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Future Events 2007

July 3rd - BBQ & Narration @ The Diggers Camp, Oakford
Sept 18th - 30th Celebration Lunch @ Swan Yacht Club
Dec 4th - Christmas Lunch @ The Jetty Restaurant ☎

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News of Members

Brian Carter is currently in China working with Ernst & Young. He contacted us by email sending his regards to all.

Mike & Robyn Metcalf are off to visit their son in London & getting away for a short while. Mike is looking forward to maybe 'semi-retiring' soon, we'll see!

Kaye Rickard is still busy working at Defence. She was booked in to attend the Diggers Camp but work commitments intervened. Hopefully we will see her at one of our events soon.

Kaye & Roger Schmidt have been off travelling again, not letting the dust settle in their caravan they have been getting away a bit recently. They also had a short trip cruising overseas. Maybe they will have some tales to tell for future newsletters.

Hazel Webb has been busy coaching netball (nearly every day of the week) & has been struck down with a nasty cold that had her confined to bed for a few days. Not to be kept down for long she is back in the thick of things. She is looking to playing in the Fremantle Masters Netball competition in August & is seeking females 50 & over to join her. If you know of anyone mad enough to still play netball & fit the criteria please give her a call.

Sue Webb is back from her stay in NZ & is busy getting her new accommodation sorted - a mobile truck being home, office etc. She left her partner Randall over in NZ busy with his new yacht.

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.



News from Ron de Gruchy

I look forward to reading whatever is in the newsletter and often wonder just how you and Hazel are able to come up with such a worthwhile document. I spent nearly 42 years with Customs, so, obviously, it was a big part of my life. Although I don't seem to get around to getting involved in many of the social occasions that you, and your committee, organise, rest assured that I am always thinking of the many friends that I had whilst working with Customs. Stay healthy, and keep up the good work - what you and Hazel do is truly appreciated. Regards ... Ron de Gruchy

After receiving my latest copy of 'Duty Freed', I thought it was about time that I did something - but, what?? First of all, I was pleased to read Ned Custance's few words - he may not remember me but I do have fond memories of (a) a good boss, and (b) a person who really was one for making everyone feel at ease in his presence (I wish him good golfing, as I know just how fickle the game can be). Since I retired (over 12 years ago), I have not been idle. I built my current home in Sorrento as an 'owner-builder' and can honestly say that I enjoyed the

experience. I then decided to have a go at golf and, like many others, say that, at times, it can be quite frustrating! It can also be a lot of fun (sorry, no holes-in-one yet).

I have always been a member of SCOA, (since the day I retired), but have only, in the past few years, begun to take a more active role. I had been a committee member for a couple of years and now find myself in the role of State Secretary - I did not seek this position, but it became vacant and there was no rush of volunteers!! (know what I mean??). As some of you know, I have been a member of AIR (Association of Independent Retirees) for nearly 8 years. This organisation has similar objectives to SCOA, but is a bit more oriented towards **all** retirees as opposed to only ex-Commonwealth Govt. employees. I still am a member of AIR, but am trying to 'scale down' my activities with them - there are only so many hours in the day. This year, SCOA have joined forces with the Regular Defence Forces Welfare Association, (RDFWA), and are currently visiting both Liberal and Labor Federal politicians in an effort to gain some justice for indexation of our Comsuper and Defence Forces pensions (plus a few other matters). It may only seem a small difference between our indexation, (CPI only), and the indexation that is applied to recipients of the Centrelink Aged pension (**the greater** of the CPI and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE)), but, over a 20 year time span, it could be as much as \$70,000!!! A quick example, in the April edition of the newspaper '*The Senior*', (page 7), it says that the Aged pension increased, (from 20 March), from \$512.10 per fortnight to \$525.10 (for a single) - a rise of \$13. Not a lot, you might say, but take a look at the CPI figure - 0.8%. 0.8% of \$512.10 = \$4.10. So compare a rise of \$13 per fortnight against a rise of \$4.10 per fortnight, multiply that by 26, then by 20 years (and, don't forget the compounding effect!!) and you will come up with a sizeable amount. It is a source of frustration to us all, that the Federal Govt., (read Treasury), do not take into account the additional revenue that they will receive in both (a) Income Tax, and, (b) reduced payments to those ex-Public Servants who receive a part Aged pension (quite a lot), when an increase is granted to our pensions - this is known as 'clawback'. This, really, is 'burying one's head in the sand'. In case you may not be aware, indexation of the Centrelink Aged pension changed, in 1997, from the CPI alone, to **the greater** of the CPI and the MTAWE. The Prime Minister is quoted as saying '*This ensures pension rates remain in line with the cost of living, and that pensioners share in improvements in community living standards as measured by wages.*' Again, purely for information, there have been 2 Senate Select Committees, (2001 and 2002), that have both recommended that the CPI be abolished in favour of a wage-based index. The Federal Government refuses to acknowledge these findings. Those of you that are members of SCOA, (isn't everybody??), would be well aware of the truth of what I have just said. Must be time for me to close before I get too 'wound up'!! Keep smiling.

