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### 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 2007

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Lunch @ Runway Bar & Cafe

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch @ Jetty's Restaurant



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## Members Contributions

A History visit to UK & other places along the way.

By Alex & Sylvia Shaw

Fifty years ago this July our first son was born, and as parents do, we wanted to help him celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. As he now lives in U.K., with his family (and our grandchildren) that is where we had to go to deliver the birthday presents. Also we had the thrill of seeing their new home (for new, read much refurbished older home) which they found recently in a rural area on an acre of land. Just a great setting - except for the rabbits! - and still in their favourite part of England, close to all things familiar to them. It was a most enjoyable visit and the family are well; daughters aged 16 & 13. We don't know if they will ever come back to Australia but maybe one day!!

Then a visit to Sylvia's cousin and her husband in Sussex, which included walking on the South Downs! Most enjoyable. After Sussex, the cousin's husband and I were booked for three days sailing in Scotland and Sylvia was with us, but to pursue a more leisurely programme on shore, based at Fort William. Our sailing was on board a 70 ft, Classic Gaff Cutter called Eda Frandsen, and took place in the Inner Hebrides, in the vicinity of Isle of Skye and many of the other beautiful islands nearby. This was an adventure to dream about. The weather was superb all the way, and Eda F, at 60 years old had been beautifully restored, was in superb condition, and very comfortable. It is berthed in a small fishing village called Mallaig, just south of the Isle of Skye.

Whilst I did the sailing bit, Sylvia took some bus journeys, first to Inverness and then to Oban, through some beautiful Scottish Highland scenery which she enjoyed very much. As an added bonus the train journey from Fort William to Mallaig was on board the Caledonian steam train which has become especially famous because of its journey through beautiful Harry Potter country. Sylvia and I both thought that was an especially memorable part of our holiday.

Our old neighbours from our Glasgow days in the late 1960's, wanted us to be sure and see them, even though time was short, so we were their guests over the next night, and then to Edinburgh for two more glorious days in warm sunshine. Our next stopover was to visit Denmark for 3 days to call on an old Scout friend I hadn't seen since 1993. He has since married and now has a ready made family, who all looked after us most graciously. We had a good look around Copenhagen in particular, and then some of the country side nearby. Highlights included the little Mermaid, Hans Christian Anderson's statue, and of course a look at the castle where our Princess Mary now lives with her children.

Then across to St Petersburg for a most enjoyable 2 weeks on a River ship between St Petersburg and Moscow, including great tours in each of these two magnificent cities, plus several island and rural visits as

we made our way through canals, lakes and rivers, towards Moscow. Again we had superb weather with bright sunshine almost every day. We were able to include the Moscow Circus, actually at its headquarters in Moscow & of course the Red Square and the Kremlin. Such history.

This cruise and many like it in Northern and Mid Europe is becoming very popular with tourists, and the comfort and care of passengers on board was superb, especially the meals. We met some most interesting people, and there was just never a dull moment, and a comfortable cabin to retire to when we needed a rest. Then we had four days in Singapore, to sort of relax and unwind on our way home, before joining up with our other family again.

This was one of our most memorable holidays, and the world certainly has some lovely places to see.

## NZ Volunteer Coastwatch Team

Here is the 'Volunteer Coastwatch Team', on Patrol at a secret beach on the West Coast of the North Island of New Zealand near Glinks Gully. This vehicle does a great job patrolling the beach loaded with Grand children, nets & fish. A nice part of the world.

Ron King



## Vale

Geoff Wilkie passed away recently after a battle with cancer. Geoff was a retired Customs Officer and former Port Hedland District Manager. I have no further details but Geoff moved back to South Australia a couple of years ago after returning to live Port Hedland for a few years after his retirement. Geoff was known to many colleagues as a nice guy and a true gentleman

## Recent Outings

### RCOA 30 years on

(Article written by Bernie Webb for the ACS Staff Bulletin)



The Retired Customs Officers Association of WA (RCOA) held a function at the Swan Yacht Club on Tuesday to mark the passing of 30 very successful years since its inception in 1977. Over 40 members were present on the day, including 28 retired (or in the case of Maurie & I 'returned') Customs Officers.

