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Future Events 2008

March 16th Breakfast Barbecue
at Point Walter Reserve



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News of Members

Margaret Heavey is travelling around Australia, just started the second lap and now on the Eyre Peninsula at Tumbly Bay. Planning to head to Tassie after SA, speed through Vic if you were wondering. Life is still treating me well and enjoying this lifestyle meeting lots of interesting as well as really nice people.

Lorraine Otieno is out of ICU and breathing on her own, not much change with the infection but she is fighting hard.

Vic Regali celebrated his 65 birthday (a week in advance) with a group of friends at the Boyup Brook Club on Sat Dec 8th 2007. Much to Vic's and our delight was the reception by the staff that put aside a decorated room for the event. They then continued to surprise us and please us with their service and fare. It would have to have been one of the best-catered events I have ever been to, I do like my food. Vic now of pension age has been practicing retirement in the Busselton & Kirup areas for a few years has nearly found a real place to retire. At Boyup Brook it is a little distance from the ocean but to Vic who is second to me as a fisherman that is only a temporary hic up. He has the perfect Rural Life with a garden, (vegetable & flowers), chooks and a MANS SHED. All this he is lucky enough to share with Sue who tries to keep him on the straight & narrow, and has nearly succeeded. Thank you both for a great weekend, Ron & Judy King

John Towill - Just a few words from the North of NZ, Bay of Islands, life is great here although a little humid at the moment. Great place with lots to see and do - the food is really surprising me -- I will diet later, it's too good to waste right now.

Vern & Dot Westley are keeping fairly well, they are taking things easy & keeping out of trouble. They ask to be remembered to you all.

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 Members

John & Juliet Kinsella

Welcome & hope to see you at some of our functions.

Vale

Les Alp passed away early this week, his funeral was held on Wednesday 13th at Fremantle. Les had been a member of our Association since 1986 & had eluded getting onto the committee all this time. He was married to Wyn for 58 years, had 3 sons & 1 daughter. He spent 42 years in Customs, retiring as a Director in Canberra. Les had worked in many area of ACS & even had a stint as Assistant Collector in South Australia. When he retired he returned to his birthplace Perth to be near his family. Academically he won a scholarship to Perth Modern School which had a very high reputation for distinguished students in those years. Les was good at sport & held a couple of rowing championships, mainly in Sculls, also enjoyed a game of squash, keen on water skiing & played Lawn Bowls, so kept fairly active! Les was a popular outgoing person who was respected by all who came in contact with him.

Member Contributions

Busselton Iron-man 2007

Team Father and Sons

A bit of back ground to the Busselton Iron-man held on 2nd December 2007. This event is held every year, it consists of the following - 3.8km Swim around the Busselton Jetty, 180.2km Bike Ride & 42.2km Run to be completed in 17Hours. The event can be done as an individual or a Three-person Team.

During a night out for my 69th birthday on the 11th August myself and my two sons Neil and Michael decided to enter a team in the Iron-man, I think this all came about after too many wines. Anyway in the cold light of the next day it still sounded like it was a good idea. So we entered ourselves and hence the name Father and Sons. Between August and December we all had to get in some very serious training. It was decided that Neil would do the Swim Leg (he has competed in 5 Iron men events as an individual), Michael would do the Bike Leg and of course I would do the Run/Walk Leg.

All our families came down to Busselton to cheer us on. On the Saturday before the race we had to get our final briefing and pick up our number guess what



we had number T13 not a real good omen. Sunday came and it was a 6.30am start for the Swim Leg. Neil did the swim in 1hour 23minutes a good time, handed over to Michael. Michael did the Bike Course in 6hours 25minutes another good time and handed over to me. I managed to Run or should say Walk the 42.2km in 6hours 50minutes. We completed the whole course in 14hours 28minutes well inside the cut off time of 17 hours. The only problem we encounter was myself suffering with very badly blistered feet, which cleared up after a couple of days. Just had trouble walking the next day!

