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**Please address all 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 137. 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.

## Future Events 2006/2007

- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - X-ray Container Tour in North Fremantle
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch @ Runway Bar & Café
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - 2007 AGM @ Swan Yacht Club

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## PRESIDENTS NOTE

Once again the Christmas period is almost upon us & that means another year nearly finished. We have had another successful year with outings well attended & new members joining the ranks.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas function in December so get your bookings in early. It is always a great event. There is also the visit to the X-ray Container Unit at North Fremantle this month. All of our functions this year have been well attended & as a committee we look forward to organising more.

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*

## Vale

Harry Wills 31.8.1925 to 8.10.2006

One of our esteemed and long serving committee members Harry Wills passed away on 8/10/06 after a long and tragic illness, with his devoted wife Pat and family by his side. Harry had a tedious battle with cancer over many years but he fought valiantly and successfully survived several periods of remission. On the last occasion, earlier this year, he and Pat were so confident about Harry's apparent recovery that they embarked on yet another ambitious holiday to U.K. That country seems to have been their favourite holiday destination, and typical of Harry's meticulous planning skills, he had collected over many years a comprehensive list of accommodation addresses, which at times he was able to share with other RCOA members. Sadly, after only a few days away, Harry found it necessary to seek medical advice, and was given the opinion that he should return home forthwith.

The funeral was held at Karrakatta Crematorium on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> and on that delightful spring day Harry was farewelled by a large crowd of family and friends. Each of his two sons Robert & Richard gave eulogies and from their comments, it was most obvious that Harry was a much loved father, husband and friend of many. There was a large group of former Customs Officers in attendance mostly RCOA members, and some of us hadn't seen each other for a long time. We all enjoyed being in each others company again although at such a sad occasion. Harry would have been very pleased to know that his colleagues were happy to be with each other, at his funeral. After 20 years as a committee person, including several years as president, and with his well deserved appointment as Life Member, it seems certain that Harry's bright personality and his obvious management skills will be missed by the RCOA for a long time to come.

Farewell Harry on your new journey, and our deepest sympathy to Pat and family.

## News of Members

*Connie Hughes* wrote to us - I recently had a wonderful weekend away with Guide Trefoil. The name means - those ladies who formally were Guide Leaders or held some position in the Guide Movement, have since retired & are glad to meet up once a year at a State gathering. Each Trefoil group entertains in some way & groups from all over the State try to attend, we take it in turns. This year we were based at the Armadale Hotel from Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. During that time we had excellent food, an AGM, entertainment, camp fire, guest speakers etc. But best of all we visited by bus to Roleystone, Serpentine & Araluen where we saw hundreds of daffodils, tulips & of course the glorious bushland. How fantastic for us of mature years to meet up with friends, talk of our Guide days & the Guides, Brownies etc & to be fed as well, to be entertained & see each such glorious scenery, all within easy reach of our various homes or villages.

*Brian Jost* has recently had an operation on his right knee, he massacred / tore his cartilage meniscus. He is hoping to be fully recovered for their next pilgrimage / cultural exchange to Thailand (40<sup>th</sup> time since 1978) & Vietnam Saigon (first time). We shall enjoy reading about their ventures on their return.

*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.* 🙏

## Articles from our Members

### Just a bit about Me - Max Gerreyn

I worked for the ACS from August 31st 1982 to June 16th 1999 when I retired with a very modest VR. What the hell, I was then 62 years 'young' and lets face it the ACS was no more that which it was in 82. However I honestly enjoyed my near 17 years of service and made many great friends. Changed as it has, I still believe that even in this 2006 the ACS is an excellent career pursuit for young people. Hell - I was a month over 45 when I joined! Prior to joining ACS in an earlier life (back in my old COB of Sri Lanka) I had been a free-lance cartoonist and artist when I moonlighted for the English medium newspapers back in the mid 60's to late 70's when I migrated to WA. And so it was for practically from the onset of my taking up duties in 1982 as an Accounts Clerk at the old Vets Affairs 'spook house' in William Street Perth to retiring as a Band 2 Boarding Officer monitoring incoming and outgoing flights in Admin at PIA I found time to sketch and cartoon dozens of my colleagues and raise and share many a laugh with the girls and the boys. Of course between sketching and cartooning I did also find time to do some work!. However it was when I was in Freo that I did the feature caricatures of ex officers who retired or resigned at the really happy Sundowners that finished the working week on a Friday nominated for the occasion. My A4 and sometimes A3 sized doodles were sticky-taped by the ruling Social Club honchos all over the building and were very favourably commented on by the featured

individuals and the brokers and agents that bustled through those great swinging doors. Electronic Only access and other high tech security measures were a few years off then and 'terrorist' was a word that had yet to become a jest that a switched on mike picked up and cause a near diplomatic crisis! At one of the final Sundowners that I was myself present good old Rich Dingli presented me with a bottle of Grants for my years of cartoon service. That bottle cost under \$19 at that time and today you are lucky if you can get it on 'special' for under \$27 - and here we are whingeing about the price of petrol! Come on mate get your priorities in order!

