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Defence Imagery Canberra

Able Seaman Musician Christopher Ellis sounds the bugle during a ceremonial sunset held at the Kuru Wharf, HMAS Coonawarra, Darwin, NT.

Photo by **POIS Leo Baumgartner**



# VIEWFINDER IN RANGE

## HISTORICAL IMAGE THIS QUARTER



"Father & Son" - Good time memories!

“ **T**he past 90 days have not seen a lot of camera photographic activity from my desk here in Cootamundra, that is related to Military or Tingira subjects.

However, I would have loved to be in Melbourne last month and captured a photo of my father's fast horse, Magnaspin, winning the feature race at Sandown at 60/1 for those who follow my family's horse lines! Maybe the Spring racing series in Melbourne will give us another shot over the coming months.

Let's discuss 'fathers and mothers'.

I was lucky last month when my father, Harry, announced to the world on his Facebook page that he was on the train and heading to my small farm at Cootamundra, southern NSW! Wow, at 93, there was no stopping him.

And for the next 14 days, we ate and drank at every fine establishment we could find across this region of the Riviera. Taking in the sunrise and sunset hours. Talking old time, hand feeding the sheep, this was all so different for an old retired butcher and from the surrounding brick walls in his Cranbourne community village lifestyle.

He wanted chicken noodle soup every day after he visited the local General Store, where they threw in half a loaf of old-style damper bread! I thought he was going to ask for permanent residency at one stage!

He survived 14 days in a cold Coota winter, or was it, we that survived! I know he is probably talking about the Coota days as he

watched the grass grow each morning at breakfast. (It's about 6cm per night at present as Spring hits fast at Hillview Ridge). Dad, love him, he has left us with some great memories over that short trip from Melbourne for his winter country sojourn. And it's those few iPhone images that bring home the cherished moments in the end.

Sitting in the Junee pub (above) with dad, the big plate of fish and chips, a beer or three for lunch, he was off the chain!

A picture captured by Margaret is as raw as they come, but it's worth a million dollars to the beholder. And that's what we must do in these latter years with the folks, take a nice picture.

Try to get them into a relaxed comfort zone and take some memorable images.

Nothing posed, just that relaxed expression surrounded by everyday life.

Dad couldn't leave without a pic at the winning post of the Coota racecourse. I did it, and he looked stately, hat and stick with a chequered jacket. Back in time, like he looked as he would with his father Henry at Flemington track back in the fifties. Perhaps that image one is for another time, kts priceless!

**Editor's PS** - I would like to say a big thank you to **Jeff Wake** and **Paul Kalajzich**, who made this issue's last contribution to VOICEpipe magazine as committee members. They have been the backbone with many suggestions and actions over their time on our committee, all efforts greatly appreciated, BZ lads. **ML**

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Mark Lee  
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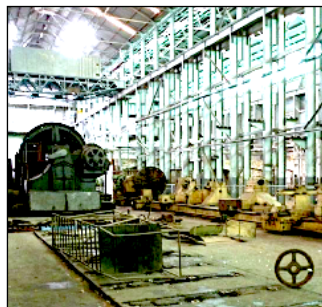
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TINGIRA PRESIDENT

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*" Our bank (Westpac) has been excellent to deal with and was very generous Chairman and CEO made a \$10k donation to support our gathering,*

## PRESIDENT'S DESK

# CALL THE HANDS

## JR REUNION

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

“ **I** t's that time of year when we start to warm up as the cold weather eases, and we get ready to gather and celebrate at our reunion in the West in November.

*The world's a crazy place presently, with so much unexpected activity globally and behaviours no one would have expected to witness. The rapid evolution of AI has seen much change in the way we do business on so many fronts.*

*I have been involved with several patients who have found themselves victims of fraudulent activities, seeing them defrauded of hard-earned savings and, in one case, many hundreds of thousands of dollars.*

*These fraudsters keep getting more sophisticated in the ways they carry out their business at the expense of vulnerable people struggling to keep up with the changing pace of life.*

*Sadly, we at TAA are no exception despite vigilance and compliance with checks and balances with banking and IT.*

*When expecting our deposit invoice for the reunion dinner, the email arrived as expected, matching the amount and from the company representatives we had been dealing with. The account was paid dutifully, only for us to realise soon after that it was a fraudulent email that appeared genuine, with all the expected details, hijacked in transit.*

*Our Secretary acted quickly, recognising the fraud early and reporting it to all relevant authorities.*

*Our bank (Westpac) has been excellent to deal with and was very generous with the Chairman and CEO making a \$10k donation to support our gathering, along with some of the funds being recovered as investigations continue.*



Similarly, the team at Optus Stadium, ASAP Press, Navy Seapower, HMAS Stirling, RSL LifeCare and Cumberland RSL sub-Branch have also assisted us after the fraud event, allowing the arrangements to proceed "Full steam ahead"!

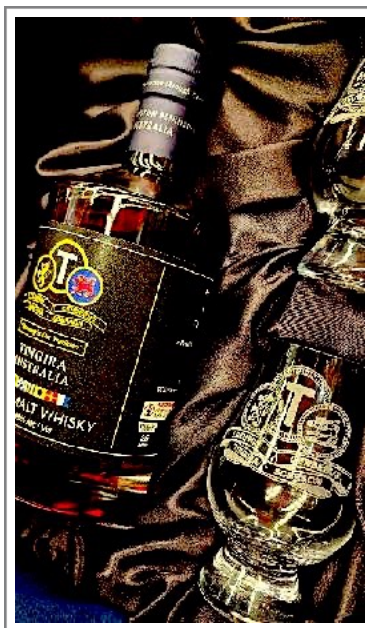
We have recovered from what is becoming all too common in today's electronic exchanges, and while we wish to be transparent with our members about the event, we also want to share our experience as a warning to stay vigilant as such activities continue to increase.

Notwithstanding this disruption, Mark and the Tingira committee team continue to work tirelessly to prepare and deliver a JR Reunion program with something for everyone.

The opportunity to revisit our old stomping ground and especially to commemorate Remembrance Day alongside the Chief of Navy VADM Mark Hammond, AO, surrounded by those familiar buildings and parade ground at Leeuwin Barracks.