Graham Hall

The Trip around the Mediterranean Including Milan & London 27 October - 3 December 2007 Neil and Susan Hopkins

Neil and Susan left Perth Airport on Qantas for the port of Genova via Singapore, London and Milan. After 34 hours traveling we arrived at our ship the MSC Musica in Genova for our 18 day cruise of the Mediterranean. After much madness on the docks we finally arrived in our cabin and collapsed on our bed only to be immediately called to Life Boat Drill !!! The vessel MSC Musica is the flagship of the company... Gross Reg Tonnage is 89000, she is 60 metres high, 294 metres long and 32 metres wide. She has 16 decks (13 for Pax and 3 for Crew). The ship's capacity (Pax) is 3013 in 1275 cabins of which 80% have private balconies. There is 987 crew made up of 43 nationalities. The top speed of the vessel is 23 knots. The vessel is quite magnificent being just 12 months young.

Our first port of call was Naples where we visited the ancient city of Pompeii. During the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Pompeii was completely destroyed. We did a walking tour of this site which had been perfectly preserved under a layer of volcanic ash. We walked along the ancient streets of this Roman town and imagined life in this era as we walked past shops, temples and houses of noblemen that were uncovered during the excavations that began in 1700. Quite a remarkable place.

Following day was Palermo (Sicily). Here we visited the valley of the temples which was a whole day excursion. The valley of the temples is an important complex of temples near Agrigento and included in UNESCO world heritage list. These Doric temples all face east, standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples, ensuring that the

statues of the gods could be illuminated by the rising sun. Several of our excursion persons became lost on this tour and it took two hours to find them. We had a beautiful Italian lunch with local red wine in plentiful supply.

Next port of call was Tunis (Tunisia) we stayed on board here and just lounged around the pool and bar areas while most people went ashore. It was a recovery day.

The next day we arrived at Palma (Balearic Islands). Here we wandered around the city and walked up to Bellver Castle to admire the breathtaking view over the town and bay (Spectacular). We visited the Gothic Cathedral and its museum built in 1230 on the foundations of an ancient mosque. We walked through the medieval quarter and to the bullring (Plaza de Toros) where the popular "Corrida" is still held today.

We then sailed on to Barcelona (Spain) and had a wonderful day exploring all the sights of the wonderful city. The architect Gaudi left his mark on this city and one of his masterpieces, a Gothic Cathedral is still unfinished. Very beautiful place to be.



Next stop was the city of Marseilles (France) here we caught a bus to the Popes Palace in Avignon. First stop was Lex Baux which is a beautiful ancient city carved out the top of a mountain then on to Avignon a beautiful place by the river Rhone. It is a beautiful place, the Popes looked after themselves very well.

We arrived back in Genova to end our first cruise and to begin the second stage. Whilst here, we caught the train to Santa Margherita a small fishing village about an hour south of Genova and then the bus to Portifino (about 10 min) which is a famous fishing village for the rich and famous to stay. Ridge and Brooke, Bold and Beautiful fame, got married here !!! Fabulous place. Leaving Genova we sailed down to Ajaccio (Corsica) this is the home of Napoleon Bonaparte. There is no street, building or avenue that does not reflect his history. Many statues, paintings, etc., relating to this famous man.

We sailed on to La Valletta (Malta) here we were enthralled by all the coloured fishing boats and forts built around the port. Quite a rugged country out of the town. We had a very hectic

double decker bus ride through the country areas here and were glad to get back to the ship.

On to the Greek island of Rhodes where we visited the Grand Master Palace in the famous Street of Knights flanked by hostels in which the Knights of the Order used to lodge. Did the town walk and found the Island to be a fascinating place.

Next port of call was Alexandria (Egypt) where we drove along the desert road to Cairo. Three hours to the Pyramids of Giza, including Cheops, Chefren and Mykerino the valley Temple and the Sphinx before traveling to the Pyramids of Sankara and the huge statue of Ramses 11 at Memphis. Whilst in Cairo (Poverty stricken and dirty place) we stopped amid it all to have lunch at a magnificent hotel ... quite a culture shock. Here some waif decided Neil was his Pappa !!!

Tripoli (Libya) was a non event as here we were detained on board the vessel due to Customs requirements not being met and the vessel sailed from the port some four hours later. We were all disappointed.