When I was moved to the Post firstly at Stirling Street in Perth, then to Pilbara Street in Welshpool and finally to Admin at the airport I was still 'commissioned' to do my cartoons for occasions and I thoroughly enjoyed the privilege. When I took my VR along with about a dozen other or more retirees at Sundowners in Freo I handed over a bundle of the 'originals' to that Archivist of no mean repute - good ole Clayton 'Tiger' Roberts. I've since been informed that Clayton has pulled the plug too so where are old 'masterpieces' now? Only kidding!

#### **HONG KONG, CANADA, ALASKA**

How fortunate we are at our age to have the health and means to travel whether be it 500km or 5000km. There are so many wonderful places to visit, within our own or some foreign country.

We elected for a foreign shore, a place where neither of us had been, CANADA & ALASKA. A Canadian Rocky Mountain tour followed by an Inland Passage cruise to parts of Alaska with a 3 day stop over in Hong Kong. Our chosen Tour Operator was Scenic Tours and not one with which we had any previous experience. They are an Australian company whose headquarters are in Newcastle, N S W. & as we found out they are a very big tour operator in Canada. We chose well. They proved to be a great company to tour with as explained later.

The Hong Kong 3 - day stop over (going) was primarily to cut down the travel time. It was a wonderful break. Hong Kong has a lot to offer any visitor either there or as a stepping off point. It is a safe city. It, for all its people and traffic, is still not a place where you have to rush for a tram, train or ferry, there is another one only a minute or so away. The right change, or card and a seniors rate makes for very economical travel. For the cost conscious traveller the ferries offer a free service for seniors.

The Stanley Markets, to me, are an 'up market' and hassle free version of the Bali markets. Good value and better quality according to Judy who had me buy 2 Greg Norman polo neck golf shirts @ \$A9.00 each. To date they have survived several washes without loss of colour or shape. Apart from my 2 bargains 'Grandma' found it a paradise for kids clothes. Thank goodness they do not take up too much room. The only way to go there is on the upper deck of a double decker bus. It is a scenic roller coaster ride. The 'Peak Tram' is the same as it

was years ago, but not so the peak it is a food and shoppers paradise, ask Judy. It was shoes this time.

This time we stayed in Kowloon and glad we did for all our own reasons. One was our Hotel, which offered us, what we believe was good value and a better choice of meals. Both breakfast and dinner were a Smorgasbord. What a presentation. I can cook a good omelette so we added to our compulsory cereal and fruit juice at breakfast some Asian and European delights. Dinner was even better. We thought we ate well, including raw fish and snails (in garlic), Western, European and Asian until we observed the slim and petite little Chinese girls fill their plates. And fill they did, several times even more so with desserts, especially with strawberries and marshmallows dipped in chocolate.

There are a number of places to visit and none more pleasant, than a walk, at night, along the foreshore (promenade) in Kowloon, to the left of the ferry terminal. It is a wonderland of colour with the lights of the buildings across the water to Hong Kong and the many brightly lit ferries and restaurant boats that pass by. Here too are many ideally located restaurants, too many to try on this trip.

Three days passed all too soon. Ahead of us was the main adventure but first we had to do the airport bit of queue and queue. Security causes queues but nothing like we were to learn later of the queues at American Airports. Several years ago I passed through the old airport en route to UK and return several months later to a 2 week old new airport, with a lot of teething problems. Not so now. It is a magnificent airport with its shops; food outlets, comfortable rest areas and a computer driven (underground) train to take you half way across the Airport

Hong Kong to Vancouver is approx 13 hours flying time so add to that the getting there time and the customary procedures (no pun intended) at the arrivals end and a few hours have transpired (& so had we). Also we were back a day. At Vancouver Airport we were greeted by a representative of our tour company (Scenic Tours). He made us most welcome and proudly introduced us to his fair city en route to our accommodation. Vancouver is a beautiful city, which for us was the stepping off point for the most wonderful 22-day holiday. Too be continued...

