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### COVER PHOTO

Tingira Collection, on the wall of the Garden Island boatshed at present.

Photograph **MARK LEE**

# VIEWFINDER IN RANGE

## HISTORICAL IMAGE THIS QUARTER



“**T**hank God for my compact little iphone!

Photography is mostly about capturing that moment in time. The click of the shutter is the sound of a memory. To me today none come more historical than the two above images I made recently.

Gundagai Road... Leaving Cootamundra at 5am on the Wednesday morning on my way to Sydney for the ANZAC Day parade with the Tingira boys down Elizabeth Street.

Driving South east towards Yass, I experienced one of the most unique moments in my 49 years as a photographer.

From my front left side window was another 'ripper red' morning sun rise about to loom over the horizon; and then to my rear quarter. in my rear vision mirror I was presented with the most beautiful full moon setting, just about to dip below the horizon. I just had to stop a take the vision that was before me!

I'm not a sunset type of photographer, and rarely do I see the full moon at midnight, this was something very special.

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TINGIRA PRESIDENT

**BRAD MURPHY OAM**



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## PRESIDENT'S DESK - Tingira Quarterdeck

# NUMBERS GAME

Setting new boundaries...

“ **A**utumn and April, just seems like the longest days!

Anzac Day nationally, Annual Report, Strategic Plan review, AGM with an election for national committee, JR Reunion review, and then there is the weather here in Bundaberg; rain, rain go away please!

First a small correction from the **Annual Report**. On paragraph seven of the Patrons Report, it should read we have **863** members, not 8563, small typo with big consequences. I can only say I wish that was our number! Let's start with membership, it's always about the numbers!

**Annual Report** - Another colourful pictorial production from the committee team, graphs and numbers compounded to form another part of our history over this past 14 years that we have been representing as the Tingira Australia Association.

Pleasing to see from my desk that many of the Tingira **General Members** convert to the **Life Membership** status with their annual dues in January of each year. Our numbers do increase each month and this is certainly a good result when you can compare to many other ex service associations who

often find it difficult to recruit new members into their ranks at any time. To date this year we have 13 new members at the end of May, with a total of 25 new members in 2023 we are on target again to pass last year is always the target!

**AGM** - It was reported to me that the Secretary had a 'smooth run' on the day. The Tingira boys sat in the shade under a Morton Bay fig tree at Hyde Park outdoor cafe with refreshments and did all the required administration homework work!

**Committee** - We shuffled the deck chairs a little at the top end.

Vice-President Chris Parr has decided to move on since being on the initial Tingira steering committee back in 2010 under President Chris Perrin. Thank you Chris, it's been a long 13 year 'Tingira voyage' for you and we appreciate all your contributions over the period for this association and your efforts with the boys in the 46<sup>th</sup> intake. Jeff Wake from Perth has stepped up to take the VP role and we thank him for his support at this busy time in all our lives.

Secretary Mark Lee has also volunteered to 'stay on' as Secretary until November 12 next year, that's the final day of the JR Reunion in Perth.





*Tingira Secretary Mark Lee, has marched in Sydney for the past 13 years behind the Tingira Flag. This would be his final Sydney march as he led the boys to the Anzac Day reunion proudly carrying the Tingira flag.*



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# TINGIRA

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2024 - 2027



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Jeff Wake OAM, RFD- WA



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Mark Lee - NSW



**TREASURER**  
David Rafferty - NSW



**COMMITTEE**  
Darryn Rose - NSW



**COMMITTEE**  
Paul Kalajzich - WA



**COMMITTEE**  
Steven Kelly - WA





*ANZAC DAY BUNDERBERG - Drinks at the RSL Club. L-R: Former JR Ray Rodgers, POME George Maver (WW11 navy Vet aged 96) and Tingira President, Brad Murphy, enjoying a 'Rum and Milk' following the Bargara Beach Dawn Service.*

There may have to be an extraordinary meeting during the JR Reunion, as there will be a few other 'positions vacant' on that day.

Another West Australian Tingira Boy Steve Kelly, has also stepped up and filled one of the two casual vacancies after the AGM. Thank you Steve and if you are wanting to assist, please call or email Secretary to come on board the National Tingira Committee.

**Anzac Day** - Well it was a washout here in Bundaberg and the numbers were down on normal participation across the capital cities. Many citizens and veterans flocking to the coast and country regions for an exclusive five day long weekend. However, our banner and flag was out there in front of our boys with good exposure on the TV cameras, we remain committed to the cause, Anzac Day is our veteran day.

**Tingira Collection** - It has been a long process of meetings and decisions to separate the collection and its a great gesture for Capt Alastair to support Tingira and see that we are

seen at the Seapower museums long into the future, good work secretary!

**JR Reunion 2025** - Just waiting on some documents from Navy Office to finalise a few things. The main feature at Leeuwin Barracks will be the Remembrance Day commemoration on Tuesday 11.

We made a big call on the 65<sup>th</sup> Sapphire Dinner, it will be on the final night of the reunion, Wednesday 12 November, 2025, see you there!

Please jot down the date numbers, the new boundaries have been set!

**Long live Tingira, mates for life!**

**BRAD MURPHY** OAM  
President  
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# TINGIRA AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## 2024 MEETING MINUTES

10 am Thursday 25 April 2024  
Hyde Park South, Sydney

1. **CHAIR of meeting**, Secretary Mark Lee  
Apologies - R.Crane, B.Murphy, C.Parr, D.Rafferty
2. **Notice of Protocols** - Tingira Constitution 2014 with 2023 Annual Report posted -  
Tingira Website 23 April 2024
3. **Receive and approve MINUTES of previous 2023 AGM**  
Moved: David Smith      Second: Richard Schilling.      CARRIED
4. **Receive President's Report** - TAA website  
Moved: John Whiting      Second: Richard Schilling.      CARRIED
5. **Receive Treasurer's Report** - TAA website  
Moved: John Whiting      Second: Richard Schilling.      CARRIED
6. **Receive Secretary's Report** - TAA website  
Moved: John Whiting      Second: Richard Schilling.      CARRIED
7. **Conduct General Business** - No business was received to be tabled for the meeting
8. **Results of Election of National Committee** - Returning Officer Richard Schilling  
Moved: John Whiting      Second: David Smith.      CARRIED

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ...

