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Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 142. 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

Aug 12th - Lunch @ Rod Evans in
East Perth
Dec 9th - Christmas Lunch @
the Jetty Restaurant,
Hillarys



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News of Members

Lorraine Otieno -I received the following update from Lorraine's daughter yesterday:

"Hi all, no change with Mum, she is still in Gloucester hospital just waiting for a placement in a high dependency nursing home, does not look like she is going back into rehab. Once she is settled in nursing home I will send details. If anyone wants to visit her let us know there is plenty of accommodation cheers Donnelle." *Jennifer Stokes*
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.



Torpedo - a fishing device

This is the item previously mentioned in my N Z trip last year. It connects to 2 kilometres of line & 25 baited hooks. Directed out to sea & when the batteries die it sinks to the bottom and in realty becomes a long line. It is retrieved by use of an electric winch, some times with good results. Cost, all up, is around \$3,000.00, which is cheaper than a boat which you can not launch on this part of the coast, anyway. R L K



Customs News

WA Staff Welfare Fund Election Results

The following people have been elected unopposed to the WA Staff Welfare Fund Committee for the 2009 Financial Year -

Roly Dixon, Duncan Faulds, Michelle Marks

Brett McGinnis, Kerin Thomson

Congratulations to the above and many thanks to those that also nominated but later withdrew.

Philip Gausden

New members

Yvonne Page

Gary Byrne & Karen Hawle

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

Chuckles for mature couples & others

These were sent in by one of our members

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God, and I didn't.

Marriage is a three-ring circus: Engagement ring, wedding ring, and suffering.

There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman: Before marriage and after marriage.

Why were hurricanes usually named after women? Because when they arrive, they're wet and wild, but when they go, they take your house and car

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you." The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

I was in the express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbour and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said, "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

Holidays Abroad - Self-drive Europe

(sent in by Jim Baird)

If you are contemplating a self-drive holiday in Europe, you may not be aware of the advantages offered by leasing a vehicle rather than hiring one. The French government allows the three major vehicle manufacturers (Citroen, Peugeot and Renault) to lease brand new vehicles to non-EEC residents without the companies having to pay GST on the sale of the vehicle at the end of the lease. Although there are slight differences between manufacturers, the basic features are:

- Minimum 17 days lease (Citroen and Peugeot), 21 days (Renault), maximum 6 months
- A brand new 'Tax Free' car registered in your name.
- Comprehensive vehicle insurance (including fire, theft and third party) with no excess payable.
- Free pick up and return at major cities in France. (Additional European locations available with surcharge.)
- No hidden extras, including unlimited kilometres and no extra charge for additional drivers.
- Minimum driver age of 18 (21 with Citroen) with a full driver's licence, no upper age limit.
- 24 Hour Roadside Assistance in most European countries - if they can't fix it within 24 hours they will give you another.

How much does it cost? For the first 17 days there's a fixed fee that depends on the model chosen, starting from about A\$1250. After that you go onto a daily rate that can be as low as A\$23 per day. So the longer you have it the cheaper the average overall rate becomes.

Which model? This really gets down to personal choice, but for parking in European cities, small is good, smaller is better! In 2004 we leased a Citroen C5 station wagon because we planned to meet up with our son and daughter and needed the extra luggage room. In 2006 we decided on a Citroen Xara Picasso for a couple of reasons - they gave us 3 free days hire because we were repeat Citroen customers and there was an additional 9 free days Early-bird concession for booking before 31 March. But most importantly for us, this small car had an incredible boot capacity that swallowed up two full-sized 76cm suitcases, plus two cabin bags, plus a laptop, plus a carton of beer. And still had room for the collapsible shopping trolley that comes as standard equipment! The Picasso also had some nice other features including under-floor storage bins and drop-down tables, airlines-style, in the back seats - invaluable when stopping for a cup of tea. The Picasso will again be our choice for this year's trip, it is very comfortable for two people.

Petrol or Diesel? If you plan to spend most of your time in UK it might be worth considering a petrol-fuelled engine since the hire costs are a little cheaper. But otherwise the answer will almost certainly be diesel. Diesel fuel is generally much cheaper than petrol, except in UK and a limited number of other places. Check current fuel prices and do your sums at -

<http://www.aaroadwatch.ie/eupetrolprices/>

Left-hand Drive: So, what's it like driving on the wrong side of the road? The first few hours can be a bit, well, interesting, especially as you approach your first roundabout. But most people adapt quite quickly and by the end of the second day you should be feeling quite comfortable. Nevertheless I'd like a dollar for every time I've turned on the windscreen wipers to signal a left turn.

Arrival in France: If you plan to pick up a car straight after flying into France, don't plan to drive very far on the first day until you get some rest. Emirates have a flight that leaves Perth at 06:00 and arrives in Paris CDG at 20:20 local time. This has the advantage that you arrive on the same day as you leave, ignoring the fact that because of time differences it becomes a 31 hour day.

Driving in Towns and Cities: European drivers are refreshingly courteous and that helps greatly. Even so, driving in central Paris is only for the very brave (or foolish!). We use a Tom-tom navigator to take us to the undercover parking station nearest to the tourist bureau in the town we are visiting. Why an undercover one? Because you pay on exit (many accept credit cards) and therefore don't have to worry about running back to feed a meter or worse, watching your car being towed away.