*(approved R L K)*

#### **How Times have changed in the last fifty years!!**

The following article was originally published in the May 13<sup>th</sup> 1955 edition of 'Housekeeping Monthly' under the title 'The Good Wife's Guide'.

- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready, on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal

[especially his favourite dish] is part of the warm welcome needed.

- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people.
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.
- Clear away any clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives.
- Gather up school books, toys, paper etc and run a dust cloth over the tables.
- Over the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel that he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces [if they are small], comb their hair and change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part. Minimise all noise. At the time of his arrival eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet.
- Be happy to see him.
- Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first - remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner, or other places of entertainment without you. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real need to be at home and relax.
- Your goal: Try to make sure your home is a place of peace and tranquillity where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he is late home for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through that day.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or have him lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgement or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the house and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him.
- A good wife always knows her place!

*Sent in by Amanda Chivas*

## **For those who enjoy punning ... or severe distortions of the English language:**

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.  
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.  
Practice safe eating - always use condiments.  
Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.  
A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.  
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.  
Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.  
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?  
Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.  
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.  
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.  
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.  
What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)  
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.  
In democracy your vote counts.  
In feudalism your count votes.  
She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.  
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.  
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.  
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.  
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.  
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.  
Every calendar's days are numbered.  
A lot of money is tainted - it taint yours and it taint mine.  
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.  
He had a photographic memory that was never developed.  
A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.  
Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall  
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.  
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.  
Acupuncture is a jab well done.

### **The Squirrel & the Grasshopper**

Rest of the world version:

The squirrel works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building and improving his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The Grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the squirrel is warm and well fed. The shivering grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold. THE END

The Australian version:

The squirrel works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the squirrel is warm and well fed. A social worker finds the shivering grasshopper, calls a press conference and demands to know why the squirrel should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others less fortunate, like the grasshopper, are cold and starving. The ABC shows up to provide live coverage of

the shivering grasshopper; with cuts to a video of the squirrel in his comfortable warm home with a table laden with food. The Australian press informs people that they should be ashamed that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so while others have plenty. The Labour Party, Greenpeace, Animal Rights and The Grasshopper Council of Australia demonstrate in front of the squirrel's house. The ABC, interrupting a cultural festival special from St Kilda with breaking news, broadcasts a multi cultural choir singing "We Shall Overcome". Bill Shorten rants in an interview with Laurie Oakes that the squirrel has gotten rich off the backs of grasshoppers, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the squirrel to make him pay his 'fair share' and increases the charge for squirrels to enter Melbourne city centre. In response to pressure from the media, the Government drafts the Economic Equity and Grasshopper Anti Discrimination Act, retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The squirrels' taxes are reassessed. He is taken to court and fined for failing to hire grasshoppers as builders, for the work he was doing on his home and an additional fine for contempt when he told the court the grasshopper did not want to work. The grasshopper is provided with a council house, financial aid to furnish it and an account with a local taxi firm to ensure he can be socially mobile. The squirrel's food is seized and re distributed to the more needy members of society, in this case the grasshopper. Without enough money to buy more food, to pay the fine and his newly imposed retroactive taxes, the squirrel has to downsize and start building a new home. The local authority takes over his old home and utilises it as a temporary home for asylum seeking cats who had hijacked a plane to get to Australia as they had to share their country of origin with mice. On arrival they tried to blow up the airport because of Australians apparent love of dogs. The cats had been arrested for the international offence of hijacking and attempted bombing but were immediately released because the police fed them pilchards instead of salmon whilst in custody. Initial moves to then return them to their own country were abandoned because it was feared they would face death by the mice. The cats devise and start a scam to obtain money from peoples credit cards. A 60 Minutes special shows the grasshopper finishing up the last of the squirrels' food, though spring is still months away, while the council house he is in, crumbles around him because he hasn't bothered to maintain the house. He is shown to be taking drugs. Inadequate government funding is blamed for the grasshopper's drug 'Illness'. The cats seek recompense in the Australian courts for their treatment since arrival in Australia. The grasshopper gets arrested for stabbing an old dog during a burglary to get money for his drugs habit. He is imprisoned but released immediately because he has been in custody for a few weeks. He is placed in the care of the probation service to monitor and supervise him. Within a few weeks he has killed a guinea pig in a botched robbery. A commission of enquiry, that will eventually cost \$10,000,000 and State the obvious, is set up. Additional money is put into funding a drug

rehabilitation scheme for grasshoppers and legal aid for lawyers representing asylum seekers is increased. The asylum seeking cats are praised by the government for enriching Australia's multicultural diversity and dogs are criticised by the government for failing to befriend the cats. The grasshopper dies of a drug overdose. The usual sections of the press blame it on the obvious failure of government to address the root causes of despair arising from social inequity and his traumatic experience of prison. They call for the resignation of a minister. The cats are paid a million pounds each because their rights were infringed when the government failed to inform them there were mice in Australia. The squirrel, the dogs and the victims of the hijacking, the bombing, the burglaries and robberies have to pay an additional percentage on their credit cards to cover losses, their taxes are increased to pay for law and order and they are told that they will have to work beyond 65 because of a shortfall in government funds. THE END

