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Future Events 2006

Aug 8th - Lunch @ Runway Bar & Café
Sept 11th - Wildflower Trip @ Dongara
Oct - Proposed Container Tour in Fremantle
Dec 5th - Christmas Lunch @ Runway Bar & Café



Point of Interest

As mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter, we would like your help in getting a historical record of members started & ask you all to take time to give us some information about yourself. If you have a photo of yourself please forward that too. We are interested to record what ever we can. Thank you to those who have emailed us to date. We appreciate your assistance. If you have information of past members we can include that too. Thanks.

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News of Members

Connie Hughes has been in touch with us, she sends her regards to all, and we hope to see her soon at lunch.

John Fletcher wrote to us earlier in the year & we apologise for overlooking him in previous updates. He had a visit to hospital & sent in an article for the newsletter which has not yet been printed. We are really sorry John, no excuse, our secret is out - we are human! We have included it this month.

Peter Proud has not been well but sounded chirpy when we spoke to him. We wish him all the best & assured him that we would arrange a pick-up when is ready to attend a function.

Kay & Roger Schmidt have succumbed to the dreaded flu, we hope fight it off quickly & are back socialising again soon.

Vern & Dot Westley have been missed lately, we hope they are getting back on track & that we see them soon too.

Harry & Pat Wills have also been off track for a short while but they have recovered enough to take their trip to England as planned. We hope they get to see & do all they had arranged.

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. 🙌

So You May Go To Hospital

After spending seventeen months in and out of Fremantle hospital I speak with some authority on the subject. After the entrance procedure which can take up to eight hours, plus waiting time, in which you have to remember your grandmother's maiden name, you are given a bed in a ward with three other sick people in various stages of illness & you meet the nurses. Amongst other advice you will be shown a buzzer should you require attention, under no circumstances do you use it, as will be explained very slowly so that you get the message - 'there are others & we are busy'. Do not get out of bed unless a nurse is with you, you may fall over, & this will cause a very large amount of paperwork to explain the fall. This is hard in the event you wish to visit the toilet in a hurry, you may opt of course for a bottle or bed-pan & both are designed to make a mess of your bed which has to be changed after the nurse has got a fellow nurse, who is also busy, to help her. How do you get a nurse's attention without recourse to the 'buzzer' technique is an art in itself!

Then there are the 'rounds'. A doctor will come followed by a nurse with an armful of medical histories, a younger doctor with whom her confers as if you were not there, two trainees who do nothing but look on & occasionally ask politely if they can touch you, after getting permission from the older doctor. I have

learned one thing about doctors, after an examination, a long slow thoughtful look, confident nod comes "your guess is as good as mine". In Fremantle, doctors use a lot of psychology, they never gave me a sleeping pill, the doctor told the nurse, "when he wakes up give him an enema". I slept the next fourteen days.

Now you may think this is it, doctors & nurses & all you have to do is lie around & look sick - wrong. In between meals which come via a menu, you have the morning, afternoon & night Tea Trolley, tea, coffee, coco or soft drink. You also have the young ladies from pathology pushing a trolley & want to take blood, some are quick & easy, some were trained by a whale harpoonist & can hit an arm from the door of the ward. Then there are the visits from the physiotherapists who have been told to get you mobile because they need the beds, then the occupational therapists who will give you all sorts of advice when you are mobile & walk out of the door going home.

Regardless of any of this, if you are crook, Fremantle Hospital is the best place to be. Not all the nurses are good but over the seventeen months & three times in & out of there, I was always greeted with a smile & "You've been here before!" Yes thank you!

John Fletcher

Vale

Harry Greenwood recently passed away on June 1st. His funeral was held at Fremantle cemetery Tuesday June 6th.

Frank Ward recently passed away aged 92. His funeral was held at Oakwood Chapel in Booragoon on Thursday June 15th.