Ron de Gruchy

Dennis Parry is back on the road

(Written by Eric Fry, A former Customs Officer)

I am very happy to say that Dennis is now, well and truly, charging along, on his way to an 'almost complete' revival!! Some months ago, you would hardly have recognised the gaunt body of the once familiar 'round, rotund and rollicking' Dennis. With prayers and get well messages, from so many people, the positive energy has had the desired affect. His weight has increased, his quick wit has returned, and providing he obeys all the rules laid down, regarding diet and exercise, he will once again cause havoc and confusion, wherever he goes. He has threatened to return to Fremantle for a lunch, but I will attempt to have the F.P.A. hoist storm cones from their building 24 hours previous. Drivers in the Kelmscott area should also be warned, D Parry's doctor has given him the authority to carry on driving after a 2 month restriction. As you can imagine, with whatever happens to Dennis, there is always a funny story or two or three. Believe me, the story that saw him ambulated off to Fremantle hospital, when he had just gone to the G.P. for a 'repeat prescription', is a classic. Made the funnier, because Val had no idea where he was. He was telephoning her, but Val never likes to answer the phone when he isn't there, so as you can see, it's like a TV domestic comedy. So is the two tyres he blew out, on his first drive from being restricted, but that as they say is another story.....!! He's coming to my place for lunch on Friday ...anything can happen!!!

Ron & Judy King's Recent Travel Report

Touring is just not for the visual effect, for one must savour the delights offered by the country/place in question. Three kilograms later you return home to toast and vegemite. Gold Leaf travel on the Canadian Pacific Rail's Rockie Mountaineer is 5 courses of 5 star meals. Gold Leaf travel through the 'Rockies' also presents magnificent scenery from your elevated observation car and excellent service by the cabin crew. The trip offers more than a 'self dive' in that it is not just what you see it is what it is all about. We were fortunate enough to have had a very presentable and knowledgeable tour guide (and coach driver) on our Canadian/Alaska tour that kept us informed as to 'What was all about'. Two trips (Canada & New Zealand) convinced me that there is no value in 'self drive'. Not only do you miss most of the scenery you have to miss all the other vehicles on the road. At 100kph, the comfort of a coach seat is my way of touring in a foreign country. And how small this world is. How often do you meet someone miles away from home who you know or who knows somebody you know. Such was the case while in Canada when Judy met some friends from New Zealand. Judy had lived in New Zealand for 20 odd years before returning to Australia 30 years ago. And how many people do you see who are look-a-likes. One of our New Zealand highlights was living and touring with local friends. So much to see, and for me it was from the passengers seat. Our local friend is a stock agent who travels extensively around the North Island. He gave me a much greater appreciation of the area than had we been 'self driving'. For Judy it

was all old hat. Groz spends some time at his 'Bash', ('Crib' in the South Island. We call them a Beach Shack) of sorts. He 'Kite' fishes, 'Net Fishes' (along the shore like we would do prawning) and he fishes with a 'Torpedo' taking a 25 hook fishing line up to 2 kilometres out to sea. Retrieval is with an electric winch. That is how they fish on the West coast of the North Island. I will try to have a picture published of the torpedo. It is around a meter long, torpedo shaped with a keel and propeller, battery powered. Its distance off shore is determined by weather conditions and the life of the batteries. When the batteries fade the device sinks leaving 25 baited hooks on a suspended line. The operator determines retrieval time. Apart from fishing in this area there is a most magnificent Museum devoted to the Kauri wood and its milling operations. Well worth a visit.

