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## STS LEEUEWIN MEETS HER FATE DOCKSIDE

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COVER PHOTO

STS Leeuwin alongside her 'home mooring' Victoria Quay, Fremantle August 2024.

Photograph by  
MARK LEE



“ **A picture so often reveals elements of the natural weather. This one certainly does, except the cold 5°C temperature at 10.30 am.**

Thursday 11th July 2024, Albert Park, Cootamundra. The local RSL sub-branch commemorates service in the 'Middle East Area of Operations'. It is a typical winter morning in downtown Cootamundra. A grey fog drifts across the town from sunrise to midday.

With only a handful of local veterans in attendance, I am in the middle of the front row. I take out my iPhone mid-service and get the 'one shot' to tell the story of the day. Too easy for an old hand in the ranks.

A dignified service had been prepared. What could go wrong?

During the 30-minute ceremony, a 'video person' who was in everybody's face, often at arm's length. A completely out of place unprofessional amateur at work!

He took all the dignified sense of occasion out of the event. It was suddenly all about him, making it nearly impossible for anyone to get a photograph without the photographer

being in the viewfinder. These people seem to be everywhere these days.

It's good to see at the Sydney Anzac Day ceremonies that RSL NSW have the media behind the ropes. Likewise at the Masters US golf tournament; not a camera or media person to be seen over four days. It can be done!

Back in my wedding-photography days, now long past, I was taught from day one that you are 'there to work, not be seen', a lesson here for beginners, young and old.

Shooting from a distance with a long zoom lens was the secret formula to this situation on most occasions, including the occasional military funeral I had to cover in my days past.

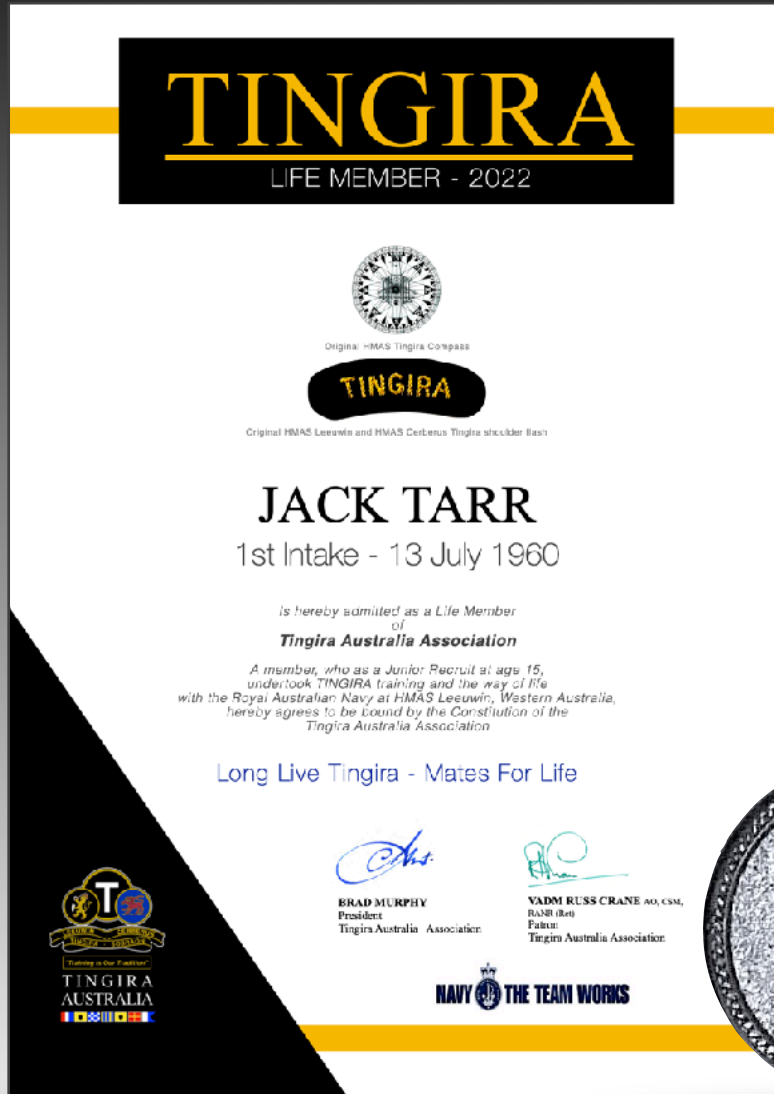
Result - you only need one good shot for publication!

**Footnote:** My Iphone was also at my fingertips for the 'one shot' I took when visiting STS Leeuwin last month. at Victoria Quay, Fremantle. Cover pic? Easy choice with a very sad storyline to a late breaking report!

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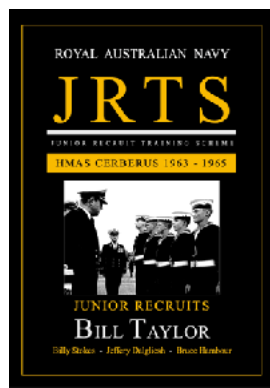
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TINGIRA PRESIDENT

**BRAD MURPHY OAM**



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*At this stage we hope to launch ticket sales for all JR Reunion events on the website 1<sup>st</sup> December in conjunction with the next summer time issue of VOICEpipe.*

*That's the plan to date!*

”

## PRESIDENT'S DESK - Tingira Quarterdeck

# MEETING OUR NAVY SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS TOP OF LIST

“**Last month I escaped the winter blues of Bundaberg and spent a few days in the remote Northern Territory with several senior RAN leaders, including Deputy Chief of Navy CDRE Eric Young. Several new 'Challenge Coins' were added to my collection!**

One JR Reunion challenge we face at Tingira is that the Navy is unable to commit resources over 12 months out but all looks promising with the advice that the Chief of Navy, VADM Mark Hammond, AO, "fully supports this program". Given the fluid nature of global security, we could not hope for more and this is truly a great outcome.

The response to our 2025 JR Reunion project was positive regarding likely support but the project is too far out for the Navy to act upon at this point in time.

I can report that the National Tingira Committee are on board and all members are fully committed to the reunion task ahead of them.

The first draft of the proposed program is now the centrepiece of the committee's workload over the next 90 days and it is published here in VOICEpipe on the following pages, along with the official Navy letter of acknowledgement from acting Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Stephen Hughes, AM CSC.

Several of the Tingira boys met in Perth last month when Secretary Mark Lee made a quick visit to set up initial arrangements with several Defence and civilian stakeholders of our reunion events. I know Mark and Paul Kalajzich were dockside next to the good ship STS Leeuwin making our booking last month. The dreadful news today of its accident as we go to press this weekend, let's hope she is ship shape by November 2025.

So far so good is the status. We just need to lockdown some supporters and sponsors for some petty cash and work on new merchandise within our dream sheet with Warren Humphries in Canberra to see what we can come up with.

At this stage we hope to launch ticket sales for all JR Reunion events on the Tingira website on 1<sup>st</sup> December in conjunction with the next summer-time issue of VOICEpipe. That's the plan at the moment.

With some welcome new blood in our Tingira National Committee ranks, the Secretary has refuelled for a final 18-month challenge. However, Mark has put us on final notice that he will step down from the position as the final curtain is closed on the reunion dinner, Wednesday 12 November 2025.

**Long Live Tingira  
Mates For Life**





**Tingira President Brad Murphy on duty** - Photos of the artwork signed by Chief of Navy VADM Mark Hammond, with Yolngu Leader Dr. Djambawa Marawili, at Blue Mud Bay in remote NT at their recent Searights Celebrations - attended by Acting Deputy Chief of Navy Eric Young and LCDR James Holman.



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## 2025 JR REUNION - PROPOSED PROGRAM

### Friday 7 November

- 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

### Sat 8

- 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

### Sun 9

- 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

### Mon 10

- 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

### Tue 11

- 1000** **Remembrance Day Commemoration**  
JRs Navy 'Rum Tot' ration  
Drill Hall & JR Memorial & Masthead  
Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle

### Wed 12

- 1800** **JR Sapphire Jubilee 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner**  
Lower The Flag & Pass The Bell  
OPTUS Stadium - Burswood, Perth





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**Dr Brad Murphy, OAM**  
President Tingira Australia Association  
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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 65<sup>th</sup> 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,

**Stephen J. Hughes, AM, CSC**  
Rear Admiral, Royal Australian Navy  
Acting Chief of Navy

19 July 2024

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# Sail Training Ship LEEUVIN MEETS HER FATE DOCKSIDE

By **Mark Lee**, VOICEpipe Editor

**O**n Friday 30 August 2024 at 6am, at the height of a fierce storm lashing the Southern Perth Region, the *Maersk Shekou*, a large 332m Singapore-flagged container ship, entered Fremantle harbour.

The ship was navigating across the very wide-open stretch of waterway inside the mouth of the Swan River, heading towards the international freight terminal on the northern side of the harbour when suddenly she was hit by several large gusts of wind.

In a freak minute, that must have seemed like hours to the sailors, officers, captain and the harbour pilot on her bridge, the container ship was suddenly way off course. It was heading towards the southern dock in a direct line with the most famous vessel of the Fremantle harbour, the Sail Training Ship LEEUVIN.

With a thump, crunch and a thunderous bang, the screeching sounds of scraping steel were surreal. Suddenly the two ships had met, with the Leeuwin being the worse for wear after the impact.

This immaculate tall ship, the pride of Western Australia's maritime fleet, was looking like she had limped into the harbour from an almighty hurricane at sea. Her three masts had been flattened. With wires, ropes and shackles sprawled across her wooden upper deck, she lay berthed as a crumbled mess.

As the sun rose over the busy port of Fremantle, many news crews gathered on site to report on what had occurred. The story then became headlines across the Australian media. Into the late afternoon images and storylines broke into many international and maritime media outlets.





**STS LEEUWIN** - Full sail on the high seas off the WA coastline

Two crew members were on board at the time of impact. They both scrambled for their lives. Fortunately, the ship was not taking water and the crew members both escaped with only minor injuries, one had a broken arm.

Despite the three broken masts, the Fremantle Port Authority's Neil Stanbury believed the hull of the tall ship had not been damaged in the incident.