*Sent in by Trevor Smart*

## Lighter Moments

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' "Can you read this?" the optician asked. "Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

## Wildflower Trip

Six of our members went to Dongara in September visiting the local sites including wildflowers, towns, craft shops etc. The trip was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately they had to send a search party to find the wild flowers as they were scarce due to the change of weather. However, they reported that the sights were great & were not crowded out by many tourists. They endeavour to go away again next year.



## Customs Social Events for Nov/Dec 2006

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am Melbourne Cup - Customs v Brokers Cricket Match @ Gil Fraser Oval North Fremantle
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> ACS Christmas Party @ the Amenities Room, Customs House Fremantle

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## BIRTHDAYS

### *November*

Darrell JOHNSON	3
Frank WARD	3
Bob STONE	4
Kaye MURRAY	10
Pat NICHOLS	10
Norma EMERSON	11
Ken STEWART	13
Lyn DALE	19
Bert DETERMES	23
Dianne BAIRD	26
Ron KING	26
Bill WALKER	26
Judy KING	29

### *December*

Sylvia SHAW	1
Sandra SIMS	2
John STITT	2
Lynne WAIGHT	2
Peter KEATING	6
John FLETCHER	7
Valmai KELLY	9
Helen BARTROP	13
Brian WARD	13
Val FLETCHER	14
Charlie WILLIAMS	14
Phil FARREN	15
Vic REGALI	16
Jo BARNETT	18
Dot WESTLEY	19
Jim O'NEILL	24
Carol WATSON	24
Jim ANDERSON	25
Jess ELEY	26
Vince McAULLAY	29
Jean WELLS	29
Karen JARDINE	30
Ivan OLSEN	30
Norma WILLIAMS	31

### *January*

Ron JARVIS	7
Judith PARKER	7
John SORENSEN	7
John DANIELS	10
Gus WATSON	13
Carol MOREY	16
Lorraine OTIENO	17
Phillipa NEWEY	18
Astrid NORGARD	19
Jan HALL	20
George PARKER	20
Jack TOOHEY	20
Trevor SMART	26
Norma ANDERSON	28
Christine CORNISH	28
Kaye RICKARD	28
Randall WILSON	29



## WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

### *November*

Gus & Carol WATSON	2
Vern & Dot WESTLEY	2
Wallace & Esme THOMSON	9
John & Jean WELLS	19
Christine & Graeme CORNISH	21
Percy & Bev PERRIN	24
Peter & Lana KONTOOLAS	27

### *December*

John & Sue MARKS	4
Terry & Norma EMERSON	12
Warrick & Ros GATES	14
George & Judith PARKER	22
John & Lynne WAIGHT	27
Peter & Helen KEATING	29

### *January*

Ron & Judy KING	2
Pat & Lavinia PIKE	6
Ian & Shirley McDONALD	14
Greg & Helen BARTROP	16
Ivan & Kate OLSEN	22



## Puzzles - Answers to August Puzzles

Nine-letter Word is 'Policeman'. Possible words include acme, amen, amino, ample, calm, came, camel, cameo, camp, cinema, claim, clam, clamp, clime, coma, compel, compile, complain, compline, email, encamp, iceman, impale, impanel, impel, income, lame, lamp, lemon, lime, limp, limn, loan, mace, mail, main, male, malice, manic, manioc, manipulate, mane, maple, meal, mean, melon, menial, mica, mice, mile, mince, mine, mien, moan, moil, mole, mope, name, oilman, oilmen, omen, palm, poem, polemic, pomace

Film Titles are 'The Hours' & 'To Die For'. 1 Rotates, 2 Schools, 3 Blender, 4 Atheist, 5 Flowers, 6 Stuffed, 7 Cartoon, 8 Austria.

Mystery Word is 'Correct'. Cane, sole, tore, spar, abet, ache, term.

Figure from History is 'Cleopatra'. 1 Porcupine, 2 Liverpool, 3 Mannequin, 4 Turquoise, 5 Saxophone.