A quick glance through RCOA records shows that we still have four retired officers that have been members since its inception. One of whom was with us on Tuesday, Kaye Murray. Unfortunately no amount of persuading by Ron King could get Kaye to say a few words, publicly, on this occasion. However Kaye has written a number of articles for our 6 x times a year newsletter, "Duty Freed". The last of which was about the early years of the RCOA.



The Swan Yacht Club kitchens provided us with an excellent roast lamb luncheon followed with a large and very delicious celebratory cake.



We thought it appropriate on this occasion to have a representative from the ACS to inform us of current trends, practices and the path into the future. Our guest speaker was going to be Paul O'Connor but he was called away interstate at the last minute and delegated

Roly Dixon in his place. Roly dug deep into a little known document, painstakingly compiled by Clayton Roberts & other documents compiled by Tamara Anthony (nee Kearney), describing the history of Customs in WA from the beginning to the present. From these amazing documents Roly read, to the spellbound audience, a timeline from 1950 to the present of various incidences and events prominent through the years, and where possible included the names of officers who were involved. It seemed like the name of nearly every retired officer present got a mention at one time or another (including me - twice). At various points in his narrative Roly flashed forward to the present and gave examples of current trends and initiatives. E.g. 'use of force' and the 'armaments' on current day Customs patrol boats. All in all it was a very informative, very relevant to the occasion, and at times a humorous address from Roly.



The excellent photos surrounding this article were taken by Natalie Turner, thanks Nat! (For those of you who remember our official photographer, Bob Hodge, you will notice there is not too much blue)

As you would have gleaned from the above, the RCOA in WA is very much alive and kicking. To quote, in part, from our 'Invite to join the RCOA' document; -

*"...The primary function and purpose of the RCOA is to encourage former officers to keep in touch, and we do this by the regular publication of a newsletter and by organising an annual programme of periodic social activities. Participation in the social programme is of course entirely without compulsion, and we are pleased to note that some members, who are unable to attend outings on a regular basis for any number of reasons, nevertheless wish to retain their membership, just to keep in touch, especially via our newsletter..."*

If you are about to retire or move on to other pastures, know someone who is, or are in touch with ex officers who are not members of the RCOA, please consider joining or encouraging others to join. We also have a small number of officers who have joined us before they retire so as to keep in touch. Membership is an amazing \$6 a year. I doubt if there are any organisations cheaper than that.



## 30 years a club, 30 years an association

AND those 30 years were celebrated by 42 members at the Swan Yacht Club on Tue Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 2007. In doing so we well remember the committee of 1977 and the stalwarts that they were: Pres: Ernie McLeod, Vice Pres: Charlie Gregg, Sec/Treas: Ray Summerton, Tim Crowe, Committee: Jack Anstey, Tim Crowe, Frank Hagley, Mel Jarvis, Vic Meahan, Arthur Parker. None of the foundation committee were present to celebrate the 30 years of the fraternity, but we did have a foundation member in our midst being none other than Kaye Murray. We, the current committee, admire & respect the efforts and contributions of ALL past committee that have kept this wonderful organization alive & flourishing. Nowhere else in Australia is there a CLUB like ours that has regular committee meetings and regular functions. To this we owe our founders a special vote of thanks & to this we must add a very special vote of thanks to you the MEMBERS for your ongoing support.

Apologies were many, too many to mention, but let me say we did miss you & hope it will not be long before we again enjoy your company.

Paul O'Connor was to have addressed the celebration, unfortunately this was not to be. He did however send us a very able deputy in Roland Dixon. Roly, thank you for the Historical records, the update on Customs 'today' and most of all for the sincerity of your presentation. Natalie, thank you for coming along & doing the photographic recording.

We did eat and drink. Drinks were par for course & the food not bad at all. Actually the roast dinner was excellent. All this was followed by one very nice birthday cake. (Thank you Swan Yacht Club). Two new members enjoying the event & the company were Greg Bartrop & Richard Coleman.