We have been in receipt of much interest and support from RAN and WA Minister for Veterans, demonstrating the significance of the "Junior Recruit" movement to Australian Naval history. Such a great opportunity for us to gather and celebrate with old friends and new at what may well be our last opportunity to engage in this en-masse as a collective of all intakes across the years 1960-84.

Inside VOICEPIPE this edition, there are opportunities to grab special access to items celebrating the reunion, such as the special limited edition Tingira Spirits Collection, '**Leeuwin Rum**' theres a good drop for sure!



To allow us to wear our colours with pride and dress for the occasion at events including Remembrance Day and the Gala Dinner, there is an extra special offer for TAA ties and dinner suit attire (Cumberbund and bow tie) at "fire sale" prices - so take the opportunity to be the first best dressed JR this reunion with these special offers.

65 years from the first intake, we set poised to gather and share stories tall and proud once more as a collection of young men (not so young as we once were)

once more on our old stamping ground.

I encourage us all to share with our networks and encourage friends to come and join us in the West for this special celebration - an event not to be forgotten.

I am excited to gather with you all and share in the events the team have brought together to give us all a chance to toast friends present and passed. Heralding a time that gave so many of us our start in life - lives lived full and rewarding - from those hard but wondrous days as TINGIRA boys - a rich component of Australian Navy history - still our stories continue to add to this history as adventures of those of us who remain continue the legacy.

Come share those adventures in the West in November!

A stylized blue ink signature of Brad Murphy.

BRAD MURPHY OAM  
President

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# TINGIRA STRATEGIC PLAN - Status -at Q3 . 2025



## **COMPLETE** 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 - 27 committee.*



## **COMPLETE** 2025 - STONEHAVEN MEDAL

***"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"***

*The National Tingira Committee will announce and present the 2025 Stonehaven medal at the 2025 RAN Junior Recruit Reunion. Sponsored and supported by RSL NSW Cumberland sub-Branch.*



## **COMPLETE** 2024 - ANNUAL REPORT

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

*Tingira executive has produced, with assistance from final financial reports from Summit Consultants, the 2024 Annual Report was presented at the 2025 AGM and displayed on the Tingira membership via the website—hard copy will be distributed to all 2025 merchandise orders after AGM.*



## **COMPLETE** VOICEpipe MAGAZINE - SPRING 2025

***"That Tingira Aust Assoc continue the new style newsletter magazine VOICEpipe, with the 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 magazine Editor Mark Lee, continues with the Tingira editorial team to produce the third of four copies for 2025.*

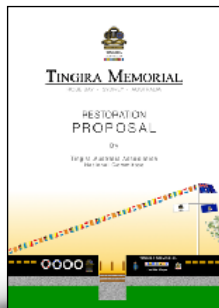




## COMPLETE RAN HISTORY ALLIANCE

***"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. Negotiations for major sponsorship and support across the JR Reunion in Perth underway.*



## COMPLETE 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.*



## LAUNCHED WEBSITE BOOKINGS JR REUNION

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

*Tingira President Brad Murphy has commissioned the special reunion section of the Tingira website for JR Reunion bookings and merchandise pre orders. Bookings are continuing, all sites and programs now finalised for the November events in Fremantle and Perth.*



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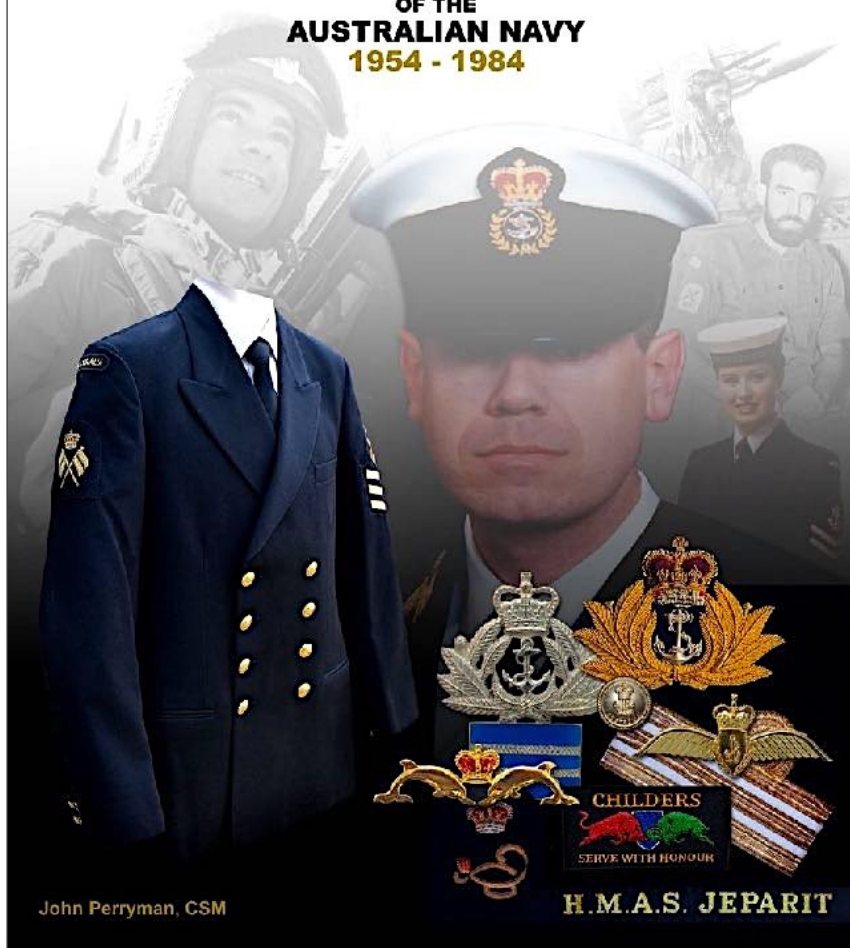


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# STRATEGIC SHIPBUILDING

Agreement secures continuous pipeline  
of shipbuilding work for WA

**T**he Albanese Government is securing a continuous pipeline of shipbuilding work in Western Australian and creating thousands of jobs through the execution of the Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement with Australia's newly established Strategic Shipbuilder, Austal Defence Shipbuilding Australia Pty Ltd.