"It's a bit of action down here at the port," Mr Stanbury told radio station 6PR. "It's a pretty messy scene. Currently the container ship is in the middle of the harbour." Mr Stanbury said.

"Fortunately, the hull of Leeuwin appears to be structurally sound. It may not have been hit by the ship itself, perhaps the rigging has just been taken down. The stern of the container ship appears to have struck the superstructure of the maritime museum only in a minor way"

An investigation will now look into how the incident unfolded.

"This is a very large ship. The safe handling of all ships is paramount at the port," Mr Stanbury said. "A ship like this always has four tugs on it when it's manoeuvred in and out. It may well have been a weather event, but we don't know yet."

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***Tingira Australia Association has a confirmed booking for a 'day at sea' on board the STS Leeuwin set down for Sunday 10 November 2025 as part of their 2025 JR Reunion so we await in anticipation for information on what will become of the STS Leeuwin. [ML](#)***

# STS LEEUWIN

## SALTY SEAS FOR TINGIRA SALTS



**CHAIRMAN**  
Lance Ker

**“We all have the proverbial ‘bucket list’ these days of things to do before we check out of this lifetime, sailing on an old ship was certainly high on my list once upon a time. I did the ‘James Craig’ voyage of Sydney Heads at the 2015 JR Reunion, great day terrific experience! Sailing STS Leeuwin, was the first ticket we booked 12 months ago!**

*STS Leeuwin probably should have been here in Fremantle back in July 1960. HMAS Leeuwin JRTS would have had some regular crew members for her every week for the next 24 years! How good would this have been for the Leeuwin boys?*

*Hopefully, in the distant future, we are on the upper decks of this wonderful Sail Training Ship Leeuwin after the terrible dockside accident recently. This ship is a credit to her visionary Perth orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Malcolm Hay and the team of professionals who now run the Ocean Adventure Foundation to make it a reality. The youngsters today that get to sail in her are certainly what we might call the ‘lucky ones’.*

*Cast your calendar back to 1912. and the young boys who joined HMAS Tingira, they had it all, a tall ship for a home over the next 12 months, the only problem, they were not going anywhere. With her masts cut, sails removed with anchor firmly secured in the sands of Rose Bay, Sydney harbour, they*

*could only dream of a day at sea. Sea spray, salt air, seagulls, ah the romance of it all!*

*We too had those dreams at Leeuwin. A Wednesday afternoon joy ride on the pusser's workboat, going under the old Canning Highway bridge was the highlight of the ride, we didn't even wear life jackets, we had all passed the navy swim test!*

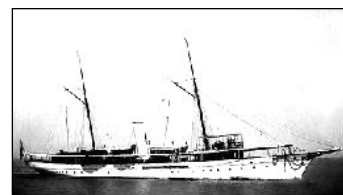
*But then there were some lucky ones. Many of the Tingira boys got to experience a new sensation, sea sickness, when they were taken for day trips outside of Sydney Heads on the steam yacht Erna, formally HMAS Sleuth of WW1 fame. Some of the Leeuwin boys got that lucky day too with the odd trips on Patrol Boat HMAS Acute or the hydrographic ship HMAS Diamantina.*

*Then all our dreams became reality. Tingira boys went to the war front on HMAS Sydney and Australia, as did many Leeuwin boys decades later with stints on the DDGs, Carriers Melbourne and Sydney, we certainly got our sea time in the end patrolling the peacetime seas of the world.*

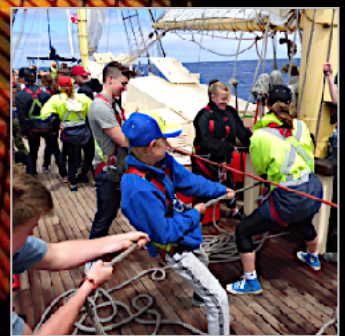
*Can we go back in time, sail, wind, ropes and shackles, we can only hope at this stage.*

*The 2025 JR Reunion committee have programmed a 'sail day' onboard STS Leeuwin so that we can go back in time, sail, wind, ropes and shackle. We can only hope at this initial stage that she is back on the high seas by November next year. **LK***

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**The Sail Training Ship Leeuwin II was designed by Naval Architect Len Randell (pictured above right) and built at the Australian Shipbuilding Industries shipyard in Henderson, WA. Constructed upside down, the ship started life rather inelegantly.**

Launched in August 1986, in an almighty splash, the hull was turned right way up and Leeuwin Ocean Adventure has never looked back.

STS Leeuwin II was built with the express purpose of providing adventure for young Western Australians – an adventure with purpose, to build courage and confidence, inspiring young people to set goals and work to achieve them. Voyages on Leeuwin are physically and emotionally challenging, using the unique classroom that is a tall ship to instil values of leadership and teamwork, respect and accountability, to build self-esteem and resilience in young people.

Building a tall ship for this purpose was the dream of and subsequent reality for Perth orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Malcolm Hay. Now in his 80's, Dr Hay remains as passionate today about the value of experiential learning in the development of young citizens as he was in the mid-1970's. Dr Hay

garnered support from all quarters of the community to build the ship and to this day, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure as a registered charity relies upon the support of sponsors and donors to underpin its operations.

Since commencing sail-training voyages in 1987, STS Leeuwin II has carried almost 45,000 young people on voyages of between 5 and 10 days. She sailed to Sydney just the once, in 1988, visited Indonesia on a couple of occasions and plied the waters between Darwin and Esperance for her first 25 years. These days, Leeuwin II sails between Monkey Mia in the North and Albany in the South, operating principally from its home port of Fremantle.

STS Leeuwin II is Australia's largest sail training tall ship. She is 55 metres in length overall with a beam of 9.1 metres. The mainmast soars 33m above the deck and she carries 810m<sup>2</sup> of sail.

STS Leeuwin sails with a permanent crew of five – Master, Chief Officer, Bosun, Engineer and Chef. They are supported by ten Leeuwin Ocean Adventure volunteers during each sail training voyage: watch leaders, trainee watch leaders, bosun's, cook's and engineer's mates. The path to voyage volunteering is through voyage participation and demonstration of the soft and hard skills that will support the delivery of Leeuwin Ocean Adventure's powerful youth development programs.

Volunteers are an essential part of Leeuwin's existence and in return Leeuwin Ocean Adventure

provides ongoing learning and development opportunities for "our vollies" – young and old!

However, it is important that without the broader community continuing to entrust their young people into our care for a life-changing week at sea, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure could not continue.

A Leeuwin voyage can accommodate 40 voyage trainees. Drawn from across Western Australia and from time to time from interstate and overseas, an important part of voyage participation is the development of social contacts. There are no electronic devices to divert trainees' attention and personal communication is paramount. Friendships are forged through the combination of confined spaces and reliance on your fellow trainees to get the jobs done. Sitting on deck in the middle of the night with only the stars to distract trainees creates a perfect opportunity for conversations to begin and an understanding of your fellow trainees to develop.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure's voyages are positive and empowering. The STS Leeuwin II works its magic over and over again for young people from all backgrounds and lived experiences. Sail training is proven through global research to assist in the development of life skills in our community's youth. Leeuwin is an asset to the Western Australian community – and long may it continue to be so!



## WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

The original Leeuwin (*Dutch for "Lioness"*) Galleon was a Dutch ship that discovered and mapped some of the Southwest corner of Australia in March 1622, only the seventh European ship to sight the continent.

The Leeuwin Galleon's logbook has never been recovered, so unfortunately very little is known about the voyage, including the name of the Captain. Interestingly, Dutch East India Company letters indicate that the Leeuwin's voyage from Texel in the Netherlands to Batavia (now Jakarta) took more than a year, whereas other vessels made the same voyage in less than four months. This suggests that poor navigation may have been responsible for the Leeuwin's appearance at Australia's coast.

The south-west corner of Australia has historically been referred to by the Dutch as't Landt van de Leeuwin ("The Land of the Lioness") which was later shortened to "Leeuwin's Land" by the English. In addition to STS Leeuwin II, the name Leeuwin still survives in the name of Cape Leeuwin, the most south-westerly point of the Australian mainland, so named by Matthew Flinders in December 1801.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation has received acknowledgement through many local, national and international awards throughout its many years of operation:

- *Sail Training International – Sail Training Volunteer of the Year* | 2018 | *Peter Grahame*
- *Sail Training International – Sail Training Volunteer of the Year: Under 25* | 2016 |
- *Winner Rachel Norrie*
- *WA Industry Collaboration Award WA Training Awards* | 2016 | *Finalist*
- *Corporate Social Responsibility Award Fremantle Chamber Business Awards* | 2015 | *Winner*
- *Billy Can Award Australian Sail Training Association* | 2014 | *Winner*
- *Gold Medallion Bravery Award Royal Lifesaving WA Bravery Awards* | 2014 | *Winner*
- *Outstanding Personal Achievement Award Fremantle Chamber Business Awards* | 2014 | *Winner – Captain Sarah Robinson*
- *Corporate Social Responsibility Award Fremantle Chamber Business Awards* | 2014 | *Finalist*
- *Supporting Volunteers Award Department of Sport and Recreation Awards* | 2014 | *Finalist*
- *Orange Seed Project Grant Award Jack in the Box and Seven West's Orange Seed Project* | 2014 | *Finalist*
- *Corporate Social Responsibility Award Fremantle Chamber Business Awards* | 2013 | *Winner*
- *Sail Training International - International Sail Trainer of the Year* | 2013 | *Winner – Captain Sarah Robinson*
- *Fair Go Award Pride of Australia Awards* | 2013 | *Winner – Captain Sarah Robinson*
- *Sail Training International - International Sail Training Organisation of the Year* | 2010 | *Winner*



## 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"***

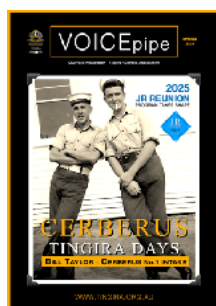
National Tingira Committee has received 2024 nominations Stonehaven Medal. Media release and presentation (TBC) November 2024.



