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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 \$10. 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

Mar 3rd
Lunch @ The Iris, Jandakot



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday Feb 3rd 2009

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

Apologies – Jim & Norma Anderson, Richard Coleman, Ron De Gruchy, Gwen Gregg, Graham & Jan Hall, Sue Hopkins, Darrell & Pat Johnson, Valmai Kelly, Lavinia & Pat Pike, Kaye Rickard, Harry Tazewell, Mary Toy, Betty Walker, Charles & Norma Williams, 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 – Hazel outlined the functions that were held & numbers attending. The AGM & Christmas Lunch continue to be the two most popular events, as per attendances. Including the AGM in February we had 7 functions in the year for a total attendance of 199.

- **AGM 2008** - changes to the committee had Brian Jost & Darrell Johnson stepping down. 43 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.
- **March** - was a breakfast barbecue at Point Walter reserve which was well received with 30 members attending.
- **May** - was a night out, a dinner at TAFE. Numbers were down on the previous year's attendance but all the same still a popular event. (17 attended)
- **June** - took us to '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 paid for the performance & provided food for a barbecue, a great day out (18 attended).
- **Aug** - was a luncheon at Rod Evans Senior Citizens Centre in town. This was definitely different to our other functions, the unusual entertainment of dance shufflers and wash board music were not enough to entice us back for a revisit and the food and service was very ordinary (24 attended).
- **Oct** - was a breakfast barbecue at Point Walter Reserve, excellent venue and another fine day (24 attended)
- **Dec** - 43 in total celebrated a Christmas lunch again at the Jetty' Restaurant at Hillary's Boat Harbour. Distance is of no concern for this event, the fare is superb and plentiful.

Response to a previous suggestion of bus tours - they are not viable unless we book a complete bus load and we can only have one collection point (which does not suit our members being so spread out). It was suggested that those wishing to partake in a bus tour to look at organisations that may be running them.

President's Report – Ladies & Gentlemen, we have come to the end of the thirty first year of the RCOA. You have heard reports concerning our finances and our various activities throughout last year. For a current annual membership fee of \$6.00, including a regular well produced newsletter I think you will agree that the Committee is certainly providing value for money. The aim of your committee is to provide activities for you the members, consequently we are always eager to receive your feed back on the outings/social events we organise, and we welcome any suggestions that you may have for further activities. We are mindful that some of our members would prefer day time activities rather than go out in the evening and that they live some where between Mandurah in the south to Two Rocks in north and we try to organise outings that suit the majority of our members.

To be President is probably one of the easiest positions on a committee when you have a strong, enthusiastic support team. I have been fortunate to have such a committee and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time, efforts, and support throughout the year and for all of them being prepared to take it all on again for next year. Many of you would be aware of the continued effort that our Secretary Hazel and our Treasurer Bernie put in. Not only are they responsible for the production of the 'Duty Freed' but for the taking of minutes, making bookings including catering to our various likes and dislikes, distributing those minutes, hosting our committee meetings at their home, carrying out the banking, keeping the various books of accountability etc etc etc. So, I would like you to put your hands together and thank Hazel, Bernie and indeed all of the committee. Ladies & Gentlemen that is the end of my Presidents report. *Warrick Gates*

Life Membership – Trevor Smart & Ron King were presented with Life Membership. Warrick gave a brief outline of their service to the organisation and then presented each of them with a certificate and Life Membership badge.

Alex Shaw – 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	TBC
Committee	Richard Coleman, Neil Hopkins, Kay Schmidt, Trevor Smart, Bob Stone		

The meeting was opened for questions and points of interest.

- Pat Pike had proposed there be a 'motion to increase membership fees from \$6.00 to \$10.00'. 2nd Connie Hughes. This was put to those present to consider and the motion was passed unanimously. The fees from February 2009 will now be \$10.00. Those members who have paid in advance will not have to pay the increase until they are due for their next payment.
- Day of the week for events – most of our events are held on Tuesdays or Sunday mornings for the breakfast barbecues. Those present were asked if they had preference for different days. It was mentioned there was an advantage having them on Tuesdays as we get used to keeping that day free where possible. Some members advised that on most occasions medical appointments always seem to be Tuesdays. Outcome of discussion was that we will where possible include events on a different day where practicable.

