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If you'd like to contribute an article to this newsletter, please send it, preferably by e-mail, to the editor. Copy deadline is the 11th of each month of publication. **Please address general correspondence and subscriptions to the Secretary.** All cheques are to be made payable to the 'Retired Customs Officers' Association of WA Inc.

Membership


RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 140. 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 1st January each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

Future Events 2008

May 28th - Dinner @ Fremantle TAFE

Jun 20th - Diggers Camp visit

Aug 12th - Lunch in East Perth

Dec 9th - Lunch @ Jetty Restaurant 



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Vale: Alan Beckwith

It is with sadness that we inform you all that Alan Beckwith passed away in his sleep last week from a heart attack. Alan turned 60 in January this year & was one of the original 'Dad's Army'. He had all but finished building a house in the Philippines where he and his wife were going to live during our winters.


The funeral service for Alan will be held at 10 am on Wednesday April 23rd at St Luke's Church, Duffy Terrace, Woodvale. This will be followed by a service at Pinnaroo at 11.15am. Officers attending the funeral are welcome to wear uniform. For further information please contact Charlotte Purvis on 0423 969 963

News of Members

Wyn Alp wrote to us thanking us all for our expressions of sympathy on the passing of Les and is continuing her membership with us, great to hear she is staying in touch.

Marg Heavey is wandering around Australia at the moment & wrote to us from SA on a windy, overcast day. Some beautiful bays but the beaches are not the greatest for swimming. Found out about 'Dodge Tides', at least still learning while travelling. Walked the longest wooden jetty at Pt Germain & was given a feed of Blue Swimmer Crabs (cooked & cleaned), you certainly meet some nice people on the road. Was wondering how many others from RCOA could be on the road & where they are travelling.

Hazel Webb, with nothing better to do in her spare time, has rejoined the working ranks. She has taken a permanent part-time position within the Coastal Netball Region as Admin Officer keeping her busy for a couple of days a week. We all know how involved she is in her sport, now she is keeping them organised as well as us. She still finds time to go to the gym daily and coach her many teams (and part-time at home with Bernie & Beazley).

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. 

Lighter Moments

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?" "The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars." "What that tell you?" asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are so small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What's it tell you, Tonto?" "You dumber than cactus sap. It means someone stole the tent!"

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Friday 25 April 2008

Transperth is proud to provide a number of special bus & train services so you can pay your respects and remember our fallen service men and women on ANZAC Day.

Event & ticketing information

In recognition of the great sacrifice made by the men & women of our armed forces, all veterans, serving & returned service personnel wearing service uniforms, campaign ribbons or medals can travel FREE on ANZAC Day. Seniors will be able to access Transperth's normal free travel entitlements with their Seniors SmartRider Card, which is valid on all Public Holidays (including ANZAC Day).

Trains to ANZAC Day Dawn Services

The following special train services will operate:

| Station | Departing | Arriving at Perth |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Armadale (All Stops) | 4.40am | 5.19am |
| Clarkson (All Stops) | 4.50am | 5.22am |
| Fremantle (L Pattern*) | 4.56am | 5.23am |
| Mandurah (All Stops except Esplanade) | 4.30am | 5.20am |
| Midland (All Stops) | 4.55am | 5.20am |

*Train services will bypass Loch and Grant Street Stations. Maxi Taxi services will shuttle passengers between Loch Street and Karrakatta Station and Grant Street and Swanbourne Station.

From Perth

Train services on all lines operating on a Sunday/Public Holiday timetable.

Buses

Timetabled bus services will operate across the Transperth network on a Sunday/Public Holiday timetable. In addition to this, Transperth will provide the following special services:

ANZAC Day Dawn Services

Perth Train Station to Kings Park: Route 600

FREE special shuttle 600 will operate for the Dawn Service, connecting with special event trains arriving at Perth & Perth Underground Stations & operating to Kings Park via St Georges Tce, and at stopping Stand T (west of Pier St). Services depart between 5.20am-5.30am from a stand outside Perth Train Station on Wellington St.