## 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

#### SPRING 2024

***"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.



## COMPLETED 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.*



## COMPLETED 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 2023-24. 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. New Tingira flag raised by RSL Rose Bay sub-Branch in past quarter.*



## IN PRODUCTION 2025 JR REUNION - PERTH, WA.

***“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. Reunion support letter received from RAN Chief of navy.*

*Tingira Secretary completed in August formation of sub-committee and meeting with stakeholders in WA over, on track for Summertime launch of the final reunion program.*



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MARK LEE



“

*We were the first of only two intakes to undergo Junior Recruit training at HMAS Cerberus.*

*The Ships Company thought we were sea cadets!*

*We were all in shock, they told us not to smile!*

”

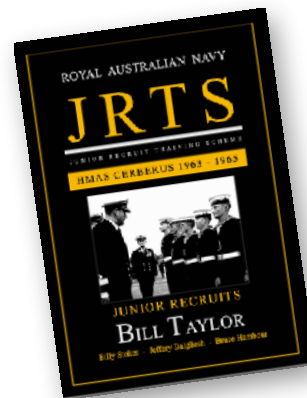
## YESTERDAY'S HISTORY - RAN JRTS 1963

# JRTS

## JUNIOR RECRUIT TRAINING SCHEME

### Bill Taylor's Story

#### Part 1 - Life before and at HMAS LEEUWIN



“ **T**he covid period led to opportunity as well as disappointment for many, for Bill Taylor a member of the first RAN Junior Recruit intake to graduate from the HMAS Cerberus gates in 1963, covid was a blessing in disguise.

Bill Taylor penned his book 'JRTS'. The 2021 Tingira National Committee edited, published, sold, launched and distributed it for him. The missing part is that two years since those events and we are yet to publish 'Bills Story' in VOICEpipe for the membership.

Here is Bill's story, in two parts; as there were two large chapters, 'Life before and at HMAS Cerberus' and then 'Life after Cerberus', as a member of the RAN Fleet Air Arm for the following decade.

Enjoy Bill's story, we know he will as he reads daily in his new retirement village on the central Queensland coast,

BZ Billy Taylor, a true Tingira boy! [ML](#)



*Tingira Chairman, Lance Ker (L) Tingira President, Brad Murphy (R) congratulate former JR Bill Taylor, for his 2022 publication JRTS, on board HMAS Gladstone at the Gladstone Maritime Museum, February 2022.*



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## Monarch

Monarch Elizabeth II Governor-General-William Sidney, 1st Viscount De L'Isle  
Prime Minister  
Robert Menzies

Premier NSW - Robert Heffron  
Premier SA - Sir Thomas Playford  
Premier QLD - Frank Nicklin  
Premier TAS - Eric Reece  
Premier WA - David Brand  
Premier VIC - Henry Bolte

## Events

John Carew Eccles is announced as the Australian of the Year

The first stage of the Ord River Scheme is completed

British nuclear tests at Maralinga ceased

A special federal conference of the Australian Labor Party was called on the building of a North-west Cape communications facility that would support the US nuclear submarine capability. Despite the opposition of the Left faction, the Australian Labor Party National Executive voted narrowly to support the base.

At the conference, Arthur Calwell and Gough Whitlam were photographed outside the venue at Kingston in Canberra. Although Calwell was the Leader of the Opposition, neither man was a member of the federal executive. Menzies jibed that the ALP was ruled by "36 faceless men"

Yolngu people petitioned the Australian House of Representatives with a bark petition after the government sold part of the Arnhem Land reserve on 13 March to a bauxite mining company. The government did not consult the traditional owners.

When bauxite mining at Nhulunbuy near Yirrkala went ahead, the Yolngu took their case against the mining company to the Northern Territory Supreme Court. Despite their claim not being upheld in the 1971 court decision, non-indigenous Australians were alerted to the need for indigenous representation in such decisions, and a permanent parliamentary standing committee was created to scrutinise developments at Yirrkala, among other initiatives related to the indigenous people's moral right to their lands.

Indigenous Australians could vote in federal elections on the same basis as other electors when an amendment to the Commonwealth Electoral Act became law. The November 1963 election was the first federal election for Indigenous people in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Indigenous voting

rights in other states had been in place since 1949.  
The Queensland Police Service raids the town of Mapoon, forcing residents at gunpoint to leave their houses and board a boat for relocation 200 km to the north

Federal election: The Coalition government was returned with an increased majority of 10 seats over the Australian Labor Party. The election was for the House of Representatives only.

Science and technology  
John Carew Eccles shares the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his work on the synapse

Australians could connect more easily by telephone with the rest of the world by International Direct Dialling with the opening of the Commonwealth Pacific Cable System (COMPAC). This was part of a scheme to connect the British Commonwealth by telephone.

Arts and literature  
Careful, He Might Hear You by Sumner Locke Elliott is awarded the Miles Franklin Literary Award

The Queen Returns  
The 1963 Australian visit of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was filmed by the Commonwealth Film Unit.

Much of the 30-minute film is devoted to Canberra and its history as the Queen's visit coincided with Canberra's Jubilee Celebrations - 50 years since the founding of the city.

Television  
Nine Network founded as the "National Television Network"  
The panel show Beauty and the Beast premieres on the Seven Network.

## Sport

Athletics  
Dixie Willis breaks Lyudmila Shevtsova's world record (2:04.3) in the women's 800 metres, clocking 2:01.2 in Perth.

Cricket  
Victoria wins the Sheffield Shield  
Australia draws with England 1-1 and retains The Ashes

Football  
QLD - Norths D Wests 18-8  
NSW - St. George D Western Suburbs 8-3  
SAAFL - Won by Port Adelaide  
VFL - Geelong D Hawthorn 109-60

Golf  
Australian Open: Gary Player  
Australian PGA Championship: Col Johnston

Horse Racing  
Arctic Star wins the AJC Oaks  
Sometimes wins the Caulfield Cup  
Summer Regent wins the Cox Plate  
Pago Pago wins the Golden Slipper  
Gatum Gatum wins the Melbourne Cup

Motor Racing  
The Australian Grand Prix was held at Warwick Farm and was won by Jack Brabham driving a Brabham Climax

The Armstrong 500 was held at Bathurst and was won by Harry Firth and Bob Jane driving a Ford Cortina Mk 1 GT

Squash  
British Open Squash  
Championships: Heather Blundell wins the Women's Championship

Tennis  
Australian Open men's singles: Roy Emerson defeats Ken Fletcher 6-3 6-3 6-1

Australian Open women's singles: Margaret Court defeats Jan Lehane O'Neill 6-2 6-2

Davis Cup: Australia is defeated by the United States 2-3 in the 1963 Davis Cup final

French Open: Roy Emerson wins the Men's Singles  
French Open: Lesley Turner Bowrey wins the Women's Singles  
French Open: Roy Emerson and Manuel Santana win the Men's Doubles

US Open: Robyn Ebbern and Margaret Court win the Women's Doubles

Wimbledon: Margaret Court becomes the first Australian to win the Ladies' Singles

Yachting  
Astor takes line honours and Freya wins on handicap in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Births  
5 Jan - Vanessa Browne-Ward, high jumper  
2 Mar - Anthony Albanese, politician  
17 Mar - John Platten, AFL  
29 Mar - Elle Macpherson, model  
31 Mar - Paul Mercurio, actor  
8 May - Anthony Field, Australian guitarist, songwriter, producer, and actor (The Cockroaches and The Wiggles)  
27 Jun - Paul Roos, AFL  
8 Sept - Danny Frawley, AFL  
13 Sept - Phillip Dutton, equestrian rider  
30 Sept - Stan Grant, journalist  
Greg Williams, AFL  
23 Oct - Craig Bradley, AFL  
15 Nov - Benny Elias, rugby league player  
16 Nov - Tim Ferguson, comedian  
24 Nov - Stephen Lacey, author  
10 Dec - John Elias, rugby league





*During the first decade of the Tingira Australia Association, the national committee set about to develop new projects that could be of benefit to the past, present, and future members of our association and members of the Australian Defence Force and the general public. Publishing materials of 'historical significance' was the most popular of the suggestions from the national Tingira committee. The project objective was to publish a book of images and facts related to our RAN history, this would become the foundation of the future Tingira ADF education programs.*

*2019 saw the first publication of the Tingira complete history 'Our Lifelong Voyage' followed by 'RAN Recruit History' in 2020. This has enlightened the Tingira committee to assist former RAN Junior Recruit and Tingira Honorary Life Member, Bill Taylor, with this publication, RAN JRTS 1963-65 when he requested our assistance in January of 2021.*

*'RAN JRTS - HMAS Cerberus 1963-65'. This publication discovers the navy recruit life in 1963 and 1964 when only two Junior Recruit intakes went via HMAS Cerberus front gates. The Junior Recruit Training Establishment, HMAS Leeuwin, East Fremantle, Western Australia, was undergoing an extensive rebuild for the 'flood' of new Junior Recruits joining the new naval entry scheme, which was to follow on for the next 20-year period. The main RAN training establishment, HMAS Cerberus, was available at the time to fill the void and keep the recruiting process in motion at that time in 1963 and 1964, to see these lads as Junior Recruits continuing into the RAN fleet after their initial 12-month recruit training.*

*Former Junior Recruit, Bill Taylor, and a few of his ship mates tell their short stories of that first 12 months at Cerberus. Leaving their country and suburban homes at age 15 to 'join the navy and see the world' was a dream many boys had. 13,000 young Australian boys took their chance to live that dream, Bill was one of them. His story like all others is unique in his way and the life it has given him over the following decades. Some of Bill's ship mates also contribute at great length to tell of their following 20 plus years in the navy; these are great-untold yarns, which we felt obliged to publish within these pages and add many unpublished images to accommodate the period and situations.*

*2022 - RAN Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan, Warrant Officer of Navy, Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth, and former Seapower Australia Director, Mr John Perryman, have all been of great supporters of our Tingira Association and our new line ADF publication projects; we thank them for their support, time, and most often helpful suggestions.*

*Bill Taylor, a great presentation and storyline. Your shipmates and our Tingira team have all done you proud in the conquest to publish your memoirs, and our memories of those early days in our lives.*

*We thank you for making contact with Tingira Association and seeking our assistance, we are here to help and aim to please, this is the best navy read for 2022!*

*Long Live Tingira - Mates For Life*

**Brad Murphy**  
President  
Tingira Aust Assoc



## CHAPTER TWO

### HMAS CERBERUS 1963

#### JUNIOR RECRUIT INTAKE - No.1

On This Day...

