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If you'd like to contribute an article to this newsletter, please send it, preferably by e-mail, to the editor. Copy deadline is the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month of publication. **Please address general correspondence and subscriptions to the Secretary.** All cheques are to be made payable to the 'Retired Customs Officers' Association of WA Inc.

### Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 139. 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 2006

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*

## Future Events 2006

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - 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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## Recent Outings

### *Xmas Luncheon @ Runway Bar & Café Tuesday 13th Dec 2005*

The setting, as usual, was great with the variety of Flying Machines coming & going made for a wonderful background. Then came the food AND was it not plentiful & palatable! What did not come, regretfully, because of other Xmas revellers were our usual formal greetings, grace & welcome. To all of you who did attend, we, the committee, did wish to make a formal welcome to you one and all. Please accept our belated welcome.

Apologies are as listed. Words from your Emcee (R.L.K.) would have enlarged on the reason for our respective members' non attendance. Our President, Trevor, would also have liked to express his thoughts in welcome, especially to Paul O'Connor (Regional Director) for gracing us with his presence. Paul, quite sincerely, we did very much appreciate your presence and your continued support to our Association.

We did see a few, not seen of late, who are endeared members and for various reasons cannot make it to all functions - one, in particular, returning from another successful overseas tennis tournament. Congratulations, Elsie. Others were Fran Foster, Betty Walker, Sandra Sims, Kay Murray, Maurie Mephram and Peter Williams all looking decidedly healthy and, as such, a wonderful example of the benefits of RETIREMENT. Lucky numbers saw a hamper go to Eric Hovey, a bottle of port to Betty Walker & Darrell Johnson.

Also having their Christmas Lunch was a group from Weight Watchers. At the end of the meal they put on a floor show. Dominate they did with their expose (exposure) of overweight female bodies endeavouring to present a rendition of the Village People whereas they could have (with smaller garments) been sumo wrestlers prancing around the stage. Whatever your thoughts of the presentation they did a great job for the age and figures & from the hoots & laughter around the room I think they were a success. I have yet to have a complaint lodged. Take it from me and the ladies on the committee we do not intend to present such at ANY of our functions!

The day, the dinner, the company and the reason I hope was to the benefit of each and every one

of you. Xmas and New Year greetings were extended to you and your families. Thank you, again, for your attendance and your company. Most importantly, thank you Hazel for the trimmings and table settings that set the sentiment for our Xmas luncheon. Hazel, you put the spirit of Xmas into all of us. May the New Year bring peace to the world - To you, your families and loved ones health, happiness and your company for this year and the many to follow.

PS: Apologies - Thora Adderley, Alan & Robyn Clarke, Albert & Nancy Davey, Amanda Davey-Chivas, Gwen Gregg, Graham & Jan Hall, Mike & Robyn Metcalf, Pat & Lavinia Pike, Peter Proud, Kaye Rickard, Dorothy Smith, Bob & Robyn Stone, Vern & Dot Westley.

*Approved, R L K*

### *Nature Assimilation Exercise @ Kings Park Nov 8<sup>th</sup>*

Some 30 plus (in numbers, not in age) members met in Kings Park not only to enjoy nature, but more importantly to experience the delights (cooking wise only) of our 'Chef's Extraordinaire', Neil & Warrick. They made snags & onions into a 'piece-de-resistance'.

Man & nature provided the perfect setting for the second time at the same place this year. In a similar vein to our "Lark in the Park" we again enjoyed the offered fare. In hand it was then left to the individual to add accompaniments and beverages of their own choosing.

Regretfully some who indicated their intention to attend could not for various reasons. One such pair was Kaye & Harry, Kaye not being at her usual sparkling best. Take it from me you missed a good day in all manners of form and a day worth repeating again next year. Though young Brian departed happy but heading for MacDonald's. No Lucky Number was drawn because alcohol consumption is not permitted in the Park, which is my excuse. (I forgot to buy it).

