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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 1st January each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

Future Events 2006

Sept 11th - Wildflower Trip @ Dongara

Oct - Proposed Container Tour in Fremantle

Dec 5th - Christmas Lunch @ Runway Bar & Café 

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Presidents Report

To all members, I recently received a letter addressed to me dated 21/6/06 which I will share this with you.

Dear Mr. Smart,

This is Doris Greenwood writing to you, as President of an Association of which I am ashamed to be a member. I am the proud widow of Harold Greenwood, who has supported your newsletter financially since he retired as a Customs Officer after more than thirty years service.

To dismiss his death in two and a half lines in your publication is nothing short of an insult to him, and me and my family, and I am totally disgusted. I dare you to publish this in your next issue - a copy of which I would ask you to send to me. After that, please take me off your mailing list.

P.S. Thank you for your sensitivity in addressing the issue (reporting his death) to H. J. & D. E. Greenwood says it all, doesn't it.

Yours, Doris Greenwood

In our June issue we had put 'Vale Harry Greenwood recently passed away on June 1st. His funeral was held at Fremantle Cemetery Tuesday June 6th

Dear Mrs Greenwood.

In answer to your letter which was written 20 days after the death of our friend Harry.

We as ex Customs Officers worked closely together and were in many ways a family type organization and many of us worked for the Customs Service for periods in excess of 30 years and I personally worked for 27 years after being a service man for my country. The Officers who did their duties did incredible tasks under sometime terrible and dangerous conditions that were never shirked whether in the city or in other places within Australian or it could also be on a world stage. We remember them all, our friends and our activities, but we rarely talked about the dangers.

Each member that you know in our Association needs a book written about him or her and the activities they undertook but this Association is about the living and in our newsletter we report the passing of members to our living members so that they know that they have lost another of their friends and can remember him or her in private. If you think we have not done enough in reporting the loss of your husband I apologize to you personally, however, we are all waiting for what is going to happen to each and everyone of shortly without exception and not too many people like to be reminded of this so we very rarely dwell on these matters in our newsletter to any length.

Trevor Smart

As you can all see we have printed this as requested!

News of Members

Mimie Murray-Smith has been in touch with us, she sincerely thanked us for publishing the article the NT officers wrote on Bruce. They were men who were members of Bruce's staff & he always spoke well of his loyal people when he was in charge of outports from Geraldton, Port Hedland, Broome & then Darwin, always a happy office. *Thank you Mimie.*

Gwen Gregg is out of sorts at the moment, we wish her well & hope to see her back on track again soon.

Maree & Brian Lowe wrote in with their subs saying they had recently put a deposit on a 40' Fontaine Pajot catamaran & are travelling to La Rochelle in France for a week to visit the factory & see it being constructed. Unfortunately, they were going to take delivery in November but have had to delay it due a pen not being available.

Harry Wills is not well & is taking things day by day. We are sorry to hear this Harry, our thoughts are with you & Pat

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. 

Wildflower Trip Reminder

As mentioned in past newsletters, 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 April issue of the newsletter.



Recent Outings

Lunch at Runway Bar & Café was attended by 26 of our members & once again the food was excellent. There was no shortage at all, especially for those with a sweet tooth who had more than one helping of dessert. For those who were unable to make it you missed out on a great lunch, we hope to see you soon. The door prize was won by Sylvia Shaw who took home a bottle of wine.

Dad's Army Recruitment

(Customs Needs You Back)

Customs are looking at employing more ex Customs Officers on a casual or part-time basis shortly. The jobs will include 'Marshalling', 'Outwards Primary' & TRS (Tax Refund Scheme).



The 'Marshal' job involves standing in one place for a few hours at a time, so you need to be reasonably fit as this can be quite tiring especially to the back of the legs.

If you are interested in filling one of these potential positions please contact Tony Thompson, in Human Resources, ring Customs on 9430 1647 & ask for him or email him tony.thompson@customs.gov.au

Brain Exercises

1. How can a woman living in New Jersey, legally marry 3 men, without ever getting a divorce, be widowed, or becoming legally separated?
2. If there are 5 apples on the counter and you take away 2, how many do you have?
3. If, having only one match, on a freezing winter day, you entered a room which contained a lamp, a kerosene heater, and a wood burning stove, which should you light first.
4. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
5. Why are 1898 silver dollars worth more than 1897 silver dollars?
6. How many birth days does the average man have?
7. Why can't you take a photo of an Indian woman with hair curlers?
8. Someone at a party introduces you to your mother's only sister's husband's sister in law. He has no brothers. What do you call this lady?

Trivia

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick any thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only ... Ladies Forbidden' and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred & Wilma Flintstone

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander, the Great & Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase: "Goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based; this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale was traditionally ordered by pints and quarts. Therefore, in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

~~AND FINALLY~~ At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

BIRTHDAYS

September

<i>Audrey HOVEY</i>	4
<i>Lana KONTOOLAS</i>	5
<i>Brian LOWE</i>	7
<i>Gary HUNTER</i>	8
<i>Beverley PERRIN</i>	9
<i>Stella EARNSHAW</i>	10
<i>Pat WALKER</i>	10
<i>Min TOOHEY</i>	11
<i>Roger SCHMIDT</i>	18
<i>Ian JAMIESON</i>	19
<i>Bernie WEBB</i>	19
<i>Jack ELEY</i>	24
<i>Mary SHERIDAN</i>	26
<i>Susan ARMSTRONG</i>	28
<i>Margaret RUDKIN</i>	30