For too long, the Australian shipbuilding industry has lacked the consistent work needed to develop a competitive and reliable shipbuilding capability. This has had a flow-on effect of hindering the development of Australian-made Defence capabilities and resilience in our shipbuilding industry.

The Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will provide the framework for a steady pipeline of projects to be delivered by Austal, granted it continues to perform and meet a range of conditions. This arrangement will enable the stability and long-term planning required to accelerate the delivery of sovereign defence capabilities in Western Australia that meet the needs of the Australian Defence Force over the coming decades.

As the Strategic Shipbuilder, Austal will work closely with local industry and supply chains to develop the skills and resources required for this task.





## Australian Government

The Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement builds on already-established relationship between Defence and Austal for construction of the Guardian class and Evolved Cape class Patrol Boats, and will see the delivery of dozens of vessels, with pilot programs to include:

- **18 Landing Craft Medium for the Australian Army**
- **subject to further approvals and negotiations, the build of eight Landing Craft Heavy**

Together, the Landing Craft Medium and Landing Craft Heavy projects are expected to create 1,100 direct jobs and more than 2,000 indirect jobs.

The Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will also play a vital role in the establishment of a Commonwealth Defence Precinct at Henderson – underpinning tens of billions of dollars of investment in Defence capabilities in the West over the next two decades and supporting in the order of 10,000 high-skilled jobs.

As one of two major shipbuilding hubs in Australia, Henderson is an asset of national importance and pivotal to the build and sustainment of vessels for the Australian Defence Force.

The Albanese Government is committed to working with the Cook Labor Government to develop the industry, infrastructure and workforce needed to secure continuous naval shipbuilding in Western Australia.

### Quotes attributable to Deputy Prime Minister, Richard Marles:

***“The Albanese Government is delivering on our promise to grow Australia’s shipbuilding and sustainment industry – supporting continuous naval shipbuilding and jobs in Western Australia.***

***“Implementing the Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will not only support the delivery of Army’s littoral manoeuvre capability, it will also contribute to a strong, sovereign industrial base capable of responding to Australia’s evolving needs.***

***“This is part of our broader investment into the Western Australian economy over the coming decades including at HMAS Stirling and throughout the state’s north.”***

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Defence Industry, Pat Conroy:

***“The execution of the Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will secure continuous naval shipbuilding in Western Australia, providing generational benefits for local industry, who play a vital role in keeping Australia safe.***

***“It also supports the Government’s Future Made in Australia agenda, and our commitment to growth within the defence industry, through the delivery of Defence shipbuilding projects on-shore and boosting our sovereign supply chain.***

***“The Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will secure Australia’s place in the changing global environment, will help build a stronger and more resilient shipbuilding industry, and will end the boom-bust cycle.”***



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### Key Event Highlights

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**Exhibition Space:** The event will feature over 800 exhibitors, presenting cutting-edge defense technologies, maritime solutions, and security systems.

**Conference Program:** The Indo Pacific 2025 Conference will offer over 90 symposia, presentations, and workshops from leading maritime defense institutions, including the Royal Australian Navy's Indo-Pacific Sea Power Conference, addressing critical defense topics such as technology acquisition, defense strategy, and naval sustainability.

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**S**tuart and Naomi McIntosh, the co-founders and owners of **CHIEF'S SON DISTILLERY** in Mornington, Victoria, has created a special range of spirit products to complement our memorabilia collection for the 2025 JR Reunion.

*Stuart has worked on the Army connections in past years with their many reunions and now has turned his eye to the Navy, and to service all ADF units for future reunions and events.*

**The items are available now, ONLY via the QR code, bottom of the page, for the special JRR price as quoted until 30 September.**

*Orders after 30 September will incur a price increase of 10% and will roll out into the November/December delivery system.*

*This Tingira collection coordinates with the traditional ship names of Sobraon, Tingira, Cerberus and Leeuwin that have been established over the centuries and continued on with the Tingira Australia Association over the past 15 years.*

*The spirits also come with the gift box and Tingira glass option, product will not be available at the reunion, this is an offer not to be repeated.*

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### Molasses Rum

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# The spirit of CONNECTION



As co-founders and owners of Chief's Son Distillery, we are incredibly proud to support the Tingira Boys at your 65th Sapphire Reunion with a collection of truly beautiful and enduring memorabilia.

We hope these items serve as a reminder of the enduring bonds of service, and that they continue to foster the memories and mateship that define your time together.





# CHIEF'S SON

## OUR STORY SO FAR ....

**S**tuart and Naomi McIntosh are the co-founders and owners of Chief's Son Distillery located on the Mornington Peninsular in southern Victoria.

Having grown up and attended the same school in the Blue Mountains, Stuart went on to graduate from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1990, while Naomi completed a Science degree at the Australian National University in 1992.

They married in 1994, and until 2005 were posted across Australia and overseas, including on exchange with the British Army, and several operational deployments for Stuart.

As an Artillery officer, he was very proud to be a Forward Observer and Naval Gunfire Support Liaison Officer, calling indirect fire from several DDGs of the time.

Alongside his military commitments, Stuart completed an Arts degree at the University of New England, and from the mid-1990s both he and Naomi commenced studying finance at Deakin University. Upon separating from the Army, they jointly established a financial practice focused on complex legal structures, companies, and trusts.

In 2009, with the birth of their daughter, they relocated to the Mornington Peninsula, once again surrounded by bush, nature, and space. Twin boys soon followed in 2011, completing the family. Around the same time, a life-changing event unfolded.

While Naomi was caring for the newborn twins, the couple won a trip to Scotland to tour the Speyside whisky region.

With Naomi unable to travel, Stuart and his father embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm. What began as a spark of inspiration soon became a test bed, then a passion, and ultimately one of Australia's largest family-owned whisky distilleries.

### [Dream became reality ...](#)

Stuart and Naomi were able to draw on a lifetime of education, skills, and experience to turn that moment into what is now Chief's Son Distillery.

Today, Chief's Son Distillery provides significant ongoing support to the Australian Defence Force, past and present, by producing memorabilia for personal achievements and unit milestones, including graduations, long service, commissioning's, and anniversaries.

### [Tingira Connection ...](#)

We are very proud to be supporter, sponsor and supplier for Tingira Australia Association to present products for the RAN Junior Recruit Reunion in Perth this year.