However, we had more time at our next stop, Messina (Sicily) where we visited one of the world's most active volcanoes Mt. Etna. It was like being on another planet, just dried up lava everywhere. Walked down into the crater

Back to Naples on our way back to Genova and spent the day there walking around the city looking at all the shops etc.

Arrived back at Genova to disembark MSC Musica after a wonderful cruise. Great food, Entertainment, bed made, real luxury, made some really nice friends - which one does on holiday. It was our first cruise and found it to be everything others had told us (good things). We had a wonderful time, most days we left the ship for at least half a day sightseeing then dinner at 1830, then a show in the theatre at 2100, then off to the dance floor and drinkies til time for bed, generally before the midnight feast started. Just couldn't face any more food.

Disembarked from the vessel and then onto Santa Margherita by train to the Hotel Fasce where we spent the next eight days. Whilst here, we experienced the greatness of Italy, Food and Vino. We did the famous walk along the Cinque Terre (Five Villages) Riomaggiore to Manarola to Coniglia to Vernazza to Monterosso. It was a wonderful walk takes about 5 hours of very steady walking, because if you are not going up a very steep incline,

you are going down one. It is only a track for most of the way but it is the most magnificent walk one could imagine and the views are the most spectacular and the villages are just unbelievable. Spent most of the time exploring the local towns in the area and went back into Genova for two days. We then traveled by train to Milan found ourselves a nice hotel in the fashion capital of the world and spent two days sightseeing on foot. Unfortunately it never stopped raining whilst here, but we still managed to get out and see the tourist attractions - La Scala Theatre - Duomo, very famous cathedral etc. etc. Shopping was restricted to looking, apart from one Christmas Decoration. Wonderful place, felt right at home with all the fashion (He He He)

Next we took a BA flight to London, on board this flight we met (some will know his Dad George) Colin Perry. Was quite a coincidence as he had been to our house several times when he was a small boy with his dad and mum. Colin was the flight attendant. Arrived in Heathrow 1900 hours we caught a bus to Woking and then a train to Portsmouth. Getting on the train at Woking with us was a large group of Portsmouth soccer supporters (luckily they had won, so they were in good spirits). At Portsmouth 22.15 hours we were met by our friend who drove us back to a little English village called Midhurst. We stayed there for seven days exploring the English countryside, even though the days were very shortdaybreak 0900 sunset ??? 1600. It was very cold and not very bright whilst here, but we caught up with old friends and saw some of the south of England. Went to a one man show Richard Digance, a stand up comedian who has been on the UK stage for many years. Most poms will know him. Petrol was 2 pound 10 p a litre that's about 5 dollars in aussie money. Public transport was very expensive both in UK and Europe compared to Aussie.

We left Heathrow, Sunday the 2nd Dec and after a stop in Singapore, arrived home at Perth Airport Monday 3rd Dec 2007 just in time to get into the Christmas spirit.....

A Man's Weight Loss Program!

A guy calls a company and orders their 5-day, 10 lb weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe with a sign around her neck. She introduces herself as a

representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, 'If you can catch me, I'm yours.' Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 10 lbs. as promised. He calls the company and orders their 5-day/20 pound program. The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing a skimpy running outfit, running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, 'If you catch me, I'm yours.' Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and he does his best, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 20 lbs. as promised. He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-day/50 pound program, 'Are you sure?' asks the representative on the phone. 'This is our most rigorous program.' 'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.' The next day there's a knock at the door; and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, 'If I catch you, you're mine.' He lost 63 pounds that week!



The Seniors Breakfast Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously.

"YES!!" stated the waitress.

"I'll take the special then." my wife said.

"How do you want your eggs?" the waitress asked.

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!

We've been around the block more than once

Subject: That Phone Call

Ringgggggggggggggggg Ringgggggggggggggggg

"Hello?"

"Hi honey.

This is Daddy.

Is Mummy near the phone?"

"No Daddy. She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul."

After a brief pause,

Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul."

"Oh yes I do and he's upstairs in the room with Mummy, right now."

Brief Pause.

"Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs and knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mummy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway."

"Okay Daddy, just a minute."

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone. "I did it Daddy."

"And what happened honey?"

"Well, Mummy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!!

What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too.

He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead."

Long Pause

Longer Pause

Even Longer Pause

Then Daddy says,

"Swimming pool?"

Is this 6228 5731...?"

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle
Tuesday February 5th, 2008**

President Trevor Smart declared the meeting open at 11:35 am and welcomed those attending. Members present as per signed list circulated at the meeting.

Apologies - Les & Wyn Alp, Richard Coleman, Gwen Gregg, Graham & Jan Hall, Darrol & Joan Horrocks, Audrey & Eric Hovey, Elva Jost, John & Sue Marks, Mike & Robyn Metcalf, Kaye Murray, Lavinia Pike, Kaye Rickard, Harry Tazewell, Mary Toy, Alex & Sylvia Shaw, Sheila Shepherdson, Jean Wells, Dot & Vern Westley, Pat Wills

Minutes of previous AGM were circulated in the 'Duty Freed' for all members to read, and with no business arising were accepted as read. No business arising from minutes.

Accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - was circulated in the 'Duty Freed' for all members to read, and was accepted as read. No business arising from report.

Accepted by all in attendance.

Entertainment Report - Ron outlined the functions that were held & numbers attending. The AGM & Christmas Lunch continue to be the two most popular events, as per attendances. This indicates a healthy relationship between the members & their committee, especially to show such interest to the AGM, attendance 45.

Total Attendance at 6 functions, in 2007 was 214. One function of 25 registered was cancelled (BBQ Kings Park) because it was an extremely hot day. Attendance in 2006 was 273 to 8 functions. On average about 34-36 per function in both these two years. All in all 2007 was another good year of great support by you, the members.

- March** was to have been a BBQ in Kings Park with Chefs Gates & Hopkins at the BBQ. Regrettably the day was uncomfortably hot.
 - May** was a night out, a dinner at TAFE. Down on the previous years attendance but all the same still a popular event. (25 attended)
 - July** took us to a completely different function being 'The Diggers Camp' in Oakford. A little hard to find & probably out of the way for some, but what a day. Bush poetry and stories entertaining, down for a repeat. We pay for the performance & it is a BYO or possible Club sponsored BBQ. Wait for an announcement.
 - Sept** was a birthday celebration of our 30 years a club. A great day with wonderful support from the Australian Customs Service represented by Rowley Dixon & (41 attended)
 - Oct** took some of us back to the Runway at Jandakot. Surprisingly we enjoyed a much better meal than as was in the past. (24 attended)
 - Dec** brings out the best in all of us, 50 in total celebrated a Xmas Lunch at the Jetty's Restaurant at Hillary's Boat Harbour. Distance is of no concern for this event. The fare is superb and plentiful. By observation not accusation some of our members were plentiful. Worthy of a repeat!
- P S, One young lady was not impressed with the choice of an election date. Work commitments did not allow her to attend. This same young lady puts her heart and sole into all functions but more particularly to this one. Hazel, we, all missed you. **Don't do it again.**

We all (the committee) look forward to sharing many more happy & enjoyable functions in this coming year.

Questions form the floor answered-

- Q Different venue for Xmas. - done much to the pleasure of every one attending.
- Q Availability of a tour of a Customs launch - not possible because of vessels commitments, but may be on show at Boat Shows. You pay to attend the Boat Show.
- Q Xmas lights bus tour - not possible unless we book a complete bus load. Companies find 'Day Light Saving' makes it too late a start so this is now taken off our list of social outings.

President's Report - Ladies & Gentlemen. We have come to the end of another year which was the thirtieth year of this Association of retired members of the Australian Customs and their friends. We celebrated this birthday event in September 2007.

As an Association without assets and no rental fees for offices or wages we can run on a cheap membership fee of \$6.00 per member at the moment which includes the retired members spouses or partners within the pay structure, and the other members known as friends have no fees to pay as stated in the Constitution although we ask for a donation from them, if they can possibly pay it, of the equivalent to the members fee to pay the cost of mailing the newsletter. You will note that we are not advocating a raise in the fees this year which would not be what I believe Mr Ripper will be saying in his next State Budget.