SATURDAY

17 March 1963

“ I joined the Royal Australian Navy with 124 other 15-year-old Australian lads on this day, a date you never forget.

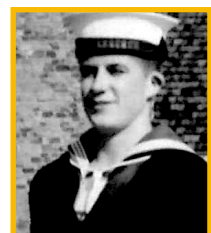
*We were the first of only two intakes to undergo Junior Recruit training at HMAS Cerberus.*

*The Ships Company thought we were sea cadets!*

*We were all in shock, they told us not to smile!*

Junior Recruit  
**Bill 'Squizzy' Taylor**  
1st Intake JRTS  
HMAS Cerberus

Author  
RAN - JRTS





## BILL 'Squizzy' TAYLOR

***Age 16, Bill was one of the 'new breed navy Junior Recruits' at HMAS Cerberus, southern Victoria.***

***The navy ships company thought the high school navy cadets were still on their school holiday visit for the first four weeks when Bill and his mates drafted in for the first Junior Recruit course.***

***Bill had a 'life-changing' initial 12 months at Cerberus followed by a period of service with the navy that would change his life forever and set him in good stead for the rest of his days.***





# HMAS CERBERUS

## Junior Recruit Intake No.1

### Living The Dream

**A SAILORS UNIFORM** - *It works wonders with the ladies of the world and it worked its magic for young Bill Taylor. That school careers day when the navy recruiting staff paid a visit to the Kyneton High School in Central Victoria, young Bill was taken by the bell-bottom trousers and the sharp creases; he was hooked.*

*"I want to be in that uniform" that was the dream, that was enough!*

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***This is Bill's story...***

**“My story is like most other teenage country boys at 15 years of age back in 1963. I had absolutely no concept of the greater world out there, or how it would one day very soon, directly change and set up my future life.**

Kicking around the back streets of Macedon in central Victoria, cold in winter and hot in summer, one's daily life was often dictated by the weather in country towns, I liked it from where I was in life.

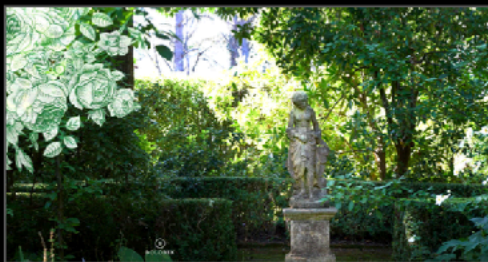
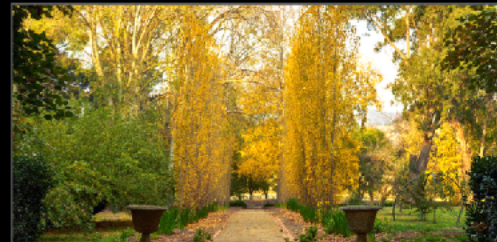
My father, James (Jock, he was Scottish from Steelend, Dunfermline, Scotland), was one of two regional gardeners on a farm property called 'Bolobek' about 80 kilometers north of Melbourne. The Bolobek property was created when purchased by Oswald Syme, the youngest son of David Syme, founder of the Melbourne Age newspaper.

The Symes moved into the newly completed house in 1911. Oswald's wife, Mildred, was by all accounts a very keen gardener and is believed to be responsible for the layout of the original garden. Many of the trees and shrubs that were planted during her tenure survive today, as does what is believed to be her original planting plan.



### **TAYLOR FAMILY**

*TOP - Alwynne Taylor and a very young 12-year-old Bill Taylor  
ABOVE - Later years 1970, Bill with his sisters Isabel, Margaret, and Mavis*



### **BOLOBEK FARM - MACEDON RANGES**

*Our old house today, James Taylor's efforts as one of the two house gardeners  
on this property made it what it is today.*

Today it is one of Victoria's outstanding garden farms.

The Syme family owned Bolobek for almost 60 years running beef, dairy cattle, and sheep on the property. They provided employment for many local families and by all accounts were generous and kind to their employees. The family name was very well known for their numerous charity events, tennis, and garden parties. This is where my dad met mum, Alwynne, she was one of several staff cooks at Bolobek.

Marriage, and four children later, mum and dad soon became one of the many migrant families established here in Australia, searching for a new life after the Second World War. We were part of the new Australian generation, the baby boomers, mum dad, and four young children.

The family mixed into the community very well. Mum was a great pastry cook as well as the normal roast a ten veg! The boys at the football, cricket, and tennis clubs took full advantage of her skills, she often presented a 'feast' for members after games. And then there were the family card nights at home, tea and scones for 30, that was the normal fare, the town baker was not her best friend!

Dad too had his place in the community. He took his daily skills from the Bolobek gardens and was an instigator in setting up the annual Macedon Spring Flower Show. He also put his hat in the ring at the local agriculture society. He had the best district trophy collection for his prize-winning vegetables. His pumpkins were the biggest and best in the district every year.

In 1955 tragedy struck our family. My mother Alwynne passed away suddenly with complications from her asthma illness, I was just eight years old.

My eldest sister, Isabel, soon became my surrogate mum. The year this happened. Isabel had just finished her teacher's college course as was about to take her first role at a local primary school. She declined the position, stayed at home, and looked after her three younger siblings while dad worked the gardens. That strong happy relationship with all of us has continued with us for a lifetime.

Isabel, Margaret, and Mavis, the big sisters, were now a very close family. I was closer to Mavis over those younger years. We often spent time playing together and she enabled me to have a kick of the football with her, that was a big thing for a little brother back in the early '60s.

I was always a busy young lad, with three older sisters to keep me in my place, I think I was in a pretty good paddock, to say the least at that time. We lived in an old house, rented from part of the farm property. My social skills were indeed limited, tennis and garden parties were not on my list of things to do.

Even though we lived close to Melbourne, only a short one-hour train ride, we were classed as country kids in those days! Football was a big part of my life, everyone's life, before and after schooling those days. Like most other kids in our district, we all played football (AFL), cricket, and swimming in the summertime.

I moved through Junior and Reserve football ranks in the local Macedon team. We were part of the Riddles Creek competition, game day was always a very competitive occasion for the whole town. Needless to say, I was no star and made up the numbers most weeks. I always played on the wing, with some speed in my little legs when the ball was in my hands, I'm only a short ass at five foot seven inches, just a boy in those days! However, it was good to have team skills and some country toughness bred into me from those younger years, very handy later in life. Local boy 'Geoff Leek' was picked up by Essendon and he was our local rock star, everyone supported Essendon as this was their zone district for recruiting players. I still support Essendon today and love my footy every weekend.

I first thought about a military career after the annual routine visit of Navy Recruiters to the Kyneton High School in September of 1962. The clean sharp navy uniforms, money, good food, travel and every girl loves a sailor, they say!

That direct sell from the recruiting team must have affected me more than I realised.

I went home that day, started drawing sketches of the sailors dressed smartly in their black winter uniform with that little white flat-top cap. It was all a 'bit of a dream' at first but that's the direction I was going, I was firm with myself and focused. I was going to join that Royal Australian Navy, which sounded too good to be true!

I guess not having a mother in those early growing years, certainly assisted me in making the decision to pursue a navy career away from home.

At 16 years of age we were all wide and bushy-tailed young boys, travel and trade qualification, what an offer, this was the decision I had to make. Will dad go for it, that was to become my big hurdle at the time.



## JUNIOR RECRUITS SETTLE IN AT H.M.A.S. CERBERUS

Junior Recruits who joined H.M.A.S. CERBERUS on March 18 did not take long to settle in to their new life and enter the sporting competitions.

They did extremely well in the Curry Cup competition and have entered teams in basketball and hockey.

The recruits will train at CERBERUS for one year until H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN is enlarged.

The J.R.'s have been split into five divisions named after the first five Governors of New South Wales. PHILLIP, HUNTER, KING, MACQUARIE and BLIGH.

After six weeks' training the new intake settled down and are readily discernible now around CERBERUS with the TINGIRA flashes on their shoulders.

The staff consists of:  
Officer in Charge, Lt. Commander P. E. M. Holloway.  
Divisional Officers: Lieuts. L. G. Terry and G. K. Dove.  
Instructor Officers: Instructor A. Cairns, J. Timbs and W. L. R. McInnes and Instructor Lieutenants J. R. Watson and W. R. Walker.

Divisional Staff, Chief Air

will not be handicapped for weight.

After a very vigorous training programme in the dogs a good Curry Cup team was fielded which won their heat against Weapon's Operation Division and Communications.

The final contested between J.R.'s Recruit School and Wardroom was a blanket finish only fifty yards separating first and third.

Recruit School won by five seconds from J.R.'s with the wardroom third.

This was a very fine effort by the J.R.'s observing that they had been in the Navy for only six weeks prior to the event.

J.R.'s have entered the CERBERUS Basketball competition with a very inexperienced team, but with the able coaching of Lieutenant Commander Timbs it is hoped that they will put up a creditable performance against the more experienced teams.

New playing fields are being

## NAVAL ENTRY

The biggest number of Junior Recruits to enter the Navy's Junior Recruit Establishment in Victoria will begin training at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS, on Westernport Bay, next month.

The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Chaney, said 200 boys aged between 15½-16½ would start a year's training on April 5.

This was a record entry into the school at CERBERUS, which was opened last year to cope with the large number of applications for the Navy's Junior Recruit Training.

The main Junior Recruit Training Establishment was set up at Fremantle (H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN) in 1960.

Mr. Chaney



### NAVY HAMMOCK - BEDDING

L: R. JR's Aitken, Parker, O'Donahoo, Davies, Little, Fenske and Cain in a hammock, with Petty Officer Moncriff instructing.

