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## Contributions

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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 130.

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 January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

## Future Events 2011

- Tues Feb 22nd - Sausage Sizzle in Kings Park
- Sun March 20th - Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club
- Tues April 19th - Lunch @ Capri Restaurant



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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

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, Neil & Sue Hopkins, Val Kelly, Bev & Percy Perrin, Lavinia & Pat Pike, Kay & Roger Schmidt, Jenny & Steve Smallwood, Jennifer Stokes, Harry Tazewell, Mary Toy, Rob Wales

**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.

**AGM 2010** - 32 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.

**March** - was a breakfast barbecue @ Point Walter Reserve attended by 32

**April** – we had lunch at The Jetty in Hillary’s enjoyed by 22 of us

**June** – 24 enjoyed dinner at TAFE Fremantle

**August** – 18 strolled around Fremantle Prison on a guided tour followed by lunch in the cafe

**Dec** - 41 in total celebrated a Christmas lunch at the Iris Bar & Restaurant at Jandakot, the sit down lunch was very enjoyable and will look to book this venue again for Christmas 2011

**Alex Shaw** asked if it was possible to subsidise events considering the funds we have at present.

Hazel advised the forum that we do subsidise the two main events being AGM & Christmas Lunch and that the sausage sizzles are gold coin donation and in effect subsidised by the association funds.

**Con Greenwood** asked why we don’t have frequent lunches in Fremantle,

Warrick replied that the new committee could consider this option and perhaps a survey be done to see how many would be interested

**President’s Report** – Ladies & Gentlemen, thank you for your attendance here today. I have stated previously, it is an indication to the committee that you are interested in the activities of the RCOA. I would also like to thank my committee members for the work, suggestions and support they have provided throughout the year. I am standing down as President and I have no doubt that the committee will provide the new President with the same support and commitment that they have afforded me. As you have heard Ron’s entertainment report & Bernie’s Financial reports there is nothing further for me to add but I’m happy to answer any questions you may have. *Warrick Gates*

**Alex Shaw** proposed a sincere vote of thanks to all the committee for their hard work, it was welcomed by the members. Seconded by Kaye Murray. Those present showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

**Life Membership** – Bernie & Hazel Webb 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	Ron King
Vice President	Richard Coleman
Secretary	Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb
Duty Freed Editor	Hazel Webb
Committee	Neil Hopkins, Karen Jardine, Kay Schmidt, Trevor Smart, Bob Stone

Ron King introduced Amanda Leigh, Regional Director of Customs, who was to be our guest speaker 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Swan Yacht Club.

With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:20 pm

## RCOA Current Members 2011

ANDERSON Jim & Norma	HARDMAN Len & Valma	REGALI Vic & Sue ABBEY
ARMSTRONG Susan & John DANIELS	HEAVEY Margaret	REGIONAL DIRECTOR (F)
BAIRD Jim & Dianne	HERON Les & Moira	REX Bob
BALES Ruby	HOPKINS Neil & Sue	RICKARD Kaye
BARNETT Jo	HOROCKS Darrol & Joan	ROBERTS Chris & Sue
BARTROP Greg & Helen	HUBBARD Jacky & Paul	ROBERTS Clayton & Suzanne
BECK Ron & Maureen	HUNTER Jim & Carol MOREY	ROSS Ian
BELL Phil & Pook	JARDINE Karen & Ian JAMIESON	ROWSE Elaine
BISSAKER Bryan & Pat	JARVIS Ron & Margaret	RUDKIN Haddon & Margaret
BLACK Lance & Nita	JOHNSON Darrell & Patricia (L)	SCHMIDT Kay & Roger
BLACKALL Ross & Wendy	JOHNSON Joy	SHAW Alex & Sylvia (L)
BOYLAN Shaun & Roslyn	JOST Brian & Elva	SHEPHERDSON Kevin & Sheila
BURDGE Phil & Jeannette	KELLY Valmai	SIMS Sandra & Alex
BYRNE Gary & Karen HAWLEY	KING Ron & Judy (L)	SMALLWOOD Steve & Jenny
CAUDWELL Alan & Mary-Anne	KINSELLA John & Juliet	SMART Trevor & Eleanor (L)
CHESCOE John & Tessa	KIRSOPP George & Paula	SMITH Dorothy
COLEMAN Richard & Marjorie DECAUX	KNIGHT Betty	SMITH Ken & Phyllis
CORNISH Christine & Graeme	KOCH Derek	SODING Mike & Pamela
CORNISH Christopher & Astrid NORGDARD	KONTOOLAS Peter & Lana	SORENSEN John & Colleen
CROWE Elsie	LAMERS Hedda	SPENCER Rod & Denise
CRUTTENDEN Graham & Ruth CHIPMAN	LITHERLAND Lance & Lana	STEWART Ken
CUSTOMS SOCIAL CLUB (F)	LOWE Brian & Marie GLOVER	STITT John
DALE Wayne & Lyn	MARKS John & Sue	STONE Bob & Robyn
DALTON Bob & Angela	MARSHALL Gordon & Rosemary	STOREY Ian & Julia
DANKS Bob & Margaret	MARTIN Bob & Sue	SULLIVAN Trixie
DANKS Morris & Barbara (F)	MCCUBBIN Tony & Kerry	SWEET Roly & Sue
DAVEY Nancy & Albert (L)	MCDONALD Ian & Shirley	TAZEWELL Harry (F)
DAVEY-CHIVAS Amanda (F)	MENNER Frank & June	THOMAS Geraldine
DAVIES Terry & Emma	METCALF Michael & Robyn	THUNDER Geoff & Rose
DE GRUCHY Ron & Jean	MIFFLIN Leanne	TOWILL John & Yvonne
DETERMES Bert	MORAN Frank & Maureen	TOY Mary (L)
EARNSHAW Jack & Stella	MULCONRAY Chris	TREEN Ray
ELEY Jack & Jess	MURPHY Paul & Pauline	VENTHAM Arthur & Marian
EMERSON Terry & Norma	MURRAY Kaye (L)	WAIGHT John & Lynne
FLYNN Mike & Renee	NEEDHAM Trevor & Carol	WALES Rob & Jennifer STOKES
FORREST Ian & Lorraine	NICHOLS Pat	WALKER Bill & Pat
FOSTER Frances	OLSEN Ivan & Kate	WARD Brian & Kathleen
GATES Warrick & Ros	O'NEILL Jim & Bridie	WATSON Gus & Carol
GAUSDEN Philip & Tina	O'NEILL Mary	WEBB Bernie & Hazel (L)
GERREYN Max & Sherren	PAGE Yvonne	WEBB Susan (F)
GIBSON Linda & Ken	PARKER George & Judith	WESTLEY Vern (L)
GREENWOOD Con	PERRIN Percy & Beverley	WILLIAMS Charlie & Norma
HALL Alan	PERRY Peg	WILLS Pat (L)
HALL Graham & Jan	PIKE Pat & Lavinia	WOLSKI Geoff & Robyn