The inceptions of this Association took place in 1977 and since that time we have a total of seven presidents -

Ern Macleod	1977 - 1983	7 years	Ray Haines	1995 - 1996	2 years
Kevin Sheridan	1984 - 1986	3 years		(before he died in office)	
Vern Westley	1987 - 1989	3 years	Bill McCullough	1997 - 2000	4 years
Harry Wills	1990 - 1994	5 years	Trevor Smart	2001 - 2007	7 years to this time

After thirty years we must move with the times and keep producing new venues for you, or members, to enjoy and so we also need to revitalise the Committee and therefore today I will be stepping down as your President to hand over to another member. This person will be elected by you people present at this AGM later today. Whoever is elected will receive my full assistance as I will remain in the Committee to assist for at least another year.

The reports you heard today showed you that we are still in a comfortable and solid managed Association and that we will gain strength and will prosper as long as we all support its many and varied activities.

Lastly, I would ask you to put your hands together to thank the outgoing Committee for a wonderful year of events. I already know that this year's events are well on the way to being as good as or even better than what have gone before. Thank you for your attendance once again at this AGM and I hope you enjoy your meal as we have on many times in this place before. *Trevor Smart*

Darrell Johnson - took the chair and proceeded with the election of office bearers for the next year. Only one nomination received per position and were elected unopposed as below.

President	Warrick Gates	Treasurer	Bernie Webb
Vice President	Ron King	Editors	Bernie & Hazel Webb
Secretary	Hazel Webb	Auditor	Debbie MacDonald

Committee Richard Coleman, Neil Hopkins, Mike Metcalf, Kay Schmidt, Trevor Smart, Bob Stone

Ron (as emcee) gave special thanks to Hazel Webb for her work as Secretary and Bernie Webb for his work on the 'Duty Freed' which was supported by all in attendance. He then opened the forum for questions.

Warrick Gates (as newly elected President) took the floor to thank Trevor Smart for his work as President, acknowledge the contribution of Darrell Johnson & Brian Jost to the committee & welcomed the new committee. He outlined his aims for 2008 for the Association and asked for continued support from the members. Suggestions from members are always welcomed and are investigated by the committee. Where support & numbers are lacking they are then filed.

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 3rd 2009, venue to be advised in the newsletter.

With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

March

Helen KEATING	1
Bob DANKS	4
David BAINBRIDGE	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Warrick GATES	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTOOLAS	25
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HORROCKS	27
Pauline MURPHY	27
Kathleen WARD	27
Betty KNIGHT	30

April

Marjorie DECAUX	1
Kate OLSEN	2
Maureen BECK	4
Jim HUNTER	5
Jean De GRUCHY	7
Alex SIMS	8
Bruce RUSSELL	10
Carol RUSSELL	11
Esme THOMSON	12
Robyn STONE	14
Juliet KINSELLA	16
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Marie GLOVER	24
Ross JOHNS	24
Alan HALL	25
Wallace THOMSON	28
Sue MARKS	29



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S



March

Darrol & Joan HORROCKS	8
John & Doreen RITCHIE	11
Robert & Roslyn QUIN	19
Les & Karen MORRISON	26
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

April

Bob & Betty REX	10
John & Juliet KINSELLA	19
Bob & Robyn STONE	20
Jack & Jess ELEY	27
Michael & Robyn METCALF	27

Puzzles - Answers to January Puzzles

- Nine-letter word is **Placement**. Possible words include ample, apeman, camel, cantle, caplet, clamp, clean, cleat, eaten, elate, empanel, enact, enamel, encamp, enema, enlace, lament, lance, lancet, lateen, leant, leapt, mantel, mantle, maple, meant, menace, mental, metal, panel, paten, peace, pecan, penal, pentacle, petal, place, plane, planet, plant, plate, platen, pleat, plena
- Word Saver answer is **Singapore**. Answers are: delicious, pineapple, questions, strippers, Wednesday
- Musical Word answer is **I Got You Babe**
- Creepy Word is **Housefly**. Answers are: mosquito, ladybird, housefly, silkworm

Nine letter word

Using all the letters in the grid on the right, find our nine-letter word. See how many other words of FOUR or more letters you can find in the grid, each letter can be used only once and every word must contain the centre letter. Proper nouns are not allowed. 0 - 9 words, better luck next time, 10 - 19 words, good, 20 - 29 words, very good, 30 - 44 words, excellent, 45+ genius! Good Luck!

