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Membership

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PRESIDENTS NOTE

The year 2005 is upon us & we have a new Committee formed to carry on the good work that we need to do to assist you. All but one of the Committee has carried on the task again but we also have an old hand return to the team & I welcome Darrell back. Graham, we are sorry to see you leave the team, thank you for all the hard work you put in & we hope you will rejoin us on the Committee in a future time. Good luck with the volunteer work.

Last year we were able to give you new and completely different venues & we know that these were appreciated by those attending but we could always find room for more people, so come & join in the activities & we can all have a great & merry time this year.

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

March 13th - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club

April 5th - Sausage Sizzle @ Kings Park

May 17th - Lunch @ The Jetty Restaurant, Hilarys 📄

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News of Members

Mary Ford is still not 100% & we wish her well. We hope you are back on your feet soon Mary.

Connie Hughes has been under attack by the doctors again, hope your shoulder is feeling better Connie.

Ron King has taken a trip to the eastern states, we wonder what news he will bring back with him. We will hopefully have some gossip for the next newsletter.

Kaye Murray is off travelling again, we will probably get news of her trip on her return too.

Harry Wills is back on track, we saw him at the AGM & it was good to see him looking well & continuing on the committee.

Which of our members had an unfortunate experience with melting plastic? Just before Christmas this person put her home-baked Christmas cakes into a Tupperware container & put them in the oven (cold). However, whilst having a discussion with her hubby a few days later about how to cook a zucchini slice (from memory) she turned the oven on to preheat. After a short while there was a horrible smell of burning plastic. Yes, you guessed it, she hadn't removed the cakes & container from the oven so all were wrecked. We don't think that will be forgotten for a while.

Denise Hunter (nee Barry), (a new member) sent the following - I was delighted to receive the last two 'Duty Freed' newsletters in the mail the other day. I joined the ACS in 1989 & finally resigned in 2000 after choosing to flee the rat-race & take up country life in Walpole. Although it was tough to make the decision to leave the ACS, it was a decision that I have not regretted for a second since leaving Perth. My partner Gary & I moved to Walpole in 1999 (my last day at work was the inaugural Customs v's Brokers Melbourne Cup Luncheon). We married in Walpole in 2001 & are both very pleased to announce that we are expecting our first child in April 2005. I have gone from working for one government department (ACS) to another (CALM) since moving here. I am based at the Tree Top Walk as a tour guide, which, as you can imagine, is a great place to catch up with many current & ex-ACS officers holidaying down South. Hence the application form to the RCOA - thanks to Alex Shaw for passing on my details. It is lovely to see some familiar names in the newsletter. Please pass on my regards to Hoppy, Terry Emerson, Margaret Heavy, Kay Schmidt & anyone I have forgotten to mention. You never know - one of these days you may just manage to entice

me back to the 'big smoke' to attend one of your social functions.
Kind regards

ROUND THE WORLD IN 50 DAYS

The Shaw's decided 12 months ago that it was time to visit our two fast growing grand daughters in England. They live with their parents in a delightful little village in Kent, five miles from Canterbury, in their own home called Milestone Cottage. Having put some fairly firm plans together so far ahead of our anticipated departure date of July 7th 2004, we successfully negotiated some attractive Early Bird discounts for fares, tour costs & travel insurance. As it is our endeavour on such visits to include a look at places we have not previously seen, we chose a two week tour of Eastern USA & Canada for our homeward journey, hence the 'Round the World' outcome.

It was great to see the family again, it had been two years since our last visit. The girls are both enjoying their schooling very much & of course they speak like locals. The weather was fantastic, even barbecues in the back garden most evenings along with the occasional meal at the local - the ubiquitous Red Lion. An extra for us on this trip was a visit to Sylvia's cousin Pam & her husband in Sussex. While Sylvia & Pam did some genealogy & local touring etc, Pam's husband & I planned a week sailing from Cornwall out to the Isles of Scilly & back. Sadly this was an absolute disaster, we never even got out as far as Land's End when some fierce Atlantic weather beat us & we were forced to return to our safe haven. We did do some less adventurous sailing along the coast of Cornwall, visiting some delightful local villages. As far as anything daring was concerned this was definitely not the week to do it. However - wonderful memories.

