

Ocean Joss

Ships in Focus

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(Old ship Picture Gallery)

“MV Bingera/HMAS Bingera” as “Taranui”

A fine old Australian Coaster, the “**MV Bingera**”, 919 GRT, built in 1935 by Wm. Denny and Bros, Dumbarton, Scotland, for Australasian United Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., Bundaberg; delivered the same year she was engaged in their Queensland coastal service. “**Bingera**” was 200ft LOA, 34ft Beam, with a loaded draft of 9ft and fitted with a Marine Diesel engine of 224 NHP, built by J.G. Kinkaid & Co. In 1939 she was requisitioned by the Admiralty for war service as an Anti-submarine vessel and became **HMAS Bindera**. She continued her military service until 1946 when returned to her owners. In 1948 she was sold to the Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia & New Zealand Ltd., Melbourne, and renamed “**Taranui**”. After having had her cargo holds sheathed with timber, she was engaged in carrying explosives for ICI's Nobel Explosive Co. She remained in this trade until 1962 when sold to South Sea Shipping Co. (Suva) Ltd., Suva. In 1971 she was sold to Cia de Naviera Louise SA, Panama, (Ednasa Co. Ltd., Hong Kong) and renamed “**Locolina**” Sold again in 1978 to Straits Chartering and renamed “**Kah Wah**”, before being renamed “**Pattana**” in 1978 when sold to Thai interests. She is believed to have been scrapped at Bangkok in 1988.

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