Vietnam Memorial to War Memorial: Route 603

FREE special shuttle 603 will operate between the Vietnam Memorial to the State War Memorial from 4.45am until the conclusion of the main service, operating every 5 mins, except during the Dawn Service. A return service to the Vietnam Memorial will operate after the Dawn Service until approximately 7.30am. After the Dawn Service, buses will depart for Perth Station as required from 6.45am-7.15am from the car park behind Frasers Restaurant, Kings Park. For further information regarding these ANZAC Day services, call the Transperth InfoLine on 13 62 13 (TTY: 9428 1999, TIS: 13 14 50).

RCOA Members 2008

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

(F) = Friend of RCOA

(L) = Life Member

BIRTHDAYS

May

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|------------------|----|
| Ruby BALES | 1 |
| Lavinia PIKE | 2 |
| Neil HOPKINS | 3 |
| Doreen RITCHIE | 4 |
| Trixie SULLIVAN | 5 |
| Connie HUGHES | 7 |
| Ros GATES | 9 |
| Mike FLYNN | 11 |
| Bob MARTIN | 12 |
| Kevin SHERIDAN | 12 |
| Gwen GREGG | 15 |
| Sue WEBB | 15 |
| John RITCHIE | 16 |
| Albert DAVEY | 18 |
| Emma DAVIES | 20 |
| Ellen LEWIS | 21 |
| Alan CAUDWELL | 23 |
| Pat WILLS | 24 |
| Len HARDMAN | 27 |
| Colleen SORENSEN | 27 |
| Fran FOSTER | 28 |
| Paul HUBBARD | 28 |
| Bridie O'NEILL | 30 |

June

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



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

May

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Jim & Norma ANDERSON | 2 |
| Ross & Wendy BLACKALL | 3 |
| Paul & Pauline MURPHY | 11 |
| Kevin & Mary SHERIDAN | 20 |
| Bryan & Pat BISSAKER | 24 |
| Terry & Emma DAVIES | 25 |
| Susan ARMSTRONG & John DANIELS | 31 |

June

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

Puzzles - Answers to February Puzzles

- ❖ Nine-letter word is **Grievance**. Possible answers include , avenge, avenger, aver, carve, carven, carving, cave, caver , cavern, cavie, caving, cervine, crave, craven , craving, eave, engrave, envier, even, ever, evince, ganev, gave, geneva, give, given, giver, grave, graven, greave, grieve, invar, naevi, naive, naiver, nave, nerve, neve, never, nevi, nieve, rave, raven, ravin, ravine, raving, reave, reaving, reeving, regave, regive, regiven, reive, revive, revving, rivage, rive, riven, vagi, vain, vainer, vair, vane, vang, varve , veena, veer, veering, vegan, vegie, vein, veiner, vena, venae, venge, venire, vera, verge, vervain, verve, vicar, vice, vier, viga, vina, vinca, vine, vinegar, virga, viva, vivace, vive
- ❖ Word Saver was **Dependent**. Answers were: Aeroplane, Camembert, Pantomime, Expensive, Jitterbug
- ❖ Movie & TV was **Ally McBeal & Spice World**.
- ❖ Mystery word was **Monkey**. Answers were: Minded, Ordeal, Nicest, Kindle, Erased, Yelped

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 - 10 words, better luck next time, 11 - 18 words, good, 19 - 25 words, very good, 26 - 29 words, excellent, 30+ genius! Good Luck!