My dad, 'Jock,' a former Australian Army ex 4th anti-tank gunner, with 8th Division, was assigned to the Australian Imperial Force in Malaya and the fall of Singapore. He was the only soldier in his Division not to become 'Prisoners of War' that's another story, for another day, a tough old soldier in his day!

We had a conversation. "Dad, I want to join the navy" and you could hear the conversation from the top paddock. "Son, 'ere I think you picked the wrong we bloody service there lad, are you sure?"

Looking back today, of course, I have no regrets, dad and the girls were so proud of me just to be joining the military. The girls thought I was a 'spoilt little brat' and that the big world would sort me out one day, they were half right! Fair call to dad on his day. I could see his point today. If I had a young 16-year-old son, who was to inform me he was joining the army; well, probably a similar conversation! Father like son, I get it now, many times over!

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Completing the official navy application paperwork, licked the envelope, stuck on the stamp of the Queen, crossed my fingers, and said my prayers, that all helped in those days was my best guess, I needed all the luck I could on this one, my first job application!

I went to the interview in Melbourne by train. A few weeks later I received that yellow envelope in my mailbox. Just like many other young 15-year-old boys around the countryside, who were also going through the same experience, to join this new RAN Junior Recruit Training Scheme. The letter was good news, I was in the navy! An invitation to join the Royal Australian Navy was there in front of me. Dad and the sisters were all excited, happy, and very understanding for me, I was just over the moon, couldn't believe it!

6 am an early morning start on Saturday 16 March 1963, Isabel was driving me to Melbourne in her old car and Margaret was coming for the ride. Dad never drove a car. He rode a bike, five miles to and from work every day for 35 years. He worked out one day that he had ridden that bike 'around the world three times over the period. I guess that's what gardeners think of some days, he was good at maths!

"Good luck son, I know you will do well," he said, as he slapped me on the back and bumped me into the back seat of the car with the sisters en route to Melbourne. Funny how you just never forget such moments or words.

HMAS Lonsdale, Port Melbourne, 8 am at the front gate as was requested in my navy letter. Kisses all round from my sisters, no tears they were happy for me. I was on my way. "Hullo world, here comes Billy Taylor," I said to myself as I walked to the front gate. The big old blue navy bus was there at the front in the front quadrangle, ready to take a group of new Junior Recruits to HMAS Cerberus on a one-hour excursion ride, now I was excited. There were 20 other lads at the gate too. We were all looking as lost as each other but they too were as excited as me.

We were assembled inside an old gymnasium and sat down to fill in some paperwork. Underwent a final medical check with a doctor and then the swearing-in ceremony. Hand on the bible with us all repeating the 'Oath of Allegiance to Queen and country, with an old chap out front saying all the big words, we were now officially in the navy.

"Right, on the bus you lot" yelled another big old bloke standing at the head of the group. A crisp clean white short-sleeved shirt with gold badges on the collar and the longest pair of daggy white shorts one good image, combined with spotless white shoes and long white socks. I thought he was from the lawn bowls club or a lost official from the Wimbledon tennis club, he wasn't quite like the guys at the recruiting school presentation, I think he said his name was chief, he told us not to smile.

I had one disappointment on this first day, that I did not know anyone. Some boys did, several were from the same schools so that had some instant mateship happening. This was to be my new group of new 'brothers' for the next 12 months.

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## HMAS CERBERUS

The first call was an induction class, all things navy you are now in the 'Senior Service' and who is out front giving the presentation, that old guy again, in his same white daggy white shorts uniform, chief somebody?

I will never forget that first class we had with Chief Petty Officer Cowan, 'Chief Gunnery Instructor (CGI) who proudly stated that all directions (orders) will be followed with "yes, Chief" because to you "I am God". Some of this claim from the old chief we found to be very true. I have to admire him, the cut of his uniform, and the impressions that we as young Junior Recruits felt in his presence, just something you never forgot.





### **STAND EASY**

*There were moments in the day at the education block, not many, where you were just told to stand around, do nothing, look smart, no loud noise and lots of smoking, this was one of those moments.*



He walked up to me, took one look at me up and down my civvy clothes, and said "what's your name lad?"

"Bill Taylor, Chief" I replied in a half loud voice.

"Right, your name is 'Squizzy' Taylor from now on. You will all get new nicknames in due course, some come more naturally than others, don't they Squizzy? As he yelled in my face with his top lip about a fingernail from my nose.

"Yes, Chief" I replied in the loudest voice I have ever yelled in my life! We got off to a very good start from there!

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That first 30 days was full-on. Up at sunrise, physical training, marching, haircuts, uniforms, medical, dentist, sport, good meals, washing and ironing uniforms, and sewing. Now here is where I had some skills when you have three older sisters. Buttons and badges were an easy assignment for this country lad! For many others I just had to laugh when I saw some of the results, I felt very proud, mum and my sisters would have had a big smile on their faces for this one.

It's mid-March, the hot summer weather of Victoria was behind us and the autumn was very short, winter is here! The cold air at night and frosty mornings were set upon us like someone just turned on a tap as we stepped off that big old blue bus. Welcome to winter in Victoria you lads from Queensland, I thought, this is going to be more fun for some than others!

The base is huge. Many of those 'old Chiefs and Officers' all had pushbikes, a bit like my dad in some way, it got them from point a to point b, some faster than others. There were many large old buildings and the remains of used and new maritime equipment scattered everywhere.

I admired the gardens and the many European trees, there were all starting to lose their leaves in late March, it was a very picturesque postcard every time you went around a new corner. The grounds around their two churches were like a mini botanical garden. It was all like a similar image to my now previous life at the Bolobek farm.

Cerberus is very much out in the country area. It is part of the Cribb Point postcode, a very small town at the eastern end of the Mornington Peninsular. Plenty of fresh salt sea air of Westernport Bay, accompanied by squadrons of flies and mosquitoes one would suspect in the hot summer days! Most of the base was surrounded

by swamp and mudflats, affected by the daily rising tide of nearby Bass Strait.

In our first 30 days, there were many shocks for many of us. Life here was very different at HMAS CERBERUS Junior Recruit school that was not our accustomed to our lifestyles on farms and the city suburbs where many of us had come from. One of the big instant shocks for me was the hammock. I was looking forward to a nice small bed with a few warm blankets, not so! It was a good introduction to most of us as many of the ships in the fleet still had hammocks in them.

I had no concept of a bed which you assembled on the floor, ropes, metal rings, 16 clues per end, a narrow mattress, and matching pillows. Then all wound up into a 'sausage shape' which was firm enough to stand on end in the wooden holder aptly named the 'Hammock Bin'. A daily ritual demanded that when not sleeping in them, that's where they were stored, except for once a week they were washed, and spares were issued.

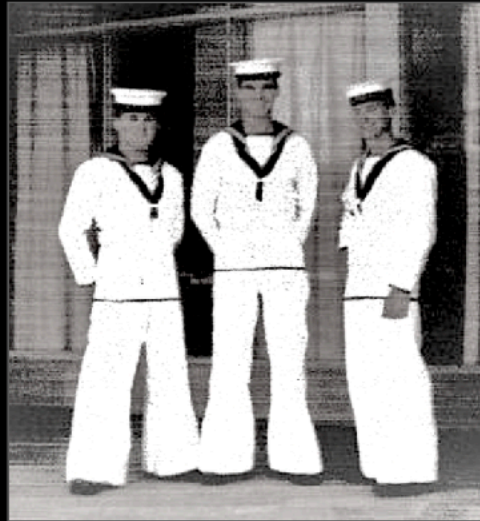
The hammocks also had another more brutal use.

I reflect on the use of one's hammock for detention and introduction to Naval Law. When the majority are punished for the actions of a few, the inclusion of 'punishment hammocks' on your shoulders and double marched (run) all the way to the West Gate or the outer West Gate, several kilometers away from the dormitory. Weather and time of day were not relevant, discussion with the senior sailor who accompanied us naturally on navy pushbikes just went in one ear and out the other. Group punishment is something you don't forget in a hurry!

Those first few months of settling in were hard to imagine. I had the experience of early rises at home on the farm, so the adjustment to early rising for Physical Training, Parade, Cleaning, and Toiletries but nowhere had I been so regulated and time-controlled. Our daily routine was very much like it would be on a ship. Once 'fallen in' at 0800 hours we marched off the Education block and a schoolroom program was delivered for the rest of the day by our Education Officers.

This was a continuation of high school. Many of the academic instructors were all official ex-school teachers, recruited for exactly this purpose, to continue teaching us fourth to fifth-year level high school subjects, to a group of very disciplined young boys.

The education level was a national basic intermediate standard with all coming from different state education sectors and at different levels for the 15-16 age group. English,



### **SAILOR BOYS**

*JR's Bill Taylor, John Kendon, and Michael Cain prepared for 'Summer Divisions' with ice cream suits, No. 6's.*



### **UNIDENTIFIED SCALLYWAG SAILORS**

*JR's who? The above caption fits many JR's from the first to the last intake of RAN Junior Recruits over the 24 year training period.*

mathematics, physics, social studies, navigation, seamanship, naval indoctrination, parade ground training, and atomic biological chemical defence and damage control. Religious instruction and first aid were also compulsory subjects once a week.

The navy even invented 'Progress Reports' for us Junior Recruits, which was on the same scale and format as a school report card. Sent home to the parents at the end of each quarter, this is something we never saw in the day. My cards were fair to average, but I had my head above water as to speak and mum and dad were pleased with my progress, they knew that had made a good choice letting name join the navy at such a young age.

Not all the action was in the classroom. Seamanship was ropes and boats, with the odd ride on a 'rowboat' of some type on Hanns Inlet. Swimming was also a compulsory major 'sporting' subject, we all had to pass the navy standard before we were getting out of this place! Overalls with boots on, you were thrown in the deep end, swim two laps, then float or wade for 10 minutes. Many failed on the first attempt, you suddenly remember the expression 'sink or swim' and I guess that's the drill if you were man overboard.

Our improvement medicine at Junior Recruit School was very basic and simple. Executed usually from the 'Chief and his supervisors', we were yelled at a lot, and we marched, and marched, and marched, till our toes were numb from our feet in those big black parade boots.

That was life at JRTS school in 1963, it did us no harm and certainly kept us fit and tired for a goods night's sleep!