New to the group after many years in various locations, and most recently Darwin, were John & Sue Marks. Their travels have been many & varied. Should they find time to put an item together summarising their experiences it would be greatly appreciated and published within these pages.

*Approved, R L K*

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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)

Mar - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club (26)

Mar - Luncheon @ Fremantle TAFE (36)

Apr - Sausage Sizzle @ Kings Park (37)

Jun - Luncheon @ TAFE Fremantle (34)

Jul - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club (44)

Sep - Luncheon @ Runway Bar & Café (39)

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

Vice President Ron King

Secretary Hazel Webb

Treasurer Bernie Webb

Editors Bernie & Hazel Webb

Committee Warrick Gates, Neil Hopkins, Darrell Johnson, Mike Metcalf, Kay Schmidt, Harry Wills

Auditor Debbie MacDonald

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

## Treasurers Report

We have ended another financial year and the books have all been audited for 2005.

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 2005.

### Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31 2005

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#### INCOME

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Functions	4502.00
Subscriptions	802.50
Donations	86.00
Interest	43.30
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	\$5433.80

#### EXPENDITURE

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Functions	4793.90
Postage	327.50
Bank Charges - State Debit Tax	10.00
Administration (General)	297.50
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	\$5428.30

Excess Income over Expenditure \$5.50

#### BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/05	\$2031.90	Balance 31/12/05	\$2036.91
Petty Cash on hand	0.00	Petty Cash	0.00
Deposits	5433.80		
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	\$7465.21		
Withdrawals	5428.30		
	<hr/>		
	\$2036.91		

#### Notional Bank Balance 31/12/05

Credit balance	\$2036.91
Assets	00.00
Liabilities (Subs 2006 ▶)	738.00
Liabilities (2006 Functions)	25.00
Net Credit	\$1273.91

Signed DJ McDonald (Hon Auditor)

## Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 7th 2006

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!

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### RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I nominate ..... for the following office(s) (please tick)  
for the Year 2006/2007

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

Nominator ..... Date / / 2006

I accept nomination (Nominee) ..... Date / / 2006

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

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### Lighter Moments

He got it right!!!

An old pastor was dying. He sent a message for the Tax office, and his Lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The pastor grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the Tax man and Lawyer were touched and flattered that the old pastor would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the Lawyer asked, "Pastor, why did you ask the two of us to come here?" The old pastor mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too."

From the Australian Bureau of Statistics ...

- 31 Australians have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.
- 19 Australians have died in the last 3 years by eating Christmas decorations they believed were chocolate.
- Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling incidents.
- 101 Australians since 1997 have had to have broken parts of plastic toys pulled out of the soles of their feet.
- 18 Australians had serious burns in 1998 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.
- A massive 543 Australians were admitted to casualty in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth or eye socket.
- 5 Australians were injured last year in accidents involving out of control scalextric cars.
- 3 Australians die each year testing if a 9V battery works on their tongue.
- 142 Australians were injured in 1998 by not removing all the pins from new shirts.
- 58 Australians are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.
- And finally, 8 Australians cracked their skull in 1997 after falling asleep (passing out) while throwing up into the toilet.

YEP! It's great to be Australian!

## BIRTHDAYS

### *February*

Gordon EWERS	2
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Harry TAZEWELL	4
Percy PERRIN	6
Bob DALTON	10
Karen MORRISON	11
Chris MULCONRAY	17
Terry DAVIES	18
Jim BAIRD	23
Ron BECK	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
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*

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 Puzzles

- ❖ Nine-letter word is **Hollywood**. Possible answers include - Dhow, doh, doll, dolly, hod, hold, hollow, holly, holy, hood, how, howdy, howl, loo, low, lowly, old, owl, who, wholly, wold, woo, wood, woody, wool, woolly, yowl.
- ❖ Something fishy, word we are looking for is **Salmon**. New words are summer, palace, falcon, scampi, sailor, heaven.
- ❖ Mystery word is **Purple**. Answers were praise, umpire, rattle, potion, lather, editor.
- ❖ Remaining word is **Time**. Answers from top to bottom are pine, idea, near, ears.

