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2025 JR REUNION

PROGRAM ROLL OUT

Tingira Australia Association President, Brad Murphy, today announced the first release of the proposed program for the November 2025 JR Reunion to be held in Perth next year.

"This program is now the centrepiece of the committee's workload over the next 90 days and it is published here along with the official Navy letter of acknowledgement from acting Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Stephen Hughes, AM CSC." said Brad Murphy from his Bundaberg Tingira quarterdeck.

Tingira Secretary Mark Lee made a quick visit to set up all the initial arrangements with several Defence and civilian stakeholders for the reunion events last month. I know Mark and fellow Tingira committee member Paul Kalajzich, were both dockside next to the good ship STS Leeuwin when making our booking last month. The dreadful news recently of her dockside accident was not welcome to the Tingira team. Let's hope she is ship shape by November 2025 and we get our Sunday t sae voyage as planned.

The launch of ticket sales for all JR Reunion events is planned to be on the Tingira website (www.tingira.org.au) 1st December 2024 in conjunction with the next summer-time issue of VOICEpipe magazine. That's the plan for the moment.

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2025 JR REUNION - PROPOSED PROGRAM

<u>Friday 7 November</u>	0600	Former Junior Recruits (JRs) arrive Perth, WA
	0800	Dress Ship (Four days) JR Memorial & Masthead Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
	1130	JR Reunion Registration (Check in Tickets) East Fremantle Sports Oval
	1200	East Fremantle Mayor's Sporting Challenge Tingira & Navy v Fremantle Police Cricket - Bare Foot Bowling - Tug of War East Fremantle Sports Oval
<u>Sat 8</u>	1530	JR Reunion Registration (Check in Tickets) Leeuwin Barracks, carpark front gate
	1600	Welcome 'Meet & Greet' all JRs Tingira - Raise the Flag & Ring the Bell Sunset Ceremony - 1850 hours JR Memorial & Drill Hall Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
<u>Sun 9</u>	1000	JRs - Navy Church Service (TBC) All denominations, Fremantle
	1100	Navy Museum - Tour (TBC) HMAS Stirling, Rockingham
	1200	JRs - Onboard Sail Training Ship Leeuwin (TBC) To Sea - Over Horizon Voyage Victoria Quay, Fremantle - Outbound WA Blue Waters
<u>Mon 10</u>	1200	Swan River Luncheon Cruise Victoria Quay, Fremantle to Perth
	1200	Fremantle Tram - Tour Victoria Quay, Fremantle to Perth
	1200	Maritime Museum - Tour Victoria Quay, Fremantle
	1200	OPTUS Oval - Tour Burswood Sports Compound, Perth
<u>Tue 11</u>	1000	Remembrance Day Commemoration JRs Navy 'Rum Tot' ration Drill Hall & JR Memorial & Masthead Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
<u>Wed 12</u>	1800	JR Sapphire Jubilee 65th Reunion Dinner Lower The Flag & Pass The Bell OPTUS Stadium - Burswood, Perth





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Dear Dr Murphy,

Thank you for your letter dated 03 April 2024 requesting Vice Admiral Hammond's support for the proposed RAN Junior Recruit Sapphire Jubilee Reunion in Western Australia 10 – 15 Nov 25. I am pleased to inform you that he fully supports this program and have forwarded your letter to Navy Events and Fleet Headquarters to evaluate and ascertain what is possible.

The large percentage of 'Tingira Boys' of HMAS *Cerberus* and HMAS *Leeuwin* serving in the RAN from 1960 were the backbone of the RAN for a long period of time and as such this service should be celebrated. Associations such as the Tingira Australia Association are a valuable RAN asset to garner the friendships and shared experiences of our past and present members. The Association's support for a 'Tingira class' is commendable and an everlasting glimpse into the recruit training history for the current crop of RAN recruits.

On behalf of Vice Admiral Hammond, I wish you all the best with this JR Reunion, the Remembrance Day Commemoration, Tingira Sapphire Jubilee 65th Dinner and Association Receptions.

My point of Contact within Navy Events is WO Mark (Blue) Worrall, on 02 62121436 and email mark.worrall1@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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