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Membership

RCOA welcomes new members of former Customs officers. Current membership is 138. 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

July 20th Customs Christmas in July
@ Lockers Loft, Fremantle

September 4th Visit Perth Zoo

October 13th Mandurah Canal Cruise
& Lunch

December 8th Christmas Lunch @ Iris
Restaurant, Jandakot



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Recent outing - BBQ in Kings Park

What an enjoyable Sunday, it was one sausage sizzle which was not a sausage sizzle but a feast of lovely rissoles made from the best beef (so I am told) and Brumby's breadcrumbs by Neil & Sue Hopkins, really spoiling us. Our President Warwick and Neil barbecued them to perfection along with the onions all happily placed between bread rolls. These gentlemen were wearing aprons with appropriate slogans, well I'm not sure about Neil's which was something like 'I'm tired of being a princess, I'd rather be a queen'. Pat Johnson, as usual, had a lovely homemade cake for Darrell to pass around who said he had whipped it up before breakfast. Ron King passed around the best chocolate cake I have tasted made by Judy.

Isn't it illegal to drink in public, if so how is it two gentlemen of Customs, whose job is looking for contraband, went around openly filling wine glasses with red or white wine!

I just love our barbecues! *Kaye Murray*



Photos by Sue Hopkins

Trevor's Trivia Tribute

Trivial Customs Historical Notes

* Nepotism in the Swan River Colony

The first Lt - Governor Capt James Stirling, who arrived on the ship 'Parmelia' on 1/06/1829, was accompanied in his staff by a cousin and two brothers.

Stirling, William Born 1799 Died in Perth 14/04/1831

Government appointment - Registrar of Board of Council & Audit

Broun, Peter Nicholas born 17/08/1797 (Guernsey U.K.)

Broun, Richard McBryde born 12/09/1806 (Guernsey U.K.)

They were the sons of Sir William and Lady Anne Broun, who were the Baron and Baroness, of Guernsey. A female child accompanied Richard on his voyage here and she was the result of a romp with him and his servant, Hannah Dyer,

her name was Amelia and later she would marry into a very prominent Western Australian family.

Government appointments of Peter Broun - 1st Colonial Secretary & Clerk of the Legislative Council, also Registrar & Colonial Treasurer which made him second in importance to the Lt - Governor. As Colonial Secretary was the overall controller of any legally appointed Customs Officers when they came about from the first official appointment in 1830. The Colonial Secretary remained solely in this role until the Customs Department was actually formed in January 1853. On his death on the 10/11/1846 while still in office the role of Colonial Treasurer was taken over by the, Chief Clerk and Collector of Revenue Perth, Henry Charles Sutherland who was officially appointed in January 1850 when the Executive of the Government was restructured and a civil public service organization was in the process of being created.

Peter Broun was known by the surname of "Brown" until 1844 on official records.

Government appointments of Richard Broun -

Treasury Chief Clerk and Collector of Revenue with the added duty of being aide to his brother initially then after the death of William Stirling on the 14/04/1831 he took over this deceased persons position as Registrar of Board of Council & Audit and was appointed to the new senior position as Resident Magistrate of Fremantle from May 1831 and also remained as Collector of Revenue in Fremantle. Henry Charles Sutherland was appointed to become the Collector of Revenue in Perth. Richard Broun became a JP in 1834. He was also Treasurer of the Fremantle Whaling Company and arranged its sale, and the Bateman' family were the major party in the purchasing group, in 1850. This man is recognized as the first Collector of the WA Customs on its birth into the official formation of a Public Service on the 1st day of January 1853,. His wife Ann Elizabeth Leake was the daughter of George Leake who was to become the director of the W. A. Bank in 1837. Richard and Ann were married on the 8/03/1837. His wife adopted his love child and she had several of her own but died in 1855 at 40 years of age. Richard took 18 months off on leave of absence after his wife died and he returned to London and came back with a new wife in February 1858 after being away two years. He died in office shortly after in the same year on the 10th of November at Fremantle. Like his brother, Peter, Richard was also known by the surname of Brown initially.