Northern Territory Officers Remember Bruce

Last newsletter we advised *Bruce Murray-Smith* passed away in April aged 82 years. We have since had this article sent to us for publication. The following brief article is outline of the life and times of Bruce Murray-Smith in his Customs days in Darwin and Canberra, compiled by a number of ex-NT officers. Adrian Murray (better known as "Father" or "Python") provided most of the information, with contributions also from Peter "Peekie" Peek and Bruce "The Goose" Williamson.

Bruce was promoted to Darwin from a Western Australian Outport to the Class 7 position of Senior Inspector Port Services Darwin and answered direct to the then Acting Collector Arthur Collins (who came originally from Newcastle).

Bruce arrived around April 1971 and he took over from Peter Smith who returned to Brisbane. His duties were being responsible for Darwin Port and Darwin Airport which included the RAAF base and which operated 24 hours a day without any curfew. He was also in charge of the Outports of Alice Springs, Groote Eylandt and Gove in the Northern Territory plus the Western

Australian Outports of Wyndham, Derby, Cockatoo and Koolan Islands and Broome which formed part of the Northern Territory Collectorate.

Bruce had the majority of the Darwin staff under his control which included the Third Division staff, the Fourth Division Staff which also included the Prevention and Detection officers. The Narcotics Bureau also commenced operations out of the Customs Office prior to Cyclone Tracy. In a major re-organisation prior to Cyclone Tracy, Bruce's position was upgraded to a Class 8 and as a result was advertised Australia-wide. A quality field lined up for the job and after an anxious time awaiting the outcome of the selection process, Bruce won the position.

Darwin was a very interesting place in those early days. It was the last or first place in Australia on the infamous 'hippy trail' with Lameroo Beach a popular meeting and sleeping place for the hippies and a raiding place for the Narcotics Bureau and NT Police.

Darwin Port was the home port to four Naval Patrol boats, oil rig supply vessels, joint fishing ventures with Japanese fishing vessels and was very popular with the boating fraternity as either the first port of entry into Australia or the last port of departure.

At the Airport there were RAAF flights regularly departing and arriving from overseas plus many visiting overseas defence force aircraft. Regular military joint exercises occurred at least twice a year. TAA flew 4 flights a week in Fokker Friendships to Bacau which was then Portuguese East Timor. The major overseas airlines plus Qantas stopped in Darwin in the early hours of each morning, mainly to refuel but also to process passengers through Customs. USA troops transited in Darwin on a tech stop, on PANAM flights from Vietnam to Sydney for R&R leave. There were also large numbers of itinerant flights using Darwin Airport to exit or enter Australia. There was no secure transit lounge in place in those days and overseas passengers and crew members mixed freely with the local Darwin residents (when the pubs closed in the city the locals made their way out to the unsecured transit lounge so they could continue drinking).

Back to Bruce! He was extremely knowledgeable about all Customs matters and was highly skilled at interpreting Customs policy. For staff he was very approachable and personable and a very good boss. His support for staff is illustrated by his response "Outport officers don't get ill" to a query by an over-zealous Personnel lady as to why no sick leave applications were ever received from the outports.

He knew the Customs Act and General Orders like the back of his hand and anything he didn't know he would research thoroughly and consult with the "Holy City". If Canberra supplied an answer it didn't always mean it was accepted without further discussion. He was prepared to take a decision and stick by it. There was an occasion at the very start of the East Timor tragedy in the mid-1970s when a boat containing a 60-Minutes team requested clearance to sail for Dili. The Australian Government (via the Foreign Affairs Dept) was very sensitive to what the journalists and film crews would return with and wanted to stop the vessel

from sailing. Of course there was a huge flap in Canberra about whether the boat would be allowed to leave or not, with plenty of people telling him to hold the vessel. Bruce's position was clear - he would allow the vessel to sail unless someone instructed him to withhold the clearance and provided the legal basis on which he could do so. Nothing was forthcoming from Canberra so Bruce instructed the boarding officer to clear the vessel providing all the standard requirements were met. He expected serious repercussions but told the boarding officer they "both have broad shoulders". Bruce was generally considered to be a complete Customs Officer and manager. These qualities undoubtedly occurred because of his experience, coming up through the ranks plus the additional experience gained by working outside of the Perth/Fremantle office. He spoke highly about Ham (Hamish) Smith - another WA officer - who he held in very high regard and we gather he taught Bruce 'the ropes' or 'the tricks of the trade' in his formative years.

