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Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 141. 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 2009

Tues Feb 3rd - AGM & Lunch
@ Swan Yacht Club

Remember to get your bookings in for lunch & specify if you want chicken or fish. Looking forward to seeing you there



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on 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, Alex & Sylvia Shaw, Sheila Shepherdson, Harry Tazewell, Mary Toy, 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. Including the AGM in February we had 8 functions in the year for a total attendance of 273

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.

AGM 2007 - welcomed 46 members. No great changes to the committee except for the loss of Harry Wills.

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 the 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
Vice President	Ron King
Secretary	Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb
Editors	Bernie & 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

Treasurers Report

We have ended another financial year and the books have all been audited for 2008.

The books were presented (after reconciliation) to the committee who accepted the balance as a true record of our financial situation. Below is a copy of the auditor report for 2008.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31 2008

INCOME

Functions	3,113.50
Subscriptions	1,074.00
Donations	93.50
Credit - Functions	95.00
Interest	69.55
	<u>\$4,445.55</u>

EXPENDITURE

Functions	3,289.20
Postage	305.00
Administration (General)	180.10
	<u>\$3,774.30</u>

Excess Income over Expenditure \$671.25

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/08	\$2,474.33	Balance 31/12/08	\$3,145.58
Petty Cash on hand	0.00	Petty Cash	0.00
Deposits	4,445.55		
	<u>6,919.88</u>		
Withdrawals	3,774.30		
	<u>\$3,145.58</u>		

Notional Bank Balance 31/12/08

Credit balance	\$3,145.58
Assets	0.00
Liabilities (Subs 2009 ▶)	-1,278.00
Liabilities (2009 Functions)	0.00
Liabilities (Credit - Functions)	-95.00
Reimbursement R King	-82.75
Net Credit	\$1,689.83

Signed DJ McDonald (Hon Auditor)

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 3rd 2009

We do hope you can be there as a good turn up to this function especially, is one sure way the committee can know that their efforts each year are appreciated. It is also the opportunity to have your say in how your association is run and to take part in the election of committee appointments, as well as catching up with old friends. Of course, if any of you can spare some time to be a member of the committee then the AGM is the time and place to put your hand up. We do have some committee members wishing to stand down this year so we are looking for new faces to join us, so please get your nominations in. See you there!

RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM Year 2009/2010

I nominate for the following office(s) (please tick)

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT HON SECRETARY
 HON TREASURER COMMITTEE HON AUDITOR
 'DUTY FREED' EDITOR

Nominator Date / / 2009

I accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2009

*Please return completed nomination forms to Hon Secretary as soon as possible, prior to the AGM
 (Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Dr, Wellard WA 6170)*

VALE

It is with regret we advise the passing of Peter Proud on Sunday December 28th 2008. His funeral was held on Monday January 5th at Karrakatta.

Ivan Olsen wrote - I had the privilege of working with Peter for all, or nearly all of his Customs career. He was a good Customs Officer, knowledgeable, conscientious, industrious and reliable. He didn't mind a bit of fun when there wasn't much to do, but knew when to stop playing and start working.

To use an over-worked term, "what you saw was what you got".

Answers to November Puzzles

Answer Motorboat. Possible answers include – abort, atom, boa, boar, boat, boo, boom, boot, bottom, broom, moa, moat, mob, moo, moor, moot, motor, motto, oar, oat, orb, roam, rob, robot, room, root, rot, rota, taboo, tabor, taro, tarot, tom, tomato, tomb, too, toot, tor, tort, tot, trot.

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BIRTHDAYS

February

Joy CUSTANCE	2
Gordon EWERS	2
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Harry TAZEWELL	4
Percy PERRIN	6
Bob DALTON	10
Karen MORRISON	11
Sheila SHEPHERDSON	16
Chris MULCONRAY	17
Terry DAVIES	18
Joan HOROCKS	20
Jim BAIRD	23
Marion VENTHAM	23
Ron BECK	27
Tony McCUBBIN	28

March

Helen KEATING	1
Bob DANKS	4
David BAINBRIDGE	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Warrick GATES	13
Robyn WOLKSI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTPOOLAS	25
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HOROCKS	27
Pauline MURPHY	27
Rod SPENCER	27
Kathleen WARD	27
Elizabeth (Betty) KNIGHT	30



