ms Carmel Tom, OAM of the Sydney Association (left), and Executive Officer HMAS Cerberus, Commander Martin Holzberger, AM, CSC, RAN (right) present Recruit Aviation Technician Avionics Cruise Schuldts with the TINGIRA Topman 'Top Shot of the Intake' Award*

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM - DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY



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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.

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Access to all permanent galleries and special exhibitions including:

- Under Southern Skies
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- HMAS *Vampire*, *Onslow* and *Advance*
- HMB *Endeavour* and Bark *James Craig*
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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](http://www.sea.museum) or call **02 9298 3777** on the day of your visit.

**Australian National Maritime Museum**  
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# SYDNEY FESTIVAL

## Goes to Sea this Summer



**T**he Australian National Maritime Museum hosts an eclectic mix of experiences this summer as part of the Sydney Festival 2023.

### Brickwrecks: Sunken Ships in Lego bricks!

An exciting new exhibition using LEGO® bricks that plunges the viewer into stories behind some of the world's most fascinating shipwrecks.

The exhibition, a partnership between Ryan "The Brickman" McNaught, the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Western Australian Museum opens on December 17

Wrecks featured in the exhibition are between 1 - 3 metres in length and include:

- The oldest known shipwreck which sank off Uluburun, Turkey, around 1300 BCE;
- A Chinese ship that sank in 1323 near the Shinan islands, South Korea;
- Vasa, a Swedish warship that sank in 1628 in the Stockholm harbour;
- Batavia, a Dutch trading vessel that sank in 1629 off the Houtman Abrolhos, Western Australia;
- HMS Pandora which wrecked in 1791 in the Great Barrier Reef whilst on its way to hunt down the Bounty mutineers;
- HMS Terror and HMS Erebus, both wrecked in 1848 off King William Island, Canada, whilst searching for the North West Passage;

- RMS Titanic, the luxury steamship that sank in the North Atlantic in 1912;
- MV Rena, the Liberian-flagged container ship that sank at Astrolabe Reef, New Zealand, in 2011; and
- The Barangaroo boat recently discovered during excavations in Sydney Harbour

### Shipwreck Odyssey

A brand new immersive experience from the team at The Box of Birds/Stalker theatre.

Voyage beneath the turquoise waves and coral cays of Queensland's Wreck Reefs as the ghost ship Jenny Lind leads you on an adventure into the wild wonders and mysteries of our oceans.

Dance with stingrays, bask with whales, swirl through spectacular shipwreck reefs and run with vistas of plankton in a magical storytelling and playscape experience.

This experience combines live storytelling and performance with a state-of-the-art responsive projection playscape inviting audiences to come alive to their love for our blue planet.

### Opens December 28

Commissioned by the Australian National Maritime Museum and Sydney Festival and developed by The Box of Birds/Stalker Theatre Team. Shipwreck Odyssey has been supported by EPIC Games Megagrants, Australia Council for the Arts and Create NSW.



# NATIONAL MARITIME ART COLLECTION

Series of mini exhibitions ANMM

**A**rt from the National Maritime Collection is now on show in a series of mini exhibitions

The Australian National Maritime Museum is responsible for the National Maritime Collection and includes paintings, posters, maps, prints, objects and vessels that highlight the history and diversity of maritime cultures in Australia and across the world.

The visual art ranges from traditional depictions of vessels and port infrastructure, to works by contemporary artists that explore our relationship with the sea.

As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, is showing some of the gems from the National Collection, the first of which are four large works, on display until end of December 2022.