On the social side Bruce enjoyed mixing with all staff particularly on every second or every Friday night at the Pints Club or other agreed venue. It was a real family occasion when many of the officers plus their partners and children attended. He enjoyed a game of pool insisting on the WA rules for potting the black ball. Then there were also the regular Sunday breakfasts at Berry Springs which were always most enjoyable days with swims and BBQ's to the fore and plenty of good laughs and very little work ever discussed. He was also a strong supporter of the Customs Social Club as were most officers in Darwin in those days. Fortunately sensible drinking was to the fore in those days where you could drink in moderation (as Darwin residents are renowned for) and drive.

Bruce and his wife Mimie remained in Darwin after Cyclone Tracy flattened the city in Christmas 1974. They had the only telephone link to the outside world after the cyclone and their flat was used as the Customs Office for quite some time until communications returned. Speaking of communications, after Cyclone Tracy, Bruce became a driving force to have secure & 24 hour radio coverage for Customs around Australia. An officer in Darwin (can't recall the name) developed the project but it was Bruce's number 1 priority and was completed under Bruce's guidance. Of course, reliable and secure communications proved to be a significant technology used in many a Customs Operation around Australia after the commissioning.

Bruce had a particular affection for the outports - especially Broome where he served for a number of years. He was held in very high regard by the old time Broome residents and Percy Fong's (a local identity) daughter was like a second child to Bruce & Mimie. There was a funny story about Bruce's reaction when arriving at the Sub-Collector's house (behind the old Customs House) on a Broome tour of inspection, to find a donkey tethered in the front yard and chickens housed on the rear veranda - but best there be no further elaboration.

Prior to his leaving Darwin Bruce was transferred across from Border to the Commercial Branch in Darwin. This enabled Bruce to remain in Darwin for a

further term before having to leave Darwin and return either to WA or Canberra. His farewell party was held under the new Customs House overlooking the old railway yards near the port. It was the biggest farewell and attended by large numbers of staff plus family members and outside identities. Needless to say Bruce enjoyed it immensely although suffering badly the next day. We can't recall his year of departure from Darwin for Canberra, where he worked at Barton until he retired.

At lunchtime reunion at the Rugby Union Club with Peekie and Peter "Shagger" Harvey on his first day in Canberra, BMS explained to them at length exactly what he thought about having to finish his Customs career in the "Holy City". One of the consequences of his misery was, as a matter of principal, his refusal to reside within the ACT. Mimie and Bruce lived in an apartment in Queanbeyan until his retirement and subsequent move back to Perth.

Suffice to say he hated the work in Canberra and couldn't wait to retire. He and Mimie retired to Safety Bay where he could pursue his love for fishing and crabbing. Fortunately he had many good years in his retirement before his late and short battle with cancer.

No story of BMS would be complete if his speech mannerism was not mentioned. Bruce had a habit of punctuating sentences with 'humph' - a sound that was used for a variety of purposes, including as a question mark, exclamation mark or full stop. There was one incident where he was trying to talk to a very senior Quarantine official about some serious matter. Bruce was trying to put his point across but the "humph's" were getting in the way and the Quarantine guy wouldn't take a breath and was lecturing BMS. Having persevered for quite some time, Bruce finally lost patience and bluntly said "humph... go sh*t in your hat humph and fall in it" before hanging up.