It was a day of thank you's & thank you's must go to you, the members, for your continued support & especially a big thank you to Hazel for organising our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.

YES, another event worth saying, APPROVED, RLK

## Why, Why, Why??

- 👉 Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- 👉 Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
- 👉 Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- 👉 Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- 👉 Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- 👉 Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- 👉 Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- 👉 Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- 👉 Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
- 👉 If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- 👉 Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
- 👉 Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- 👉 Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- 👉 Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- 👉 Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
- 👉 How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- 👉 When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"
- 👉 Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?
- 👉 In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?
- 👉 How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?
- 👉 And my FAVOURITE.....
- 👉 The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you!

## This would be funny, if it wasn't so true

Joe Smith started the day early having set his alarm clock (made in Japan) for 6am. While his coffeepot (made in china) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (made in Hong Kong). He put on a dress shirt (made in Sri Lanka), designer jeans (made in Singapore) and tennis shoes (made in Korea). After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (made in India) he sat down with his calculator (made in Mexico) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (made in Taiwan) to the radio (made in India) he got in his car (made in Germany) and continued his search for a good paying Australian job. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day, Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (made in Brazil) poured himself a glass of wine (made in France) and turned on his TV (made in Indonesia), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in Australia.....

## THE MAYONNAISE JAR AND COFFEE

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar... and the coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an infamous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things, your family, your children, your faith, your health, your

friends, and your favourite passions, things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter, your job, your house, and your car.

The sand is everything else, the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Please share this with someone nice. I JUST DID.

## Hired Help

Bob the builder was going through a house he had just built with the woman who owned it. She was telling him what colour to paint each room.

They went into the first room and she said "I want this room to be painted a light blue." The builder went to the front door and yelled "*green side up!*"

When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be bright red.

The builder went to the front door and yelled "*green side up!*"

When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be tan.

The builder went to the front door and yelled "*green side up!*"

When he came back, the lady was pretty curious, so she asked him "I keep telling you colours, but you go out the front and yell green side up; what is that for?"

The builder said, "Oh don't worry about that, I've got a couple of Kiwis laying the turf out front."

**Christmas Lunch @ Jetty's Restaurant**  
**Sample menu for you to peruse & get your taste buds working**



**e Menu**



**TO START**

**A Choice of Two Piping Hot Soups including**  
Pea & Ham, Cream of Mushroom,  
Seafood Chowder and Pumpkin & Coconut  
All served with a selection of  
crusty and continental bread loaves, rolls & croutons

**SEAFOOD**

Of course you have heard about our  
**COLD SEAFOOD DISPLAY**

**Tempt your taste buds with these little morsels**  
(subject to availability from market)

**Icy Cold Fresh Prawns**

**Oysters on the ½ Shell**

**New Zealand ½ Shell Mussels**

**Baby Octopus Salad**

All seafood is served with lemon, limes, and a variety of sauces including,  
Home-made cocktail sauce and curry mayonnaise

**HOT SEAFOOD DISHES**

**West Australian "Coburn Sound" Chilli Mussels**  
Coated in a rich tomato and chilli sauce

**Marinated Grilled Snapper**

fillet of snapper marinated in basil and lemon, served on steamed ginger greens  
with a lemon marjoram beurre blanc

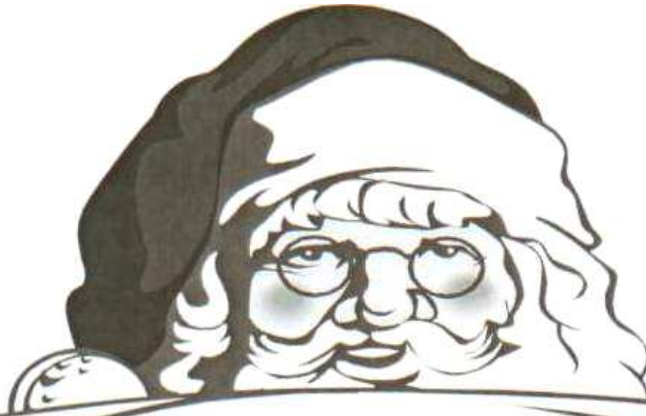
**Lemon Pepper Calamari**

Deep fried in spiced rice flour, with dusted with lemon pepper

**Traditional Fish 'n' Chips**

Fresh fish fillets, deep fried in crunchy beer batter





### CARVERY

#### A Choice of Two Freshly Carved Roast Meats including...

Honey Glazed Ham with Grain Mustard & Apple sauce  
Roast Turkey with Bacon & Sage Stuffing & Cranberry  
Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce

*Accompanied by a range of condiments including:  
Wholegrain, French and English mustards & fruit chutney*

### HOT DISHES

*We have over 14 to choose from including...*

#### Jetty's Famous Lasagna

The finest, freshest vegetables and premium quality mince, layered amongst fresh pasta & our rich, tomato and cheese sauces

#### Lamb Patiss

Savoury lamb and vegetables in a short crust pastry, served with a sweet onion, chilli and tomato chutney

#### Sweet Potato Gnocchi (vegetarian)

Potato pasta baked in a creamy mushroom and spinach sauce topped with parmesan

#### Amelia Park Lamb Curry

A rich curry of lamb flavoured with chilli, cumin and tumeric, Finished with banana, coconut and fresh coriander

#### Beef Tortellini

Beef filled pasta, served with a rich bacon, tomato and mushroom sauce

#### Lynley Valley Pork Ribs

Prime spare ribs, roasted in Chef's special plum sauce

### VEGETABLE DISHES

#### Seasonal Vegetables

A seasonal mixture of fresh "Wanneroo Market" vegetables, including..  
Roast Potato, Roast Japanese Pumpkin, Baton Carrots, Corn Cobs and Brussel Sprouts tossed in bacon butter with cracked black pepper

#### Japanese Pumpkin Mash



## COLD MEATS & ANTIPASTO

*Amid our sensational salad selection,  
you will find a variety of tempting delights including..*

**Jetty's own Oven Dried Roma Tomatoes & Fetta Cheese  
Jumbo Kalamata Olives**

**Sliced Ham, Pastrami, Beef, Salami, Turkey & Cabanossi**

## HOT BREAD

Oven baked Turkish bread with garlic butter and herbs

## SALADS

*Jetty's sensational selection of our unique salads are the perfect accompaniment  
to your meal, with over to 12 different varieties to choose from including...*

### Crunchy Coleslaw

With white and red cabbage, red onion and fresh home-made mayonnaise

### Sugar Snap Pea & Fetta

Crispy sugar snap peas with fetta cheese in a lemon vinaigrette

### Green Leaf Salad

Baby spinach and mizuna, tossed with grano padano cheese and lemon juice

### Cajun Button Mushroom

Button mushrooms marinated in a Cajun dressing with mild chilli and chives

### Thai Beef Noodle Salad

Egg noodles, tossed with broccoli, peppers, ginger, sesame, soy and coriander

### Italian Penne Salad

Penne pasta, tossed with sun-dried tomatoes, Kalamata olives, pesto & roast capsicum

### Potato Salad

Western potatoes tossed in grain mustard and sour cream dressing, with bacon lardons

### DIY Selection

### Caesar Salad

*Make Your Own!*

Fresh lettuce, crispy bacon, anchovies, croutons, parmesan cheese  
and Caesar salad dressing





**And Last But Not Least...**

**DELICIOUS DESSERTS**

**Chef's Special Hot Dessert**

Traditional Christmas Steamed Fruit Pudding,  
with rich brandy custard

**Baileys Liqueur Cheesecake**

A rich cream cheese and Baileys liquored cheesecake  
topped with chocolate pieces

**Choc-Mud Cake**

Gateaux made with chocolate, filled and coated with  
chocolate and served with cream.

**Traditional Australian Pavlova (gluten free)**

Soft baked meringue topped with fresh fruits and berry coulis

**Coconut Crème Caramel (gluten free)**

Traditional baked egg custard dessert, drizzled in caramel sauce

**Poached Pears in Mulled Red Wine**

Bartlett pears, simmered in cinnamon spiced red wine  
and served with cinnamon cream

As well as all of these favourites try..