To mix it up, there were also many other navy sporting competitions, against the other 1,000 odd members of the HMAS Cerberus Ships Company, the men of the fleet!

Athletics, football, rugby, soccer, cricket, swimming, basketball, golf, squash, tennis, and cross country all come to mind as very competitive events held on most Wednesday afternoons when it became 'Recruits' against the rest in most situations! I am sure it is still the same today in some sports, some things at Recruit School never change! Cross country, that was our prowess as young recruits. Whenever the recruit school staff had a program cancellation or a delivery of bad weather, it was time for another cross country! Hanns Inlet on the back end of Westernport Bay was all the destination. Via the West gate and back to base via the creek bed and mosquito-infested mudflats. What a sight some guys were. Being a

country farm boy I had seen and experienced this situation before, and I loved it!

I also learned that there was another 'level' of sport in the navy called inter-service. The best navy team available statewide was selected to compete annually against the RAAF and the Army, in a three-day round-robin tournament in most of those above sports. You had to qualify, gain selection via the Physical Training Instructors and then have permission from your 'Head of Department' for time off. Sometimes this was a two-week period, with a week of training thrown in at the front end, how good is this, as it was classed as paid work, not annual leave!

Back to the daily routine - Lunch was a hot cooked meal, back to academic block for the afternoon of more school instruction.

1600 hours and it was organised sport or clean your dormitory most days. 1800 hours was dinner, some free time, washing, ironing, sewing, homework, and then lights out 2130 hours!

Anyone in trouble was given 'Men Under Punishment' (MUPs) duties during these hours before and after dinner and usually a session before breakfast as well, penalties ranged from 3-40days and there was always a \$100 fine. 'Trouble' would be a quick trip to the Executive Officer or Commanding Officers table. Dressed in the cleanest pressed No. 2 ceremonial uniforms, you could hear the words bellowed loud and clear from the Chief Coxswain voice pipe, "Off Caps". You have arrived at trouble stations or 'defaulters' was the technical and correct navy term.

It really was all fairly simple and basic. Keep your nose clean was the advice I had from a few senior ships company that I had met and become friends with. Life here in recruit school was all about staying one step ahead of our senior supervisors, the Officers, the Non-Commissioned Officers, the Junior Sailors, and the Academic Officers. Unfortunately, some guys were not always up to the required standards of a well-organised routine over seven days, 24 hours, and for the 12 month training period.

Some boys spent many days and weekends on MUP's. My days there in 'MUP land' were very limited whilst at Cerberus and the rest of my navy career; had a few occasions, certainly did not like the program!

We found in many situations 'teamwork' was the essential ingredient that counted for most things to become successful. Working together created the bond that has never left us to this day. "We still have their back" was always in the back of your





### **SAILOR BOYS**

*JR's - unknown boys.*



### **CERBERUS PARADE GROUND & GYMNASIUM**

*The gymnasium, from payday to the wall bars, the gym was the building "if walls could talk" it had it all. The building was recently demolished in the 2020 base refurbishment. The parade ground survived and is the central area of base for training and ceremonial activities.*

mind. Every day of service life and even today, 59 years later, we are still here for each other.

No one said this first Intake of RAN Junior Recruits were angels, two of our members proved by their actions to be a little on the 'wild side' one afternoon and they paid a high price for their hoon activities.

Having arranged to wash and clean the senior officer's car, they set about the task and got a bit excited after it was sparkling clean with some 'wheelie spins' around the petrol pump in the old garage area behind 'G' Block. Big mistake lads! I believe they went over the back fence at the west gate heading for a 'sunset sojourn' in the Flinders direction on the cold southern side of the peninsular. They were deemed instant 'Absent Without Leave' (AWOL) after this little escapade, the base naval police were on their case in the instant, pure action stations for these guys!

Upon capture late that evening, the outcome was they were given 'instant dismissal' from the navy, which was a bit harsh we all thought. Perhaps the OIC had to accept the damages to the petrol pump and his vehicle? It was certainly an eye-opening lesson to the rest of us looking on, stuff up, you're out! There was a loud and clear message there for all to see and learn by.

The isolation of Cerberus at Crib Point provided the opportunity for the local Victoria lads for a home visit on weekend leave. Unfortunately for a large number of interstate JR's, this was not possible to cross the state borders and return in the 48-hour window.

When I was granted my first leave after about three months into the program, it was a pure pleasure and privilege to have weekend leave and walk freely for 48 hours outside those HMAS Cerberus front gates. That hour train trip later, Cribb Point to Frankston, then to Melbourne, third train change onto Macedon! On several occasions I took a variety of my new 'interstate' sailor mates' home to the Macedon farm for the short one overnight stay to meet the family, it was a real buzz for all of us to get out of town and navy life just for the short time.

I am sure I played a role in introducing my best friend John Kendron to this lovely area of Victoria. Last I heard, John had built a home in the area after his navy time and is now a happy permanent resident.

Midway into the football 1963 season, I was playing football in a local YMCA AFL competition for Cerberus. Bang and crash, it's a contact sport! I was carried from the field for no more than a

bruised thigh. Then I find myself laid up in the base hospital. I instantly had my upcoming leave canceled and enjoyed the company of the SBA's with no midwinter leave period for the next two weeks. Plenty of rehab and gym work followed to get me back on the marching list, found the real meaning of 'Sickbay Jockey' not a happy sailor on this day.

Academic performances were very similar, and all Junior Recruits tried equally well to excel, and the results speak for themselves but this was only one comparison between intakes as both suffered isolation, no weekend leave, and Junior Recruits found they had to entertain themselves, not difficult if you were inclined to sports as being the RAN's largest training establishment no athletic facility was overlooked.

As a training establishment, Cerberus Junior Recruits soon found the position of JR as the lowest of the low and concentrated on not socialising with adult recruits (banned anyway). One of my annoying activities was the Cinema and the regulation bus as if we could not be trusted as JR's. We used the Chiefs and Petty Officers Cafeteria for all meals.

Unlike the HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits where academic potential had no role in determining a boy's allocation to accommodation. Fast forward, Cerberus second Intake, the academically strong recruits were given preference in the accommodation (top floor) of 'Getting' Block. Getting block, was a modern brick building where boys lived in four-berth cabins in conditions similar to those in the modern accommodation beds and bunks, much improved from hammocks.

The second Intake was allocated to seven Divisions of about 28 in each name, as with the first Intake, after NSW Governors Philip, Hunter, King, Bligh, and Macquarie. The two new Divisions were Brisbane and Bourke.

One of the distinctive differences between the first Cerberus JR intake was the allocated service numbers (95000-63000) and the second Intake service numbers (93000-up). Being first means we were going "boldly where no junior sailor has gone before". We set the standard pioneered the adventuresome effort. The second Intake could only follow our lead.

After many cold winter months and the warm summer days of early morning marching and parade drill with the old 303 rifles, as an intake, we were just about set for the final graduation parade.



## Impressive Passing Out Parade in "Cerberus"

Recently at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS, Victoria, 125 Junior Recruits from all parts of Australia completed their first year of training.

At the Passing Out Parade, the Commodore Superintendent of Training, Commodore R. L. Shimmin, complimented the Recruits and presented prizes won during the year.

In the picture above, Commodore Shimmin is shown inspecting Junior Recruits, one of whom, R. M. R. Cain, second from right, won first prize for results in academic studies.

Cain lives at Hoparth Road, Elizabeth, South Australia.

Commodore Shimmin also is shown presenting to Junior Recruits, W. Arro and Pelham, prizes were awarded for being the most outstanding sportsmen.

Right: Junior Recruit A. D. Haldane (left), of Roselyn Street, Burwood, Victoria, who won the prize for being the most improved Junior Recruit in the Bligh Division, and Junior Recruit G. J. Nuthall, of Webb Street, Glen Iris, Victoria, winner of the prize for being the most improved Junior Recruit in King Division pose for the cameraman with Haldane's sister.



### CERBERUS JRTS - GRADUATION PRIZE WINNER

Commodore Robert Shimmin, RAN, presenting HMAS Cerberus Junior Recruit, Michael Cain, with the prizes for best all-round recruit and highest academic results. On JR Cain's right shoulder, can be seen the Tingira 'flash' that all recruits wore on all uniforms whilst under training.



A few weeks before the final graduation parade each of us has to accept the teacher's academic marks and then the navy assesses us for the chosen trade training we are seeking. We have to accept what the Naval Selection panel gives us, but we did have the chance to nominate three choices. Aircraft Technical Communications, was the trade category that I had my eye on, don't know why? I guess it was the flow of the engineering blood from my father and everything practical a kid learns on a farm and garden experience. My Divisional Officer, LEUT Dove, thought I may struggle with the math component of the course, however, he gave me that wink of confidence and I felt pretty happy that I might be a chance. The second almost as important component oil category selection was to try and be with some of your best mates on that next phase of training. My mates Michael, Peter, and John were also hoping to become birdies (aircraft world) too, we would then become a close-knit group together, that was the plan!

Graduation day arrived, smiley faces everywhere, we were getting out of here, oh what a feeling after a very long twelve months. Just a bit of marching and parade ground drill with that old 303s in nice squeaky-clean No 6 white 'our ice cream suits' with an audience of hundreds of very proud parents just ray to see the greatest show on earth! Dad and my three sisters all made the journey down from Macedon to Cerberus for the big graduation day. The sisters were done up to the nines, looking lovely as always and dad was in his best black suit. We were all so proud, Cerberus as a base was primed for the occasion, she was just sparkling everywhere you looked.

I certainly had a spring or two or maybe even three in my step that day. Everything went as planned, it was just an unbelievable experience! The gunnery chief was happy, we were happy, at the end of the day, we were no longer Junior

Recruits! Completing 12 months of 'everything navy' during our recruiting phase of the RAN Junior Recruit Training Scheme, we were now deemed fit for sea in the very near future as 'Ordinary Seaman' and then ready for category training. We were now in the real navy, we had a title, we were Ordinary Seaman!

The next morning we were packing our seabags. The chief was about to give us our marching orders, delivering the good news of our possible success for trade category training and then what ship we would be posted to sooner rather than later in that month of March 1964.