(Thanks to the writer's for sending this in)

Wildflower Trip Reminder



As mentioned in the last newsletter, some members are planning to stay at the Seaspray Caravan Park, Dongara from Monday 11 September to Thursday 14 September. They are taking their own caravans whilst others can book Chalets. During the day they plan to visit the local sites including wildflowers, towns, craft shops etc. If you wish to join them you are most welcome, however although there are vacancies at the moment it is suggested you book your accommodation quickly as September is the wildflower season. Of course you are at liberty to stay elsewhere and for as long as you wish. Those going so far that we know of are Roz & Warrick Gates, Trevor Smart & his friend Bob Quinn. Details of the caravan park were in the last issue of the newsletter.



Recent Outings

What a difference a night makes.

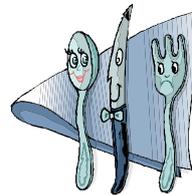


Thirty-five of the originally nominated 39 attended TAFE for a dinner on Tuesday, 16th May, 2006. Apologies for various reasons kept some away, while a few members who were away caravanning in various parts of Australia made excuses.

Sue, sister of young Bernie, joined us celebrating, an even younger birthday than her brother Bernie, a young 50 years. Congratulations, Sue, and apologies for the croaky and scratching rendition of Happy Birthday. Celebrating an R.C.O.A. function for the first time were Chris & Gary and Maurie & Freda. A big welcome to you and we trust the night was not only to your satisfaction, but also good enough to join us on other such occasions.

As with such nights/days the price is right, the setting very nice, parking good and on most occasions so is the faire. We did have a few hiccups, a few cold meals and a few very nervous staff. All in all though, it was a good night. It was our second night function and indications are that we should do it all again. For some it brought out the suits and ties, one particularly noticeable was an ex Sub-Collector, Perth Airport, sporting a very new and very smart looking suit, fresh from Hong Kong. Apologies to Jan, though it was your husband's fault, as your Lucky Number followed on immediately after that of Graham's winning number. The re-draw, on your behalf Jan, saw the gent in the very smart and very new Hong Kong suit take home a bottle of wine. I do hope it was to the satisfaction of all of you who attended, in respect to the venue and the timing.

Breakfast at Swan Yacht Club June 11th



How many people, on a Sunday, would normally rise at 0630, prepare one-self, and then drive a considerable distance to enjoy a breakfast, not the usual at home.

Many do, as was evident at the Swan Yacht Club on Sunday morning when 24 members and friends enjoyed the hospitality of the club. We had received apologies from some members away or otherwise booked.

For those of you who unfortunately were unable to attend please be advised that the breakfast is still good value. AND, of course, in great company along with pleasant surrounds. Such functions are becoming members, friends and family affairs.

Approved RLK

Here we go - something to smile about



A frog goes into a bank & approaches the teller. He can see from her name badge that her name is Patricia Whack. "Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief & asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, & that it's okay, he knows the bank manager. Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure, I have this," & produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink & perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager & disappears into a back office. She finds the manager & says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you & wants to borrow \$30,000 & he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You are going to love this ... it's a real treat ... a masterpiece ... wait for it....)

The manager looks back at her & says "It's a knick knack, Patty Whack, give the frog a loan, his old man's a Rolling Stone."

*(Now come on, were you singing it? Yes you were!)
Never take life too seriously! Come on now, you grinned,
we know you did! Have a lovely day. ☺*

The Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present 'seven wonders of the world'. Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes -

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall



While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have & maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'seven wonders of the world' are

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. And to love



The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple & ordinary & that we take for granted are truly wondrous!

Green & Gold Malaria

The day would soon arrive when I could not ignore the rash. I was obviously ill & so I called on Doctor Nash. This standard consultation would adjudicate my fate. I walked into his surgery & gave it to him straight: 'Doc, I wonder if you might explain this allergy of mine, I get these pins & needles running up & down my spine. From there, across my body, I will suddenly extend - My neck will feel a shiver & the hairs will stand on end. And then there is the symptom that only a man can fear - A choking in the throat, and the crying of a tear.'

Well, the doctor scratched his melon with a rather worried look. His furrowed brow suggested that the news to come was crook.

