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# ANZAC DAY

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This year's Anzac Day parades are shaping up to be one of our best Tingira representations nationally for many years.

The **Queensland** boys in **Cairns** and **Bundaberg** have rattled the chain of local veterans. Their numbers are strong a few days out. They are praying for no rain, of course, after the recent downpour and flooding in many regions across Queensland.

Tingira President, Dr Brad Murphy OAM, will once again conduct a dedicated Tingira Service in the grounds of his medical practice in outer **Bundaberg**. If you are nearby, be there, it is a remarkable dawn service by the local JRS in a small country town.

The Tingira call is also out across **NSW** and **Sydney** today, with strong numbers expected again this year, with one of our youngest JRS, John Whitting, leading the proceedings. With Tingira flag and banner held high once again in Castlereagh Street, amongst the many hundreds of members in the RAN flotilla that gather, same time, same place as in the past 14 years, Tingira is sure to be noticed again.

Down South in **Victoria**, the boys are buzzing again with **Melbourne** co-ordinator James Bishop at the helm, showing his skills to round up his troops for the march down St Kilda Road onto the Shrine of Remembrance. A sponsor's luncheon curiosity of the Box Hill RSL sub-Branch will be one of their reunion highlights on the day.

The ever-reliable **South Australian** Stephen Beal will again muster the **Adelaide** Boys with a new sign out front as 'HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits', bound to be a welcome sight after years of being confused with the local sea cadet units.

The stalwart of our association, Paul Kalajzich, **Western Australia**, will gather the boys in **East Fremantle** at the **Leeuwin Barracks** for a dawn service on the JR memorial before taking on a new route later in the morning towards **Kings Park Perth** for the city march, great effort all round Tingira Boys.

"I sincerely hope all 'Tingira Boys' have an enjoyable and memorable Anzac Day again this year.

"Representing the association as fine young men that the RAN Junior Recruits of the past have always been, and with some new and renewed friendships on the day at the after-march reunions, is always the aim and highlight of this association.

"After Friday I look forward with great anticipation to November. when hundreds of our former RAN Junior Recruit will reunite under the Tingira banner with the JR Reunion.

"Commencing with the East Fremantle Mayor's sports carnival on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November through to the final Sapphire 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Perth, this will be the highlight of 2025 for Tingira members and friends", said Brad Murphy from his Tingira Quarterdeck conference centre in Bundaberg.

**Long Live Tingira - Mates For Life.**

**Lest We Forget**





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***" Time for Bold and Brave Action "***

You are going to hear me in the media over the coming weeks talking about the difference between RSL clubs and RSL NSW – the real RSL. You will hear me calling for the name 'RSL' to be returned, and for a fair share of club profits to be directed to veteran support.

Here's why:

- ***Clubs, including those which use the RSL name, make an annual profit of \$4.8 billion from poker machines. In 2024, just 0.008% of that profit flowed to 'veteran services'.***
- ***One in three veterans does not know the difference between Clubs and sub-Branches. This prevents them accessing the community and the life-saving support of the real RSL.***

This will not be an easy argument. But surely we can all agree that we have a responsibility to defend the future of the real RSL, the RSL that stands for veterans and their families.

Finally, I know many of you are working hard in your local communities to stage commemoration services, speak with local schools, and support veterans and their families. RSL NSW members volunteer half a million hours each year to this vital work. Thank you all.

**Mick Bainbridge**  
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The Returned and Services League (RSL), established in 1916, has been at the forefront of commemorating the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women for over a century.