Then three fantastic days in Paris via the Euro Star, where we stayed in a charming little hotel in the heart of the Latin Quarter & only five minutes from Notre Dame Cathedral, all booked via the NET of course! Then back to London & after an enjoyable farewell meal with our family at a favourite Pizza restaurant overlooking the Thames we flew out across the Atlantic to JFK airport in New York.

What an experience we had over the next two weeks. Weather again was great except for two days of heavy rain (while we were coaching fortunately). New York is everything it is said to be and more! Then through some delightful New England countryside to visit Boston, Quebec, Montreal Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls (wow!) & an Amish village region in Pennsylvania, ending with

three days in Washington DC. We included a visit to the huge new baseball stadium in Toronto (60,000 seats) to see the local Blue Jays play the all conquering New York Yankees. Another personal ambition fulfilled & it was a packed house! Then from Washington through Philadelphia & Newark to the JFK airport again, for our final leg of the journey, to Sydney & Perth via Los Angeles. After a few hours with one of our favourite nieces in Sydney we boarded our last plane for the flight home. One of our endearing memories as I write this article is of 'jet lag!' Boy our journey home has been the longest & most sleepless I think Sylvia & I can ever remember.

Alex & Sylvia Shaw

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS WITH THE ROLLING STONES

We departed Perth on Saturday 24th July destination Hawaii via Sydney. Once on board our Qantas flight to Honolulu I discovered that the Senior Flight Attendant was Greg Doggett, (ex Customs, those who were around in the early to mid seventies should well remember). Greg operates out of Sydney these days, and made sure our seats and the flight to Honolulu were much better than they may well have been. He also said to say hello to any who remember him. We arrived in Hawaii at approx 0100/25th and immediately crashed. We surfaced about 0900 and spent the next three days doing the touristy things like beach walking, swimming, attended a beachside concert, went on the Arizona & Pearl Harbor Tour (very interesting but extremely popular and therefore very regulated), attended a Hawaiian Luau at Paradise Cove.

We left Hawaii Tuesday evening for Vancouver via Dallas/ Fort Worth arriving there about 1000/28th. From the airport we went direct to the Cruise Ship terminal to meet up with our eldest daughter, Perrie, who was working on the Carnival Spirit, the ship we were about to join, and whom we hadn't seen for over 12 months. After an emotional get together it was off to the embarkation process, which whilst to all appearances seemed like disorganised chaos it seemed to work. On embarkation all passengers were photographed and issued with a plastic I/D card containing their photo and each time you disembarked or boarded the ship your facial features were scanned against the image on the card and without a match you weren't going anywhere. As with everywhere we went, particularly in the States, security was very tight.

The next seven days the Carnival Spirit was our home as we cruised the inside passage from Vancouver to Anchorage via Ketchikan, Juneau,

Skagway and Sitka. The experience was almost indescribable; the weather was fantastic, 25 degrees or better for the whole trip and not a sign of rain. The scenery was breathtaking, the salmon were spawning, and rivers and creeks were packed solid with them, seals, sea otters, and whales every where. At one stage between Ketchikan and Juneau we had over 200 whales (the Ship's Botanist's estimate, not mine) around the ship, they were absolutely everywhere, the Botanist also said that it was the most she had ever seen on that run. The pristine countryside and glaciers were also incredible. Whilst we were cruising in the College Fjord the master took the ship up to about 600 metres from the face of the Harvard Glacier, the largest in the fjord, and we spent about half an hour in that position. Whilst we were there a massive piece of ice broke away from the face of the glacier and plunged into the sea, it was awesome to watch and fortunately I had my camera ready and got a beautiful photo of the breakaway hitting the water. At the end of our cruise we berthed in Whittier, a small fishing village approximately 100 km's south of Anchorage. We were then driven to Anchorage by Perrie, where we bid her a tearful farewell at the Anchorage Airport.