A special range of all our memorabilia lines are available to coordinate with the traditional ship names of Sobraon, Tingira, Cerberus and Leeuwin that have been established over the centuries.

## OUR HISTORY...

The concept for Chief's Son Distillery was born through a collision of opportunity and passion, yet it was ultimately built on a captivatingly true and powerful story of chance, risk and passion, but also history, love and family.

The distillery was established in 2013 by Stuart and Naomi McIntosh, and after three years of test bed success the first commercial batch of single malt whisky was distilled at the current Somerville location.

## CONNECTIONS...

Whisky is a powerful spirit that forges deeper connections between people, families and generations.

In our family whisky has been a common thread throughout the ages. For the past 500 years of our family's long history, whisky has been at the epicentre of love and laughter, life and death, tears and triumphs.

Our ancestors transformed exactly the same ingredients, utilised the same ancient craft and derived the same level of enjoyment as we do today. And going forward, whisky reaches so far forward past our futures, connecting through the generations.

## OUR NAME...

Our surname, McIntosh, or Mhic an Tòisich in Scottish Gaelic actually means 'Son of the Chief'.

This battle honour was awarded to our family 900 years ago for ongoing loyalty to the Chiefs of Alba (Kings of Scotland). We are passionate about loyalty, the intergenerational, meaning of our name and passing on the love of whisky from generation to generation.

## 25 WORDS OR LESS...

Have you ever wondered who wins those '25 Words or Less' competitions?

Well, we do!

Many years ago the following words were scribed by Stuart's father, Alasdair McIntosh, resulting in the richest whisky research and planning trip that directly resulted in the establishment of Chief's Son Distillery.

***“ My grandparents passed the love of whisky through my parents to me and I want to make sure my children pass it onto their children. ”***

# HOW IS WHISKY MADE?

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## YESTERDAY'S HISTORY

# COCKATOO ISLAND DOCKYARD



## HMAS TINGIRA

*along with many of her 'old boys'  
saw out their working days  
at Cockatoo Island Dockyard  
in their life after navy;  
a brief look at the islands working history...*



**L**ike most engineers, I have long been aware of the Cockatoo Island Dockyard. When I was launched downstream at Kirribilli, the dockyard was at one of its peaks, but now it's just a faint memory in my retirement.

Together with the NSW Railways Eveleigh Workshops and the Engineering Workshops of The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd (CSR), these establishments, born in colonial times, became the major "jobbing shops" in Sydney when I trained in CSR as an Indentured Engineer at Pyrmont in the period 1959 to 1963.

To have done so in any one of them was considered to be a mark of high standing, and with hindsight, it was privilege. None of these shops exist today, but archives suggest Cockatoo Island Dockyard had the widest breadth of

capability, and was the largest in heavy engineering terms.

Few people ever visited, though some CSR trainees experienced prearranged excursions in the 1950's (but not me). Some CSR staff saw the island when involved with overhaul work on sugar mill turbines and motor armatures or when CSR ships such as SS Rona dry docked, etc. Leo Whitby (now into his 80's) well remembers this. In a recent discussion with him, he commented,

"We lived in the best of times as engineers". When one considers the closure of engineering shops and industries that were once the substance of Australia's Industrial Development in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> C, there is meaning in these words, particularly on Cockatoo Island, when you walk among the remains of the once proud dockyard.



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Although mine was a sideline view of that which always follows sale or closure of such facilities, I think a lot more can be done to preserve and display, in a curatorial sense, the history at the sites noted; Building shells alone don't do this (and for that reason I have written about CSR history in the past. John Jeremy has done it for "Cockatoo", as noted at the end of this essay, and I am grateful for his published work that is the principal source I use as reference to the dockyard history).

Since closure in the early 1990's, and removal of most machine tools and equipment, the island has come under the control of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Established by the Australian Government to manage this and other harbour sites, but left mainly to fund itself. It is said it has a broad cultural focus, that includes camping and concerts, but other than making use of the location, this use escapes my understanding of relevance to the site's heritage.

An exhibition of shipyard photos went on display at Biloela House on the upper level of the island. It enables a public peek into some of the photo records, be it something of an empty reminder when you walk among the crane structures and buildings (more could be done to link these and explain

at each remaining building site, what went on within – particularly in the Turbine Hall & adjoining Heavy Machine Shops).

Given the foregoing and the parallel \* between the "Cockatoo" closure in 1991 and that of the CSR Workshops in 1975, I visited recently with my three grandchildren, read a couple of books I had collected over the years in preparation, and record the experience here with a few pictures of "then and now".

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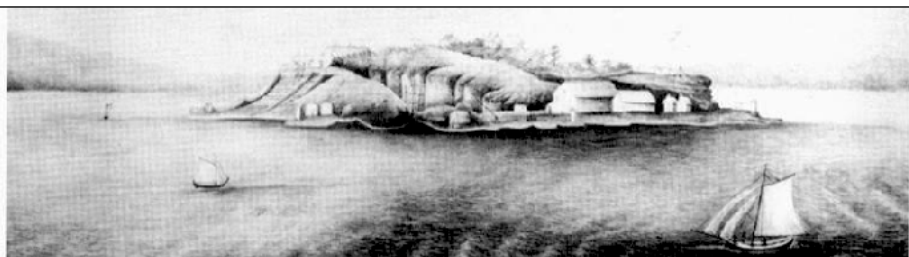
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Cockatoo Island is the largest of the nine islands in Sydney Harbour. Prior to white settlement, the island was around 12.8 hectares, triangular shaped, with a hill about 18 M high on a sandstone base.

The appearance has altered beyond recognition since 1839, when Governor Gipps first had 17 bottle shaped air tight chambers proposed to store wheat, 21 ft dia. x 23 ft deep, hand cut into the rock.

Over time, the flattening of the hill and excavations for dry docks and

*'Watercolour' by Mrs McNeilly, 1864. Cockatoo Island from the south-east. The masts of a ship in Fitzroy Dock can be seen towards the left of the island.*  
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slipways, increased the island area at high water to 17.6 hectares.