Brad Murphy OAM	PRESIDENT
Jeff Wake OAM, RFD	VICE PRESIDENT
David Rafferty	TREASURER
Mark Lee	SECRETARY

### COMMITTEE ...

Darryn Rose  
Paul Kalajzich



**Mark Lee**  
SECRETARY  
25/4/24



# AGM 2024

**The Recent Tingira Australia Association Annual General Meeting, conducted at Hyde Park South on Anzac Day, presented a reshuffle of the present National Committee.**

Committee stalwart and Vice President, Chris Parr, has stepped down after 14 years continuous service. Chris was part of the inaugural steering committee with President Chris Perrin, and Treasurer Alan Rodgers, that set up the Tingira Australia Association in 2010.

"Chris Parr is credit to our association, 14 years is a long and dedicated watch for anyone on a committee position. Chris's contributions and energy will be missed by the Tingira crew, we sincerely thank him for his voluntary service" said Tingira President Brad Murphy, from his Bundaberg quarterdeck.

"Chris departs the bridge of this committee after many fine contributions during his Tingira journey; of special



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Jeff Wake** OAM, RFD- WA

note his all round efforts with the 2015 JR Reunion in Sydney and many editorial hours assisting with production of the quarterly VOICEpipe magazine.

It is now timely for Chris to move on after his recent retirement and move to the Gold Coast. Chris and his wife Donna, will soon embark on some well earned



**COMMITTEE**  
**Steven Kelly - WA**

adventurous 'international tourist travel'.

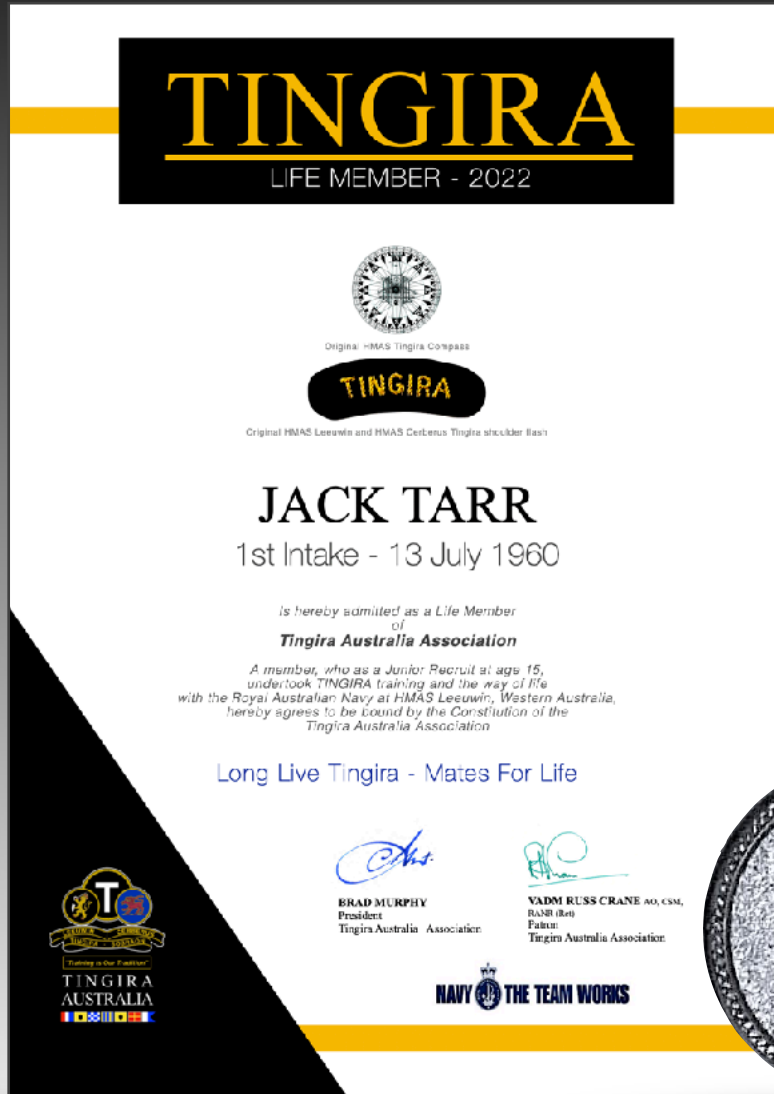
No official business was presented by members for the meeting, National Secretary Mark Lee gave a brief update of present set up for the 2025 JR Reunion in Perth set down for November next year.

Long time committee member Jeff Wake, from Attadale, Western Australia, has stepped up to the call, nominating and elected to take on the Tingira Vice President role. Fellow West Australian, Steven Kelly, also stepped forward and filled one of the two casual vacancies, and we welcome Steven to the committee.

Any volunteer from Tingira General membership or a Tingira Associate member, who would like to join the Tingira National Committee, please contact the Secretary in the first instance for the remaining vacancy.

The 'Annual Return' for the association to the NSW Dept of Fair Trading. has been lodged and accepted at NSW GOV. [ML](#)

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP



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## COMPLETED 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 completed the project with input from committee and the present membership, released at the 2023 Tingira AGM, on Tingira website, documents updated version with new 2024 committee.*



## IN PRODUCTION STONEHAVEN MEDAL 2024

***"That Tingira Aust Assoc call for nominations - Tingira Stonehaven Medal 2024 - awarded annually to the 'Tingira Boy' or Boys who go above and beyond the normal call of duty"***

*National Tingira Committee has called for 2024 nominations Stonehaven Medal. Advertised Summer, Autumn and Winter issues VOICEpipe magazine, Tingira website, media release.*



## COMPLETED 2023 ANNUAL REPORT & AGM 2024

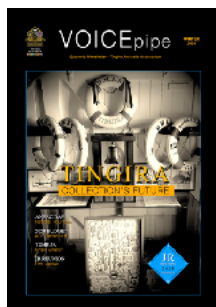
***"That Tingira Aust Assoc present Annual Report for membership, presentation at the 2024 Annual General Meeting"***

*Tingira Secretary has produced, with assistance for final financial reports from Summit Consultants, the 2023 Annual Report presented at 2024 April AGM and displayed on Tingira website. Hard copy distributed to all 2024 merchandise orders.*

## COMPLETED

### VOICEpipe magazine

#### WINTER



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

*VOICEpipe Editor Mark Lee, continues in his editorial role to produce the last three issues for 2024.*



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## IN PRODUCTION RAN HISTORY ALLIANCE

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

*Tingira collection donated to the RAN. Items to be displayed at HMAS Watson, HMAS Cerberus and HMAS Stirling after the recent closure of the RAN Heritage Centre Museum, on Garden Island in Sydney.*