From Anchorage we flew back to Vancouver and joined the Rocky Mountaineer train which took us across the Rockies in Canada via Kamloops and Banff to Calgary. Scenery was just breathtaking and Robyn was fortunate to see a Grizzly Bear in the wild, (I missed it). Apparently he was a big one so those who seen it were very glad to be on the inside looking out. Robyn has a cousin in Calgary so we stayed there for 4 days, then it was off to Minneapolis where our ex Japanese exchange student is now living. Naomi went to study in America quite a few years ago. She ended up marrying an American and they now have a little girl aged two, who is a real cutie, so at last we have the Claytons granddaughter whom I might add is better than no grandchildren at all. We spent 10 days in Minneapolis including a weekend in the Duluth/Lake Superior area. For anyone who loves scenery and wildlife and who hasn't done the Alaskan Cruise or the Rocky Mountaineer train I can thoroughly recommend them, they are both awesome and so different from anything in Australia.

On leaving Minneapolis en route to Edinburgh we had a problem as George Bush was in town and just about ready to leave so the Airport was closed for 1½ hours, nothing moving at all, so of course we didn't meet up with our connecting flight in Chicago. We were put onto another flight which was fine until we got to Heathrow and found that Robyn's luggage hadn't arrived. So it was off to Edinburgh with no

luggage for Robyn, it eventually caught up with us a few days later. Fortunately she had had put a change of clothes into my case so we got by. We were in Edinburgh for the Tattoo and I must say it was just fabulous; Edinburgh itself was great as the festival was in full swing and the city was just pumping with crowds of people everywhere. The weather was great so all in all we have great impressions of Edinburgh. We then hired a car and drove to St. Andrews, Perth, Pitlochrie, then into the highlands as far as Fort William, then made our way back to Edinburgh via Loch Lomond and Glasgow.

It was then off to Ireland for eight days, we flew in to Dublin, where we spent three days before hiring another car and heading east to Galway, then down the west coast via the Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, then across the south coast via Bantry, Kinsale, Cork to Waterford. We then headed north to Ballyhale and from there made our way back to Dublin via Avoca and the Wicklow mountains.

From Dublin we caught the ferry to Holyhead in Wales. We picked up another hire car at Holyhead and made our way north up the west coast via Betws-y-Coed, Chester, (where I caught up with ex P.O. George Kirsopp, who said to say hello to those who can remember him), Barrow in Furness, Ravenglas to Windermere. We spent two days in the Lakes District before moving east through Barnard's Castle to Durham. From Durham we made our way to Whitby and down the east coast to Scarborough then on to York. From there we headed west again through Shrewsbury into Wales to Newtown. Newtown Wales is where Robyn's ancestors hail from and we lucky enough to find her grandfathers house just outside of Newtown so that was very exciting for her. We then continued south through the Wye Valley via Tintern Abbey and back into England via Bristol then onto Bath. After leaving Bath we headed southeast to Stonehenge and Salisbury before turning north for the Cotswolds via Cirencester. After three days in the Cotswolds based in a beautiful little English village called Bourton on Water it was off to London via Oxford for four days (nowhere near long enough), then joined a 20 day organised tour of Europe with Insight Tours. From London we headed across the channel to Calais where we joined our tour bus then it was off to Amsterdam, Cologne, Bonn, Heidelberg, Rothenberg, Nordlingen, Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna, Venice, Rome, Sienna, Florence, Pisa, Nice, Cannes, Monaco, Lucerne, Paris and then back to London. Europe was very interesting and just loaded with history most of which went in and out of our heads all too quickly, I think it's called

"information overload" or "old age" or maybe a bit of both. It was fabulous to see the old buildings, castles, cathedrals, and the like. We were definitely all 'churched out' by the end of it. Venice was a thrill as the place flooded while we were there plus they were filming Casanova in St. Marks Square with Heath Ledger in the lead role and a cast of hundreds all in period costume. All very exciting I must say and not helped by the fact that St. Marks Square was covered in about 18 inches of water at high tide. Venice and Amsterdam sure give a whole new meaning to rising damp.