More Information: Local contact (all three manufacturers) - Michelle Slater, Eurodrive, 69 Burswood Road, Burswood WA 6979, Phone (08) 9361 4799

Websites

Citroen:

<http://www.citroen.com.au/cms/default.asp?action=article&ID=22659>

Peugeot:

http://www2.driveaway.com.au/car_rental/Peugeot/What-To-Know.aspx

Renault:

<http://www.eurodrive.renault.com/cms/australie/>

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
Gary BYRNE	17
Roly SWEET	18
Wyn ALP	20
Sue HOPKINS	26
Max Gerryn	27
Shirley McDONALD	28
Robyn METCALF	29
Kevin SHEPHEDSON	29
Kay SCHMIDT	29



August

Geoff WOLSKI	2
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
Margaret DANKS	29
Kerry McCUBBIN	31

September

Audrey HOVEY	4
Lana KONTOOLAS	5
Brian LOWE	7
John KINSELLA	8
Beverley PERRIN	9
Mary-Anne CAUDWELL	10
Stella EARNSHAW	10
Pat WALKER	10
Roger SCHMIDT	18
Ian JAMIESON	19
Bernie WEBB	19
Jack ELEY	24
Mary SHERIDAN	26
Susan ARMSTRONG	28
Mary RUDKIN	30

WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

July

Brian & Kathleen WARD	4
John & Colleen SORENSEN	6
Jim & Bridie O'NEILL	7
Bob & Sue MARTIN	8
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
Alan & Mary CAUDWELL	10
Bernie & Hazel WEBB	13
Bruce & carol RUSSELL	16
Kay & Roger SCHMIDT	18
Charlie & Norma WILLIAMS	20
Graham & Jan HALL	29

Puzzles - Answers to April Puzzles

- 👉 Nine-letter word is **Greyhound**. Possible answers include: deny, done, doyen, drone, dune, dung, dungy, enough, gerund, gone, goner, ground, groyne, gurney, henry, heron, hone, honey, hound, hoyden, hung, hunger, hungry, hydrogen, nerd, nerdy, node, nude, nudge, rend, roughen, round, rune, rung, under, undergo, undo, yonder, young, younger
- 👉 Word saver was **Crocodile**. Answers were: Serviette, Seventeen, September, Lightning, Grapevine
- 👉 Fruity word was **Cranberry**.
- 👉 Winning word was **Shipwreck**. Answers were: Kerosene, Exchange, Strainer, Property, Sweeping, Improves, Flamenco, Discards, Parakeet

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 - 7 words, better luck next time, 8 - 15 words, good, 16 - 19 words, very good, 20 - 24 words, excellent, 25+ genius! Good Luck!

T	U	E
L	V	O
E	N	R

Cartoon Characters

See if you can find eight pairs, taken from any column on the right & write your answers in the space provided. When you have found the eight pairs there should be one name remaining.

Scooby	Wile E	Fudd
Captain	Quick-Draw	Huckleberry
Yogi	Caveman	Snagglepuss
Elmer	Sam	Hound
Yosemite	Coyote	Bear
McGraw		Doo

A-mazing Word

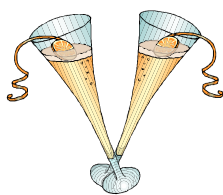
Try to discover the ten missing letters in the coloured squares. Each one completes the word on its left & begins the word on its right. When the puzzle is complete, the letters in the coloured column will spell the word we are looking for.

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

Occupations

Hidden in the grid are the names of four occupations, each eight letters long. Can you work out what they are? The occupation we are looking for is the one that would appear first in an alphabetical listing.

IT	RD	sm	IC
CH	le	RE	EN
ER	WA	AN	sa
an	ME	GA	SS



**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
chance to catch the train to the city &
walk or bus to the venue

Booked for 30, bookings by Thursday
August 7th



Those booked for
lunch so far are -

Ros & Warrick GATES
Darrell & Pat
JOHNSON
Bridie & Jim O'NEILL
Eleanor & Trevor
SMART
Bernie & Hazel WEBB
Peter WILLIAMS



Christmas Lunch Jetty's Restaurant

Hillary's Boat Harbour
Tuesday December 9th @ 12 noon

Meet outside 11:45 am

Cost: TBA next Duty Freed
(seniors \$30.00 plus)

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 28th please.



Recent visit - Diggers Camp

We recently had the privilege to visit
Diggers Camp in Oakford again. The
weather was fantastic, the guys did a great
job of cooking the barbecue & what a
fantastic time was had by all. Rod & Kerry
were most entertaining with their yarns but
the limelight was stolen by Elmo the donkey
who brayed appropriately, escaped from his
pen & joined the rest of us in the main area.
He was quite a social animal.

We have been assured that we are welcome
to visit again so this venue will definitely be
on the calendar for 2009.

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)

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.

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Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Lunch	Rod Evans, East Perth	August 12 th	<input type="text"/> x	10.00	<input type="text"/>
Christmas Lunch	Jetty Restaurant	December 9 th	<input type="text"/> x	TBC	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/> x		<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2008

Total Amount Enclosed \$






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Last but not Least

- Very light on for articles again this month! If it had't been for Jim's article we would have only had 7 pages this month!
- I think all of 'Dad's Army' contracts come to an end on the 1st of August - not sure what happens after that?

Bernie Webb 

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