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### Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 138. 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 2007

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Dinner @ Fremantle TAFE  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Diggers Camp Visit & BBQ  
@ Oakford



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## News of Members

**Ned Custance** using the modern form of contact - email - wrote the following. When giving support & encouragement to the formation of the Retired Customs Officers Association in 1977 the thought never crossed my mind that the seed then sown would grow into such an active Association 30 years later. I would have then dismissed as fanciful thoughts that I would be still alive & kicking 30 years later & a member.

Joy joins me in congratulating all office bearers who have contributed to developing the Association since its formation & hope that one of our infrequent visits to Perth will coincide with one of your functions.

2007 is also a significant year for us as Joy & I celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary on 5th April. We are both in reasonable health & despite a few aches & pain still enjoy competitive golf several times a week despite the fact that golf balls have deteriorated in quality over the years - they don't go as far as they used to !!

Regards & best wishes for the future to you & the Association. *Thanks Ned & Congratulations to you & Joy on your 60 years of marriage.*

## News of Former Customs Officer

### **Dennis Parry**

Eric Fry, a former officer sent the following info on Dennis Parry - another former officer. You may not remember or know Dennis Parry but he was well known in Customs some time back and many of our long-term staff would certainly remember working with Dennis.

Uncle Dennis Parry has been very ill, and at the moment is recovering from the problems of Diabetes, Kidney and Liver ailments as well as a heart operation.

It's been a long while since he upheld the concepts of Australian Customs Service, and he will be connected to the Customs, as long as he has a wardrobe full of superseded uniform. No longer the jolly 'larger than life' fellow, he is only about 70 kilos.

If any of his Customs associates wish to send him a 'get well' message, please feel free to use my email address [ericfry@westnet.com.au](mailto:ericfry@westnet.com.au) or post to Dennis at 30, Ward Crescent, Kelmscott W.A. 6111. It would be great if former workmates could help support Dennis through this difficult time.

*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.*



## New Committee Member

We would like to congratulate Bob Stone who recently joined our committee, we look forward to his valuable input. He has been a member of our association since 2000.

## Young v Old

A very self-important University student attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing and....," pausing to take another drink of beer. The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young.....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little fart, what are you doing for the next generation?" The applause was resounding... I love senior citizens!!!

## Age Test

This was developed as an age test by an R&D department at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 50 years of age can't do it!

1. This is this cat
2. This is is cat
3. This is how cat
4. This is to cat
5. This is keep cat
6. This is an cat
7. This is old cat
8. This is fart cat
9. This is busy cat
10. This is for cat
11. This is forty cat
12. This is seconds cat