* Custom Officers in the Swan River Colony

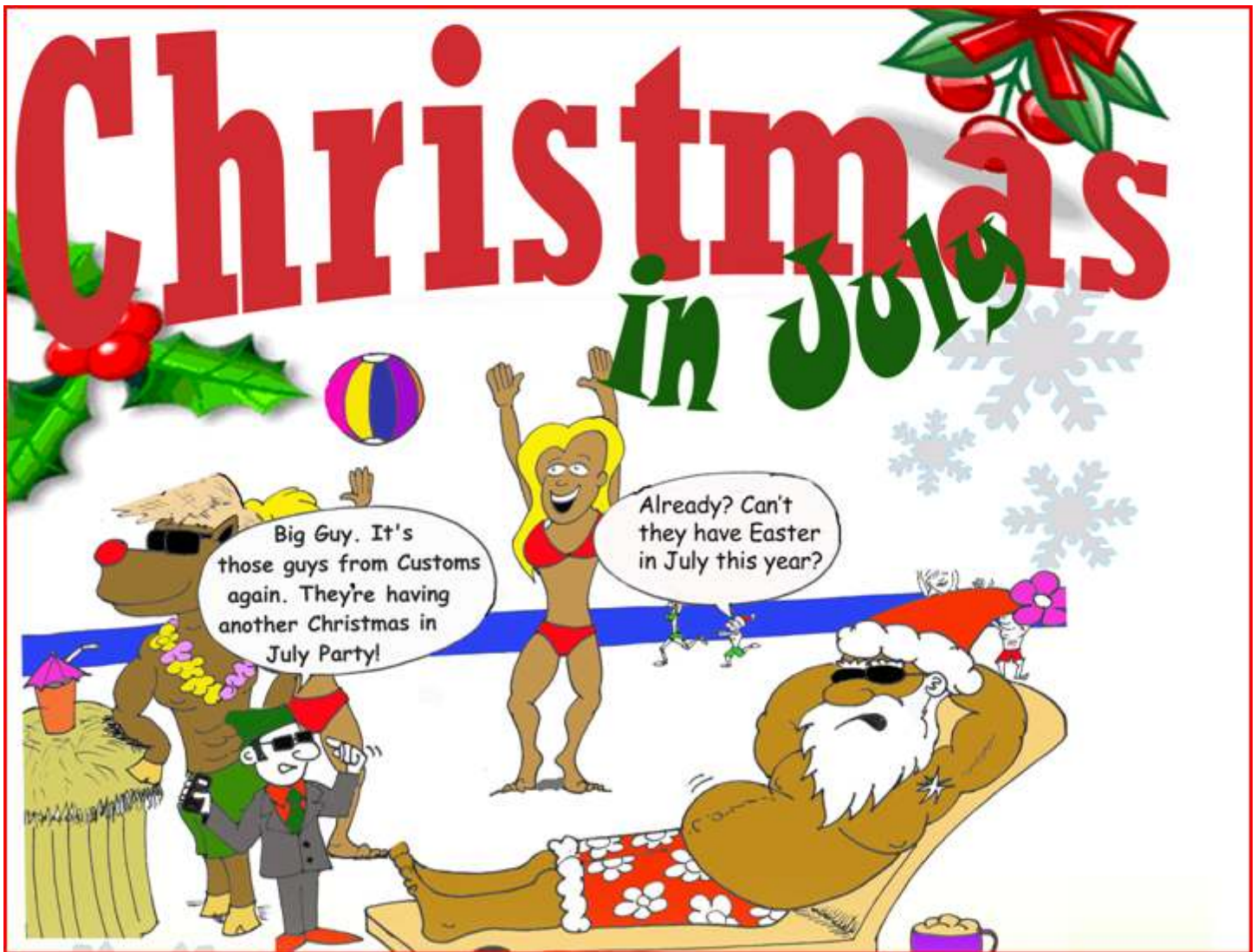
Richard Lewis

The first Lt - Governor Capt James Stirling, who arrived on the ship 'Parmelia' in June 1829, ordered that a prison and a sturdy structure be built for the safety of the colonists. This is known today as the roundhouse and was built by a team of sailors from HMS Challenger and others under a civilian contractor who arrived, on the second vessel in the fleet, 'Calista'. Appointed Police Constable & Tide Waiter 3/3/1831 the first of a long line of hand on Customs Officers.

News of Members

I guess no news is good news (or I have missed news sent to me if so I sincerely apologise) anyway short & sweet. Once again, we do know of some members who are/have been unwell but respect their request for privacy. We wish you all a speedy recovery & good health.





