

# Decks of Shipside Grey

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## Project Overview

In 1991 during the first Gulf War Jeff Dyson, father of HMAS Brisbane sailor Matt Dyson, wrote a poem entitled 'Decks of Shipside Grey' as a mark of respect to those RAN members serving in the conflict as well as commemorating the service of previous Naval personnel who had protected the shores of Australia. The poem was displayed in a prominent part of the Brisbane's Operational Tour Book and then copyrighted a year later by the Australian War Memorial. Jeff too served in the Royal Australian Navy aboard HMAS Sydney, known fondly by her crew as 'The Vung Tau Ferry', in the Vietnam War during 1968 and 1969.

Early 2004 saw the project progress when Jeff commissioned a local artist to sketch "*The Steel Cat*" from a photograph with the view of a print being produced for friends and close associates. It was only more recently though with the '*Sinking of the Brisbane*' amongst other events that Jeff and Matt agreed this was an opportunity to truly honour the ship by having the piece professionally arranged and launched as limited edition art.

A key motivation for this project is to help others in need. Both Jeff and Matt have seen tough times throughout their lives but always know that someone else is less fortunate so are constantly finding new ways to 'lend a hand', particularly with those who have served our great nation and for the families and friends often left behind.

"*Decks of Shipside Grey*" is now available as a limited edition art piece of only 2005. This quantity has been chosen to commemorate the year the ship was scuttled off Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The unframed 890mm x 460mm print is only \$99.00 inclusive of postage and handling anywhere within Australia. All prints are individually numbered and signed by the author, Jeff Dyson, and at least \$10.00 from each print sold will be donated to Legacy which we foresee and estimate will raise well over \$20,000 in total.

As you can see the "*Decks of Shipside Grey*" project has been a long time in the making and we are very pleased with the response received already from a number of areas in the market including current serving and ex-service personnel, several RSL's, Government departments, not to mention many of our own family and friends.

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QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
	Decks of Shipside Grey Unframed Print	90.00	
	<b>PLUS 10% GST</b>	9.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

I \_\_\_\_\_ enclose a cheque/money order for the Grand Total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please allow up to 14 days for delivery when sending your completed order form and payment to:  
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