Thereafter the island has served for various penal and military activities until Fitzroy Dock\* was constructed, and industrial use thereafter resulted in an ever changing topography for the island. Gipps first planned for the dry dock in 1843, but it took until 1857 before the first ship entered.

It is sometimes referred to as a “graving” dock, an expression that comes from old maritime language meaning, “to burn off the impurities from a ships bottom and reapply the tar when the tide is out”- a process otherwise done when the ship lay on its side, known as careening. The alternative of a “dry” dock is self evident. Biloela House when it served as quarters for female warders in the 1890’s.

Following opening of Fitzroy Dock, most ship repair and ship building work carried out in the dockyard was for the NSW Colony official needs.

Then later for the Australian Navy (peaking in WW1 when the workforce exceeded 4.000 tradesmen & apprentices and later in WW2).

Other State and Commonwealth Govt. vessels were designed and built, and some private work was undertaken including docking of SS Rona.

The crane Titan had a special importance for Sydney as it was the barge mounted heavy lift crane (max lift 150 tons) that served the harbour for some 70 years. The crane structure was designed and built by Cowans Sheldon & Co at Carlisle in England, then shipped out, whereas the pontoon was purpose built for Sydney Harbour in the Cockatoo Shipyard. It went into service in 1919.





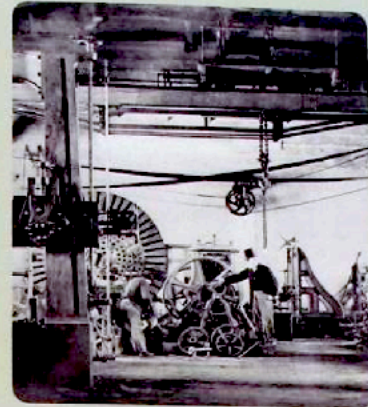
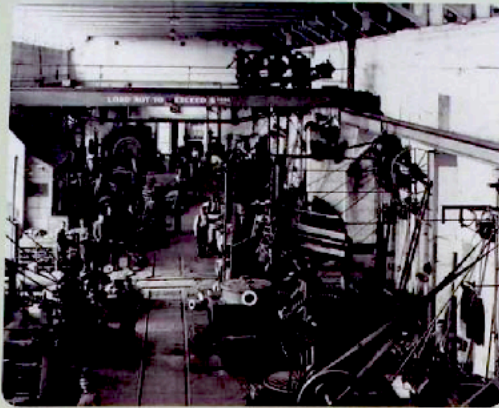
# Engineers' and Blacksmiths' Shop

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Reference:

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Building 138

Built in two stages: 1848–1857, 1857–1860s



## Convict-built beginnings of the dockyard

This is one of the oldest industrial buildings remaining in Sydney. From it grew all of the dockyard's subsequent workshops. It ultimately became the most comprehensive engineering facility in Australia, associated with all shipbuilding and repairs undertaken at Cockatoo Island over 150 years of operation.

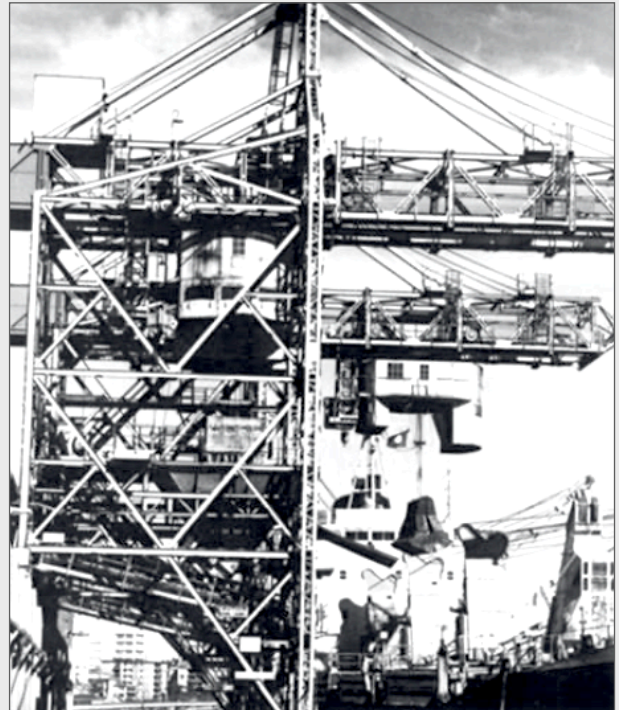
A product of the nineteenth-century English convict system, the stone was cut and carved on the island entirely by convicts, with at least some of the decorative stonework over window and door openings attributed to a prisoner named Swan in the 1860s.

The original building was modelled on a building in Portsmouth in the United Kingdom, where the British Navy was converting from sail to steam. Both buildings had a pitched roof and a bell tower in the centre. It is one of a small number of British Admiralty type buildings surviving worldwide.

The southern section contained the Machine Shop, and was filled with lathes, presses and machine tools. The northern half contained the Blacksmiths' Shop and was fitted with hearths and steam hammers. In 1912, the bell tower was demolished and a second storey was added, which contained a Brass Finishing Shop. Throughout the twentieth century this building was known as either the Machine Shop or the Front Machine Shop.

This building contains the oldest crane on Cockatoo Island, dating from the 1870s. A unique, hand-operated timber crane on its original tracks, this overhead travelling crane has been restored by Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Heritage Volunteers. It is one of the most valuable pieces of dockyard history that still remains on Cockatoo Island.





Titan placing a top section (two new Stothert & Pitt gantry cranes)  
Oct 1954 for bulk sugar in loading at CSR Pyrmont Refinery.  
Insert shows 4.5 ton grabs discharging Japartit in 1978



Looking (South West) back to Drummoyne from the top of No 1 Slipway.

A plan was shelved to connect Cockatoo and Spectacle Islands with Drummoyne.  
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In 1934 Great War veteran, lawyer and author S Elliot Napier wrote of the Anzac Memorial that “as the men of 1914-1918... are gathered to the valley of the shadows” the rooms of the Memorial “will be transformed into reliquaries wherein may be placed such tributes and mementoes to the men of 1914-1918 as may be deemed appropriate. Thus will the Memorial gather to itself its full spiritual message for delivery to future generations of Australians.”