\$25 per ticket

Door Prizes

Includes Food, 1 free drink and social club membership

1600 onwards at Lockers Loft

**See Karen Hawley/Craig Harmen/Janette Too for tickets before the
20th of July**

24th July 2009

BIRTHDAYS

July

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
Sue HOPKINS	26
Max GERRYIN	27
Shirley McDONALD	28
Robyn METCALF	29
Kay SCHMIDT	29
Kevin SHFPHFDSON	29



August

Geoff WOLSKI	2
Mary O'NEILL	3
Ken GIBSON	9
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
Leanne MIFFIN	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
Susan ARMSTRONG	28
Mary RUDKIN	30

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	18
SHAWShaun & Roslyn BOYLAN	29
Tony & Kerry McCUBBIN	31

WEDDING ANIVERSARY'S

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 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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11		10		19		9		1		5				26
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24		9		11		1		24		14		9		19
26	22	2	12	9	1	18		2	3	2	8	7	2	3

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

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17	26	25	15	25		25	8	5	8	K	26	15	20	23	H
26		26		15	T			19	F	3	A	13		5	I
25	11	10	19	26	5	I	15		19	F	11	21	20	10	11
		7	V	10	R		26	E		5	I				22
14	13	5	I	17		8	K	17	5	I	7	26	25	25	23
11		17	N		26	E		26	E			3	A		10
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5	I			3	A			20	C		26	E		13	O
21	26	7	V	26	10	R	26	2	D	23	26	9	X	3	A
3	A	13	O		7	V		26	E		22	P		23	H
17	11	2	D	6	G	26	E		19	F	3	A	2	D	3
15	T		8	K		17	N		26	E		5	I	17	N
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Visit Perth Zoo

Friday September 4th

Meet at the main entrance at 11:30am
Pay as you enter

BYO picnic or barbecue lunch

Leisurely wander around the zoo in the
afternoon

See you there!



Mandurah Canal Cruise & Lunch

Tuesday October 13th

Canal Cruise commences 11:00am
Meet at Bouvard Cruises 10:45am
\$20.00pp (Senior)

Lunch @ Nino's on return from cruise
(pay as you order)

Bookings and payment for cruise by
Monday October 5th please
See page 7 for transport directions etc



Christmas Lunch

The Iris Bar & Restaurant

Glen Iris Golf Course

Dean Road, Jandakot

Tuesday December 8th @ 12 noon

Meet outside 11:45 am

Cost: \$30.00 Members
(Non Members \$35.00)

Soup, Turkey & Dessert
(served to the table)

Booking made for 50 people (can be adjusted)

Fully Licensed (pay as you go)

Tea & Coffee available from bar pay as you order

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 27th please

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)

Directions for Bouvard Cruises -

For train passengers to Mandurah ex Perth depart Perth 0922 arrive Mandurah 1012, depart 0935 arrive 1025, which would be the latest for a 1100 Canal Tour. The Shuttle bus from the train station takes passengers to the information centre which means a short walk towards the Performing Arts Centre and the Canal Tour departure point. Ron King will meet and direct. For private transport arrangements we suggest parking at the back of the Arts Centre & Reading Theatre & walk south to the departure point, again will be met & directed.

You can walk over the Bridge to The Mandurah Ocean Marina & Nino's. Some of us will passenger over & return to the bus stop or station. Nino's will reserve tables, suggest you choose your own meal and pay as you go, eg Seniors Special (fish & chips & salad) \$11.95, Salt & Pepper Calamari \$15.90, Chilli Mussels \$15.90, Fish & Chips \$10.90, Wine, Beer & Cakes available. For those who wish to stay on, that can be arranged, on the day.

Cheryl at Bouvard Cruises advises that inclement weather could cancel a tour. On board is a coffee service, advance notice is required. (\$20.00 Seniors). The canal tour commentary is both educational and interesting.

Committee & passengers are invited to join Judy & Ron at 19 Sunningdale Chase Meadow Springs for afternoon tea.

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 - \$10 Joint or Single **x No. Years** = \$

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Tick here only if receipt required **Subscriptions to: Secretary RCOA of WA Inc. 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard 6170**

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Canal Cruise	Bouvard Cruises Mandurah	Tuesday October 13th	<input type="text"/>	x 20.00	<input type="text"/>
Christmas Lunch	Iris Restaurant Jandakot	Tuesday December 8th	<input type="text"/>	x 30.00	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / /2009 **Total Amount Enclosed \$**

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

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Last but not Least

- Thanks to the members who have changed from posted to emailed newsletters. This makes our job much easier. It is now 50/50 posted and emailed newsletters (70 of each).
- If you hadn't already noticed Customs has changed its name, again. It is now 'Australian Customs & Border Protection Service'
- You will note the new column by Trevor Smart on page 2, 'Trevor's Trivia Tribute'. We will be including items from time to time from history, relating to previous Customs Officers (researched by Trevor).
- Kaye Murray has asked if anyone remembers Denni Wilke, widow of Geoff who passed away in SA 18 months ago. Geoff worked in Broome or Pt Hedland. Denni will be returning to WA & will be living in Rockingham & would be happy to meet up with anyone who remembers them from their days in WA. Kaye will have her address & contact number once she settles in and would be pleased to pass it on should anyone wish to contact her. Kaye's number is 9339 8721

Bernie Webb 

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