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### Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 138. The membership fee for former officer & spouse or single is \$6. An application form is included on the inside back page of this Newsletter. Annual subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

## PRESIDENTS NOTE

Welcome to 2005

To all our members who may be ailing in this year may your pains ease with the knowledge that we, your friends & second family, think of you often whenever we meet & discuss the past, & our prayers go with you all. 🙏

God bless, Trevor Smart

## Diary of Events 2005

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 - AGM @ Swan Yacht Club. Remember to get your bookings in & specify if you want chicken or fish. Looking forward to seeing you there 📠

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

President Trevor Smart declared the meeting open at 11:35 am and welcomed those attending. Members present as per signed list circulated at the meeting.

**Apologies** - Thora Adderley, Jim & Norma Anderson, Jack & Stella Earnshaw, Margaret Heavey, Jan Hall, Sue Hopkins, Connie Hughes, Kaye Murray, Pat & Lavinia Pike, Peter Proud, Bob Rex, Kaye Rickard, Harry Tazewell, Charlie & Norma Williams, Pat Wills

**Minutes of previous AGM** were circulated in the newsletter for all members to read, and were accepted as read. Moved Ron King, seconded Darrell Johnson, agreed by all in attendance.

**Business Arising -**

Mary Toy - thanked Bernie Webb for including the 2003 financial report in the newsletter, the first one in three years. Also pleased to see that receipts were not being issued for subscriptions, not necessary. Financial reports for 2001 & 2002 still not printed in the newsletter as promised to members previously. Financial report is important and members should be aware of financial situation of the organisation.

Vern Westley (as Auditor of 2001/2 records) responded giving a brief outline of circumstances leading to the delay of the audit and assured members that the balance in the bank is correct to the best of his knowledge. He did suggest to the committee at handover of the books that measures be taken to prevent a reoccurrence and perhaps a mini audit be conducted through the year. The current Treasurer has everything on computer now making life easier.

Harry Wills moved that the Auditor report be accepted, seconded Mike Metcalf, agreed by all in attendance.

Bernie Webb followed this informing the members that he is in the stage of programming different reports etc which will help in monitoring of funds and reporting.

Mary Toy also questioned the change of bank - she was advised by the Treasurer that there was no change at this stage, although alternatives have been investigated. Vern Westley gave a brief overview of the ADF (Anglican Deposit Fund) which was endorsed by Betty Solosy. Bendigo Bank had also been looked at. One of the features being looked at is internet access availability and local access for the Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report** - copy of 2003 audit report was circulated in the newsletter for all members to read, and were accepted as read. No further comments from members present.

Moved Ron King, seconded Sylvia Shaw, agreed by all in attendance.

**Entertainment Report** - Ron King started by saying that in 2002 we held six functions with 231 attending and in 2003 we held seven functions with 217 attending. Numbers were down a bit and hoped that 2004 will see more members able to attend. The committee does try to cater for the majority and have various outings where possible.

Mar - Breakfast at Swan Yacht Club (23)

Oct - Breakfast at Ling's in South Perth (28)

Apr - Lunch at Edwards Restaurant, Mandurah (32)

Oct - Golden Proms by Villa Carlotta (22)

Jun - Dinner at TAFE Fremantle (23)

Dec - Christmas Luncheon at Fremantle Golf Club (57)

Aug - Lunch at Challenger TAFE, Fremantle (32)

Overall a good year for you all and for us, your response made our efforts worthwhile. Thank you to the Social Committee for their time and donations to the Lucky Numbers draws. Thanks again to Hazel, our little behind the scenes helper. With mix ups that caterers cause us or other changes etc, they are fixed by Hazel so that we all enjoy our meals without hiccup. We hope for a better social year in 2004. Thank you

**Presidents Report -**

We have come to the end of another year which is the twenty seventh year of this Association of retired members of Customs and their friends. This Association is a unique group of people with those who retired from Customs being of the age or those who left for other careers outside. Eligible members

who join find their spouses and partners automatically receiving full membership. Others who wish to join may do so and are officially known as 'friends' who receive all benefits as members but do not have voting rights at our AGM's. As an Association without assets we can run on a cheap membership fee of \$6 (at present) or as a 'friend' we ask for a donation equivalent of the members' fee to cover the cost of mailing newsletters etc. Spouses or partners of original members remain eligible to stay as members when the original member passes on.