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“ **T**ime has come for  
the Tingira lads of  
the Leeuwin  
Cerberus days to muster.  
Finally, November is in  
our sights, and the base  
at Leeuwin is looking  
'ship shape' when I  
drove past the JR  
Memorial last week down  
there at Preston Point,  
East Fremantle.

For this vintage 'sea salted  
combat scribe', this is my  
last VOICEpipe column.  
Paul Kalajich, Dixie Lee,  
and I, will all step down  
from our committee  
positions at the end of this  
reunion. Looking back, it  
will be a journey that has  
taken us all afar, a voyage  
of a lifetime and a great  
privilege to be one of the  
13,000 former RAN Junior  
Recruits, a 'Tingira Boy' to  
the end we are.

The six days at the  
Sapphire reunion will pass  
quickly for most of us. The  
schedule is busy on most  
days, and I look forward to  
catching up with a few  
familiar faces from the past  
with lots of anticipation.

The workload to make  
these events happen is  
gigantic, to put it mildly. We  
are so lucky to have a  
dedicated volunteer crew  
on board. A crew have  
pulled together across the  
nation after the unfortunate  
false start of the COVID  
year back in 2020.

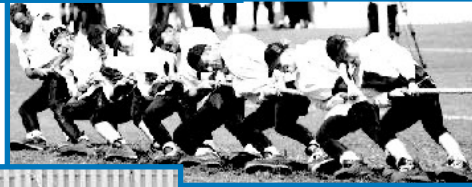
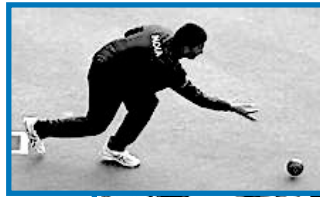
If you haven't got a ticket  
yet, grab one now if you  
plan to join the reunion.  
Some of these events  
have limited numbers, and  
I know the Sapphire Dinner  
at Optus Stadium will be  
one of the great highlights  
of my time with all things  
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BZ lads, and to Tingira  
Paton Russ Crane, well  
done on assisting to keep  
this association active for  
the past 15 years, since  
that first gathering back in  
2010.

See you on the fence,  
Tingira Boys, when we  
take on the local WA cops  
at the Mayor's Friday  
sports challenge at East  
Fremantle Oval. JW



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## MAYOR'S SPORTS CARNIVAL

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Tingira Commemoration Ceremony  
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	1130	<b>JR Reunion Registration</b> <i>(Check in - ID &amp; Ticket Entry Pass)</i> East Fremantle Community Sports Park
	1200	<b>1. Mayor's Sports Carnival</b> Tingira & Navy v WA Regional Police * Cricket * Lawn Bowls * Tug of War East Fremantle Sports Community Park
<u>Sat 8</u>	1530	<b>JR Reunion Registration</b> <i>(Check in - ID &amp; Ticket Entry Pass)</i> Leeuwin Barracks, carpark at front gate
	1600	<b>2. Welcome - Meet &amp; Greet</b> - All JRs, friends & family * Junior Recruit Display * <b>Book Launch - Vol 3 &amp; 4 Our Lifetime Voyage</b> * Tingira - Raise the Tingira Flag & Ring Tingira Bell * Sunset Ceremony - 1850 hours JR Memorial & Drill Hall Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
<u>Sun 9</u>	1000	<b>JRs - Navy Church Service</b> <i>(TBC)</i> All denominations, Fremantle
	1200	<b>3. WA Maritime Museum - Tour</b> Victoria Quay, Fremantle
<u>Mon 10</u>	1200	<b>4. Swan River - Luncheon Cruise</b> Victoria Quay, Fremantle to Perth (Return)
<u>Tue 11</u>	1000	<b>5. Remembrance Day Commemoration</b> * JRs Navy 'Rum Tot' reunion ration * Tingira Commemoration Ceremony * <b>2025 Stonehaven Medal - Presentation</b> Drill Hall, JR Memorial & Masthead Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle
	1630	<b>6. OPTUS Stadium - Tour</b> WA Sports Compound Burswood, Perth
<u>Wed 12</u>	1800	<b>7. Sapphire Jubilee 65<sup>th</sup> JR Reunion Dinner</b> * Black Tie - Formal Dinner & Entertainment * <b>Navy Seapower - Presentation</b> * Lower The Flag & Pass The Bell OPTUS Stadium - Burswood, Perth



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Kind regards,

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The renewal will reimagine the 86-year-old site as a modern, tranquil village for veterans and seniors, where independence, wellbeing and connection are at the heart of everyday life.

This is the first time that RSL ANZAC Village has undergone a co-ordinated, site-wide masterplan. While over 30 individual developments have shaped the Village over the decades, this evolution brings a deliberate, future-focused vision—one that honours the past while meeting the expectations of current and future

generations. The staged redevelopment, delivered over the next 10-15 years, will allow residents to continue enjoying village life as new services, amenities and homes are introduced.

“We are deeply proud of the legacy of RSL ANZAC Village and what it has meant to thousands of veterans and seniors, and the broader community over the decades,” said Janet Muir, CEO of RSL LifeCare.

“This masterplan allows us to build on that foundation in a way that is cohesive, inclusive and true to our purpose to enrich the lives of veterans and seniors. It’s about creating a place where people continue to feel safe, valued and connected—now and into the future.”

The renewal has been shaped in close consultation with residents, team members, veterans and the wider community.

RSL LifeCare is encouraging broad participation through its 'Have Your Say portal', where community members can provide feedback, and register for updates.

Local residents and community representatives are also invited to express interest in joining the Community Reference Group, which will meet regularly throughout the planning process.

“We want this to be a community-led transformation,” said Janet Muir.

“Whether you’re a neighbour, a veteran, a team member or someone with a personal connection to the Village, your insights will help shape the next chapter. We’re inviting people to share their voice and be part of designing a future that reflects what matters most to our residents and community.”

At its core are two new proposed precincts—a Lifestyle and Wellness Precinct and a Main Street and Health Precinct—connected by walkable green spaces, nature trails, and places for veteran commemoration.

Outdated buildings that no longer meet modern standards will be replaced with new homes in a variety of sizes and styles, supporting resident choice and evolving care needs.

