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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 134.

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 2010

Tues Feb 2nd - 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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Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 2nd 2010

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!

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RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM Year 2010/2011

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

PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	HON SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
HON TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	HON AUDITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
		'DUTY FREED' EDITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Nominator Date / / 2010

I accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2010

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

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, 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 feedback 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 somewhere 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
Vice President	Ron King
Secretary	Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb
Editors	Bernie & 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

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2009

INCOME

Functions	1,921.00
Subscriptions	768.00
Donations	204.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>18.06</u>
Total Income	\$2,911.06

EXPENDITURE

Functions	2,489.53
Reimbursement	82.75
Postage	220.00
<u>Administration (General)</u>	<u>142.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$2,934.28

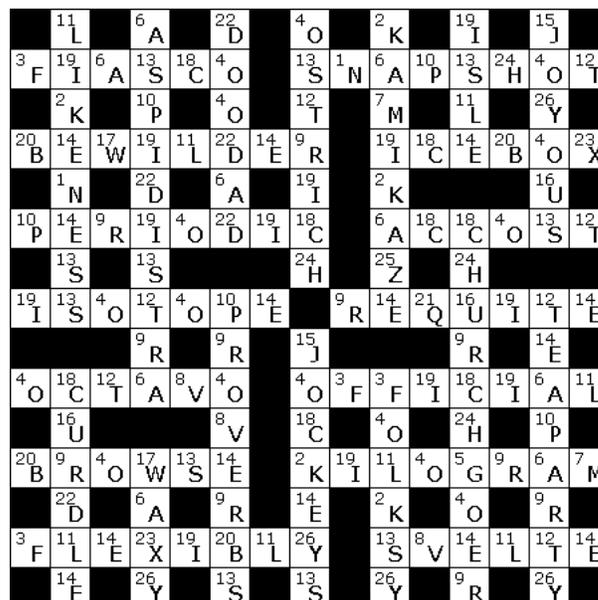
Excess Expenditure over Income \$23.22

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/2009	\$3,146.58	Balance 31/12/2009	\$3,122.36
<u>Deposits</u>	<u>2,911.06</u>		
	\$6,056.64		
<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>-2,934.28</u>		
	\$3,122.36		

Notional Bank Balance 31/12/2009	
Credit Balance	\$3,122.36
Assets	0.00
Liabilities (Subs 2010→)	-1,116.00
<u>Liabilities (Functions 2010)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Credit	\$2,006.36

November Puzzle Answer



BIRTHDAYS

February

Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Harry TAZEWELL	4
Percy PERRIN	6
Bob DALTON	10
Shaun BOYLAN	12
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 WOLSKI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTOOLAS	25
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HOROCKS	27
Pauline MURPHY	27
Rod SPENCER	27
Kathleen WARD	27
Elizabeth (Betty) KNIGHT	30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'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
Lance & Nita BLACK	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 2nd 2010

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 27th

(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 11 booked for the AGM Lunch so far -

Fish

Roz & Warrick Gates
Kay & Roger Schmidt

Chicken

Richard Coleman
Ron King
Kaye Murray
Trevor & Eleanor Smart
Bernie & Hazel Webb

Wishing
you all a
safe &
healthy
2010

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

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact
Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Drive, WELLARD 6170 ☎ 9439 2268 or E0409
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(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**

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

First Name:	Family Name:	Partner's Name:
Postal Address:		
Email Address:		
Phone Number:	Mobile:	
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 (include year if you wish for our records only)		
Member B'date:	Partner B'date:	Wedding Date:
Membership \$10 Joint/Single	X No of years:	Amount paying \$
Send Duty Freed by post <input type="checkbox"/>	or email <input type="checkbox"/>	Signature & Date
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RCOA Functions Booking Slip

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

Names attending	Function	Venue	Date	No	\$pp	Subtotal
	AGM & Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Tues Feb 2nd		X	
					X	
					X	
Signature & Date					Total amount enclosed	\$
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Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2009 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2010 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 2009 that will be presented at AGM.
- 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.

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