Since the inception of the Association in July 1977 there have been officially elected on to the Committee - 7 Presidents, 11 Vice-Presidents, 4 combined Secretary/Treasurer's, 3 different Secretaries in their own right, 4 different Treasurers in their own right and 6 different persons editing and working as assistants on the newsletter. The various Committee members in the lifetime of the Association have numbered 48 different individuals who have worked tirelessly for you. We applaud them for the work they have done in the past and still do today.

Connie Hughes and Darrell Johnson, (both Life Members) have worked tirelessly for many years on the Committee and are retiring this year, they will be missed at the meetings. We wish them good health and thanks for a job well done.

Reports submitted today show we are in a comfortable and solid Association and we will gain strength and prosper as long as we all support its many varied activities.

Harry Wills - took the chair and proceeded with the election of office bearers for the next year. Only one nomination received per position and elected as below.

President	Trevor Smart
Vice President	Ron King
Secretary	Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb
Editors	Bernie & Hazel Webb
Committee	Warrick Gates, Graham Hall, Neil Hopkins, Mike Metcalf, Kay Schmidt, Harry Wills
Auditor	TBA

Next Annual General Meeting - February 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. Meeting closed 12:10 pm

## Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 1st 2005

We do hope you can be there as a good turn up to this function especially, is one sure way the committee can know that their efforts each year are appreciated. It is also the opportunity to have your say in how your association is run and to take part in the election of committee appointments, as well as catching up with old friends. Of course, if any of you can spare some time to be a member of the committee then the AGM is the time and place to put your hand up. See you there!

### RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I nominate ..... for the following office(s) (please tick)  
for the Year 2005/2006

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	HON SECRETARY
HON TREASURER	COMMITTEE	HON AUDITOR
	'DUTY FREED' EDITOR	

Nominator ..... Date / / 2005

I accept nomination (Nominee) ..... Date / / 2005

*Please return completed nomination forms to Hon Secretary as soon as possible, prior to the AGM  
(Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Dr, Wellard WA 6170)*

## Treasurers Report

We have ended another financial year and the books have all been audited for 2004.

The auditor presented the books (after reconciliation) to the committee who accepted the balance as a true record of our financial situation. Below is a copy of the auditor report for 2004.

### Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31 2004

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#### INCOME

Functions	4958.50
Subscriptions	926.00
Donations	89.00
Interest	27.53
	<u>\$6001.03</u>

#### EXPENDITURE

Functions	4974.69
Postage	341.50
Bank Charges - State Debit Tax	32.30
Administration (General)	202.80
	<u>\$5551.29</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	\$449.74

#### BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/04	\$1581.67	Balance 31/12/04	\$2031.41
Petty Cash on hand	00.00	Petty Cash	00.00
Deposits	6001.03		
	<u>\$7582.70</u>		
Withdrawals	5551.29		
	<u>\$2031.41</u>		

Notional Bank Balance 31/12/04	
Credit balance	\$2031.41
Assets	00.00
Liabilities (Subs 2005 ▶)	720.00
Liabilities (2005 Functions)	125.00
Net Credit	\$1186.41

Signed DJ McDonald (Hon Auditor)

## Recent Outings

### BREAKFAST - SWAN YACHT CLUB Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2004

There is something about a fully prepared and plentiful breakfast that brings out the best or worst in us. Who among you would go to so much trouble to put before your self such a selection as was offered and accepted on that day at the yacht club. The food, of course, is the attraction and perhaps the venue, the view and the parking. Twenty-five members and friends, including Murray Johnson (son of Darrel & Pat) enjoyed the venue and the fare. AND Les Alp went home with a "prized" bottle of wine. We all went home resolved to accept the next, Swan Yacht Club, breakfast invitation.

### XMAS LUNCHEON 2004 - RUNWAY CAFÉ & BAR Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004

Are they better each year or do we enjoy them more each year. Xmas lunch, that is. The treasurer gave us a very economical afternoon's entertainment - what a fabulous view, watching those planes taking off & landing. While not a "traditional" Xmas lunch it was plentiful and wholesome. We had pumpkin soup followed by turkey wrapped in ham, roast potatoes, pasta, beef in Guinness, fish, fresh vegies, salad, sauces & a variety of desserts including Christmas pudding. Dessert must have been great for those who had a piece of each. There was so much food we couldn't eat it all, although some did try with a second helping. Sixty-six members and friends made for one very happy festive celebration. First time and long time no see members and friends were; Jacky & Paul Hubbard, Ruby Bales & her friend, Charles & Norma Williams and Sandra Sims. Amanda Davey accompanied her mother & father and will, hopefully be a regular attendee and member.