Light Fluffy Mousses, Fresh Fruit Platters, Meringues, Fruit Mince Pies

**ICE-CREAM**

**Don't forget our rich, creamy ice-creams**

6 varieties to choose from, including low fat and sorbet  
accompanied with various toppings, nuts & choc drops

**CHEESE BOARD**

*A selection of fresh Margaret River Cheeses  
accompanied with dried fruits, nuts and biscuits*

**COFFEE & SELECTED SPECIALTY TEA**

*And there you have it, Jetty's Sensational Full Smorgasbord!  
Patrons please note, that due seasonal trends and other factors,  
choices may vary subject to availability*

## BIRTHDAYS

### *November*

Darrell JOHNSON	3
Bob STONE	4
Kaye MURRAY	10
Pat NICHOLS	10
Norma EMERSON	11
Ken STEWART	13
Lyn DALE	19
Sue MARTIN	21
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
Valmai KELLY	9
Helen BARTROP	13
Brian WARD	13
Charlie WILLIAMS	14
Vic REGALI	16
Jo BARNETT	18
Dot WESTLEY	19
Jim O'NEILL	24
Carol WATSON	24
Jim ANDERSON	25
Jess ELEY	26
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
Alan BECKWITH	17
Lorraine OTIENO	17
Phillipa NEWWEY	18
Astrid NORGDARD	19
Jan HALL	20
George PARKER	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
Kevin & Sheila SHEPHERDSON	13
Ian & Shirley McDONALD	14
Greg & Helen BARTROP	16
Ivan & Kate OLSEN	22



## Puzzles - Answers to August Puzzles

- ❖ Nine-letter word is **Rearrange**. Possible answers include - age, agree, anger, are, area, arena, arrange, arranger, eager, ear, earn, earner, enrage, era, ere, erg, ern, erne, err, garner, gear, gee, gen, gene, genera, genre, green, near, nearer, rage, rane, range, ranger, rare, rarer, rear, reran.
- ❖ Hidden word was **Jellyfish**. Answers were breakfast, astronaut, boomerang, champagne, promenade
- ❖ A-mazing word was **Electricity**.
- ❖ Mystery word was **Furniture**. Answers were uplifted, immunity, reporter, wrinkles, aperitif, pastimes, sprouted, vibrancy, proverbs.

### 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 - 5 words, better luck next time, 6 - 10 words, good, 11 - 15 words, very good, 16 - 19 words, excellent, 20+ genius! Good Luck!

O	I	L
H	O	R
W	P	L

### 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 the name of a flower

### Clues

1. Listen secretly
2. Coin-operated music playing machine
3. Unable to be seen
4. Sleepless person
5. Common household insect

XES	INV	EBO
ISI	OMN	ACH
CUP	EAV	IAC
ESD	JUK	INS
TER	KRO	ROP
COC	BUT	BLE

### Amazing Word

Each row of words is missing a letter that is repeated throughout the word. Simply write the missing letters in the spaces provided & again in the coloured square at the end of the row. Once you have done this, the letters in the shaded squares, reading downwards will spell the name of a Pacific island country

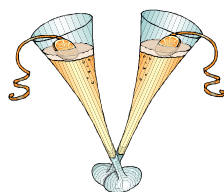
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C		T		M		R		N	
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### Mystery Word

Rearrange the letters of the words under the Anagrams heading to answer the following six clues. Write your answers into the grid on the right in order. If all your answers are correct, the coloured column will spell our mystery word.