As far as highlights of the trip there were just so many that it's hard to list them but a few things stick out more than others in my mind so I'll list just a few of them. Firstly as I have already mentioned, the Alaskan Cruise, the Rocky Mountaineer Train Tour, the atmosphere in Edinburgh during the Edinburgh Festival, the Edinburgh Tattoo, the Highlands of Scotland, (or what we saw of them) the drive from Fort William to Glasgow via Loch Lomond, Ireland full stop, the people, the scenery, the Irish surely do know how to have a good time. Wales, Betws y coed, the Wye Valley, Tintern Abbey, England, the town of Chester, the Lakes District, Durham, Whitby, York, Bath, Stonehenge, the Cotswold's area, the Tower of London, our tour of Buckingham Palace, the changing of the guards, and the view from the London Eye.

In Europe, once again the ever changing scenery, the town of Heidelberg, the Eagle's Nest just outside Salzburg, Schoonbrunn Palace and gardens in Vienna, the parks and gardens in Vienna, Venice full stop, but I wouldn't want to live there. the Colosseum and Roman Forum in Rome, San Gimignano, a very pretty small village south of Florence, Michelangelo's statue of David in Florence, it's so perfect it's almost unbelievable, the French Riviera, Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, the scenery and the obvious abundance of money in this area is also almost unbelievable; Lucerne, Mt. Pilatus, Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Napoleons Tomb, the Gardens of Versailles, these gardens are absolutely magnificent, and a definite must see if you visit Paris. And last, but by no means least, the weather, we had one day (in Amsterdam) where it rained almost non stop, the rest of the time the weather could only be described as perfect.

All in all we were away just short of three months and whilst we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves I have to say we were both glad to see home again after living out of a suitcase for so long. It is always good to go away but just as good to come home be it ever so humble.

Robyn & Bob Stone

Brian Bissaker wishes the RCOA "...all the best for the year 2005. May the success of previous years continue..."

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.



MCKENZIE GROVE CELLARS

I will tell you a little story about the above. Recently, I was at a function at the Manse Restaurant, & there was a gentleman there who was explaining about the wines that he sold at the above cellars & we could have a taste. Being quite partial to a drop I went to have a taste & to my surprise the gentleman was Miladin (Marko) Markovic ex Customs, some of you may remember him. He is the owner and Wine Maker of McKenzie Grove Cellars - 14 McKenzie Grove, Kelmscott 6111 Ph 93981076. He makes four types of red wine, nice drop too.

Shiraz (unwooded) \$7.50,
Cabernet (Unwooded) \$7.50 or
\$75 a dozen (2 bottles free),
Sheean Shiraz (wooded) \$10,
Creswell Cabernet Wooded) \$10 or
\$100 a dozen (2 bottles free).

He is open Sat & Sun 1-00pm-5-00pm for tastings and sales. He would love to see any retired officers

Graham Hall.

Quite a few members have written in with their subs their appreciation of the newsletter, how good it is to be in touch and for the committee's work - a big well done.

(Thanks to you all for the good words, makes our tasks worthwhile)

'Dad's Army', 'Customs Reserve', 'the Old Blokes' ...

You may have heard on the grapevine that 5 of us ex Customs Officers (3 in the RCOA) are once again wearing the Customs uniform and working at Perth Airport as the 'Red' (goods to declare) & 'Green' (nothing to declare) 'Marshalls'. They are myself, Maurie Mephram, Neil Hopkins, Terry Emerson and Rick Crosara. We work part time 4.5 hrs a day each weekday and are contracted to the end of January 2005. The ACS has asked us back to fill in a shortfall of officers soon to be filled by the next 'Customs Trainees'. Here are some of my thoughts on being a Customs Officer's again.

The three most notable differences between working at the airport now and 20 years ago (also known as 'the good old days') are suitcase wheels, Quarantine and 'Part Time Officers'.

Approximately 95% of all suitcases today have some form of built in wheels or casters and an extendable handle or strap to pull the case along with. Unlike 20 years ago when it was probably more like 1% had wheels.

20 years ago there was around 2 to 4 Quarantine Officers (1 or 2 'Plant' & 1 or 2 'Animal'). Now there is nearer 24 x Quarantine Officers who handle both plant & animal enquiries and indeed do their own baggage examinations. In fact Quarantine has 10 baggage examination tables and four X-ray machines, whereas Customs have 12 x baggage tables and one X-ray machine. Mind you none of this makes any difference to the queues, they still extend for great lengths but they do seem to move a bit quicker.