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| D | E | O |
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| G | Y | U |

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 a reptile

Clues

1. Napkin
2. Nine plus eight
3. Month following August
4. Light flash during a storm
5. I heard it through the ... Song by Marvin Gaye

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| ENT | PEV | ING |
| VIE | EEN | COD |
| SEP | LIG | BER |
| GRA | SER | ILE |
| HTN | TEM | TTE |
| SEV | CRO | INE |

Fruity Word

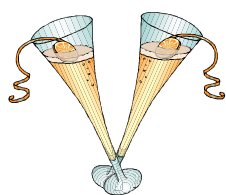
Try to discover the nine missing letters in the coloured squares. Each one completes the word on its left & begins the word on its right. When the puzzle is complete, the letters in the coloured column will spell the word we are looking for.

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| G | O | B | L | I | | U | M | B | E | R |
| S | U | P | E | R | | A | R | L | E | Y |
| J | I | G | G | L | | C | L | A | I | R |
| V | A | L | O | U | | U | B | B | L | E |
| M | A | R | T | Y | | I | S | Q | U | E |
| T | E | T | C | H | | E | L | L | O | W |

Winning Word

Fit all the words listed on the right into the grid to make nine words reading across. If your position is correct, the letters in the coloured squares, reading downwards, will spell the winning word

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| Amen | K | E | | | | | N | E |
| Hang | E | X | C | | | | | E |
| Rain | S | T | | | | | E | R |
| Rake | P | | | | | R | T | Y |
| Rope | S | | | | | I | N | G |
| Rose | I | M | P | | | | | S |
| Rove | F | L | | | | | C | O |
| Scar | D | I | | | | | D | S |
| Weep | P | A | | | | | E | T |



Dinner @ Fremantle TAFE

15 Grosvenor Road,
BEACONSFIELD
Wednesday May 28th 2008

Congregate at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$20.00pp

Licensed

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

Bookings for dinner must be made before Monday May 19th



Those booked for TAFE Dinner so far are -

Bernie & Hazel WEBB



Diggers Camp

106 Blair Road, Oakford

Friday June 20th 2008

Members \$10.00

Non-Members \$15.00

Includes BBQ sausage & a bun

Bring your own drinks, salads, plates, cups etc

BBQ 12noon followed by the show

Experience -

👉 Aussie yarns, verse & song in the old shearing shed

👉 Aussie Bush Classics

👉 Contemporary Aussie Comedy

👉 Rod & Kerry's original verse & yarns

Bookings by Monday June 16th



Lunch @ Rod Evans Senior
Citizens Centre

Cnr Plain & Hay Sts, East Perth

Tuesday August 12th

Lunch at 12noon

3 course meal \$10.00pp

Limited parking at WACA car park so catch the train to the city & walk or bus to the venue

Booked for 30, bookings by Thursday August 7th

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)

SORRY – but we have run out of ideas and time to fill spaces, not to mention the missing 2 x pages that would normally be filled with something interesting.

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: / /2008

Tick here only if receipt required

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

| Function: | Venue: | Date: | No. | \$ p/p | Subtotal \$ |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Dinner | TAFE Fremantle | May 28 th | <input type="text"/> | x 20.00 | <input type="text"/> |
| BBQ | Diggers Camp | June 20 th | <input type="text"/> | x 10.00 15.00 | <input type="text"/> |
| Lunch | Rod Evans | Aug 12 th | <input type="text"/> | x 10.00 | <input type="text"/> |

Signature & Date: / /2008

Total Amount Enclosed \$



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

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Last but not Least

- This is one of the smallest newsletters we have produced - mainly due to lack of articles that people were going to write and send us but as yet have not. Please put pen to paper and give us a short note or email about something other members will be interested in. A couple of lines, a couple of paragraphs or couple of pages, I leave it up to you. We have enough jokes to last a while so news please. Next newsletter will be at the beginning of June - so get going!
- A few of you are still unfinancial for this year and beyond. Please check your mailing label (below) to confirm that you 'are' or 'are not' financial for 2008. If you receive Duty Freed by email I will send a separate email to advise that you are unfinancial. The next 'Duty Freed' (June) will be the final newsletter sent to unfinancial members.

Bernie Webb ☒

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