## IN PRODUCTION WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL ALLIANCE

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

*Mayor Woollahra Council, committee of Rose Bay RSL sub-Branch, have seen the Tingira Memorial Park take constant change during 2023. The new planting of 'spring' gardens and the park lawns came into their own over last summer, with the new irrigation system keeping them grass green all year round. BZ Council Team at Rose Bay.*



## IN PRODUCTION 2025 JR REUNION - PERTH

***“That the incoming 2024 Tingira National Committee, conduct the running of the '2025 JR Reunion' in Perth, as celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RAN Junior Recruit Training Scheme”***

*Tingira President Brad Murphy, made the announcement on 26 January 2024 with the new logo, date and location. Full media release on the Tingira website.*

*Proposed plans from 2020 cancelled reunion to form the backbone of the reunion for the new national committee to follow. Secretary to seek assistance from the RAN (CN & AFC) for input, direction and support at this main event Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle, WA, set down for 11 November 2025.*



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MARK LEE



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Defence Force  
that can  
safeguard  
Australia's  
security into  
the future.*

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# DEFENCE

## TODAY & TOMORROW Generational investment in Australia...

2024

*Budget Defence Media Release*

**T**he Albanese Labor Government is delivering historic investments in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), our people, our capabilities, our defence industry and our region, as we further strengthen the defence of our nation.

The 2024 National Defence Strategy and 2023 Defence Strategic Review call for significant and urgent changes to our defence settings to respond to our complex strategic environment and deliver an integrated, focused Defence Force.

The 2024-25 Budget sees Defence funding increase to \$764.6 billion over the decade to support a more capable and self-reliant Defence Force that can safeguard Australia's security into the future.

At the centre of the Albanese Government's renewed investment in Defence is the allocation of \$330 billion over the decade to 2033-34 for the rebuilt Integrated Investment Program – a significant lift compared to the \$270 billion allocated as part of the 2020 Defence Strategic Update and 2020 Force Structure Plan.

This includes:

- ***An additional \$5.7 billion over the forward estimates – the largest increase to Defence spending over a forward estimates period in decades.***
- ***An additional \$50.3 billion over the next decade.***

As a result of these significant investments, the annual Defence budget will grow to an estimated \$100 billion by 2033-34 compared to \$53 billion this financial year.

This will see Defence funding as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product reach over 2.3% by 2033-34 – more than 0.2% higher than the spending trajectory set by the former Coalition government.

The Albanese Government's commitment to Defence is an investment in a future made in Australia – ensuring we keep Australians safe, while delivering jobs and opportunities right across the country for decades to come.

Integrated Investment Program. The 2024 Integrated Investment Program (IIP) supports the Albanese Government's funding decisions by prioritising investments that help meet our changing strategic environment.

This will include \$11.1 billion over the decade to support the Government's response to the Surface Combatant Fleet review, providing a larger and more lethal surface fleet, and an additional \$1 billion over the next four years to accelerate ADF preparedness including long-range strike, targeting and autonomous systems. 2024-25 Budget initiatives.

As the 2024-25 Budget outlines, the Albanese Government is also investing in other crucial areas to strengthen our defence settings, including:

- ***\$81.9 million towards defence industry for critical jobs, including for scholarships, attracting and recruiting apprentices under the***

***Shipbuilding Employment Pathways Initiative, supply chain support and uplifting the defence industrial workforce.***

- ***\$166.2 million over five years from 2023-24 in grants to support small and medium businesses and local defence industry as part of the Defence Industry Development Strategy.***
- ***\$28 million over 2024-25 to 2027-28 to implement reforms under the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024, including to support industry engagement and accelerate trade between AUKUS partners.***
- ***\$232.3 million of international military support and assistance activities between 2023-24 and 2024-25, including \$144.3 million in additional military support to Ukraine.***
- ***\$17.5 million to establish a new Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence to enhance parliamentary oversight and understanding of Defence's role in responding to Australia's challenging strategic environment.***

The Defence funding confirmed in the 2024-25 Budget advances the implementation of the Government's six immediate priorities announced in response to the Defence Strategic Review.

It will also deliver the capabilities required to achieve an integrated, focused Defence Force across all domains – maritime, land, air, space and cyber – in line with the concept of National Defence.

Importantly, the 2024-25 Budget confirms the Albanese Government's commitment to set out an affordable, achievable, and sustainable plan for now and the future which delivers the capabilities, jobs and investment in local Australian industry needed to support our Defence Force and safeguard Australia's security. [DoD](#)



# COLLINS CLASS SUBS

Life type extension...

**T**he Collins Class submarine fleet's Life of Type Extension (LOTE) will provide the nation with a potent, conventionally powered submarine capability into the 2030s.

The Collins boats are internationally regarded among the best conventional submarines in the world. ASC will continue to deliver high levels of submarine performance and availability to the Royal Australian Navy as the LOTE project is implemented.

During the project, ASC will replace the propulsion systems, diesel engines, generators, and the power conversion and distribution

systems. There will also be a cooling system update and a range of hull assessments. ASC will integrate the new equipment into the existing command and control system.

The LOTE will be implemented on all six Collins Class submarines.

The project is currently in the detailed design phase and ASC is working closely with the Royal Australian Navy, the Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group, Australian suppliers and international partners to deliver the Navy's specific requirements/

ASC is on schedule to undertake First of Class LOTE implementation with HMAS Farncomb in 2026. [DoD](#)

Quotes attributable to **Deputy Prime Minister, Richard Marles MP:**

***“This Albanese Government is making the biggest commitment to increasing Defence funding over the forward estimates in decades.***

***“National security is a big focus of the Albanese Government and it’s a big focus of the Budget.***

***“This is about ensuring our Australian Defence Force is fit for purpose and equipped with suitable capabilities to meet present and future challenges.”***

Quotes attributable to the **Minister for Defence Industry, Pat Conroy MP:**

***“In rebuilding the IIP, the Government is delivering the capabilities the ADF needs to make Australians safer and at the same time strengthening our sovereign defence industry to deliver jobs and a future made in Australia.***

***“The Albanese Government is spending a record amount on Australian defence industry, at the same time we are ensuring the money contained Defence budget will be spent more wisely to deliver the capabilities we need.”***

Quotes attributable to the **Minister for Defence Personnel, Matt Keogh MP:**

***“The National Defence Strategy reinforces the need for the growth and retention of highly-skilled people to deliver Australia’s National Defence Strategy.”***