This bold reimagining comes as the Northern Beaches faces a critical shortage of seniors’ housing. According to the ABS, the region is already short by 1,500 dwellings suitable for seniors, with demand growing by 200 homes each year.

Additionally, across New South Wales, the aged care sector faces an alarming shortfall of 65,000 workers over the next decade.

The RSL ANZAC Village renewal addresses both challenges with innovative housing for seniors, and providing workplaces for aged care workers that support, retain and attract skilled, compassionate carers.

The renewal is also expected to generate local employment opportunities, stimulate construction and service industry activity, and increase access to high-quality, integrated health and wellbeing services for the region’s growing older population.

RSL LifeCare plans to lodge applications as a State Significant Development with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in late 2025.

“This isn’t just about updating buildings—it’s about reimagining how we live as a community,” Ms Muir said. “Residents consistently tell us they value independence, diversity and connection.

This transformation honours our legacy while creating a living environment that reflects how veterans and seniors want to age—with dignity, vibrancy and purpose.”



## RSL LifeCare Veteran Services

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# SECRET STRIKE

War on our Shores ...



**T**his year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. To commemorate this historic milestone the Australian National Maritime Museum will show an exhibition focusing on the Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour.

## *Secret strike - War on our shores*

This exhibition features the stern section of the midget submarine *M22* and voice pipes from the *HMAS Kuttabul*.

The exhibition explores the raid and includes historic images of the aftermath of the attack and firsthand accounts of the impact the raid had on ordinary people's lives.



Please note, this exhibition is located in Wharf 7, adjacent to the main Museum building and is not open on weekends or public holidays.



*This exhibition is supported by the USA Bicentennial Gift Fund.*

In the opening weeks of 1942, for most Sydney residents the war seemed far away.

By February however, Darwin had been bombed by Japanese aircraft, followed in quick succession by towns in north Queensland, Western Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. The war was suddenly getting closer.

Despite this, many still considered Sydney was a safe-haven, far behind the front lines and safe from attack. It wasn't until three top secret Japanese midget submarines brought the realities of war to Sydney, that this illusion of safety was shattered.

On the evening of 31 May and the early morning of 1 June 1942, three Type A Kō-hyōteki midget submarines penetrated Sydney Harbour's defences to attack allied shipping.

During the raid the HMAS *Kuttabul*, a former Sydney ferry converted into a

depot ship, was sunk killing 19 Australian and two British sailors.

Two of the midget submarines were sunk in the Harbour and recovered almost immediately.

On 3 June, the sailors from HMAS *Kuttabul* and the four crew from the Japanese midget submarines *M22* and *M27* were buried in Sydney with full military honours. In 1943, the remains of the Japanese crews were exhumed, cremated and returned to Japan via diplomatic exchange.

The midget submarine *M24*, that fired the faithful torpedo sinking the *Kuttabul* was the only one to escape the harbour.

Its final fate remained a mystery until 2006, when it was found virtually intact in the waters off Bungan Head, on Sydney's Northern Beaches with the remains of its two-crew entombed inside.