The event did not only celebrate the festive season it also publicly recognised two people for their long and faithful service to the RCOA. Awards were presented by the President to Connie HUGHES and Darrell JOHNSON.

Table presentations were, once again, the work of our tireless Secretary. Hazel, all very much appreciated - thank you.

The lucky numbers prize was carried off by Sylvia Shaw with Kay Murray & Eric Hovey taking home the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

We, the committee trust the Xmas spirit will live and abide with you the whole year through. Thank you for your continued support. APPROVED, R L K

## News of Members

*Harry Wills* has been back to hospital & recently underwent treatment for cancer. He is staying positive & hopes to see us at the AGM.

*Kaye Murray* sent in the following - I would like to thank all those people who have so kindly inquired of my well being since my near fatal heart attack in June. Poor Harry Tazewell was here at the time & had all the drama & trauma. He was most grateful for the help of Mary Toy who packed the emergency bag (which Connie Hughes has suggested we have ready - just in case!), phoned my friends & gave Harry moral support. I know little about it except for a very bruised & sore chest & am thankful for the quick action of all those involved & am very glad I am here to say Best Wishes for the Festive Season & the New Year.

*Gwen Gregg* has had a slight hiccup with her knee but is back on track now. We will also see Gwen at the AGM.

*Mary Ford* had a nasty fall over Christmas & damaged her hip. She is currently resting at Shenton Park Rehab. She is not having much luck lately. *We hope you recover quickly Mary.*

*Once again, we do know of members who are/have been unwell but respect their request for privacy. We wish you all a speedy recovery & good health.*



## New Members

*Denise (nee Barry) & Gary HUNTER  
Roly & Sue SWEET*

*Welcome to you all and hope to see you at some of our functions. You are welcome to send us a piece about yourselves for the newsletter too if you wish.*

## Farewell

*Mel Jarvis* passed away December 20<sup>th</sup> with his funeral held at Pinnaroo on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>. He was one of the founding members of the RCOA & we know he will be remembered by many.



## BIRTHDAYS

### February

Gordon EWERS	2
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Harry TAZEWELL	4
Ian CHENOWETH	6
Percy PERRIN	6
Bob DALTON	10
Karen MORRISON	11
Chris MULCONRAY	17
Terry DAVIES	18
Jim BAIRD	23
Marian VENTHAM	23
Ron BECK	27
Verna CHENOWETH	27
Tony McCUBBIN	28

### March

Helen KEATING	1
David BAINBRIDGE	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Les MORRISON	11
Warrick GATES	13
Elma EWERS	15
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTOOLAS	25
Moira HERON	27
Pauline MURPHY	27
Kathleen WARD	27
Betty KNIGHT	30
Owen MORRIS	31

## WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

### February

Frank & June MENNER	6
Len & Val HARDMAN	7
Gordon & Rosemary MARSHALL	8
Bob & Angela DALTON	12
Gwen & Bob HALLIGAN	22
Wayne & Lyn DALE	25
Jacky & Paul HUBBARD	25

### March

Bob & Chris DOUGLAS	2
Jack & Min TOOHEY	2
Denis & Gary HUNTER	3
John & Doreen RITCHIE	11
Les & Wyn ALP	25
Les & Karen MORRISON	26
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27



## Puzzles - Answers to October issue

- ✚ Nine-letter word is **Lamington**. Possible words include - align, along, among, antilog, atoning, gain, gait, gamin, goal, giant, gilt, glint, gloat, gnat, goal, goat, imago, ingot, laming, ling, lingo, loaning, long, magi, malign, malting, mango, mantling, mating, mignon, moaning, moating, naming, noting, taming, tang, tango, ting, toga, tong.
- ✚ Interior decoration is **Wallpaper**. Jewelled, escapes, metallic, obsolete, galloper, departed, despotic, extended, jamboree.
- ✚ Mystery word is **Chocolate**. The answers are Carpenter, castaways, Charlotte, Cointreau, corkscrew

### Nine letter word

Using all the letters in the grid on the right, find our nine-letter word. See how many other words of THREE or more letters you can find in the grid, each letter can be used only once and every word must contain the centre letter. Proper nouns are not allowed. 0 - 8 words, better luck next time, 9 - 16 words, good, 17 - 21 words, very good, 22 - 27 words, excellent, 28+ genius! Good Luck!

L	E	N
L	A	H
E	C	G

### Leftover word

In this puzzle you have to use the eight clues to eliminate eight (8) words from the grid. Simply read the clues & strike out which words they describe. When you've done this, you'll be left with one word, what is this word?