***“People are, and will remain, our most important capability, which is why the Albanese Government continues to invest in recruitment and retention.”***

Quotes attributable to the **Assistant Minister for Defence, Matt Thistlethwaite MP:**

***“We’re increasing the Defence budget by over \$50 billion over the course of the next decade.”***

***“This Government is entering into record spending on Defence to ensure that Australia has the capability to defend our nation into the future.”***



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*The retrospective award of a MUC comes as welcome recognition of what was a demanding, dynamic and challenging operation for Tobruk's then crew who remained Faithful and Strong throughout the deployment.*

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## YESTERDAY'S NAVY TODAY

# MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

## HMAS TOBRUK (II)

By

John Perryman



**I**n the lead up to Anzac Day this year a number of former RAN Junior Recruits were among HMAS Tobruk (II) veterans who were presented with retrospective Meritorious Unit Citations (MUC) for service in Somalia in 1993.

This followed a Defence Honours and Awards review initiated in 2021 that investigated the service of ADF personnel involved in the Somalia conflict. The findings of that review were released in 2023 coinciding with the 30th anniversary of Operation SOLACE and a reunion of ADF Somalia veterans in Canberra.

The review determined that the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Group) Royal Australian Regiment, HMAS Tobruk (II) and the four ADF Australian Service Contingents that deployed to Somalia met the criteria for a retrospective award of a MUC.





*Continued ...*

Defence Honours and Awards, ably assisted by Captain Paul Fothergill, OAM, RAN, the Director of Navy Honours and Awards, worked tirelessly to ensure that as many Tobruk veterans as possible were in receipt of their insignia prior to Anzac Day 2024.

This saw a number of small presentation ceremonies conducted at naval bases around Australia while other veterans opted to have theirs sent by mail.

At the time of writing the following former RAN Junior Recruits were among those awarded a MUC.

**CHRIS KALETA** - 30<sup>th</sup> intake Marks

**TONY HOWARD** - 59<sup>th</sup> intake Ramsay

**JOHN PERRYMAN** - 70<sup>th</sup> intake Stevenson

**WAYNE SPRINGHALL** - 84<sup>th</sup> intake Ramsay

HMAS Tobruk's deployment to Somalia began on Boxing Day 1992 when the ship sailed from Sydney for Townsville to embark elements of 1 RAR and 3/4 Cavalry Regiment. HMAS Jervis Bay preceded Tobruk to Somalia and at that time it was the largest military sealift deployment since Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Tobruk was to remain in the area of operations throughout the deployment in support of Australian and coalition forces operating ashore as well as performing a variety of humanitarian and maritime security functions. She was again joined by HMAS Jervis Bay for the back-loading operation that took place in May 1993.

The retrospective award of a MUC comes as welcome recognition of what was a demanding, dynamic and challenging operation for Tobruk's then crew who remained Faithful and Strong throughout the deployment. DJP



*Commodore Eric Young, presents the former Captain of HMAS Tobruk (II) Commodore Kevin Taylor, CSC, RAN (Retd) and Lieutenant John Perryman, CSM, RAN (Stevenson Div -70th) with the citation for the Meritorious Unit Citation at a ceremony at Naval Headquarters Canberra on 5 April 2024.*



*Governor-General of the  
Commonwealth of Australia  
and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Defence Force*

***B**E IT KNOWN that with the authority of His Majesty King Charles the Third,  
King of Australia, I have awarded the*

## **MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION**

*to*

**HMAS TOBRUK**

*in recognition of sustained outstanding service in warlike operations*

### *CITATION*

*For sustained outstanding service in warlike operations on Operation SOLACE  
in support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 794 to end hostilities in Somalia  
and establish a secure environment for the distribution of humanitarian aid in 1993.*

*GIVEN at Government House, Canberra  
this twentieth day of November 2023.*

*By His Excellency's Command*

*Official Secretary to the Governor-General*





*Second from left: Former Chief Petty Officer Tony Howard (Ramsay 59th intake) with fellow HMAS Tobruk veterans receiving their awards in a ceremony conducted at Fleet Headquarters, Sydney.*



*Tingira Boy - Leading Seaman Wayne Springhall at work onboard HMAS Tobruk.*



**FOOTNOTE** - There was of course the official HMAS Tobruk ship's badge - hence my use of the motto in my article - Faithful and Strong but we also used the attached graphic on a T-shirt that a mate of mine back in Australia produced for us while we were deployed.

For a long time HMAS Tobruk had a good relationship with the WWII Rats of Tobruk Association and the crew adopted a version of that for ourselves - The Tobruk Rats

That's why we were **'Rats to the Rescue'**. JP



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HMAS *Tobruk (II)* was a 'heavy lift' ship designed to transport vehicles, equipment, personnel, ammunition and stores. She was designed for joint Navy and Army amphibious operations. In early 1993, *Tobruk* was part of Australia's largest military sea-lift operation since the end of the Vietnam War. *Tobruk*, including members from the Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team 1, embarked elements of 817 Squadron and the Ship's Army Detachment, conducted meritorious operational service in support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 794 to end hostilities in Somalia and established a secure environment for the distribution of humanitarian aid.

On 9 December 1992, the Command Team of *Tobruk* was notified of the ship's tasking to Operation SOLACE, thereby initiating cancellation of crew leave and any necessary crew recalls. At the time, *Tobruk* was in a planned major maintenance period including a main engine rebuild having just spent over six months deployed during the previous year. The crew and contractors worked around the clock to enable *Tobruk* to depart Sydney on 26 December 1992. The ship's company continued to work on ensuring that all equipment and systems were returned to, and in operational condition, as the ship would be required to remain at the highest level of capability for the duration of the deployment. The crew morale was high, despite the expectation that the ship would be deployed for a further six months, after just coming off a demanding operational deployment schedule the previous year.

During the period 19 January 1993 to 20 May 1993, *Tobruk* served for a cumulative period of 89 days in the Operation SOLACE area of operations with the residual periods being taken up with the conduct of logistic re-supply operations that were in direct support of the land based operations. Required to remain at a high operational readiness state throughout, the demands on the ship and her ship's company were constant, and sustained, in terms of direct support provided to the Commander Australian Forces Somalia and United Nations elements. *Tobruk* conducted five operational visits to Mombasa in Kenya during the period, moving a total of 1,450 tonnes of cargo in order to provide necessary operational support.