'What is it Doc?' I motioned, 'have I got a rare disease? I'm man enough to cop it sweet, so give it to me please.' 'I'm not too sure,' he answered, in a puzzled kind of way. 'You've got some kind of fever, but it's hard for me to say. When is it that you feel this most peculiar condition?'

I thought for just a moment, then I gave him my position:

'I get it when I'm standing in an Anzac Day parade, And I get it when the anthem of our native land is played, And I get it when Meninga makes a Kiwi-crunching run, And when Border grits his teeth to score a really gutsy ton. I got it back in '91 when Farr-Jones held the Cup, And I got it when Japan was stormed by Better Loosen Up. I get it when Banjo takes me down the Snowy River, And Matilda sends me waltzing with a Billy-boiling shiver. It hit me hard when Sydney was awarded the Games, And I get it when I see our farmers fighting for their names. It flattened me when Bertrand raised the boxing kangaroo, And when Perkins smashed the record, well, the rashes were true blue.

So tell me doc, I questioned, 'am I really gonna die?'

He broke into a smile before he looked me in the eye.

As he fumbled with his stethoscope & pushed me out of reach,

He wiped away a tear & then gave me this stirring speech:

'From the beaches here in Queensland to the sweeping shores of Broome,

On the Harbour banks of Sydney where the Waratah's in bloom.

From Uluru at sunset to the mighty Tasman Sea,

In the Adelaide cathedrals, at the roaring MCG.

From the Great Australian Blight up to the Gulf of Carpentaria,

The medical profession call it 'green & gold malaria'.

But forget about the text books, son, the truth I shouldn't hide.

The rash that you've contracted here is 'good old Aussie pride.'

I'm afraid that you were born with it and one thing is for sure

You'll die with it, young man, because there isn't any cure.

by Rupert McCall



BIRTHDAYS

July

Eric HOVEY	2
Margaret HEAVEY	4
Elva JOST	4
Hedda LAMERS	5
Eleanor SMART	5
Michael METCALF	8
Sue SWEET	9
Les HERON	9
Brian JOST	9
Mimie MURRAY - SMITH	13
Christopher CORNISH	15
Roly SWEET	18
Wyn ALP	20
Ann McNAMARA	18
Sue HOPKINS	26
Max GERRYIN	27
Shirley McDONALD	28
Robyn METCALF	29
Kay SCHMIDT	29

August

Elsie CROWE	10
Haddon RUDKIN	10
Graham HALL	11
Jack EARNSHAW	14
John MARKS	15
Angela DALTON	16
Wayne DALE	18
Jacky HUBBARD	18
Flo POLAK	23
Renee FLYNN	25
Gladys JEFFERIES	25
Graeme CORNISH	27
Kerry McCUBBIN	31
Harry WILLS	31



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

July

Brian & Kathleen WARD	4
John & Colleen SORENSEN	6
Jim & Bridie O'NEILL	7
Mike & Renee FLYNN	12
Frank & Ethel WARD	20
Denis & Ellen LEWIS	21
Sandra & Alex SIMS	26
David & Jessica BAINBRIDGE	26

August

Alex & Sylvia SHAW	18
Tony & Kerry McCUBBIN	31

Puzzles - Answers to April Puzzles

- ☞ Nine-letter word is **laundered**. Possible words include adder, addle, alder, dander, dandle, dared, darnel, darned, deaden, dealer, dread, earned, eland, endear, ladder, laden, laded, Lander, landed, larded, lauded, launder, laundered, leaden, leader, leaded, leaned, leaner, learn, learned, lunar, neared, neural, ranee, ulnae, unread, unreal.
- ☞ Hidden word is **silliness**.
- ☞ Family name is Osbourne. Corroded, blustery, riverbed, splotchy, trousers, grateful, announce, eternity.
- ☞ Match-Up answer is **wheel**. Ally McBeal, Backyard Blitz, Changing Rooms, Get Smart, Happy Days, Hogan's Heroes, Spin City, Star Trek

Nine letter word

Using all the letters in the grid on the right, find our nine-letter word. See how many other words of FIVE 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 - 9 words, better luck next time, 10 - 19 words, good, 20 - 29 words, very good, 30 - 39 words, excellent, 40+ genius! Good Luck!