L) Life Member (F) Friend

## RCOA Committee Members 2011

As you will see from the AGM Minutes there has been a change of guard on the committee and two new members. Welcome to Karen Jardine on her first year on the committee and back, after a short break, is Kay Schmidt. We look forward to another year of socialising and hope you, our members, can get out to join in the fun.

# Puzzle Page

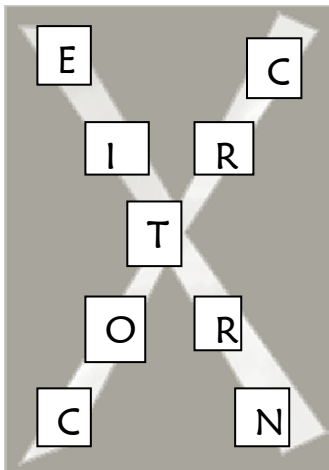
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## January Puzzle Answer

Sorry, I made a typo last month, the 4th number top left should have been a 6 not a 4 as I had typed ...  
Oops!

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February  
Sudoku →



## Word Challenge

Make as many words as you can with the letters given, always using the middle letter. Your words must have four (4) letters or more, plurals and verb forms ending in 's' are not allowed, and at least one word must use all 9 letters.

Good Luck!

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# BIRTHDAYS

## MARCH

Bob DANKS	4
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
Ray TREEN	13
Robyn STONE	14
Juliet KINSELLA	16
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Linda GIBSON	22
Marie GLOVER	24
Alan HALL	25
Sue MARKS	29

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S

## MARCH

Darrol & Joan HORROCKS	8
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Lance & Nita BLACK	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27



## APRIL

John & Juliet KINSELLA	19
Bob & Robyn STONE	20
Rob WALES & Jennifer STOKES	21
Jack & Jess ELY	27
Michael & Robyn METCALF	27

## Events Page



### BBQ Lunch at Kings Park Tuesday February 22nd Western Power Playground Area, KINGS PARK

Enter Saw Ave from Thomas Road, turn right at the May Drive junction & follow signs to the playground.

Sausages, onions, bun & sauces provided  
BYO everything else you need including chairs, tables, drinks, salads, sun screen etc

Numbers attending to be advised by Friday February 18th for catering purposes please



Those who have advised their attendance for the BBQ are:

Ros & Warrick Gates  
Neil & Sue Hopkins  
Judy & Ron King  
Kaye Murray  
Bob Rex  
Alex & Sylvia Shaw  
Eleanor & Trevor Smart  
Bernie & Hazel Webb



## Coming Events



### Smorgasbord Breakfast Swan Yacht Club Riverside Rd, East Fremantle

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 08:30 hours

**Cost: \$15.00 RCOA members  
\$18.00 non-members**

Parking available at the club  
Breakfast is held in the club room on the ground floor level.

Bookings for the breakfast must be made before  
Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch @ Capri Restaurant 21 South Tce, Fremantle Tuesday April 19th at 12noon

Those interested please advise  
by Thursday March 31st

We will then go ahead to  
make arrangements for the  
menu, ordering of meals, etc  
then advise you the costs &  
payment arrangements

Other events this year are likely to be

May - a tour around the Quarantine Building @ Woodman Point followed by a BYO picnic/BBQ

July - Fremantle Prison Tours & Lunch @ their cafe

Also planning a Dinner @ TAFE Fremantle, Canal Cruise in Mandurah and more .....

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact  
Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Drive, WELLARD 6170

9439 2268      0409 105 101      or email

(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - page 9)

## News of Members

- Y We endeavour to keep up to date with our members where we can however it has been a bit quiet lately with no reports of holidays, success at sport or falls in the shower.
- Y If any of you have *News of Members* or have some yourself (that is printable) please let me know so that I can fill some pages with gossip, adventure, excitement etc.
- Y Our next issue of Duty Freed is April so news to me before 11th please preferably by email

Cheers, Hazel

**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**

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**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 \$					
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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
				X	
				X	
				X	
<b>Signature &amp; Date</b>	/ / 2011			Total amount enclosed	\$

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## Last but not Least

- 20 of you are currently un-financial. Please check your mailing label to make sure it is not YOU. For those of you who receive 'Duty Freed' by email I have nearly completed a program to semi-auto email you when you are un-financial. To stop receiving the semi-auto email you can either pay the annual subscription (or multiple of if paying for more than one year) or send me an email stating that you no longer wish to remain an RCOA member.

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