### 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 - 5 words, better luck next time, 6 - 10 words, good, 11 - 15 words, very good, 16 - 19 words, excellent, 20+ genius! Good Luck!

F	N	E
E	I	T
F	I	C

### Name of a Country

Each row of words is missing a letter that is repeated throughout the word. Simply fill in the missing letter in the spaces provided, & then at the coloured square at the end of each row. The coloured squares will spell the name of a country

	A	N		I		E	S	
C			K	B			K	
C		A	N	B	E			Y
	A			I	E	S		
L		X		R	I	O		S
	A			I	N			
C		T		M		R		N
H	I			B	I			Y

### Hidden Words

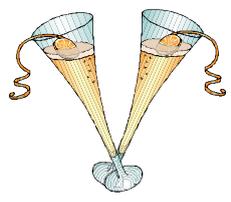
Each of the words in the grid contains a hidden four-letter word. You do not need to rearrange any letter. Locate the hidden words & write them in the spaces provided. The coloured squares will reveal another word, what is it?

Accentuate				
Ermine				
Research				
Corroboree				
Beneath				
Schmaltzy				
Hedged				

### Safety Feature

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 the word we are looking for.

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



## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2006

Where Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd  
East Fremantle

Time Socialise at 11:00am - tea &  
coffee provided

Cost \$12.50 per RCOA member, \$16.50  
per non member for a two course  
luncheon (Chicken Parmigiana or Fish)

Meeting to commence @ 11:30am  
Lunch @ 12:30pm

Bookings due by Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>

(Members, friends & guests attending the lunch are  
to advise their **choice** of **chicken** or **fish** when  
booking. If not stated chicken will be ordered)

### Coming up -

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AGM 2006 @  
Swan Yacht Club  
Tues February 7<sup>th</sup>

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Luncheon @  
Jetty Restaurant  
Hillarys  
Tues March 14<sup>th</sup>

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Don't miss out -  
Set these dates  
in your diary now



Those booked for the AGM Lunch so far are -

#### (Fish)

- Joan CULVER
- Connie HUGHES
- Bev & Percy PERRIN
- Kay SCHMIDT
- Alex & Sylvia SHAW
- Betty WALKER
- Charlie WILLIAMS
- Darryl & Pat JOHNSON

#### (Chicken)

- Neil & Sue HOPKINS
- Brian & Elva JOST
- Roger SCHMIDT
- Eleanor & Trevor SMART
- Bernie & Hazel WEBB
- Norma WILLIAMS
- Harry WILLS

Please get on the phone & make your booking, we  
would love to see you all at the AGM. Don't forget,  
if you want to have input, please come on to the  
committee, new members are always welcome



## Lunch @ Jetty Restaurant

Hillarys Boat Harbour

Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon

Cost: \$23.00(seniors)

\$28.00 others

Full Buffet & Sweets

Tea & Coffee included

Booking made for 40 people (can be adjusted)  
Fully Licensed (pay as you go)

We have to pre-pay a deposit & pay for all  
bookings so pre-payment is preferred on  
this occasion.

Bookings for the luncheon must be made  
by Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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)

**New Members** - John & Sue MARKS, Ken & Phyllis SMITH. *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*

**News of Members** - Flo Polak would like to extend her thanks to all of you who went to Lew's funeral. She really appreciated your thoughtfulness. Thank You All 🖱

*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. 🖱*

**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**

**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:  / /2006

Tick here only if receipt required

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**RCOA - Functions Booking Slip**

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Feb 7 <sup>h</sup> 2006	<input type="text"/>	\$12.50	<input type="text"/>
			x	\$16.50	<input type="text"/>
Lunch	Jetty Restaurant	March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2006	<input type="text"/>	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>
			x		<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date:  / /2006

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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

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## Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2005 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2006 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 2005 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. Don't forget, that if you choose, you can pay electronically via the internet or any branch of Bendigo Bank. Paying for more than one year at a time will delay the hassle of paying next time.

Bernie Webb 

Stay happy, hear from you soon 

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