Quite a large number of Customs (& Quarantine) Officers work part time in all areas of the Department, especially the Airport. Unlike 20 years ago when it was almost unheard of.

Some things just stay the same... Passengers, most suffering from jet lag, are not sure what they are doing, where they are going or what documents are required by who. Asians are generally well organised where as Pom's are probably the least organised. The various airline hostie's and female ground staff are, as always, very friendly and pleasing to the eye. A very small number of passengers are just plain rude and unco-operative. Last and by know means least Rod Scantlebury is still a dog handler (some 23 years now) and apart from having a little less hair and starting to experience 'youth deficiency' (like the rest of us) has not changed at all.

Catching up with old work mates has been one of the highlights of this episode in our lives, as has making new friends both with the 'new' Customs staff and the many Quarantine Officers. In the case of John Waight, all of the above, as he is an ex Customs Officer, member of the RCOA and now works for AQIS as a Quarantine Officer!

Bernie Webb.

P.S. Since I first wrote this our contracts have been extended to the middle of March (except for Hoppy & Terry who decided not to continue for now)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 1st, 2005

President Trevor Smart declared the meeting open at 11:40 am and welcomed those attending. Members present as per signed list circulated at the meeting.

Apologies - Thora Adderley, Les Alp, Albert & Nancy Davey, Mary Ford, Val Kelly, Ron King, Kaye Murray, Kaye Rickard, Harry Tazewell, Betty Walker, Judy Weston-Arnold, Pat Wills

Minutes of previous AGM were circulated in the newsletter for all members to read, and with no business arising were accepted as read. Accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – was circulated in the newsletter for all members to read, and was accepted as read. Bernie outlined the remarkable difference that has been made since moving to the Bendigo Bank, where instead of our funds being eaten up by fees, etc we are now making a small profit. Whilst we are not here to make money we are getting better value for it.

Accepted by all in attendance.

Entertainment Report - Hazel outlined the functions that were held & numbers attending -

Feb - AGM Luncheon @ Swan Yacht Club (30)	Jun - Luncheon @ TAFE Fremantle (34)
Mar - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club (26)	Jul - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club (44)
Mar - Luncheon @ Fremantle TAFE (36)	Sep - Luncheon @ Runway Bar & Café (39)
Apr - Sausage Sizzle @ Kings Park (37)	Nov - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club (25)
Dec - Christmas Luncheon @ Runway Bar & Café (61)	

Overall a good year & we hope for another great social year in 2005. Thank you

President's Report - The year of 2004 was significant for the Committee of this Association as we decided to create a new honour system for our members and others who show outstanding devotion and work ethics beyond the normal, to the good of all members of this Association. We have in our Constitution an honorary award already for life membership but we feel that this does not do credit for some who may never receive this award but are genuine legends to us all and deserve special recognition. This new award may be given to members who are full members, or their spouses, but also may be given to 'friends' and other people as associates or other persons associated in other ways. They do not need to be members of our Association to receive our special recognition and be declared a 'legend'.

We need to remember for always the people who have earned the appreciation of members and we will do this by creating a 'legends book' which will be available at all major venues for perusal by members present, and the book will contain details and photographs of the chosen 'legends' and historical photographs and other paraphernalia.

The person selected as a legend will be given a framed 'certificate of appreciation' ready for hanging or placing in a place of prominence and the certificate will be signed by the Executive at the time of presentation. The certificate will be presented at events like the AGM or our Christmas party each year with full honours being taken into account in the presentation ceremony. This certificate can then be suitably hung or shown in some other manner at home showing the appreciation and respect we see them in. A copy of the certificate will be placed in the legends book. Posthumous certificates will be presented to the recipient's families.

The people chosen to select these recipients will be members of the Executive Committee, being the serving office bearers at the time of the President, Vice President and the Honorary Secretary of the RCOA of WA Inc.

Certificates today were presented in the following order to those persons we have selected for this occasion - Gwen Gregg, Mary Toy, Alex Shaw, Vern Westley & Harry Wills. These people were overwhelmed with their presentation and were photographed together for the 'legends book' along with Connie Hughes and Darrell Johnson who received their awards last year at the Christmas function.