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down

# *RCOA Members 2007*

ADDERLEY Thora (F)  
ALP Les & Wyn  
ANDERSON Jim & Norma  
ARMSTRONG Susan & John DANIELS  
BAINBRIDGE David & Jessica  
BAIRD Jim & Dianne  
BALES Ruby  
BARNETT Jo  
BARTROP Greg & Helen  
BECK Ron & Maureen  
BECKWITH Alan  
BELL Phil  
BISSAKER Bryan & Pat  
BURDGE Phil & Jeannette  
CARTER Brian  
CAUDWELL Alan  
CHESCOE John & Tessa  
COLEMAN Richard & Marjorie DECAUX  
CORNISH Christine & Graeme  
CORNISH Christopher  
CROWE Elsie  
CULVER Joan (F)  
CUSTANCE Ned & Joy  
DALE Wayne & Lyn  
DALTON Bob & Angela  
DAVEY Nancy & Albert (L)  
DAVEY-CHIVAS Amanda (F)  
DAVIES Terry & Emma  
DE GRUCHY Ron & Jean  
DETERMES Bert  
EARNSHAW Jack & Stella  
ELEY Jack & Jess  
EMERSON Terry & Norma  
EWERS Gordon  
FARREN Phil  
FLYNN Mike & Renee  
FORREST Ian & Lorraine  
FOSTER Frances  
GATES Warrick & Ros  
GERREYN Max & Sherren  
GREENWOOD Harry & Doris  
GREGG Gwen  
HALL Alan  
HALL Graham & Jan  
HARDMAN Len & Valma  
HEAVEY Margaret  
HERON Les & Moira  
HOPKINS Neil & Sue  
HORROCKS Darrol & Joan  
HOVEY Eric & Audrey  
HUBBARD Jacky & Paul  
HUGHES Connie (L)  
HUNTER Denise & Gary  
HUNTER Jim & Carol MOREY  
JAMIESON Ian & Karen JARDINE  
JARVIS Ron & Margaret  
JEFFERIES Gladys  
JOHNS Ross  
JOHNSON Darrell & Patricia (L)  
JOHNSON Dave & Joy  
JOST Brian & Elva  
KEATING Peter & Helen  
KELLY Valmai  
KING Ron & Judy  
KNIGHT Betty  
KOCH Derek  
KONTOOLAS Peter & Lana  
LAMERS Hedda  
LEWIS Denis & Ellen  
LOWE Brian & Marie GLOVER  
MARKS John & Sue  
MARSHALL Gordon & Rosemary  
MCAULLAY Vince & Ann McNAMARA  
McCUBBIN Tony & Kerry  
McDONALD Ian & Shirley  
MENNER Frank & June  
MEPHAM Maurice & Freda  
METCALF Michael & Robyn  
MORAN Frank & Maureen  
MORRISON Les & Karen  
MULCONRAY Chris  
MURPHY Paul & Pauline  
MURRAY Kaye (L)  
MURRAY - SMITH Mimie  
NEWAY Phillipa  
NICHOLS Pat  
OLSEN Ivan & Kate  
O'NEILL Jim & Bridie  
O'NEILL Mary  
OTIENO Lorraine (F)  
OWEN Leonie & Harry (F)  
PARKER George & Judith  
PERRIN Percy & Beverley  
PERRY Peg  
PIKE Pat & Lavinia  
PROUD Peter  
QUIN Robert & Roslyn (F)  
REGALI Vic & Sue ABBEY  
REX Bob & Betty  
RICKARD Kaye  
RITCHIE John & Doreen  
ROBERTS Clayton & Suzanne  
ROSS Ian  
RUDKIN Haddon & Margaret  
SCHMIDT Kay & Roger  
SHAW Alex & Sylvia (L)  
SHERIDAN Kevin & Mary (L)  
SIMS Sandra & Alex  
SMART Trevor & Eleanor  
SMITH Dorothy  
SMITH Ken & Phyllis  
SOLOSY Betty & Brian  
SORENSEN John & Colleen  
STEWART Ken  
STITT John  
STONE Bob & Robyn  
SULLIVAN Trixie  
SWEET Roly & Sue  
TAZEWELL Harry (F)  
THOMAS Geraldine  
THOMSON Wallace & Esme  
THUNDER Geoff & Rose  
TOWILL John & Yvonne  
TOWNSEND Lesley  
TOY Mary (L)  
WAIGHT John & Lynne  
WALKER Betty (F)  
WALKER Bill & Pat  
WARD Brian & Kathleen  
WARD Ethel  
WATSON Gus & Carol  
WEBB Bernie & Hazel  
WEBB Susan & Randall WILSON (F)  
WELLS John & Jean  
WESTLEY Vern & Dot (L)  
WILLIAMS Charlie & Norma  
WILLIAMS Peter  
WILLS Pat (H)  
WOLSKI Geoff

*(F) Friend (L) Life Member*

## BIRTHDAYS

### *May*

Ruby BALES	1
Lavinia PIKE	2
Neil HOPKINS	3
Doreen RITCHIE	4
Trixie SULLIVAN	5
Connie HUGHES	7
Ros GATES	9
Mike FLYNN	11
Kevin SHERIDAN	12
Gwen GREGG	15
Sue WEBB	15
John RITCHIE	16
Albert DAVEY	18
Emma DAVIES	20
Ellen LEWIS	21
Pat WILLS	24
Len HARDMAN	27
Colleen SORENSEN	27
Fran FOSTER	28
Paul HUBBARD	28
Bridie O'NEILL	30

### *June*

Frank MENNER	5
Peter PROUD	6
Richard COLEMAN	7
June MENNER	8
Pat BISSAKER	14
Terry EMERSON	14
Val HARDMAN	14
Brian CARTER	15
Phyllis SMITH	18
Paul MURPHY	21
John WELLS	23
Denise HUNTER	25
Denis LEWIS	25
Lesley TOWNSEND	25
Greg BARTROP	28
Bob REX	28



## WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

### *May*

Jim & Norma ANDERSON	2
Paul & Pauline MURPHY	11
Kevin & Mary SHERIDAN	20
Bryan & Pat BISSAKER	24
Terry & Emma DAVIES	25
Susan ARMSTRONG & John DANIELS	31

### *June*

Ron & Margaret JARVIS	4
Darrell & Patricia JOHNSON	4
Max & Sherren GERREYN	8
Jack & Stella EARNSHAW	10
Les & Moira HERON	18
Bill & Pat WALKER	22

## Puzzles - Answers to February Puzzles

- ❖ Nine-letter word was **Rejection**. Possible words include: centre, citron, cornet, cretin, crone, ejection, encore, enter, enteric, entice, entire, erection, inert, inject, injector, inter, intro, joiner, joint, jointer, nicer, niece, nitre, note, notice, once, orient, recent, rejection, rejoin, tenor, toner, tonic.
- ❖ Hidden word was **Correct**. Answers were Cane, sole, tore, spar, abet, ache, term.
- ❖ Musical word was **Piccolo**.
- ❖ Mystery word was **Hornet**. Answers were halter, orbits, recall, nudity, ethics, trains.