*Tobruk* provided an extremely versatile and flexible support capability to the land and maritime forces within the area of operations. *Tobruk* conducted tasks within the logistic arena, provided surveillance support, aerial troop transport, as well as communications relaying and monitoring which contributed to the overall operation. A significant number of tasks involved manual work that routinely took place in hot, uncomfortable and at times, dangerous conditions particularly when unloading at Mogadishu port. The teamwork and ethos exhibited by the crew during those evolutions was outstanding. Additionally, *Tobruk* maintained her maritime operational capability by routinely operating in company with coalition ships, conducting underway replenishments, seamanship, and gunnery serials off the coast of Somalia.

Throughout Operation SOLACE the ship's company of *Tobruk* remained flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances in order to meet mission objectives. They performed duties that were unique to the deployment with a high level of ability, commitment and collective professionalism whilst maintaining a very high morale. Their commitment to the task contributed to the success of the overall mission and was certainly meritorious and deserving of recognition.

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*We expect a response from the RAN soon and then the 'action plan' will be swiftly put into place.*

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## TOMORROWS VISION - FREMANTLE

# 2025 JR REUNION

Update...

“ **A**s we go to print with VOICEpipe, the Tingira Australia Association are in the waiting game with the 2025 JR Reunion.

The Tingira Secretary has communicated with the office of RAN Chief of Navy and the Australian Fleet Commander, informing them both of our pending JR Reunion, set down for commemoration and celebration, in the second week of November 2025.

Seeking the endorsement and support from the RAN is of vital importance to the reunion national organising committee. It gives them the opportunity to then make permanent plans and bookings for the event, especially the use of our JR Memorial inside the gates of Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle.

We expect a response from the RAN soon and then the 'action plan' will be swiftly put into place.

It was decided by the previous outgoing National Tingira Committee to hold the Sapphire Jubilee anniversary dinner, as the final event of the reunion program. It will be held on Wednesday 12 November, the day after the Remembrance Day commemoration at Leeuwin Barracks. These dates are now very firm on the agenda of what we will be working around over the next few months in the final planning stages.

A DRAFT guide of the reunion dates is printed on the opposite page, please watch the website for future updates, hopefully before the Spring edition of the next VOICEpipe magazine. JW



Friday 7 Nov	TBC	
Saturday 8 Nov	TBC	<b>Meet &amp; Greet - Fremantle</b>
Sunday 9 Nov	TBC	
Monday 10 Nov	TBC	
Tuesday 11 Nov	10.30 am	<b>Remembrance Day Commemoration</b> , Leeuwin Barracks
Wednesday 12 Nov	6.30 pm	<b>Sapphire Jubilee Anniversary Dinner</b> , OPTUS Stadium



# TINGIRA

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# 2024 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 2023

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 - Monday 1 July 2024**

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# LEEWIN OCEAN ADVENTURE FOUNDATION

Emerges from voluntary administration  
with strong community backing

**T**he largest sail-training ship of its kind in Australia, the Leeuwin is owned and operated by the registered charity, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation (LOAF), recently announced it had come out of voluntary administration.

Minderoo Foundation, through a \$3.5 million grant, along with partners the Department of Communities, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and Fremantle Ports will support the Leeuwin to stay afloat.

Minderoo Foundation Chair and Co-Founder, Dr Andrew Forrest AO, said: "It is wonderful to see the Leeuwin set free and sailing into the future. We want to see this incredible organisation continue to provide benefits to all West Australians including young people.

"The Leeuwin not only provides young West Australians with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership, courage and resilience, it forges a deep appreciation of the ocean. That's why we are providing support to stabilise operations and calling on others to lean in and do the same."

The Leeuwin is a working ship and since 1986 has provided sailing adventures for more than 40,000 people. All participants become part of the ship's team, including sailing, steering, navigating, cleaning the ship and even climbing the mast.

"Young Western Australians, and indeed people from around the world, have enjoyed a life-changing stint on the Leeuwin and we feel it's important that experience remains accessible for future generations," Minderoo Foundation Co-Founder Nicola Forrest AO said.

"It is a State treasure which needs the continued support of the corporate and philanthropic community to continue to make a difference."

To support the LOAF moving forward, a new board of directors will be appointed, led by new Chairperson Jay Weatherill AO, the former Premier of South Australia.

LOAF chief executive Annette Harwood thanked her staff, volunteers and partners for continuing to support LOAF.

"I would like to acknowledge our dedicated team at Leeuwin for their hard work and commitment to successfully relaunching the voyages we offer," Ms Harwood said. "Our incredible volunteers serve as fantastic role models for the community and



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*Minderoo Foundation Chair and Co-Founder, Dr Andrew Forrest AO & the STS Leeuwin II.*

selflessly give up their time to provide young people with this incredible experience.

“Thanks to our partners, we now have an opportunity to explore new ways to engage young people and provide them with memorable experiences that they can carry into the future, and do this in a sustainable manner.”

Fremantle Ports manager of communications and community Neil Stanbury said his organisation had

been a proud major sponsor of the LOAF for many years.

“We recognise and value how the organisation supports and provides a life-changing experience for young people, building resilience and boosting their employability and opportunities for the future,” he said. “As part of our sponsorship commitment, STS Leeuwin II is proudly berthed on Victoria Quay and is a wonderful tourist attraction.”

[LOAF](#)

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TINGIRA  
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VOICEpipe Editor

**MARK LEE**



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*Without the story, it's very difficult to give the item another life in most situations*

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## YESTERDAY'S HISTORY - TINGIRA COLLECTION

# TINGIRA COLLECTION

Donated to the RAN...

**T**he Tingira Collection of memorabilia items has found a new resting place as a donation to the RAN Seapower Centre in Canberra.

Seapower Director Captain Alastair Cooper met with the Secretary, Mark Lee, who had been instructed by the National Tingira Committee to take the collection to a new level from the 'shoebox closet' it has been contained in gathering dust over the past decade.

"It is certainly a welcome gesture by the Tingira Australia association to break up their collection and spread items associated with HMAS Tingira and HMAS Leeuwin, back into our navy museum collections'.

'We see many navy associations take on their namesake collections but sadly, when these associations come to a final close in later years, many of those items just find their way to the local skip bin and that history is lost, forever.

"Some of those items do make it to our navy museum curators. What is usually missing is the story behind the item, where has it come from and what was its voyage in the pages of our naval history? Without

the story, it's very difficult to give the item another life in most situations'.