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 unopposed as below.

President	Trevor Smart	Committee	Warrick Gates, Neil Hopkins,
Vice President	Ron King		Darrell Johnson, Mike Metcalf,
Secretary	Hazel Webb		Kay Schmidt, Harry Wills
Treasurer	Bernie Webb	Auditor	Debbie MacDonald
Editors	Bernie & Hazel Webb		

The next Annual General Meeting will be February 7th 2006, venue to be advised in the newsletter. With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:05 pm

Below is a comparison that Bernie had presented for information -

Benefit of changing to Bendigo Bank			
Item	2003	2004	2005 (Predicted)
Bank West Maintenance Fee	-48.00	-12.30	0.00
State Debit Tax	-12.70	-20.00	-10.00 *
Internet Access	36.00 #	0.00	0.00
Total costs	-\$96.70	-\$22.30	-\$10.00
Interest	0.97	25.23 ^	40.00 ^
Net result	-\$95.03	\$2.93	\$30.00
<p>* 6 months only as State Debit tax is due to be discontinued in July 2005</p> <p># Had we had internet access with Bank West at the time</p> <p>^ Interest is mainly from the \$1500 in the investment account @ 2.25%</p>			

Quick funnies for you -

What did the ocean say to the boat? Nothing, it just waved.

What do you get from a pig that does karate? Pork chops.

BIRTHDAYS

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

April

Kate OLSEN	2
Maureen BECK	4
Jim HUNTER	5
Jean DE GRUCHY	7
Alex SIMS	8
Esme THOMSON	12
Robyn STONE	14
Bill McCULLOUGH	17
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Marie GLOVER	24
Alan HALL	25
Wallace THOMSON	28



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S



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

April

Ian & Verna CHENOWITH	4
Bob & Betty REX	10
Bob & Robyn STONE	20
Max & Jill BINNING	24
Jack & Jess ELEY	27
Michael & Robyn METCALF	27

Puzzles - Answers to

- ✚ Nine-letter word is **CHALLENGE**. Possible words include - ace, ache, acne, age, ale, all, allege, angel, angle, cage, call, can, cane, change, clan, clang, clean, each, eagle, enlace, gal, gale, gall, glance, glean, hag, hale, hall, hang, heal, heel, lac, lace, lag, lah, lance, lane, lea, lean, leach, legal, nacelle, nag.
- ✚ Leftover word is **Huffy**.
- ✚ Jiffy, 2-Fluffy, 3-Daffy, 4-Whiffy, 5-Scruffy, 6-Taffy, 7-Stuffy, 8-Puffy
- ✚ Girls names - **Beatrice**, Clarissa, Penelope & Virginia
- ✚ Hidden word is **DOVE**. Across - Bold, oboe, give, step. Down - Bogs, obit, love, deep

Nine letter word

Using all the letters in the grid on the right, find our nine-letter word. See how many other words of FOUR 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 - 7 words, better luck next time, 8 - 15 words, good, 16 - 19 words, very good, 20 - 24 words, excellent, 25+ genius! Good Luck!

I	T	O
E	P	L
E	X	D

Leftover word

The answer to each of the clues is a nine-letter word. Each answer can be made by using three of the three-letter groups in the grid. The three remaining groups of letters spell our winning word.

- Type of pasta
- Disco
- Lucky
- French bubbly
- Stew

LUB	MPA	TUN
HTC	SPA	OLE
SER	CHA	GHE
ATE	FBO	FOR
SUR	CAS	ARD
GNE	NIG	TTI

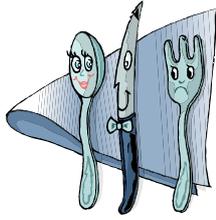
Animal Names

Hidden in the grid are the names of four ANIMALS each eight letters long. 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?

VA	AR	EL	PL
AT	HA	AA	NG
OO	RD	YP	EP
NT	US	KA	RK

Try to discover the nine missing letters in the coloured squares. Each one completes the word on its left & begins the word on its right. When the puzzle is complete, the letters in the coloured column will spell a type of special holiday.