## **The Red Jacket in Hobson's Bay, Captain Thomas Robertson, 1856 – 57**

*Red Jacket, one of the largest and fastest clipper ships, was built in 1853 by George Thomas of Rockland, Maine, USA. It was commissioned by the British White Star Line to the design of American Donald McKay. Red Jacket broke the transatlantic crossing speed record on its first voyage to Liverpool, to be fitted out for the Australian immigrant service.*

*In the age of clippers, rivalry between shipping companies was fierce, with large sums of money gambled on which vessel was fastest. Red Jacket took a record of just 69 days on its maiden run from Britain to Melbourne. Included in the painting are the clippers James Baines, which subsequently sailed to Melbourne in 65 days, and Lightning. These three vessels, all designed by Donald McKay, represented the zenith of clipper ship design and construction.*

ANMM Collection 00006060 Purchased with USA Bicentennial Gift funds

## **Hobart Town 1856, Henry Gritten, 1856**

*The original European occupation of Australia relied solely on ships to transport people, cargo and mail until well into the 20th century. The town of Hobart was established as a penal settlement in 1803 on a deep-water port on the Derwent River.*

*This depiction of the town by Henry Gritten was painted in 1856, the same year that the colony changed its name from Van Diemen's Land to Tasmania. It shows how, within 50 years, Hobart was attracting international shipping, including a three-masted, American-flagged fast clipper that could carry passengers and cargo worldwide.*

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### **The Great White Fleet Entering Sydney Harbour Through the Heads, Rupert Bunny, about 1908**

*US President Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt's Great White Fleet circumnavigated the world from 1907 to 1909. Including up to 16 white-painted battleships, it demonstrated America's goodwill and its arrival as a global naval power.*

*The fleet's visit to Sydney, Melbourne and Albany in 1908 at the request of Prime Minister Alfred Deakin was met with immense public support. It also marked a new era in Australian defence policy, which now included the USA.*

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### **The Gospel Ship, 19th century**

*Life for seamen in the 19th century could be dissolute and dangerous. The Gospel Ship, bearing Biblical messages, was a way of reaching out and relating Christian values to the lives of sailors.*

*This charcoal-on-linen drawing was salvaged from a hotel in Hobart, Tasmania, prior to its demolition in the 1970s*

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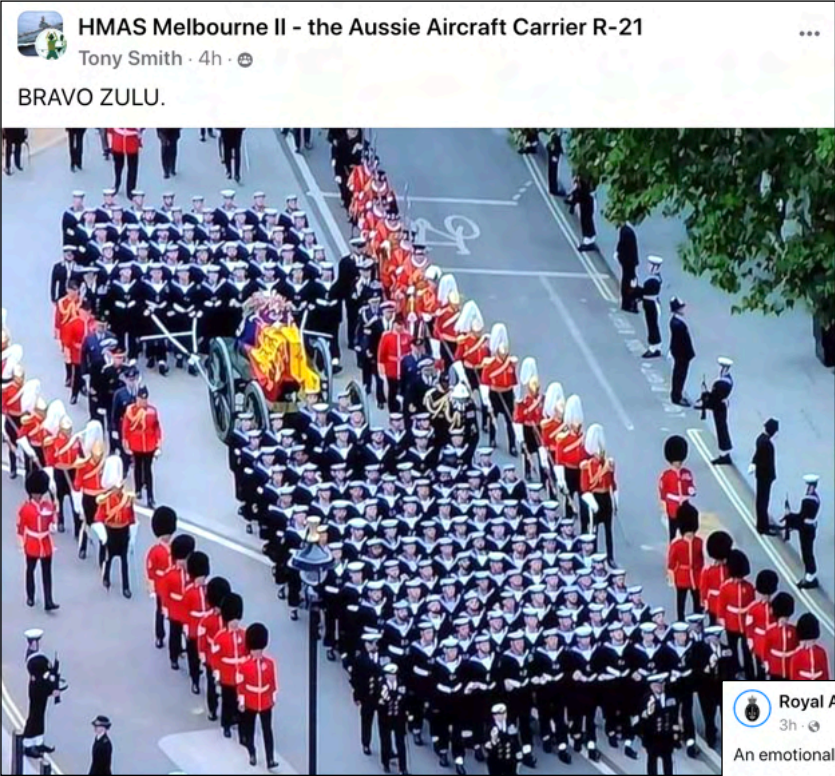
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**Royal Australian Navy is in London, United Kingdom.**  
3h · 🌐

An emotional farewell for The Queen.