South from Auckland to Wellington by train, a 12-hour journey, in comfort. Refreshments are available, on board, but the best are obtained from the Station Kiosks at the several stops en-route. Wellington for us was the start of our South Island tour. A short tour around the City & surrounds, worth another visit, before boarding our Ferry for the crossing to Picton. We were forewarned about of some horrendous crossing and how rough it can be. The vessel did shake a bit where the 2 Oceans meet, but after that it was like the ferry from Perth to South Perth, only much more spectacular. The South Island of New Zealand is spectacular, to say the least. Towns and villages display the pride of their residents. Nelson is picture perfect as is Arrow Town, Christchurch, Dunedin & its Railway Station and best is Queenstown with the ferry ride across the lake to the 'Shearing Shed'. Milford Sound cost me the (pommy) cap I was wearing when Princess Alexandra met me at the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2001. Lord of the Rings film sites are all over New Zealand, but did you know 'Dancing with the Wolves' was filmed in New Zealand? En-route to Mount Cook our Coach Driver, an ex truckie who new so much of the areas traversed, pointed out what appeared to be a series of farms on both sides of the road. It was in fact one farm divided into a number of paddocks, all under irrigation. One piece of irrigation equipment was a kilometre long. The farm when fully developed would graze 4,700 cows requiring 7 milk tankers 24 hours a day. Then came the story about the fastest motorbike in the world, hand built, in New Zealand. Six only were ever built and there lies another amazing accomplishment. The first motorbike built is in the Wellington Museum, worth a look, ie the whole museum. Too many beautiful places and too many magnificent wines and too much food, fit for a King. At Franz Joseph, after a particularly (as usual) fine dinner I said to Judy that person (passing our table) looks like ... Hello, John Chescoe. John and his wife Jess were touring the South Island in the reverse direction to us.

Back in Australia (Melbourne) and we took in a tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, highly recommended. & because West Coast was playing on the forthcoming Saturday our holiday was re-arranged. Approaching the ground, I said to Judy, that looks like ... Hello, Trevor Smart. West Coast just managed to win. I can recommend some places to travel here or overseas but Graham & Jan Hall could suggest far more, if ever I can get him (G D) to submit his thoughts on the matter of travel.

RLK

An Adam & Eve Story

Guilderton is God's Country just ask Adam & Eve (Bill & Pat Walker). The peace and tranquillity of the Walker residence suffered a disturbance recently when Pat could be heard calling for help from her beloved Bill, as far away as Lancelin. Eve (Pat) took exception to the presence of a python in their backyard. Adam (Bill) was cordially summoned to remove the reptile. It was heading for a hanging basket and the refuge of their ceiling. Adam (Bill) tried to prevent the reptile from proceeding any further with the aid of a stick. It proved futile. So taking things in hand (literally) he took hold of the tail of the snake and tried to bring it to ground. To bring it to ground he required a receptacle to house the reptile. A request to Eve (Pat) now some distance down the drive way was not exactly encouraging to Adam (Bill) who had no desire to hang on to the reptile once it was freed from the hanging basket. Eventually a large box was thrown at Adams (Bill) feet. Man 'the hunter' is known for his strength and durability when seeking food for his wife & family but no man displayed more strength and courage than did Adam (Bill) with support coming from a very distant wife. He did it, he freed the reptile and hastily secured it in the large box before it could strike back at our intrepid hero. Though safe in the large box it still kept Eve (Pat) at bay. With great effort the box was loaded into the family vehicle and transported, by Adam himself, some many kilometres from town. We sat in silence while this adventure was related to us. The reptile to us was at least 5 metres long and around 30 kilograms in weight. And we did not query that. Bill's lack of concern for his own safety in actually taking the snake by the tail en-route to the ceiling was because had the snake moved into the ceiling Pat would have moved out. Other than that they still like the life that they set up over 30 years ago. RLK

Something to Muse Over

(Sent in by one of our members)

Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly Neologism Contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. This year's winners are:

1. Coffee (n), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj) describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddisisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), the belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Quiz

This is mainly based on Australian information, so use all lobes of your brain. This can be more difficult than it looks - it just shows how little most of us really see! There are 25 questions about things we see every day or have known about all our lives. How many can you get right? These little simple questions are harder than you think - it just shows you how little we pay attention to the commonplace things of life. Put your thinking caps on. No cheating! No looking around! No getting out of your chair! No using anything on or in your desk or computer! Can you beat 23?? (The average is 7) Write down your answers as you go. Answers in the next issue of Duty Freed! Let's just see how observant you really are. Here we go!