Warrick introduced Amanda Leigh, Regional Director of Customs, who was to be our guest speaker after the closure of the meeting and thanked her for making the time available in her busy schedule to address us today.

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 2nd 2010 at the Swan Yacht Club. With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:00 pm

Increase to Annual Subscription

As you will see from the minutes of the AGM the annual fees have been increased to \$10.00. As our membership is due January 1st of each year this increase will not take effect until January 1st 2010. Those of you still to pay for this year need only pay \$6.00 for 2009. If you pay in advance you will need to pay \$6.00 for 2009, \$10.00 for 2010, \$10.00 for 2011 etc.

Those of you who are paid in advance do not need to pay the difference, your fees are deemed as paid. On the expiry of your advanced payment you will then be required to pay \$10.00 per year.

News of Members

Bert Determes - I visited Bert Determes in Sir Charles Gardner Hospital yesterday. He has just had open heart surgery and is in recovery and doing nicely. Please pass on the message to members to let them know. Visiting hours are from three in the afternoon, he would like to see some old faces. He expects to be in hospital for some time yet.

Thanks Hoppy

BIRTHDAYS

March

Helen KEATING	1
Bob DANKS	4
David BAINBRIDGE	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Warrick GATES	13
Robyn WOLSKI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTOOLAS	25
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HORROCKS	27
Pauline MURPHY	27
Rod SPENCER	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
Denise SPENCER	9
Bruce RUSSELL	10
Carol RUSSELL	11
Robyn STONE	14
Juliet KINSELLA	16
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Linda GIBSON	22
Marie GLOVER	24
Alan HALL	25
Sue MARKS	29



WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

March

Darrol & Joan HORROCKS	8
John & Doreen RITCHIE	11
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Robert & Roslyn QUIN	19
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

April

Ned & Joy CUSTANCE	5
Bob & Betty REX	10
John & Juliet KINSELLA	19
Bob & Robyn STONE	20
Jack & Jess ELEY	27
Michael & Robyn METCALF	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 two or three letters. When these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

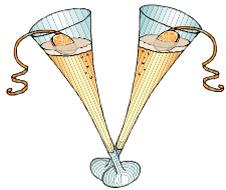
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Answer to January Puzzle

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Lunch @ The Iris
 Dean Road, Jandakot
 (Glen Iris Golf Course)
 Tuesday March 3rd @ 12 noon

\$15.00 pp
 1 Course Meal

Choice of six (6) Dishes
 & a slice of Herb & Garlic Bread

Buy your drinks from the bar

Bookings due by Friday February 27th
 please



The Iris lunch choices for RCOA

- **Steak Sandwich** - Tender marinated grilled beef with onions, tomatoes, lettuce & Dijon mustard dressing, chips & salad
- **Chicken & Avocado Wrap** - Grilled chicken breast served warm with avocado & sun dried tomato wrapped in a flour tortilla, served with chips & salad
- **Fish & Chips** - Grilled or lightly beer battered fresh fish served with lemon, tartar sauce, chips & salad
- **Beef Burger** - Homemade beef burger served with garlic mayonnaise & tomato relish dressing, accompanied with chips & salad
- **Nasi Goreng** - Authentic Indonesian dish with fried rice, chicken satays, prawns & fried egg
- **Cajun Calamari Salad** - Cajun crusted calamari over spring salad leaves & topped with mango chutney

A slice of herb & garlic bread per person

Possible Events for 2009 dates to be advised

May - Picnic & Visit to Abingdon Miniature Village, Mandurah

June - Burger in a Bun @ Kings Park

July - Dinner @ TAFE Fremantle

September - Visit to the Zoo & BBQ Lunch

October - Canal Cruise & Lunch in Mandurah

December - Christmas Lunch

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

2009 RCOA Committee

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



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Family Name:

Partner's Name:

☎ No.

📱 No

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Partner B'date:

Wedding date:

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:

Venue:

Date:

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Lunch

The Iris Bar &
Restaurant

March 3rd

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x
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15.00

Signature
& Date:

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Last but not Least

- 28 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.)
- Once again we have no news of members, please keep us informed where possible. Our next Duty Freed is due in April.
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Bernie Webb 

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