"Tingira items that are required by the Association for ceremonial or spacial display will be loaned back to the association on an as required base" said Capt Cooper.

The collection items will be split between the East and West coastlines of Australia. Under the new naval museum proposal where HMAS Kuttabul (Sydney) HMAS Albatross (Nowra) HMAS Cerberus (Crib Point) and HMAS Stirling (Garden Island, WA) most items will find a new visible resting place.

The one exception will be that several original Tingira items are about to arrive at HMAS Watson in Sydney.

At the doorway entry to the HMAS Watson Officers Wardroom is a very large replica model of the English Clipper Ship Sobraon (HMAS TINGIRA). The new base Commanding Officer, Commander Aaron Scot, is willing to assist by adding a more visible 'Tingira history flavour' to the base at Sydney's South Head. [ML](#)





*Tingira Australia Association Secretary, Mark Lee, presents the print of English Clipper Ship Sobraon framed in Tingira deck board and the original HMAS TINGIRA nameplate to the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School at a recent special handover ceremony held at the Recruit School, HMAS Cerberus, Victoria.*



***Tingira Collection*** - Many of the above items are about to find a new home for display inside the Seapower navy museum's on the East and West coast of Australia.



# TINGIRA CHALLENGE 2024

Sydney paddleboarders annual race...



Photography by **ALLAN COKER**



*Pierre Vilella overall winner of the Tingira Challenge 2024, presented with the famous 'Tingira Bell' trophy by Tingira Treasurer. David Rafferty.*

“ **A** very sincere thank you to all for your help to make this year 'Tingira Challenge' such a success.

We were delighted to be able to host almost 80 paddlers and carry on the excellent tradition of the event.

Paddle NSW have maintained WebScorer for us for the entire Tri Series, thanks are due to Diane Lanz, Bob Turner and our timer for the series, Luke Veivers

I'd especially like to thank our rescue crew from Marine Rescue joining us today on PJ20, my own team of Rescue Professionals in the RHIBs shadowing you throughout the course and acknowledge the tremendous support we've had from Woollahra Sailing Club through general manager Diane Vukelic and sailing manager Dan Smith.

Thanks to our friends from Woollahra Council and NSW RMS who are responsible for approving our applications for the race each year.

I'd also like to acknowledge Michelle Stern, wife of beloved SIP Paddler Howard Bersten who presented a trophy in his honour today and likewise Sally Bassett wife of another well-loved foundation paddler, the inimitable Tom Jones.

Joining them in the presentations were David Rafferty, National Treasurer of the Tingira Australia Association, who presented our famous Tingira Bell trophy to the winner and paddling pioneer Helen Jacobson.

Kudos, of course, to all to your SIP committee, Lee Wright, Ian Thorley, Sara Hawkins, Bruce Pegg, Rob Conroy and our inestimable treasure Tom Nolan and all our members racing, helping and volunteering for the event.

And to our wonderful sponsors Epic, Vaikobi, Sugar and Spoon Cafe our heartfelt appreciation.

**Dr. Adrian Cohen**  
President - Shark Island Paddlers



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# ANZAC DAY

## Tingira Boys Unite and March...

ADELAIDE - CAIRNS  
MELBOURNE - PERTH - SYDNEY

**'Tingira Boys' were up and about again this year for the annual Anzac Day parades across the country.**

The Tingira banner and flag was flying in four capital cities and one regional town around our nation, on this most sacred day for our veteran community.

The Tingira boys in Bunderberg took a huge storm hit 24 hours prior to the event, and were accommodated at the local RSL under cover on the day as the downpour continued and floods set in across the district.

The lads in Fremantle braved the cold and wind with a well attended 5am Dawn Service at Leeuwin Barracks, with Paul Kalajzich leading our boys.

The national city parades all suffered the 'long weekend' situation, where people took the Friday off and gained a five day holiday period,

NSW had school holidays over the period as well. Resulting in much larger crowds in the regional centres across the country and very low numbers at the city parades.



ROD HOWARTH  
Cairns Memorial

Our boys in Sydney experienced a 50% downturn, as the city was a 'ghost town' for locals over the five day period. On the other hand Sydney's outer suburbs were dealing with record numbers.

This day was also our 112th birthday for the commissioning of HMAS Tingira on this very special day on 25 April 1912. We will sing happy birthday another day, our association will celebrate as our JR birthday 13 July, the day of the first intake at HMAS Leeuwin back in 1960.

The 2025 Anzac Day march is sure to turn into a similar event with a Friday as the parade day. Another 'long weekend' on the calendar for city folk who will head to the interstate and the regional countryside once again. [ML](#)





*The Tingira Australia Association banner was paraded at five Anzac Day parades this year nationally, with the boys in far North Queensland at Cairns very proud to have finally marched under blue sunny skies, without 'rain and wind' for the first time in ten years!*



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# ADELAIDE



**A**nother cloudless day with welcome blue skies on the streets of Adelaide for the 'Tingira Boys' to join the annual Anzac Day march.

We added a couple of welcome extra bodies this year and once again got great support from the local Scouts handling our banner.

The crowd numbers are getting back to pre-Covid days, much cheering and great compliments as always greeted our well turned out former RAN Junior Recruits.

South Australian Coordinator **Stephen Beal**

# CAIRNS



**A**nzac Day 2024, sunshine for the first time in a decade was the big winner on the day!

The day commenced with the Dawn Service, a very moving tribute to all who have served and a wreath was laid on behalf of Tingira coordinator Rod Howard.

The main Anzac Day march was along the city Esplanade, again with a very strong Naval presence, enhanced by the crew of an Australian submarine alongside Cairns, who lead the march. Tingira Boys immediately followed the Cairns Ex-Navy group, with our banner held high and proud by Naval Reserve Cadets giving those who served the opportunity to share their allegiance to the two groups and a greater awareness of the Tingira Australia Association to all that viewed the parade.

Once again great support from the Cairns RSL and the sub-Branch as they created a great opportunity for Tingira Shipmates to come together for the 'Gunfire Breakfast' and refreshments to catch up and spin a war story or two, great day by all.

Cairns Coordinator **Rod Howard**



# MELBOURNE



**M**elbourne ANZAC day was well attended with boys visiting from Queensland and regional Victoria.

Captain Brian Schlegel and other fellow Ramsay 84 boys may be new grubs compared to some of the more mature boys. All behaved and enjoyed a post March gathering with the Navy Fleet Air Arm hosting us with refreshments.