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

February

Frank & June MENNER	6
Len & Val HARDMAN	7
Gordon & Rosemary MARSHALL	8
Bob & Angela DALTON	12
Wayne & Lyn DALE	25
Jacky & Paul HUBBARD	25

March

Darrol & Joan HOROCKS	8
John & Doreen RITCHIE	11
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Robert & Roslyn QUINN	19
Les & Karen MORRISON	26
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

Puzzles -

A Code-breaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number! To start you off, we reveal the codes for three letters. When these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters. Cross out the letters as you go on the grid to see which remain unused.

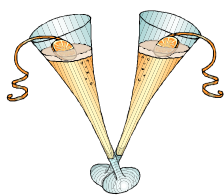
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Some Brain Teasers for you –

1. Rearrange the following letters to give the name of a famous singer – Western Video	2. Arrange the following words into suitable pairs – Man, Hero, High, Rain, Moon, Noon, Local, Paper
3. What do the following words have in common? Fast, Through, Down, Away, Water, Neck	4. What is the next number in this series? 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, ---



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 3rd 2009

Where Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd
East Fremantle

Time Socialise at 11:00am
(tea & coffee provided)

Cost \$15.00 per RCOA member
\$18.00 per non member
for a two course luncheon
(Chicken Parmigana or Fish)

Meeting to commence @ 11:30am
Lunch @ 12:30pm

Bookings due by Wednesday January 30th

(Members, friends & guests attending the lunch are to
advise their **choice** of **chicken or fish** when booking.
If not stated then chicken will be ordered)



Please note
that tea &
coffee is
available for
the meeting
only

You will need to
purchase your
own drinks for
lunch from the
bar or coffee
machine



We have 16 booked for the AGM Lunch so far -

(Fish)

(Chicken)

Ros & Warwick GATES
Kay SCHMIDT
Eleanor SMART
Alex & Sylvia SHAW
Bob & Robyn STONE

Richard COLEMAN
Neil & Sue HOPKINS
Kay MURRAY
Roger SCMIDT
Trevor SMART
Bernie & Hazel WEBB

Please get on the phone & make your booking, we
would love to see you all at the AGM. Don't forget,
if you want to have input, please come on to the
committee, new members are always welcome

Lunch @ The Iris Bar @ Restaurant
Dean Road, Jandakot
Tuesday March 3rd

Details will be in the February Duty Freed

Book this date in your diary

Wishing you all a
safe & healthy
2009

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact
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(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - opposite page)

Brain Teaser Answers from page 7

1. Stevie Wonder
2. High Noon, Local Hero, Paper Moon, Rain Man
3. Each may be preceded by 'break' to make a new word
4. 131, series consists of prime numbers

Sending Money - be it for membership renewal or for an up coming function - remember that you can send electronically to the **RCOA of WA** Account at the Bendigo Bank - **BSB 633-000** - **A/c No. 121589386**

RCOA - Membership Application / **Renewal** / **Update**

First Name: Family Name:

Partner's Name: ☎ No. 📱 No.

Postal Address:

e-mail address: Please add your email address (if you have one) so we can keep you up to date between newsletters.

Our Newsletter includes a segment for publication of members and spouse's birth and wedding anniversary dates (day & month only printed)
If you would like to share this detail with other members please complete the following

Member B'date: Partner B'date: Wedding date:

Membership - \$6 Joint or Single x No. Years = \$

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM & Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Tues Feb 3 rd	<input type="text"/>	x 15.00	<input type="text"/>
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			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2009

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2008 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2009 AGM and the Secretary from reading it out for all to hear. If there are no amendments they will be accepted as is and we can then move on.
- We have also included the financial report for 2008 that will be presented at AGM. These have been audited & accepted by the committee as a true record of our financial status.
- Having survived the 'Silly Season' we are now in to a 'New Year' which also means annual subscriptions are due again. Please check the mailing label at the bottom of this page to see your current financial status. Don't forget, that if you choose, you can pay electronically via the internet or any branch of Bendigo Bank. Please ensure your name is on the transaction for us to identify payment. Paying for more than one year at a time will delay the hassle of paying next time.

Bernie Webb 

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