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or bottom?
2. How many states are there in the Australia? (Don't laugh, some people don't know)
3. In which hand is the United States' Statue of Liberty 's torch?
4. What six colours are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
5. What two numbers on the telephone dial don't have letters by them?
6. When you walk does your left arm swing with your right or left leg? (Don't you dare get up to see!)
7. How many matches are in a standard box?
8. On the Australian flag, how many stars are there?
9. What is the lowest number on the FM dial?
10. Which way does water go down the drain, counter or clockwise?
11. Which way does a 'no smoking' sign's slash run?
12. What is the channel range available on a UHF TV?
- 13 On which side of a women's blouse are the buttons?
14. Which way do fans rotate?
- 15 How many sides does a stop sign have?
16. Do books have even-numbered pages on the right or left side?
- 17 How many wheel nuts are on a standard car wheel?
18. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
19. Sleepy, Happy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc. Who's missing?
20. How many hot dog buns are in a standard package?
- 21 On which playing card is the card maker's trademark?
- 22 On which side of a Venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats?
23. There are 12 buttons on a touch-tone phone. What 2 symbols bear no digits?
24. How many curves are there in the standard paper clip?
25. Does a merry-go-round turn counter or clockwise?

And the Moral of the Story is ...

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them." "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house." Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. So, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path! Don't forget the Cracked Pot that sent this to you!

A possible explanation for the state we are in!

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it'. For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read 'Fridge for sale \$50'. The next day someone stole it. Caution! These people Vote

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was North because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the North?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, (and has for sometime), she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff". She also votes!

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call centre. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call centre was open. I told him, "The

number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific". He also votes!

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving". She also votes!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car it's designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk. My sister also votes!

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount. He also votes!

I was hanging out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain. My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?" I explained that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned. My friend also votes!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?" She also votes!

Oh dear!

A bloke starts his new job at the zoo and is given three tasks. The first is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does this a huge fish jumps out and bites him. To show the others who is boss, he beats it to death with a spade. Realising his employer won't be best pleased, he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything. Moving on to the second job of clearing out the chimpanzee house, he is attacked by the chimps who pelt him with coconuts. He swipes at two chimps with a spade, killing them both. What can he do? Feed them to the lions, he says to himself, because lions eat anything. He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure. He moves on to the last job, which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. As soon as he starts he is attacked and stung by the bees. He grabs the spade and smashes the bees to a pulp. By now he knows what to do and throws them into the lion's cage - because lions eat anything. Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo. He wanders up to another lion and says, "What's the food like here?" Wait for it ... The other lions say, "Absolutely brilliant. Today we had fish and chimps with mushy bees."

Thanks to those of you who sent in items for the newsletter, now I have someone else to take the blame (credit). Cheers ... Hazel

BIRTHDAYS

July

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

August

Mary O'NEILL	3
Elsie CROWE	10
Haddon RUDKIN	10
Graham HALL	11
Jack EARNSHAW	14
John MARKS	15
Angela DALTON	16
Wayne DALE	18
Jacky HUBBARD	18
Renee FLYNN	25
Gladys JEFFERIES	25
Graeme CORNISH	27
Kerry McCUBBIN	31

September

Audrey HOVEY	4
Lana KONTOOLAS	5
Brian LOWE	7
Gary HUNTER	8
Beverley PERRIN	9
Stella EARNSHAW	10
Pat WALKER	10
Roger SCHMIDT	18
Ian JAMIESON	19
Bernie WEBB	19
Jack ELEY	24
Mary SHERIDAN	26



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

July

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

August

Alex & Sylvia SHAW	18
Tony & Kerry McCUBBIN	31



September

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

Puzzles - Answers to Puzzles

- ❖ Nine-letter word is **Forgetful**. Possible answers include - effort, eft, elf, felt, floe, flog, floret, flour, flout, flouter, flu, flue, flour, flute, foe, fog, for, fore, forge, forget, fort, forte, foul, four, fret, fretful, fro, frog, fug, fur, furl, fuel, gofer, golf, golfer, gruff, gulf, left, loft, luff, off, offer, oft, ruff, ruffle, toff, tofu, truffle, tuff, turf.
- ❖ Hidden word was **Fireman**.
- ❖ Machine word was **Lawnmower**.
- ❖ Mystery Word was **Cranberry**. Answers were - Sweetener, Repairman, Kangaroos, Microwave, Marmalade.