W	E	A	L	T		I	P	P	I	E
C	A	L	I	C		P	T	I	O	N
S	Y	P	H	O		U	G	G	E	T
F	I	D	D	L		S	C	O	R	T
H	E	A	R	T		A	W	N	E	D
R	H	Y	T	H		O	B	I	L	E
D	O	M	I	N		R	A	N	G	E
B	A	M	B	O		C	C	U	L	T
T	A	R	T	A		I	M	B	L	E



**Smorgasbord Breakfast
Swan Yacht Club**

Riverside Rd, East Fremantle

Sunday March 13th at 08:30 hours

Cost: \$12.00 pp

Parking available at the club
Breakfast is held in the club room on the
ground floor level.

Bookings for the breakfast must be made
before Tuesday March 8th. Thanks



'Almost Free' Sausage Sizzle

Gold coin donation per person -
pay on the day

Tuesday April 5th at 12 noon

Western Power Area, Kings Park

Sausages, onions & buns will be
provided.

**BYO everything else you need including
chairs**

Numbers attending to be advised by
Thursday March 31st



**Lunch @ The Jetty
Restaurant**

Hillarys Boat Harbour

Tuesday May 17th @ 12 noon

Cost: \$23.00pp

**Full Buffet & Sweets
Tea & Coffee included**

Booking made for 30 people
Fully Licensed

Bookings for the luncheon must be made
before Friday May 6th



Those booked for breakfast so far -
Les ALP

Ros & Warrick GATES

Neil & Sue HOPKINS

Bernie & Hazel WEBB

**Watch this space for more
events that we hope to
arrange for you**

Stay happy, hear from you soon 😊

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)

Paying Money to the RCOA

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

OR pay cash direct into a Bendigo Bank Branch (see below) quoting the above Account Name & Number. In the 'reference' box on the deposit slip enter your surname a brief description to describe payment. Please advise Bernie or Hazel by email or phone (see front page for details) when paying by either of the above two options.

Bendigo Bank Branches in Western Australia

Bayswater	Bentley	Bindoon	Brookton
Bullsbrook	Byford	Capel	Collie
Cranbrook	Donnybrook	Forrestfield	Gingin
Goomalling	Gosnells	Halls Head (Mandurah)	Kulin
Mount Barker	Mukinbudin	Mundaring	Noranda
North Perth	Perth	Pingelly	Pinjarra
Rockingham	Tambellup	Toodyay	York & Districts

RCOA - Membership Application / Renewal / Update

First Name: Family Name:

Partner's Name: ☎ No. 📱 No.

Postal Address:

e-mail address: Please add your email address (if you have one) so we can keep you up to date between newsletters.

Our Newsletter includes a segment for publication of members and spouse's birth and wedding anniversary dates (day & month only printed)
If you would like to share this detail with other members please complete the following

Member B'date: Partner B'date: Wedding date:

Membership - \$6 Joint or Single x No. Years = \$

Send Newsletter by post and / or e-mail

Signature & Date: / /2005

Tick here only if receipt required

Subscriptions to: Secretary RCOA of WA Inc. 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard 6170

Office Use Only: Rec'd / / 2005 EFT Cash AMO Cheque No. Trans' No(s).

RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Breakfast	Swan Yacht Club	March 13 th 2005	<input type="text"/>	x (\$12.00)	<input type="text"/>
Sausage Sizzle	Kings Park	April 5 th 2005	<input type="text"/>	x \$00.00	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2005

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Payment to: Secretary RCOA of WA Inc. 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard 6170

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Last but not Least

- Did anyone attending the AGM end up with more money in their purse/wallet than they thought they should have? We found we were a few dollars short in the pocket at the end of the day. If you did could you please give us a call so that we can rectify the situation, thank you. This is one of the problems when so much money is paid on the day, we shall endeavour to plan better for future events.
- As you can see we received a few article for this newsletter which is great, keep them coming to us.
- Note too the information on paying your money by electronic transfer or direct to the bank on page 11. We hope this may be of some assistance to you. Of course, we still accept cheques & cash
- We hope you all enjoy what we have planned so far this year. We have already had our first meeting & plan to have more for you all soon.

Bernie Webb 

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