**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 - 10 words, better luck next time, 11 - 18 words, good, 19 - 27 words, very good, 28 - 34 words, excellent, 35+ genius! Good Luck!

A	H	P
E	T	R
C	U	A

**Winning Word**

Try to discover the nine missing letters in the shaded squares. Each one completes the word on its left & begins the word on the right. When the puzzle is complete, the letters in the shaded column will spell our winning word..

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

**Mystery Word**

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 box at the end of each row. Once you have done this the coloured squares will spell our mystery word.

	I			L	I	N				
	I	G		S	C		O	O	L	
P			W							
B	A			I	E					
	I	C		E	D					
C		V		L		S	E	D		
A		T	E			A				

**Odd Word Out**

In this puzzle you have to use the eight clues to eliminate eight words from the grid. Simply read the clues & strike out whichever words they describe. When you have done this you will be left with one word.

**Clues**

1. Very short time
2. Cartoon character
3. Word in which the letter F appears three times
4. Cartoon character
5. Lacking fresh air
6. Slang for a person from Wales
7. Shabby
8. Swollen
9. Pongy

Spiffy	Whiffy	Scruffy
Taffy	Stuffy	Fluffy
Daffy	Puffy	Jiffy



**Customs Container X-ray Facility  
Guided Tour**  
4 Birksgate Road, North Fremantle  
Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>

meet at the gate 09:45am prompt for  
parking arrangements

Follow the directions for the Rottneest Ferry Terminal  
(Rous Head Road) and then turn left into Birksgate Road.

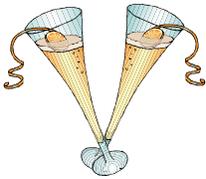
The container x-ray facility is a big white building  
emblazoned with Customs.

The tour is expected to take approx 1 hour

We will then proceed to John Tonkin Park  
for a BYO Picnic / BBQ Lunch

(located next to Zephyr's Restaurant, opposite Leeuwin  
Barracks, near Swan Yacht Club - Barbecues are available  
on site)

Please advise us by Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> of  
your attendance for the tour



**Coming up -**

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'X-ray Container Tour' in  
Fremantle. October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Christmas Lunch @ Runway  
Bar & Café, Jandakot  
Tuesday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

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2007 AGM @ Swan Yacht  
Club Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>

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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 5<sup>th</sup>**

Assemble 11:30am & Dine @ 12 noon

Full bar service

Plenty of parking for all

Bookings by Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> please



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](mailto:robrex@cambraivillage.com.au)  
or phone (08) 9304 5179

Cost of cakes to be  
confirmed with Bob



Those booked so far for  
the Christmas lunch are -

- Jim & Norma ANDERSON
- Ros & Warrick GATES
- Neil & Sue HOPKINS
- Connie HUGHES
- Darrell & Pat JOHNSON
- Brian & Elva JOST
- Judy & Ron KING
- Bev & Percy PERRIN
- Bob REX
- Kaye RICKARD
- Kay & Roger SCHMIDT
- Alex & Sylvia SHAW
- Eleanor & Trevor SMART
- Betty & Brian SOLOSY
- Bernie & Hazel WEBB
- Charlie & Norma WILLIAMS
- Peter WILLIAMS

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact  
Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Drive, WELLARD 6170 ☎ 9439 2268 or 📞 0409 105 101

# 2007 AGM Tuesday February 6th

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



Meeting to commence @ 11:30am followed by lunch @ 12:30pm

Bookings due by Friday January 26th

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

**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

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

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## RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Lunch	Runway Bar & Café	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> 2006	<input type="text"/>	x \$25.00	<input type="text"/>
AGM Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 2007	<input type="text"/>	x \$12.50	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

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

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## Last but not Least

- ◆ This is the last issue of 'Duty Freed' for 2006

### Answers to the Brain Teasers in the August Issue

- ◆ It is her job, she is a Justice of the Peace or a Minister
  - ◆ You have 2 apples. There are 3 left on the counter but you have 2
  - ◆ The match of course!
  - ◆ It has to be Johnny, he is the third child
  - ◆ \$1898 is one more silver dollar than \$1897
  - ◆ One, he may have many birthdays but only one birth day
  - ◆ You cannot take a photo with hair curlers, you need a camera
  - ◆ Mum, mother or whatever you call your maternal relative
- ◆ 'Dad's Army' is being boosted by some new (old) recruits. I am not sure who they all are yet, so will advice next issue.

Bernie Webb ☒

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