*Featured objects on loan from the Royal Australian Navy Heritage Collection*

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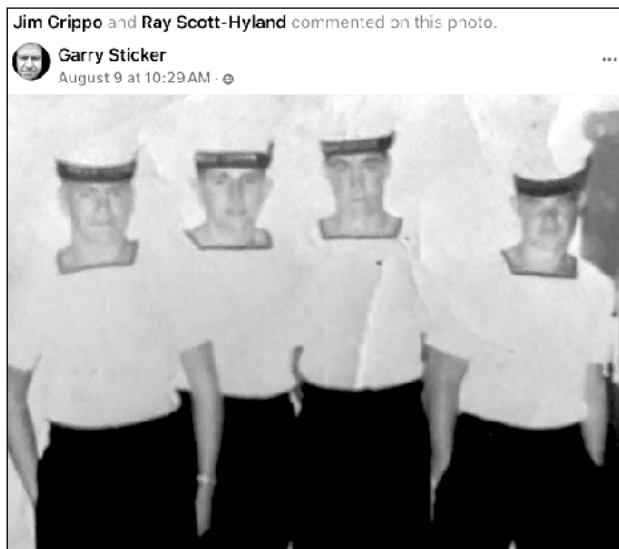
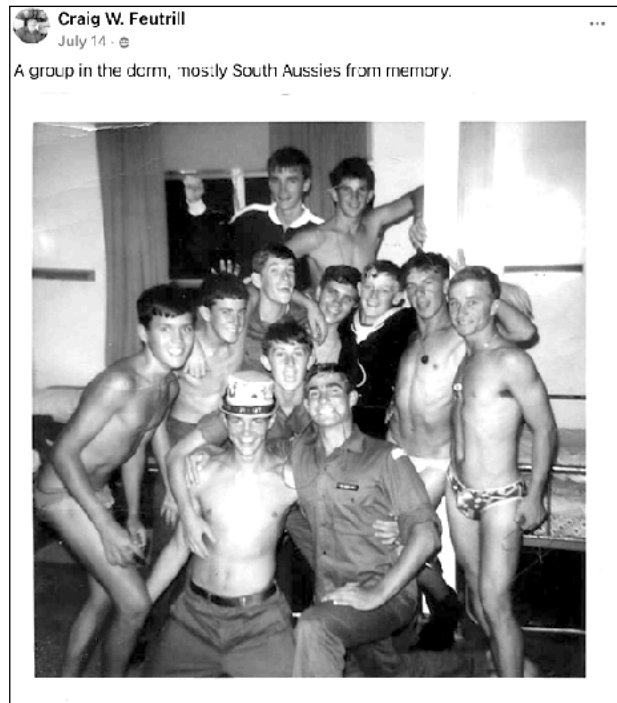
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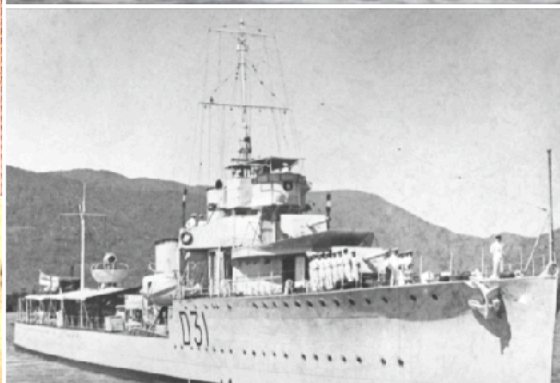
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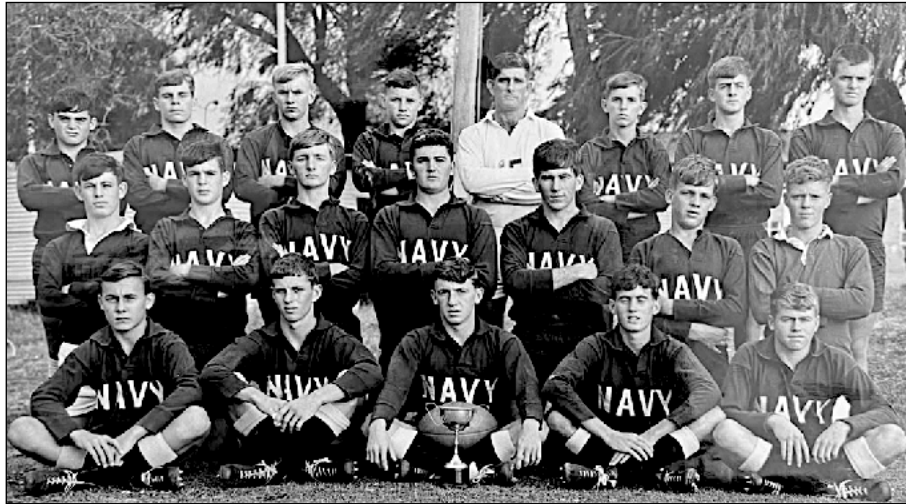
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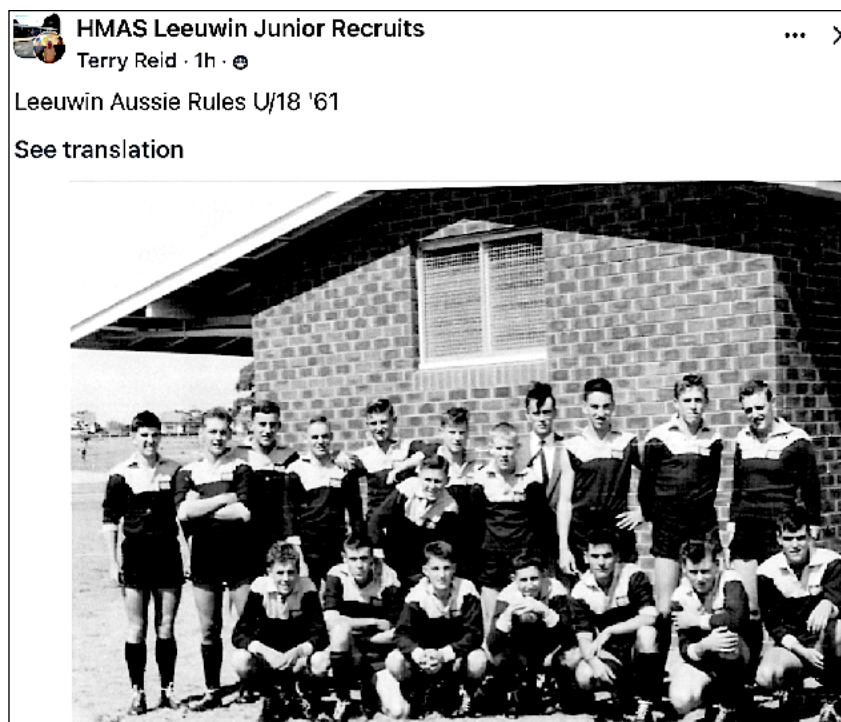
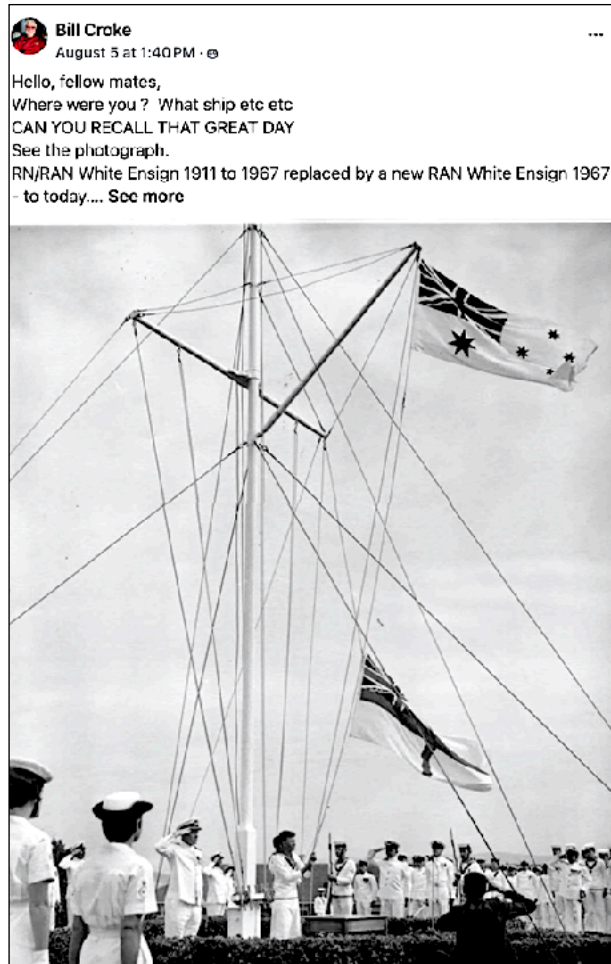






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Adventure and fun are the key ingredients for activities covering everything nautical from sailing, knots, powerboating, seamanship and marching, to camps, ceremonial parades and events, sailing regattas and interstate trips. We also help you learn skills you will need in the future: leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, independence, resilience, trust and respect.

The life skills that Cadets learn complement their academic achievements and stand them in good stead for rewarding careers.

### How do I join?

Come and visit the unit, based at HMAS Cerberus in Crib Point for a few weeks see if you like it, then complete the application paperwork. Once this is complete and the joining fee is paid we kit you out with your uniform (on loan) and welcome you to TS Tingira.

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