39 Australians have joined personnel from the Defence Forces of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth in the funeral procession through the streets of London for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Commonwealth contingent joined the funeral procession that included more than 3,000 predominately military personnel who marched from Westminster Abbey past Buckingham Palace to Wellington Arch to honour Her Majesty.

Read more, here: <https://news.defence.gov.au/inte.../emotional-farewell-queen>  
[Defence Australia](#) [Australia's Federation Guard](#) [Australian Army](#) [Royal Australian Air Force](#) [The Royal Family](#)





**Gary Swanton**  
Yesterday at 7:38 AM · 🌐

There is a certain level of sadness, when what has always been is no longer.  
I have served Her Majesty since 1976 and continue to do so today.  
I had the honour to hoist your Personal Flag of Australia when you presented your Colour to HMAS Cerberus.  
The attached image is me presenting the Australian White Ensign in Newcastle circa 1993-95.  
Ma'am, it was and always will be a honour and a privilege to have served under your reign.  
May you always RIP




**The Sydney Morning Herald** 🌐  
13h · 🌐

We are well-used to seeing the Sydney Opera House illuminated to mark significant events, but tonight's image is above and beyond. The sails have illuminated this evening to pay respect to the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Photo: Wolter Peeters

Follow the latest coverage here: <https://www.smh.com.au/.../queen-elizabeth-in-doctors...>



**HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits**  
Shane Spike · 18h · 🌐

\$2 at a garage sale. Couldn't just leave it there.



**Ian Holthouse and Brendan Jackson shared a post.**

**Lee Webster**  
22h · 🌐

The Ship's Company manning the side of Her Majesty's Australian Ship Canberra giving HM Queen Elizabeth II 3 Cheers whilst she was embarked in HMY Britannia off the NSW coast in 1988. So proud of this moment in my 47 years of service in the Royal Australian Navy. "For Queen and Country" 🇦🇺