### 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 - 9 words, better luck next time, 10 - 15 words, good, 16 - 21 words, very good, 22 - 29 words, excellent, 30+ genius! Good Luck!

U	O	L
R	F	G
E	T	F

### Hidden Words

Each of the words on the left-hand side of the grid contains a hidden four-letter word. You do not need to rearrange any letters. Locate the hidden words & write them in the spaces provided on the right. The letters in the coloured squares will spell an occupation

Safari

Silly

Encrusted

Beastly

Amulet

Flamenco

Sniper


### Machine Word

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.

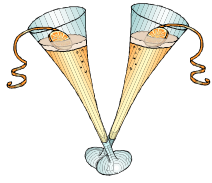
F	E	N	N	E		O	C	U	S	T
C	A	M	E	R		R	C	A	D	E
M	E	A	D	O		I	C	K	E	R
V	E	R	M	I		A	C	H	O	S
H	E	L	I	U		I	C	R	O	N
G	R	O	T	T		C	C	U	L	T
B	E	L	L	O		I	C	K	E	D
P	R	I	N	C		N	C	O	R	E
K	I	P	P	E		A	C	O	O	N

### Mystery Word

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

#### Clues

Artificial ---, sugar substance	REP	MAN	MAL	CRA
Fix-it man, handyman	NBE	NER	ETE	MIC
Leaping Australian marsupials	SWE	GAR	MAR	OOS
---oven, fast cooking appliance		AIR	AVE	ROW
Orange-flavoured spread to put on your toast	KAN	RRY	ADE	



## Dinner @ Fremantle TAFE

**15 Grosvenor Road,  
BEACONSFIELD  
Tuesday May 8th**

Congregate at 6:30pm  
Dinner at 7pm  
**Cost: \$20.00pp**  
Licensed

**Maximum 36 people, please phone  
to reserve your seat. First in ...**

Bookings for dinner must be made  
before Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>



Those booked for TAFE  
Dinner so far are -

Neil & Sue HOPKINS  
Darrell & Pat JOHNSON  
Bernie & Hazel WEBB



## Diggers Camp

**106 Blair Road, Oakford  
Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cost: \$20:00 pp**

Includes BBQ Lunch & choice of Salads  
Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

Assemble 11:30 am, Lunch 12 noon  
Show starts 13:00

Experience -

- 👉 Aussie yarns, verse & song in the old shearing shed
  - 👉 Aussie Bush Classics
  - 👉 Contemporary Aussie Comedy
  - 👉 Rod & Kerry's original verse & yarns
- (Booking for 20 so please get in early)

## Events On the Agenda for 2007

- 👉 RCOA's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch Tues Sept 18<sup>th</sup>
- 👉 Breakfast
- 👉 Christmas Lunch Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>
- 👉 Christmas Lights Bus Tour

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



For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact

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(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - opposite page)

## RCOA Web Site

www.rcoa.org.au, our Web site, is up and running again. We had hardware and software problems, which appear to be working OK now. You can find this Newsletter there (or 'here' if you are already on the web site) and previous Duty Freed's back to October 2004. It's very basic at the moment as designing/building web sites is all new to me. If anyone out there would like to volunteer, I would be more than happy to hand it over. Any thoughts as to additional content that could be 'housed' on this site would also be appreciated.

Bernie Webb 

**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:**  / /2007

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### RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

**Names Attending:**

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
TAFE Dinner	Fremantle TAFE	May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2007	<input type="text"/>	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
BBQ	Diggers Camp, Oakford	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2007	<input type="text"/>	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
		Screen	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

**Signature & Date:**  / /2007 **Total Amount Enclosed \$**

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

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## Last but not Least

- 'Dad's Army' is still continuing. Most of us have extended our contracts to the end of June. I took the advantage while re-negotiating mine to change to what amounts to one week on, then one week off. This has proven to be a very amicable arrangement, as I was starting to feel like a full time employee, which is the last thing I wanted. Now I am back to feeling semi-retired, much better!
- A few of you are still unfinancial for this year and beyond. Please check your mailing label (below) to confirm that you 'are' or 'are not' financial for 2007. If you receive Duty Freed by email I will send a separate email to advise that you are unfinancial. The next 'Duty Freed' (June) will be the final newsletter sent to unfinancial members.

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