Planning a major joint all states Ramsay 84 March in two years. Open challenge all the other Divisions to match our efforts.

Victorian Coordinator **James Bishop**

# PERTH



**T**he morning was glorious, with the all-too-familiar early morning sounds of Leeuwin and the river surroundings.

Lads, from many an intake with many a story, we are gathering at the Tingira memorial to remember and honour those who have gone before us. Two dozen lads, including Paul Kalajzich (79th Stevo) had the honour of laying a wreath at the flagpole adjoining the JR memorial in a pleasant ceremony.

Moving on to Perth City, 19 lads and families gathered to march, a contingent of stalwarts who had awaited the opportunity to return to gathering on this day.

On completion, the Lads moved to the Fenians Irish Pub for a post-March beer before joining again at The Grosvenor Hotel for a bite to eat, a few more beers, some footy, and plenty of warries, both new and familiar.

Western Australian Coordinator **Paul Kalajzich**



# SYDNEY



**T**he streets of Sydney were lined with crowds at every curb. Partners and children clapping and cheering as each service group paraded their banner, they were all a very proud lot!

John Whitting did the Tingira flag honours and will be the new coordinator for Sydney, as this was to be Secretary Mark Lee's last Sydney march after moving to country NSW after 13 successive years, as he recently moved to regional NSW.

Our Tingira numbers were at the lowest for this march, this was to be expected with NSW school holidays, and a five day long weekend across the Anzac Day period. For the boys who attended, it was another enjoyable and proud day as many reunited for this annual event. Many of the boys were aided by partners, the reunion drinks was very much a 'Tingira family affair' with the AGM thrown into our mix to keep us talking and making future plans for JR Reunion in Perth next November.

Sydney Coordinator **John Whiting**



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# MARITIME MUSEUM

## Calling defence force volunteers...

**The Australian National Maritime Museum is inviting former defence force members to join the volunteer cohort at the museum, in partnership with Founding Partner Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC).**

The program allows former defence personnel to bring their knowledge and experience to a new arena, and gain experience of the museum and the cultural sector, training, coaching, acknowledgement, and a professional reference as a volunteer. All participants undergo an induction and receive appropriate training or instruction to be able to complete their volunteer duties.

Museum Director and CEO Ms Daryl Karp AM said, 'Our volunteers are integral to the success of the museum. They are the welcoming face to our visitors, our friendly experts. They assist us in keeping our vessels afloat and they provide invaluable knowledge and skills across the organisation. The defence force program will provide a great avenue for many ex-service personnel to continue to serve and participate whilst learning new skills.'

Damian Hill, CEO of CSC said, 'We are proud to be the founding partner for the Museum's defence volunteer program. This initiative further builds on our strong connection to the defence community and this next step in our partnership with the Museum provides us with a practical way to support those in the defence forces who have proudly served our nation.'

Navy veteran Chris Perrin said, 'Being a volunteer at the Australian National Maritime Museum has been a highlight of my transition out of the Navy into civilian life. The camaraderie among the volunteers is just like being in a mess deck. It is a great mix of Navy, Army, Air Force, Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers. There is a volunteering appointment suitable for all defence veterans, wherever they are on their journey. You can have some fun whilst giving back to the community.'

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

The museum offers volunteers experiences such as

- **Tour Guide** – Enhancing the visitor experience by engaging and providing information and advice about museum collections, exhibitions, and outdoor exhibits such as the historic fleet
- **Fleet maintenance** - work alongside museum shipkeepers and shipwrights to help preserve the historic fleet
- **Sailing Hand** - Learn and train alongside crew members to support the museum's tall ships as sailing crew
- **Project Assistant** - Contribute to upcoming exhibitions and programs

Volunteers at the museum enjoy a range of benefits including

- **On the job training as well as formal classroom courses for many aspects of the museum.**
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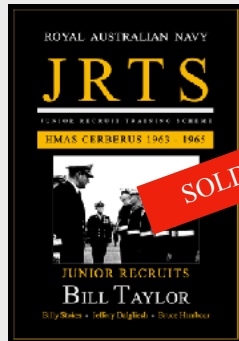






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# NEW

## Veterans' and Families' Hub Tweed-North Coast...

**R**SL LifeCare, in partnership with RSL NSW and sub-Branches, will today receive a \$5.4 million grant from the Federal Government to develop a Veterans' and Families' Hub in the Tweed-North Coast Region.

The announcement follows RSL LifeCare successfully completing the final stage of the bid for the new facility, part of the Government's \$46.7 million commitment to deliver 10 new Veterans' and Families' Hubs across the country.

The new Hub will allow RSL LifeCare to provide access to health and wellbeing services, education, housing, social support, employment support, income and financial support, and assistance with making claims for entitlements and subsequent advocacy to more than 25,761 veterans and their families in the region.

The development complements recently successful bids for new Hubs in Queanbeyan, the Central

Coast and Hunter regions, and a Hub network across the Hawkesbury and South Western Sydney regions. RSL LifeCare also operates four Hubs in Nowra, the Northern Beaches, the Riverina region and in a temporary centre in the Hunter region.

The new facility will enable RSL LifeCare to implement a 'Hub and Spoke' model, developed in consultation with the local communities and other ex-service organisations, through the network of RSL sub-Branches. Through this model, the Veterans' and Families' Hubs act as primary care centres with RSL sub-Branches providing flexible and innovative care solutions for veterans and their families.

RSL LifeCare CEO Janet Muir thanked the Department of Veteran Affairs for recognising the importance of veterans in NSW receiving the care and support that they need.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said "I'm glad to see RSL LifeCare are willing to work across the border, supporting veterans in Northern NSW



and Southern Queensland. It's so important that these Hubs are easily accessible to local communities and that they've got good access to services and support close to home.

"I'm confident that the network of Hubs being developed by RSL LifeCare across NSW will be of great value to the national Hub network, where best practice learnings and supports can be shared." Last year, RSL NSW sub-Branches donated \$3.3 million to RSL LifeCare to ensure that veterans and their families continue to receive free critical services and support, including access to local Veterans' and Families' Hubs.

RSL NSW President Mick Bainbridge said "RSL NSW is committed to supporting RSL LifeCare's Veterans' and Families' Hubs because we know they work. "The expansion of Hubs in locations with significant Defence and veteran communities is a strong step in the right direction to bolstering the support we deliver

to Australian servicemen and women, and their families."