By a stroke of good luck, Michael, Peter, John, and I, all received our first choice 'aircraft technical' as our trade category. However, first, we would spend 12 months at sea, as 'Ordinary Seaman'. We were all off to the old aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney, and she was heading to Southeast Asia, and not on goodwill fly the flag vacation voyage. The politicians of the day under the Robert Menzies government were waving battle flags in the corridors of Canberra, something about Vietnam, was all over the papers with a possible war zone happening. It was all way too much for me to understand at 17 years of age, I just wanted to be a sailor and see the world, that was the dream.

On a social note - My interest in the opposite sex was normal. Whilst at Cerberus and before leaving I was to spend some time with Rhonda, a gorgeous redhead, who lived at home with her parents in Melbourne. Needless to say, not much occurred and we went our separate ways. It did remind me that my life from pen pal to reality needed some work in this department of my social life." **BT**

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## **Part Two - 'Life after Cerberus'**

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### **HAMMOCK BOY**

*JR O'Donahoo next to his favourite item of kit, his hammock.*



### **PHILLIP DIVISION BOYS**

*JRs ready for Sunday church.*

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## TOMORROWS VISION - FREMANTLE

# 2025 JR REUNION PROGRAM TAKES SHAPE



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*So good that we could get ourselves back inside the Leeuwin gates, not once but twice, and dress ship for four days; the locals will think the circus is coming to town*

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“**A**s we go press it's out with the red pen for me as I highlight and tick the five events I must attend over the 2025 JR Reunion period. After all, I live three km from the front gate at Leeuwin Barracks!

*My health is not great these days but I will be up for this lot when the time comes, seems like a last night run in Singa's before we are homeward bound!*

*The national committee lads have come up with a great program, let's just hope the good ship STS Leeuwin is back on the high seas sooner rather than later! So good that we could get ourselves back inside the Leeuwin gates, not once but twice, and dress ship for four days; the locals will think*

*the circus is coming to town, and maybe it is! Really the hard work starts now as Brad has indicated in his Presidents column. The committee have set the goalposts and it's our turn to respond. If you have never been to a big reunion, or back to Leeuwin since your time there, then this is the one, start saving your pennies now!*

*There will be many more Tingira reunions for JRs over the following decades, however we can say that the old base at Leeuwin Barracks just may not be the same in the years ahead. She destined for change, either by Federal, State or Local Government bodies or property developers.*

*Let's just hope the politics of this place is all sorted by the time we get there next November, JW.*



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## 2025 JR REUNION - PROPOSED PROGRAM

Friday 7 November

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



Sat 8

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



Sun 9

1000 **JRs - Navy Church Service (TBC)**  
All denominations, Fremantle

1100 **Navy Museum - Tour (TBC)**  
HMAS Stirling, Rockingham

1200 **JRs - Onboard Sail Training Ship Leeuwin**  
To Sea - Over Horizon Voyage  
Victoria Quay, Fremantle - Outbound WA Blue Waters



Mon 10

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

Tue 11

1000 **Remembrance Day Commemoration**  
JRs Navy 'Rum Tot' ration  
Drill Hall & JR Memorial & Masthead  
Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle



Wed 12

1800 **JR Sapphire Jubilee 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner**  
Lower The Flag & Pass The Bell  
OPTUS Stadium - Burswood, Perth







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“

*I found myself asking, just what was the point of this ceremony here in Burwood Park?*

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## TODAY'S VIEW - AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

# REFLECTION

## NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIALS



“**E**arlier this year I attended the annual commemoration organised by Burwood Council at the National Servicemen's Memorial in Burwood Park. Around 20 persons were present, mostly local politicians and functionaries from Burwood Council.

Three RSLNSW sub-Branches were represented (Burwood, Cumberland and Ashfield) but there were no representatives from the Burwood National Servicemen's Association at all. Five persons present were wearing medals and, as far as I could determine, only three of us were National Servicemen.

There were two post-World War II schemes of conscription in Australia. The scheme that ran from 1951 to 1959 required all 18-year-old males to undertake 176 days of military training followed by some years in Reserve forces. All three branches of the defence forces were involved. Around 6,800 conscripts served in the Navy, some being on ships visiting Korean waters during the Korean War and some being on ships in waters around the testing of atomic bombs off the West Australian coast in 1952.



The second National Service scheme ran from 1964 to 1972 and only involved the Army. Over the two post-World War Two National Service schemes around 290,000 men were conscripted but less than 10% of them were ever in any danger, mainly the 19,000 that served in Vietnam.

Around 200 National Servicemen died while serving, again mostly in Vietnam.

I found myself asking, just what was the point of this ceremony here in Burwood Park?

In his speech the Mayor of Burwood uttered the usual platitudes of fine service to the country, willingness to contribute to Australia's defence, worthy sons of Anzac, mateship and sacrifice, never to be forgotten, we owe a debt of gratitude, and so on. Really? Doesn't sound like the Nashos I served with and with whom I continue to associate.

A few National Servicemen signed up into the regular forces and made a career out of the military but the vast majority of Nashos had no great love of military life and couldn't wait till their time was up. They had lost two years in their careers, most had reduced pay, all so Australia could fight a futile, unwinnable war in Vietnam.

Most Nashos had nothing to do with things military during their working lives and only joined veterans' organisations such as the RSL and the

National Servicemen's Association in their twilight years when nostalgia took over and they started looking at their youth with rose-tinted glasses.

The National Servicemen's Memorial in Burwood Park was unveiled in 2007 with a major public ceremony shown in the photo at the opening page of this story.

National Service in Australia ended over 50 years ago, not just because the conscripts were reluctant warriors but more because governments found the scheme to be a massive drain on the defence budget. The Army itself also resented having to divert manpower and resources to training short-term personnel.

Most of the sergeants in my recruit training battalion were Vietnam veterans and the last place they wanted to be was in an RTB training 'bloody Nashos'.

Throughout history conscripts, 'pressed men', those who 'accepted the King's shilling' have been a despised lot in military tradition. There is the old saying 'One volunteer is worth ten pressed men' and the original Anzacs were proud that the AIF of the 1914-1918 war was an all-volunteer force.

The conscription debates held in Australia during the First World War were the most bitter, divisive



*Examples at Grafton NSW and Merredin WA memorials.*

public issues ever debated in this country. In both referendums Australia narrowly voted NO.

Around the world, even in countries in which conscripts formed a sizeable proportion of their armies, memorials specifically for conscripts are quite rare, except in Australia. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of National Servicemen's memorials right across Australia, most placed adjacent to the local Great War Memorial or added to a whole suite of local war memorials.

In the 1990s National Servicemen started to emerge from the shadows, establishing chapters in many communities, forming a national association, issuing newsletters, devising uniform, lobbying governments for greater recognition, conducting remembrance rituals and unveiling national service memorials.

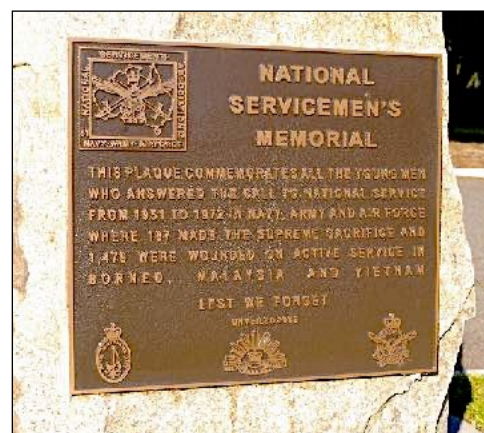
This beatification of National Servicemen ramped up in 1995 with the 'Australia Remembers' project marking 50 years since the end of the Second World War. Government funding was generous for new war memorials and the refurbishment of the old so many communities across Australia added plaques

or raised new memorials and unveiled them with great public ceremony. Among the new memorials were many commemorating National Servicemen.

Over the next 20 years many similar memorials were unveiled in communities across Australia such as those shown in the accompanying photos. Even before the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, Australia had more First World War memorials per head of population than any nation on earth. And not only that, on these Great War Memorials they listed the names of everyone from the district who enlisted, not just those who died. War, in Australian tradition, is like the Olympic Games. We celebrate everyone who participates, not just those who win medals.

Recent decades in Australia have seen a massive increase in war commemoration for political purposes. The proliferation of National Servicemen's Memorials and ceremonies honouring National Servicemen has been part of this trend.

The Burwood Park ceremony was a case in point, a ceremony for the sake of a ceremony, a photo opportunity for local politicians. [RI](#)



*National Servicemen's Memorials, Warwick, QLD and Wangaratta, VIC.*

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## ***What is the National Servicemen's Association of Australia?***

***The National Servicemen's Association of Australia was founded in 1987 and now is the second largest ex-service organisation in the nation.***

***It represents the 287,000 young men called up for service in the Navy, Army and Air Force in two schemes between 1951 and 1972.***

***Of them, 212 died on active service - two in Borneo and 210 in Vietnam. The National Servicemen's Association of Australia is now in decline as the youngest National Servicemen in Australia are now over 70 years of age.***



*National Servicemen's Memorial, Wagga Wagga, NSW.*

## **RON INGLIS ...**

***Ron Inglis is the son of a Second World War veteran who served in the 2/14th Battalion in Palestine, Syria and on the Kokoda Track.***

*Ron was a National Serviceman 1970-1971 serving in the Pacific Islands Regiment in Papua New Guinea.*

*Over the last 16 years Ron has been a member of Auburn/Cumberland RSL sub-Branch serving at various times as Schools' Officer, Secretary and Vice-President.*

*Ron is an Associate Member of Tingira Australia Association.*





# Feature Navy Exhibition ANZAC MEMORIAL

HYDE PARK SOUTH, SYDNEY

1913 the Royal Australian Navy's brand-new fleet sailed through the Heads and into Sydney Harbour. Since then the RAN has served on all the world's oceans in times of peace and war.

During the Second World War, the RAN reached its maximum strength. Approximately 37,000 men and women wore a RAN uniform. The war inflicted a heavy toll on ships and personnel. Thirty-eight cruisers, destroyers, sloops and smaller vessels were sunk and almost 2,200 sailors died on active service.