1. Very short time
2. Word in which the letter F appears three times
3. Cartoon duck
4. Smelly
5. Unkempt
6. Slang word for a Welshman
7. Lacking fresh air
8. Swollen

Daffy	Puffy	Jiffy
Huffy	Whiffy	Scruffy
Taffy	Stuffy	Fluffy

### Girls Names

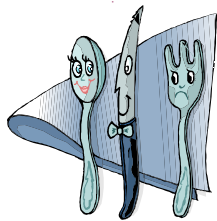
Hidden in the grid are the names of four names for girls. Each is made up of the same coloured squares. Can you work out what they are? Which name would appear first in an alphabetical listing?

VI	PE	AR	AT
BE	CL	IA	PE
LO	RG	RI	IS
SA	CE	NE	IN

Simply answer the clues and the letters in the shaded squares, reading left to right & top to bottom will spell our hidden word. What is the word?

- 1A-Brave, courageous.
- 2A-Woodwind instrument
- 3A-Donate.
- 4A-Pace.
- 1D-Marshes, mires.
- 2D-Obituary.
- 3D-Affection.
- 4D-Profound

	1D	2D	3D	4D
1A				
2A				
3A				
4A				



### AGM Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2005

- Where** Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd, East Fremantle
- Time** Socialise at 11:00 am - tea & coffee provided.
- Cost** \$12.50 per RCOA member, \$16.50 per non member - for a two course luncheon

Meeting to commence at 11:30 am, lunch at 12:30.  
Bookings for lunch are due to Hazel by Monday January 24th .

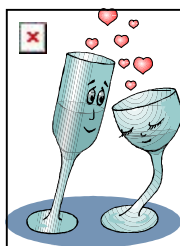
(Members, friends and guests attending the luncheon are to advise their **choice of chicken or fish** when booking).



Those booked for AGM lunch so far are -

Jim & Norma ANDERSON,  
Albert & Nancy DAVEY,  
**Ros & Warrick GATES**,  
Gwen GREGG,  
Neil & Sue HOPKINS,  
Darrell & Pat JOHNSON,  
**Bridie** & Jim O'NEILL,  
Bev & **Percy** PERRIN,  
Peter PROUD,  
**Bob REX**,  
**Kay & Roger SCHMIDT**,  
**Alex & Sylvia SHAW**,  
Eleanor & Trevor SMART,  
Bernie & Hazel WEBB,  
Charles & Norma WILLIAMS  
Harry WILLS

If your name is not here & you have informed us, apologies, please advise again



Watch this space in the February Newsletter for news of more outings

Reserve Sunday morning  
March 13<sup>th</sup> for breakfast at  
the Swan Yacht Club

Details next newsletter

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact  
Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Drive, WELLARD 6170 ☎ 9439 2268 or 📞 0409 105 101  
(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - opposite page)



## Short Thoughts

**Slow traffic lights?** If you want traffic lights to change, open up a street directory. (Ken Cawthorne)

**Wait for it ...** He, who laughs last, has obviously heard the punch line. (June Shann)

**Seeing is believing.** Tell a man there are 400 billion stars & he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint, & he has to touch it. (Eddy Joyce)

Q. Why couldn't the bicycle stand up?

A. Because it was too tired.

Q. What do you call a row of rabbits walking backwards?

A. A receding hairline.

(We know... we need help!)

**Sending Money** - be it for membership renewal or for an up coming function - remember that you can send electronically to the **RCOA of WA** Account at the Bendigo Bank - **BSB 633-000** - **A/c No. 121589386**




<b>RCOA - Membership Application</b> <input type="checkbox"/> / <b>Renewal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> / <b>Update</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					
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<b>RCOA - Functions Booking Slip</b>						
Names Attending:	<input type="text"/>					
Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$	
2005 AGM Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	01 Feb 2005	<input type="text"/>	\$12.50 (\$16.50)	<input type="text"/>	
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## Last but not Least

- Last newsletter we included the minutes of AGM 2004 in error. We have included them in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2005 AGM and the Secretary from reading it out for all to hear. If there are no amendments they will be accepted as is and we can then move on.
- We have also included the financial report for 2004 that will be presented at AGM. These have been audited & accepted by the committee as a true record of our financial status.
- Having survived the 'Silly Season' we are now in to a 'New Year' which also means annual subscriptions are due again. Please check the mailing label at the bottom of this page to see your current financial status.
- **For those who are 'financial to 2003' this will be your last newsletter/notice as you are now deemed non-financial. If you wish to continue your membership, please contact the secretary or treasurer to arrange renewal.**

Bernie Webb 

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