RSL LifeCare Veteran Services Executive General Manager, David Anderson, said this accomplishment supported the organisation's ambition to establish centres of support for veterans and their families wherever they're needed.

RSL LifeCare Veteran Services will work with a consortium of ex-service organisations and local providers to offer a holistic model for the delivery of critical services and support at the centre of the Veterans' and Families' Hub strategy. [RSLLC](#)



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# JR REUNIONS - 2024 & 2025



## HMAS LEEUWIN; 1st Intake, July 1960.

### Reunions

Date to be confirmed. Reunion is to celebrate our 64th Anniversary of joining Leeuwen, and our 80 Birthdays. For further information contact the below.

### Reunion details

**Date:** 1 Jul 2024

**Location:** Cairns, QLD

### Contact details

**Name:** Don Barker

**Phone:** 0437 500 528

**Email:** evdonb@bigpond.com

## 9th Intake HMAS Leeuwin 60 Year reunion

### Reunions

If you are interested or know of anyone who was in the 9th Intake, please contact me. Reunion will be held from 4 - 7 July 2024.

### Reunion details

**Date:** 4 Jul 2024

**Location:** Ballina, NSW

### Contact details

**Name:** Allan James Watt

**Phone:** 0402 749 582

**Email:** jakknco@bigpond.net.au

*If you have a reunion planned for the near future please forward details to Tingira Secretary for inclusion in the next **VOICEpipe** issue E. [tsec@tingira.org.au](mailto:tsec@tingira.org.au)*

## All Navy Reunion

### Reunions

18-20 October 2024. Visit the website for all the details.

### Reunion details

**Date:** 18 Oct 2024

**Location:** Maroochydore, QLD

### Contact details

**Name:** Bill Hayward

**Phone:** 0411 024 985

**Website:**

<http://www.allnavyreunion.com>

## HMAS LEEUWIN 50th Intake - Marks/Morrow/Howden

### Reunions

7-8 February 2025. We are excited to extend a warm invitation to all members, their partners and training staff to join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the mighty JRTE 50th Intake. Please make contact via Facebook or email to express interest.

### Reunion details

**Date:** 7 Feb 2025

**Location:** Adelaide, SA

### Contact details

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# ROCKINGHAM REUNION

## 11 -18 OCTOBER 2024 37<sup>th</sup> RHOADES - JRRTS HMAS LEEUWIN

The 53<sup>rd</sup> year reunion of the 37<sup>th</sup> ( Rhoades Division ) Intake will be held in the Fremantle area during the period October 2024.

At this planning stage we have identified many Junior Recruits who have indicated that they will be attending our reunion.

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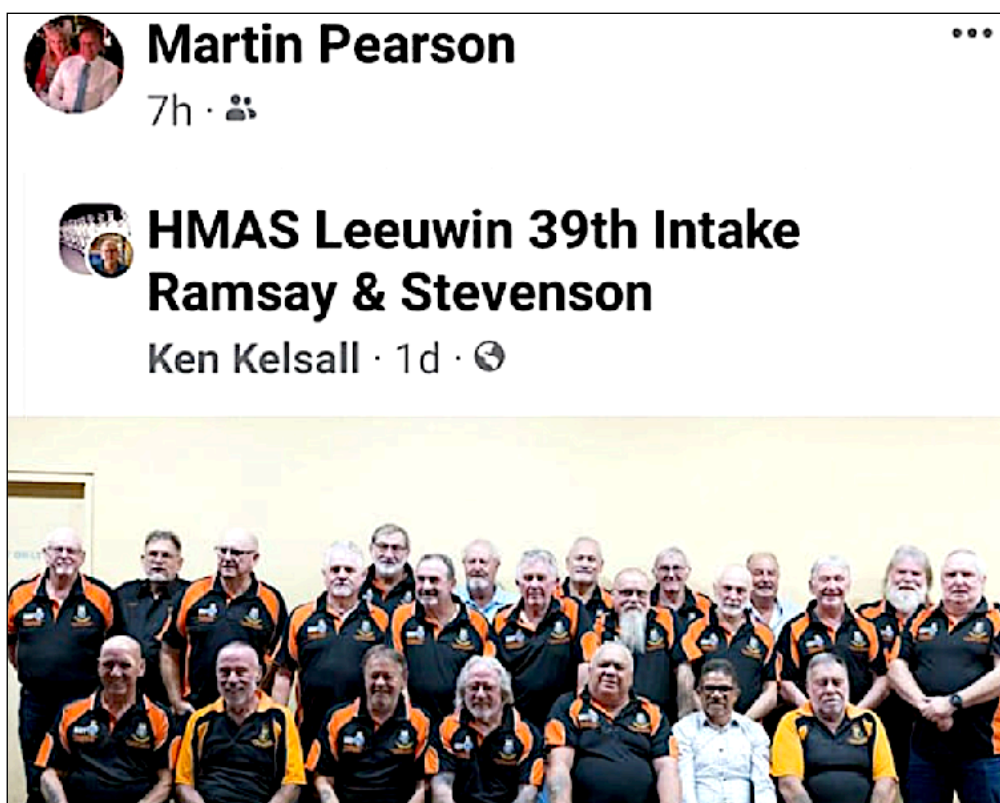
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**David Turner**

Yesterday at 1:48 PM · 🌐

A memory for Leeuwin 1961, 2nd intake.



**Pam Mort**

May 16 at 7:35AM · 🌐

Thank you for welcoming me aboard.



**Robert Nicholls**

August 28, 2019 · 🌐

I met up with Colin Dangerfield on Bribie Island yesterday. Both of us were in 26th intake Morrow 1969, and shared the same cabin for twelve months.



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# TINGIRA STONEHAVEN MEDAL



L:R Tingira President, Brad Murphy, Tingira Stonehaven medal winner Ray James, former Tingira President, Greg Read.

*Ray James was visibly stunned and very honoured to be named the 2023 Stonehaven recipient. Surrounded by a few Tingira navy mates in the room, Ray said "This wonderful trophy will take a high pride of place on my office wall Monday morning, I'm stunned, I just can't believe it".*

*"Over the past decade, Ray has been the 'face of the RSL' in NSW. After some turbulent times for the League, the challenging task to grow the membership and promote the brand to the new generation of veterans coming into the RSL ranks was the big challenge. Success to date in growing numbers and visibly improving the brand is evident, Ray has certainly attributed many of his ideas and contributions to this result to date.*

**BRAD MURPHY** OAM  
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