October

<i>Ian McDONALD</i>	2
<i>Betty REX</i>	2
<i>Sherren GERRYIN</i>	9
<i>Geraldine THOMAS</i>	9
<i>Vern WESTLEY</i>	9
<i>Les ALP</i>	11
<i>Dorothy SMITH</i>	15
<i>Ethel WARD</i>	16
<i>Nancy DAVEY</i>	21
<i>Hazel WEBB</i>	22
<i>Jessica BAINBRIDGE</i>	24
<i>Ron DE GRUCHY</i>	28
<i>Phil BELL</i>	29
<i>Sue ABBEY</i>	31



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

September

<i>Nancy & Albert DAVEY</i>	9
<i>Ian & Lorraine FORREST</i>	9
<i>Bernie & Hazel WEBB</i>	13
<i>Kay & Roger SCHMIDT</i>	18
<i>Charlie & Norma WILLIAMS</i>	20
<i>Graham & Jan HALL</i>	29

October

<i>Ron & Maureen BECK</i>	3
<i>Trevor & Eleanor SMART</i>	5
<i>Eric & Audrey HOVEY</i>	9
<i>Brian & Elva JOST</i>	16
<i>Harry & Pat WILLS</i>	18
<i>Jim & Dianne BAIRD</i>	20
<i>Neil & Sue HOPKINS</i>	31

Puzzles - Answers to June Puzzles

- 👉 Nine lettered word is **Coriander**. Possible words include acned, acorn, acrid, arced, cadre, cairn, caned, canoe, canoed, carder, cared, carried, carrion, cedar, cinder, cider, coder, coined, coned, cored, corer, cornea, corner, corned, cornier, corrie, crane, craned, credo, crier, cried, crone, dance, dancer, deacon, nacre, nicer, ocean, raced, racer, racier, rancid, record, ricer.
- 👉 Singing Actress is **Doris Day**
- 👉 Items of clothing are **Camisole**, cardigan, raincoat, trousers.
- 👉 Hidden word is **Sunday**. Shaped, untidy, nearby, drapes, avenge, yelled.

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 - 10 words, better luck next time, 11 - 19 words, good, 20 - 29 words, very good, 30 - 39 words, excellent, 40+ genius! Good Luck!

A	O	P
E	M	L
C	I	N

Film Titles

Write the seven-letter answers to the clues into the appropriately numbered rows of the grid. When the puzzle is complete, the letters in the shaded boxes, reading downwards, will spell the titles of two films that both star Nicole Kidman.

1. Turns
2. Educational institutions
3. Mixer
4. Person who does not believe in God
5. Roses & daffodils, etc
6. Filled a chicken with a savoury breadcrumb mix
7. Animated TV show or movie
8. Vienna's country

1					
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Mystery Word

Each of the words on the right contains a hidden four-letter word. You do not need to rearrange any letters. Find the hidden words & write them in the grid. The coloured squares will spell our winning word. What is it?

Buccaneer				
Insolence				
Monitored				
Asparagus				
Alphabetise				
Bachelor				
Aftermath				

Figure from History

The answer to each clue is a nine-letter word. Each answer can be made up by using three of the three-letter groups in the grid. The three remaining groups of letters can be rearranged to spell the name of a figure from history. Who is it?

Clues

- Hedgehog like animal
- English city where the Beatles grew up
- Dummy
- Greenish-blue mineral
- Musical wind instrument

POR	OOL	OPA
TRA	TUR	QUO
ERP	CUP	SAX
UIN	MAN	NEQ
ISE	LIV	OPH
INE	CLE	ONE



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

Christmas Buffet Luncheon

Cost \$25.00 pp

Runway Bar & Café

41 Eagle Drive, Jandakot
above the Royal Aero Club,

(a lift is available for those who struggle with stairs)

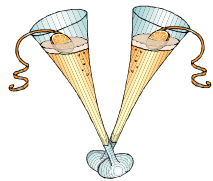
Tuesday December 5th

Assemble 11:30am & Dine @ 12 noon

Full bar service

Plenty of parking for all

Bookings by Monday November 27th please



Those booked so far for the Christmas lunch are -

- Jim & Norma ANDERSON
- Neil & Sue HOPKINS
- Connie HUGHES
- Darrell & Pat JOHNSON
- Judy & Ron KING
- Bev & Percy PERRIN
- Bob REX
- Alex & Sylvia SHAW
- Eleanor & Trevor SMART
- Bernie & Hazel WEBB
- Charlie & Norma WILLIAMS



Lions Christmas Cakes will be available once
again at the Christmas Lunch

For those of you who wish to pre-order, Bob Rex
has asked for you to contact him either by

Email robrex@cambraivillage.com.au
or phone (08) 9304 5179

Cost of cakes to be confirmed with Bob

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 *
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\$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)

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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:

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.		\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Lunch	Runway Bar & Café	Dec 5 th 2006	<input type="text"/>	x	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>
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			<input type="text"/>	x		<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2006 Total Amount Enclosed \$



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Last but not Least

- ◆ This is the second last issue of 'Duty Freed' for 2006 so if you have any news for us all please get it to us before October when we write our final newsletter for the year.
- ◆ **Customs Needs You** - well, only if you want to - see Dad's Army / Customs Reserve - Page 3
- ◆ **RCOA needs you too** - we have very little in the way of stories to print about RCOA members and what they get up to. Most of what you read in 'Duty Freed' has been put together by Hazel. We are meant to be the editors, i.e. you the members, send articles to us and we have to edit them to make them fit into a limited space. Sounds good, but we spend most of our time 'filling in the spaces' so put pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard, let's hear from you! Thanks to those of you who do send in printable articles.

Bernie Webb ☺

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