Since the end of the Second World War, the RAN's fortunes have fluctuated dramatically between lavish acquisitions and slashed defence budgets.

The RAN has sent ships and service personnel to war in Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. The service has participated in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations all over the globe, at sea, on remote islands and in tri-service deployments. It has played a vital role in protecting our borders and interrupting the international drug trade.

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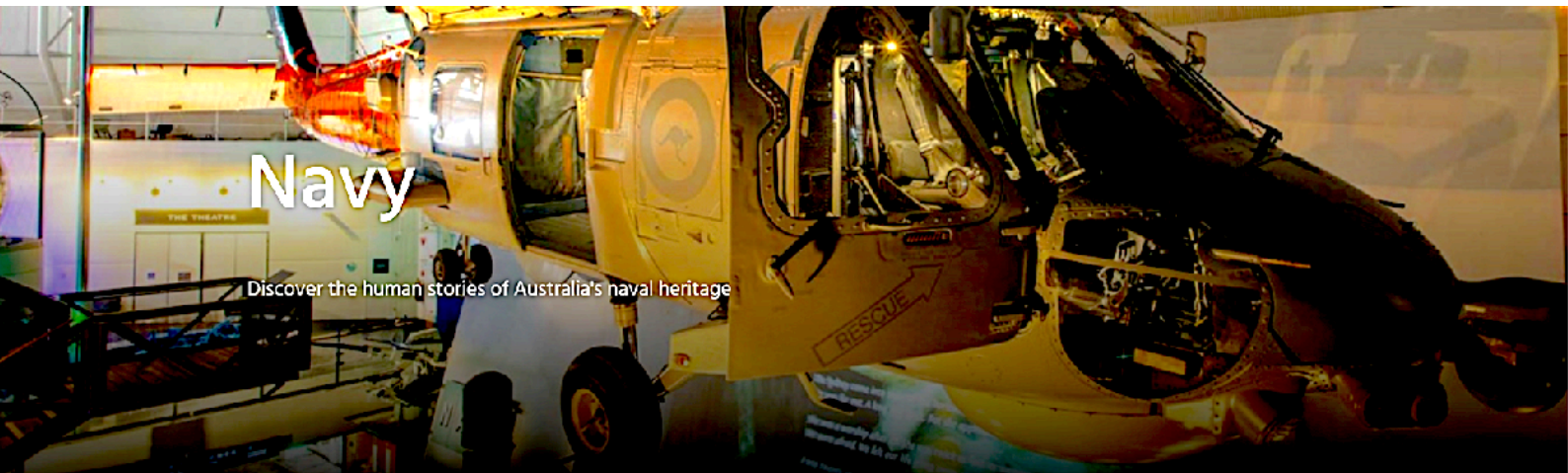


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- **Experience the richness of Australia's naval heritage through human stories of bravery, tragedy and triumph.**
- **Peer into the contents of a sailor's ditty box from the 1920s.**
- **Relive the dramatic three-day rescue of Tony Bullimore in 1997 and the "children overboard" affair of 2001.**
- **Find out why Commander Harry Bennett received his Distinguished Service Order, displayed for you to see.**

From its earliest days, the RAN has been as much about its servicemen and women as its operations, ships and technologies. Watch a screening of the film 'Navy: Purpose, Fleet, People' from the viewing platform of this soaring gallery.

Personal mementos on display include war medals, uniforms and souvenirs from foreign engagements, such as a temple bell and rifle carved with a dragon from the Boxer Rebellion in China!

Famous figures also feature in this exhibition, including a giant figurehead of Admiral Lord Nelson, from an 1814 British warship, that became a familiar sight on Victoria's Port Phillip Bay.

Traditions and customs punctuate life in the navy. Christenings on board ships in port allow families to come together for a special event. View the bell from our submarine *HMAS Onslow* to see (inscribed inside) the names of crew members' children who were christened on board.

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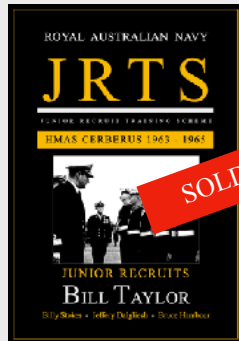
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The enduring legacy of *HMAS Sydney* has seen four ships bear the name, the latest built in 1983. This exhibition tells the distinguished histories of each of them, from defeat of an enemy warship to a brush with anti-war protesters.



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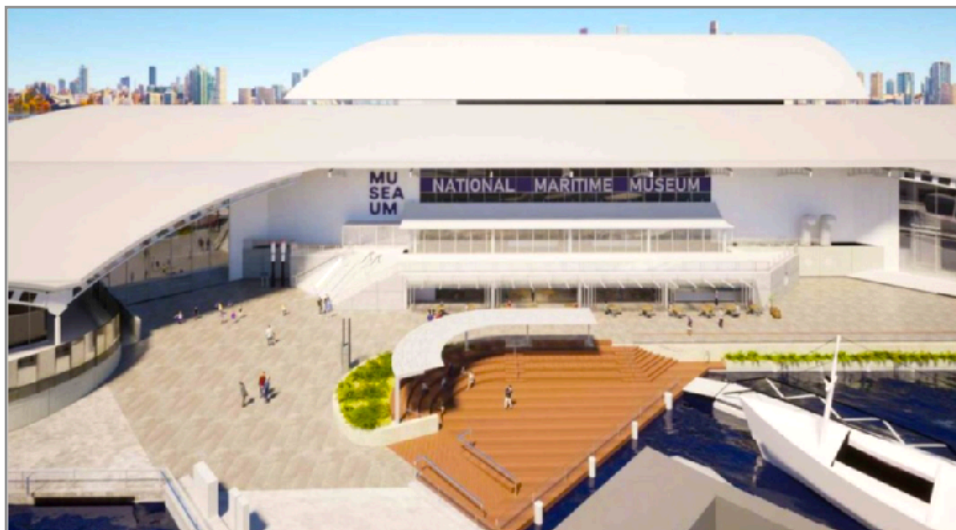
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# MARITIME MUSEUM

## FORECOURT UPGRADE



**W**hen you visit the Museum over the next few months you will see we are improving things.

We are upgrading the Boardwalk. From April 26 hoardings will be erected around key areas of the boardwalk along the harbourside of the museum.

We apologise for any inconvenience while we undertake this significant project, however, we will have a wonderful, new and vibrant harbour frontage in a few months.

While we make these improvements, please take extra care and, if you can't find something, ask one of our friendly team members.



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# VETERAN SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL to JUNE 2024...

**O**ur Veteran Services team continues to have a positive impact on the veteran community.

RSL LifeCare are able to offer these free support services to veterans thanks to the contributions and support from our partners, including RSL NSW. Read on for some of the highlights across our services as our team work every day to support veterans and their families.

During the second quarter of 2024, we supported the veteran community by:

- ***Providing over \$71,000 in financial assistance.***
- ***Assisting 38 veterans experiencing homelessness, and providing 1,150 nights of accommodation.***
- ***Helping 259 veterans to lodge 799 DVA claims.***
- ***Referred 27 veterans or partners into our employment program.***
- ***Lodging 58 new VRB appeals, completing 109 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mediation discussions and represented 11 full VRB Hearings.***
- ***Guided 57 veterans through 8 horse handling and riding courses and logged 254 hours of volunteer activities at Spur Ranch.***

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## Poppy Ball 2024 - Victoria Barracks, Sydney

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## Veterans' Support Apr-Jun 2024



We referred 27 veterans or partners into our employment program.



We lodged 57 new VRB appeals, completed 107 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mediation discussions and represented 11 full VRB Hearings.



We guided 57 veterans through courses and logged 524 hours of volunteer activities at Spur Ranch.

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## Veterans' Support Apr-Jun 2024



We assisted 38 veterans experiencing homelessness and provided 1,150 nights of accommodation.



We provided \$71,244 in financial assistance to veterans and their families.



We helped 259 veterans to lodge 799 DVA claims.

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## 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

**Name:** Max Cook

**Phone:**

**Email:**

[marksmorrowhowden@gmail.com](mailto:marksmorrowhowden@gmail.com)

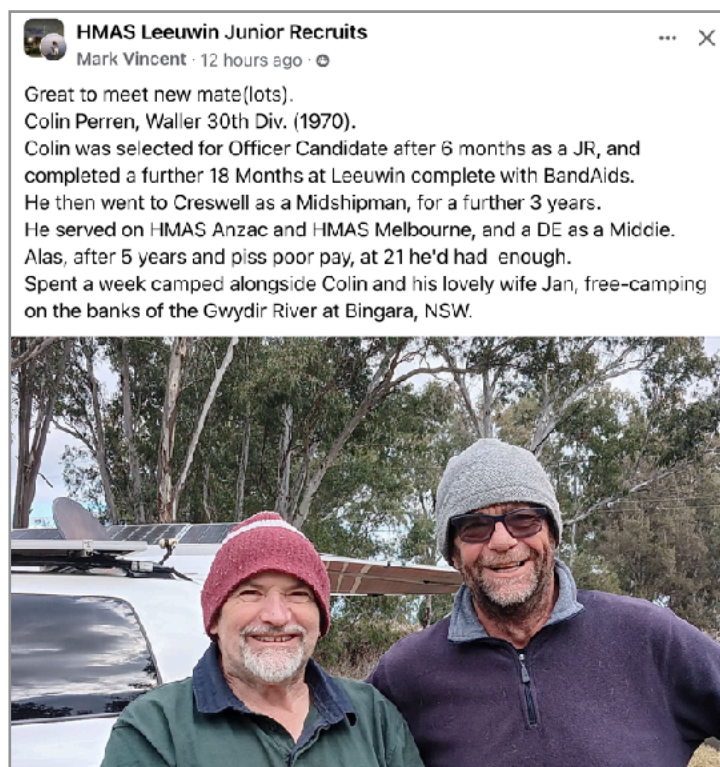
**Website:** Facebook: Marks Morrow  
Howden 50th intake H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN

*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)*

## SOCIAL MEDIA - JRs Communicating



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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  
President  
Tingira Australia Association

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