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 - 2 words, better luck next time, 3 - 5 words, good, 6 - 8 words, very good, 9 - 11 words, excellent, 12+ genius! Good Luck!

P	R	E
T	D	E
N	E	D

Word Saver

The answer to each clue is a nine-letter word. Each answer can be made by using three of the three-letter groups in the grid. The three remaining groups of letters can be rearranged to spell another word, what is it?

Clues

1. Start, first stage
2. Crested Parrots
3. Vest
4. Detestable
5. Star, famous person

COC	INN	ENT
STC	THS	ING
PRE	KAT	WAI
CEL	BEG	OOS
LOA	OAT	SID
ITY	OME	EBR

Name of Actress

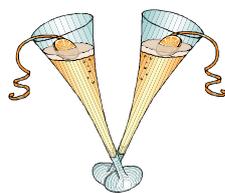
Discover the missing letters in the coloured squares to make six words reading horizontally. When complete the letters in the shaded columns will spell the name of an actress.

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

Name of a Country

The answers to all the clues begin with the letter P. Write your answers in the rows beside & you will notice the letters in the coloured column reading downwards, will spell the name of a country.

Buccaneers	P						
Widely liked	P						
Herb often used as a garnish	P						
Image, icon	P						
**** ears, what people who wear earrings have	P						
Seabird with a large beak for catching fish	P						
Nightclothes consisting of loose trousers & jacket	P						



Diggers Camp

106 Blair Road, Oakford

Tuesday July 3rd

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

Events On the Agenda for 2007

RCOA's 30th Birthday
Lunch Tues Sept 18th
@ Swan Yacht Club

Christmas Lunch
Tuesday December
4th @ The Jetty
Restaurant, Hillarys

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



Those booked in for the Diggers Camp so far
are -

Ros & Warrick GATES
Darrell & Pat JOHNSON
Ron & Judy KING + 2 guests
Jim & Bridie O'NEILL + 2 guests
Bob & Robyn STONE
Bernie & Hazel WEBB

If you are wanting to attend this event & your
name is not on this list please contact us
before Friday June 29th



Recent Outings Report

B B Q's or DINNERS - TO BE OR NOT TO BE

We all missed the BBQ in Kings Park, not because of 'climate change,' simply because it was very hot and normal for that time of the year. Naughty committee for selecting the day. Stiff bickies, it could have been a nice day as it has been in the past.

The next event was a little more sophisticated, as was evident by the dress, no jeans. It was a dinner at TAFE South Fremantle and an enjoyable one too. In truth one or two may have found something not to their liking but in the main it is still a very good venue and value for money. Our table attendants were very new to that type of service but half way through their program in other areas of the Hospitality Course. They did themselves a credit for trying. The food was probably better than we have ever had. For those of you who have not experienced one of our TAFE Lunch/dinner events come and experience it for yourselves. The highlight of the night (or lunch) is the 'yum-yum' time. They do come up with some taste tempting delights. Their wine list is inviting and easy on the pocket. We had a good attendance considering it was a night occasion and worth the variation so that we can cater for all. Thank you for your attendance and support.

APPROVED, R L K

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)

Note: We will not be organising a Christmas Light Tour this year due to the starting time being after 8pm & the small number of people interested. Members wishing to partake in a tour will need to make their own arrangements outside of this organisation.



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 \$
BBQ & Narration	Diggers Camp	July 3rd	<input type="text"/>	x 20.00	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2007

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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Last but not Least

- The RCOA web site took a hit from malicious outside persons who were somehow using it for possibly forwarding various rubbish to unsuspecting web users. To fix it we had to close it down and wipe it clean and start again. Unfortunately we have not finished rebuilding it yet but hopefully it will be up and running again soon.
- 'Dad's Army' is still trundling along well. There are nearly 20 of us altogether, including a number in Fremantle who work in HR and behind the front counter etc.
- There is also a new initiative involving 'anyone' (with appropriate security clearance) from 'outside' to be employed as CIE's (Customs Intermittent Employees), on an ad-hoc basis. One weeks training in outwards Primary and that's it! I can feel you all squirming as you read this. I am sure this is a disaster waiting to happen and am appalled that the ACS is still pursuing it. So any of you out there who feel they good boost 'Dad's Army ' numbers even if it was only one or two days a week please give Tony Thompson in HR a ring on 9430 1647.

Bernie Webb 

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