G	R	N
E	V	A
I	C	E

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 spell another word, what is it?

Clues

1. Type of aircraft
2. Soft French cheese
3. Theatrical entertainment
4. Dear, costly
5. 1940's dance

JIT	ENS	IME
PAN	EMB	IVE
DEP	OPL	ERT
AER	TER	ANE
CAM	END	BUG
EXP	TOM	ENT

MOVIE & TV

Discover the missing letters in the coloured squares to make 10 words reading horizontally. When the puzzle is complete the letters in the coloured columns will spell the titles of a movie & a TV series in which Barry Humphries has appeared.

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

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						
Midden	Looked after						
Reload	Trying experience						
Insect	Most pleasant						
Linked	Build or fuel a fire						
Seared	Deleted						
Deeply	Barked, yapped						



Breakfast Sausage Sizzle @ Point Walter Reserve

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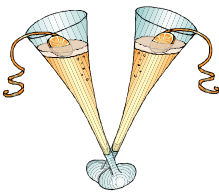
Sunday March 16th at 08:30 am

Sausage, bacon, egg, tomato, bread & sauce will be provided

BYO everything else you need including tea, coffee, chairs, tables, plates, cutlery, etc

\$5.00 per person (can pay on the day)

Numbers attending to be advised by Thursday March 13th please



Possible Events for 2008 dates to be advised

Diggers Camp Visit @ Oakford
(Outback Poetry Recital)

Smorgasbord Lunch @ Kwinana Lodge

Dinner @ TAFE Fremantle

Picnic/BBQ @ Abingdon Miniature Village,
Mandurah

Christmas Lunch @ The Jetty Restaurant,
Hillary's

Recent Outing

Jetty Restaurant @ Hillary's is by far the most popular venue for a Xmas Fare, no taste un-catered for. It is, quite honestly, one of the best venues for food. The selection, quality & quantity far surpass most other sources, with the exception of the Gates/Hopkins BBQ's. Sharing the Restaurant with many others also celebrating the Festive Season did not cause any problems in the service areas. Distance for some may be a problem as it is for the committee trying to cater for people as far north as the Joondalup area & as far south as the Mandurah area. The popularity of the venue as our Xmas function did not deter some 51 members from attending. For the ones who could not make it there for various reasons our thoughts were with in this very special Family & Friends time of the year. Your attendance & continued support of our functions is truly appreciated which I trust will continue for some years to come. The young lady, who does most of the work in putting these functions together was cruelly denied the opportunity to attend because of the Federal Election, Hazel, we missed your presence, please arrange a different schedule for the next Federal Election. May 2008 bring each and every one of you **GOOD HEALTH & GOOD TIMES**

RLK

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)

2008 RCOA Committee

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Bob, Neil, Warrick, Hazel,
Kay, Trevor, Bernie, & Ron
Absent: Mike Metcalf &
Richard Coleman



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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Tick here only if receipt required

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
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Last but not Least

- In case some of you are wondering why you have not received emails from us it is because the address we have is incorrect or changed & our crystal ball is in for repair. So if this is the case maybe you could email Hazel & she will update our records.
- 24 of you are currently un-financial. Please check your mailing label to make sure it is not YOU. (If you receive 'Duty Freed' by email I will email you to advise if you are not financial.)
- Dad's Army is still going strong, its over 3 years now since it started. I can only assume that the ACS is happy with our work for it to have continued so long. I have changed my contract, I now only work one day a week in Fremantle as 'back up' skipper for their small 'Customs Response Vessel' (CRV). I am also available for OT should any area require my services.

Bernie Webb 📧

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