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FREMANTLE JR REUNION 2025

Tingira Australia President, Brad Murphy OAM ...

"Today we celebrate Australia Day. The Australian Flag flying high atop the mast of Leeuwin Barracks at the JR Memorial, East Fremantle, Western Australia and atop the mast of Tingira Memorial, Rose Bay, New South Wales.

It is appropriate on this special occasion that I am proud and privileged as President of Tingira Australia Association and on behalf of our national committee, to announce - *TINGIRA Australia Association members and all former Junior Recruits of HMAS Leeuwin and HMAS Cerberus, are invited to unite for the celebration of the 65th Sapphire Jubilee of the Junior Recruit Training Scheme with the JR REUNION 2025.*

To be held in Fremantle and Perth, Western Australia, from **Monday 10 to Friday 14 November 2025**, this will be our most historic reunion ever.

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It will be proposed for the new incoming Tingira national committee in April to run the event on similar format to the canceled JR Reunion of 2020 which fell victim, like so many other events, to the unprecedented global COVID pandemic.

This will be one of the last occasions that the former Junior Recruits will be able to gather in the Leeuwin establishment in its present status. **Leeuwin Barracks** as it is known today, is presently in use by the Department of Defence. The base is presently under review by the Federal government. In the near future the site is expected to be used again for military requirements or to be re-developed to become part of the local East Fremantle suburban community.

Planning is under way with the RAN and Fremantle local government authorities to conduct a daytime local tribute **'Naval Salute - RAN Junior Recruits'** on Tuesday 11 November 2025,

13,000 15-16 year old boys trained at the HMAS Leeuwin establishment from 1960 to 1984 for the start of their naval careers. This was part of a great navy tradition following on from the 3,000 'Tingira Boys' who in 1912 also aged 15, trained on board the navy's first training ship, HMAS TINGIRA, anchored in Rose Bay, Sydney, before they too commenced their naval careers, of which many served in both World Wars of 20th century.

Many of the former Junior Recruits that formed the 89 intakes during the period from 1960 to 1984, will unite with intake reunions of their former shipmates over the reunion week. Many will also link up with former sponsors, that were like second parents to them on weekend leave periods during the 12 month training at the HMAS Leeuwin base.

'Sapphire Jubilee' 65th birthday dinner to be held at the Perth Optus Stadium during the five day event. This dinner celebrates the RAN Junior Recruits birthday on the occasion when the first intake of Recruits entered HMAS Leeuwin, 13 July 1960.

Complete details and booking procedures for Tingira Australia members and former RAN Junior Recruits for the '2025 JR Reunion' will be released in May 2024.

Further details will be posted on the Tingira website as they become available during 2024. The Tingira website will be 'live' to take bookings from 1st November 2024".

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Further details for media only

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