## 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?

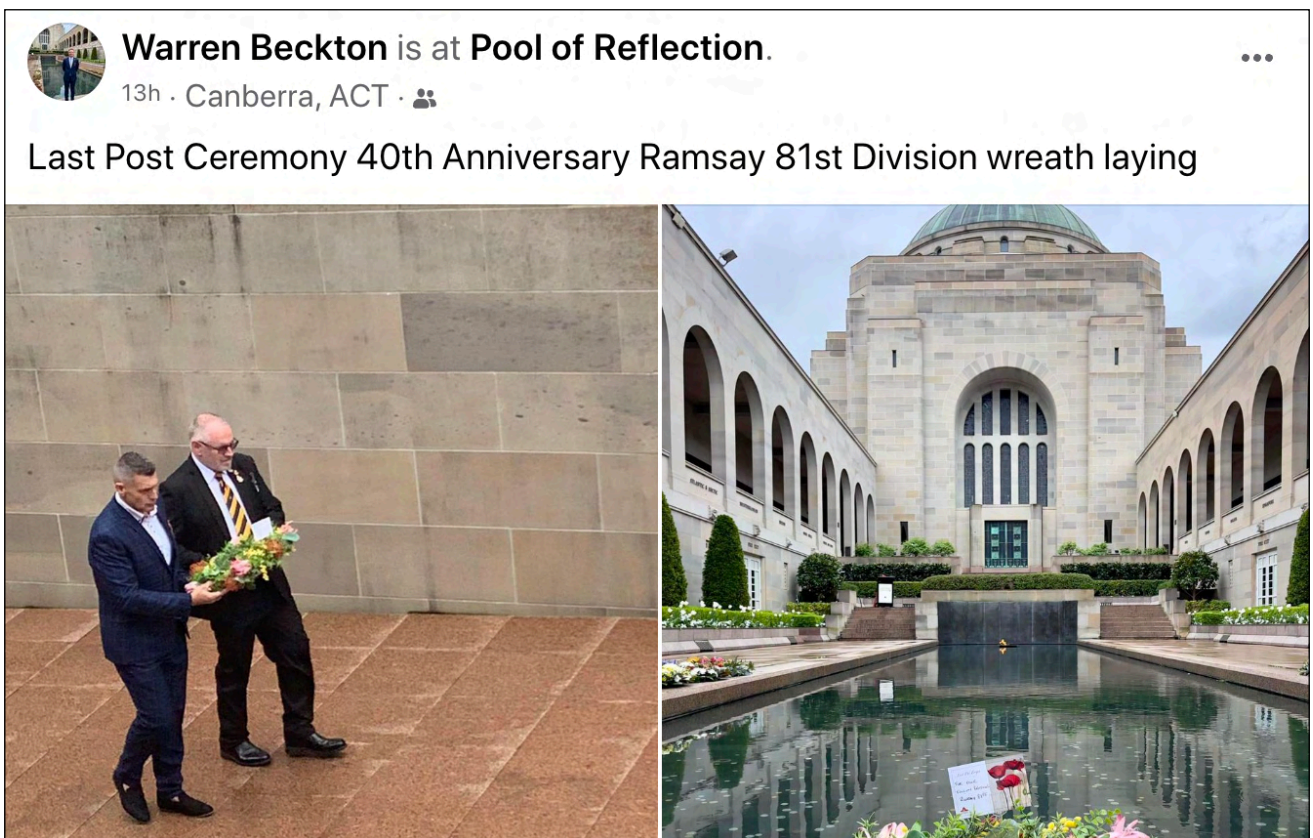
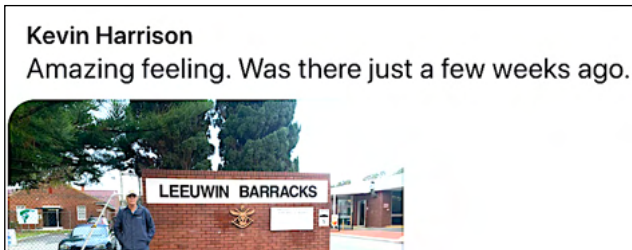
Come and visit the unit, based at HMAS Cerberus in Crib Point for a few weeks see if you like it, then complete the application paperwork. Once this is complete and the joining fee is paid we kit you out with your uniform (on loan) and welcome you to TS Tingira.



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**Terry Greaves**  
4d · 🌐

Things I've wanted to do for quite some time, and today the Mate and I fronted up.

Too early again, but that's what they taught me to do under threat of punishment. (Although I cant remember what I had for breakfast, I'll never for get other things)

& no, I haven't painted my fingernails red!



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## 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](mailto:tsec@tingira.org.au)

## POSITION VACANT

### TASMANIA - Tingira Local Area Coordinator

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## POSITION VACANT

### DARWIN - Tingira Local Area Coordinator

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## Navy Victoria Network

1d · 🌐

Indigenous Navy veteran Professor Brad Murphy says members leaving the Australian Defence Force were left disconnected from their sense of family and belonging.



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## Lack of support given to defence personnel likened to 'genocide'

Indigenous Navy veteran Professor Brad Murphy says members leaving the ...



## HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits

David Turner · 12h · 🌐

A mini reunion of Second intake after the RANCBA Anzac Day reunion in Sydney this year April 2022



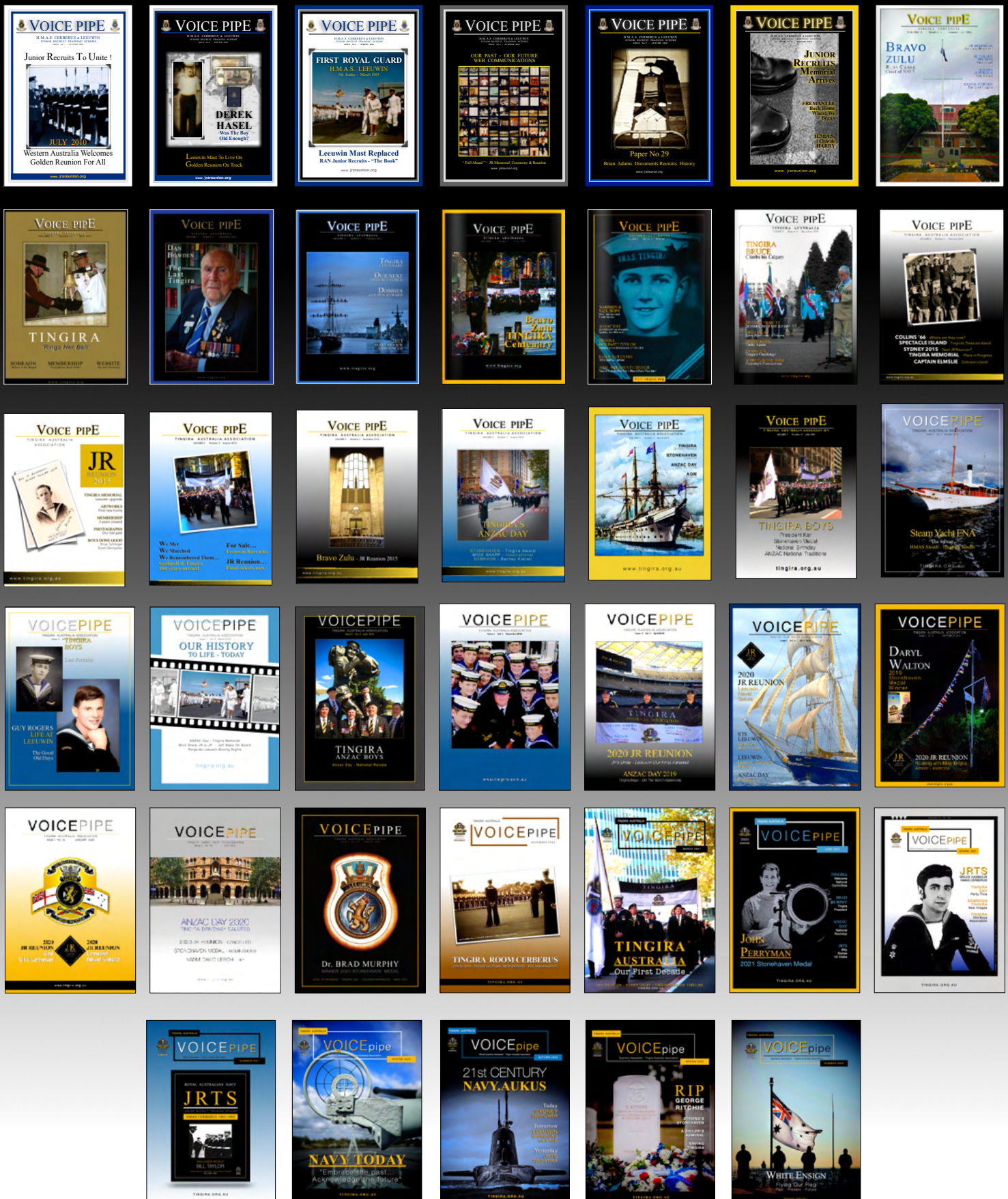
## 6th & 7th JRTE Intake, 1963 HMAS Leeuwin

1h · 🌐

Some more pics of yesterday's Dedication Ceremony.  
Woody's family group outside the chapel.  
Irene, Tina and Shep plus  
Shep, Tina, Irene and Katherine.







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