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LEEUWIN ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

East Fremantle - Former Royal Australian Navy Junior Recruits and members of the Tingira Australia Association have been invited to attend the traditional **Anzac Dawn Service**, **Leeuwin Barracks**, East Fremantle, Western Australia, 6 am Tuesday 25 April 2023.

Members of the local Australian Army Cadet unit will conduct the Anzac Day Dawn Service, with Tingira Australia Association WA coordinators, **Paul Kalajzich** and **Jeff Wake**, laying a wreath at the Leeuwin flagstaff on behalf of the Tingira Australia Association.

13,000 RAN Junior Recruits were trained from 1960-1984 at HMAS Leeuwin at 15 years of age, before they became the backbone and 'pride of the fleet' over the following decades, some are still serving today.

These boys were the second generation of what was known as the 'Tingira Boys', after the initial training of Tingira boys took place in Sydney Harbour on board the first Australian navy training ship, HMAS Tingira, 1912-1927, which also trained 15-year-old boys for the navy fleet.

Today many of those former navy boys are represented by Tingira Australia Association. After the Leeuwin dawn service, many will journey to the city and form up at approx. 8 am for the Anzac Day march from **Perth City**, with a 'Reunion Retreat' for the afternoon on nearby the foreshores of the Swan River.

Leeuwin Barracks is at present operating in 'defence administration mode' for the commonwealth government, as it awaits a new destiny with the upcoming release of the 2023 Defence Review by the federal government in the near future.

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INVITATION LEEUWIN BARRACKS ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

All Leeuwin Barracks personnel and their families are invited to a Dawn Service to be conducted at 6.00am Tuesday 25 April at the Flag Station outside building 2.

Parking in the main car park/parade ground. Please be seated no later than 5.45am. Floral tributes welcome.

Bacon & egg rolls will be provided at the completion of the service (please notify any Special Dietary Requirements). Please use the link provided to enter names of attendees who do not have a DCAC.

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