Anagrams	Clues	Answers					
Dashes	Sunnies						
Seared	Rubbed out						
Burble	Debris						
Seldom	Catwalk strutters						
Bistro	Planets' paths						
Sloven	Paperbacks						





## Buffet Luncheon @ the Runway Bar & Café

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

**Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Assemble 11:30 & Dine at 12 noon

**Cost \$15.50 pp**

Bar open - pay as you go  
Plenty of parking for all

Bookings to be made before  
Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> please

Coming up -

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Christmas Lunch  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

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AGM 2008  
Swan Yacht Club  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2008

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



## Christmas Lunch Jetty's Restaurant

Hillary's Boat Harbour  
Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon

Meet outside 11:45 am

**Cost: Members \$30.00**

**Non-Members \$35.00 (Senior)**

**Full Buffet & Sweets**  
Tea & Coffee included

Booking made for 50 people (can be adjusted)  
Fully Licensed (pay as you go)

**We have pre-paid a deposit & must pay for all bookings therefore pre-payment (in full) is required on this occasion. We will only confirm numbers on those who have paid in advance**

Bookings & payment for the luncheon to be made by Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup> please.

Those booked for Christmas lunch so far are -

Greg BARTROP  
Richard COLEMAN  
Joan CULVER  
Ros & Warrick GATES  
Neil & Sue HOPKINS  
Connie HUGHES  
*Darrell & Pat JOHNSON (Paid)*  
Brian & Elva JOST  
Val KELLY  
Judy & Ron KING  
Kaye MURRAY  
*Harry & Leonie OWEN (Paid)*  
George & Judith PARKER  
Bev & Percy PERRIN  
Bob REX  
Kay & Roger SCHMIDT  
Sandra SIMS  
*Eleanor & Trevor SMART (Paid)*  
Bob & Robyn STONE  
Harry TAZEWELL  
Betty WALKER  
*Bernie & Hazel WEBB (Paid)*  
Charles & Norma WILLIAMS

**(Connie requires a lift from Bull Creek & return, so if you can help please let us know)**

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)

**We recently received the following from one of our members - Name Tags**

*Believe it or not, we are all getting steadily older (the alternative is not very attractive) & one of the problems with aging is memory deterioration. Few things are more embarrassing than seeing an old workmate & not being able to remember his/her name. Why don't we resume the old RCOA practice of wearing name tags at events? Most of us already have those tags from earlier years. Let's have them serve a worthy purpose again ...*

I have arranged for some plastic name tag holders (like the ones we have for attending courses) & printed off some name tags for those who regularly attend our functions (approx 50) for issue to members as we see them. They are plain & simple but affordable & I can print off tags as required off my computer at home.

If you have not attended a function this year & require one please let me know.

Cheers ... Hazel

**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 \$
Lunch	Runway Bar & Café	Oct	<input type="text"/>	x \$15.50	<input type="text"/>
Christmas Lunch	Jetty's Restaurant	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> 2007	<input type="text"/>	x \$30.00 \$35.00	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

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



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## Last but not Least

- There are three lots of 20 odd new Customs trainees, either started or starting very soon. The ACS is confident that this will solve the shortage of staff problem. However, on past performance, the crazy world of mining job offers and the fact that people do not seem to consider Customs (or indeed any job) as 'long term' in these modern times, I have my doubts. Our (Dad's Army) contracts are in the process of being extended for another 3 months until the end of January 2008 to cover the busy period over Christmas & New Year. Then I think we will all get a well deserved break of at least a few months, while the new 'trainees' settle in. Then, who knows...?
- Where possible I have been forwarding, by email, the ACS WA Staff Bulletin to all those members whose email addresses I have. If I haven't got your email address and you would like to receive the Staff Bulletin as well as other snippets of information please email me with your details.
- The Christmas function is at 'Jetty's Restaurant' Hillary's Boat Harbour on December the 4th, see menu inside this edition.

Bernie Webb 📧

<p><b>Retired Customs Officers' Association of WA inc.</b></p> 	 <p>Seasons Funerals Belmont</p> <p><b>Michael Metcalf</b></p> <p>8 Hehir Street, Belmont WA 6104</p> <p>☎ (08) 9479 4173 Fax (08) 9479 4171</p>	<p><b>REDGUM RURAL SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- trees pruned</li><li>- rural fencing</li><li>- gutters cleaned</li><li>- garden clean ups</li><li>- rotary hoeing</li><li>- slashing / mowing</li></ul> <p><b>Bernie Webb</b></p> <p>☎ (08) 9439 2268 📱 0419 903 218</p>
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