

Some good news was received over the last week from Garry Ivory, Nephew of Teddy Sheean

Garry reports that the Family had a Tribunal hearing in Hobart on March 25/26 with the view to have Teddy Sheean's actions looked at on its merits. He says the hearing was different from past, because the Tribunal have accepted the fact that it did in fact happen.

They say that they [the family] had to convince them that it was an action that should have been awarded the Victoria Cross, but the Chief of Navy gave evidence and he was against any upgrade.

The Tribunal Chair asked him that if this action happened in 2019, what award would be recommended and his reply was – 'A Gallantry Award which includes the VC or Star of Gallantry'.

The Family believe that they had a very Fair hearing and are hopeful of a good outcome this time after trying for over 30 years to right this wrong.

They also say that it will be up to Three to Four Months to see if the Tribunal find in favour and recommend a VC or Star of Gallantry, this decision would then go back to Government for confirmation. If it is the VC, the award then needs to be signed off by the Queen.

Our hopes and best wished go out to the Family and hope that justice and fairness prevails.