A	O	R
N	C	E
I	D	R

Singing Actress

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 eight letters in the coloured column will reveal the name of a singing actress

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

Item of Clothing

Hidden in the grid are the names of four things you can wear, each eight letters long. Which one would appear first in an alphabetical listing?

CA	RA	TR	AN
RD	OU	LE	AT
IN	MI	IG	RS
SE	CA	CO	SO

Hidden Word

Rearrange the letters of the words under the Anagrams heading to answer the following six clues. Fit your answers into the grid on the right, in order. If your answers are correct, the coloured column will spell our hidden word. What is it?

Anagrams	Clues	Answers				
Phased	Formed, molded					
Nudity	Messy, sloppy					
Barney	Close at hand					
Spread	Curtains					
Geneva	Retaliate					
Deeply	Barked sharply					



Buffet Luncheon @ the Runway Bar & Café

41 Eagle Drive, Jandakot
(above the Royal Aero Club,
a lift is available for those who struggle with stairs)

Tuesday August 8th

Assemble 11:30 & Dine at 12 noon

Cost \$15.00 pp

Plenty of parking for all

Bookings for Lunch to be made before
Wednesday August 3rd please

Coming up -

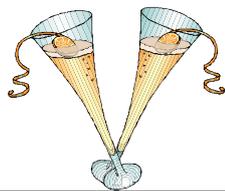
Wildflower Trip @
Dongara
September 11th - 14th

'Container Tour' in
Fremantle, October,
date to be decided.

Christmas Lunch @
Runway Bar & Café,
Jandakot

Tuesday Dec 5th

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



October

We are hoping to arrange a 'Container Tour' on the wharf where containers are x-rayed by Customs prior to their release. We aim to organise a tour on a Wednesday morning & then leave you free to meander around Fremantle at your own leisure. The Fremantle Food Hall opposite Fremantle Markets is open on Wednesdays for those who wish to have a meal of their choice at your expense & leisure. Of course, there are other places open to eat as those who have visited Fremantle before would know. We will not be booking lunches or meals as a group.

Details will be advised in our August Newsletter.



Christmas Buffet Luncheon

Cost TBA

Runway Bar & Café

41 Eagle Drive, Jandakot
above the Royal Aero Club,
(a lift is available for those who struggle with stairs)

Tuesday December 5th

Assemble 11:30am & Dine @ 12 noon

Full bar service

Plenty of parking for all

Bookings by Monday November 27th please

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)

MCKENZIE GROVE CELLARS

Remember Miladin (Marko) Markovic ex Customs? He is the owner & 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
 \$75.00 * a dozen (2 bottles free)
 Sheean Shiraz (wooded) \$10 *
 Creswell Cabernet Wooded) \$10 * or
 \$100.00 * 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.

(* 2005 Prices)

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 = \$

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
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Last but not Least

- ◆ **Dad's Army Update** - except for Maurie Mephan and myself, most of 'Dads' Army have extended again, I think through to August. Maurie and I had been working for nearly a year straight and decided we needed at least 4 weeks, preferably 6 weeks off, so as to recharge our batteries and have a rest. I think Customs are hoping for us to go back around the middle of July. 'Dad's Army', as far as I can see, is here to stay for some time to come. The idea is to continue to use us especially in the busy times. As we have all been trained in primary/immigration work (2 week Course) we need to perform the job every so often on a fairly regular basis to keep our primary/immigration qualification valid.
- ◆ The excellent article inside (page 2) is a good example of what Eddie Crane is after for his historical record of Customs. Please consider putting some thoughts together about yourself or other ex-officers and send to eddie.crane@Customs.gov.au or to Eddie via Custom House Fremantle
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