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If you'd like to contribute an article to this newsletter, please send it, preferably by e-mail, to the editor. Copy deadline is the 11th of each month of publication.

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 123.

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 1st each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

Future Events 2011

Wed Sept 7th

Dinner @ Fremantle TAFE

Sun Sept 11th

WW2 Guided Tunnel Tour

Wed Nov 23rd

The Maze Family Fun Park

Tues Dec 6th

Christmas Lunch & The Iris

Dec date TBA

Christmas Lights Mandurah Canal



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Waiting for articles and
News of/from Members!

RW Sales

Since retiring and having the opportunity to spend more time in the garden I became increasingly frustrated by the seemingly lack of good quality pruning equipment available at reasonable prices. I believe the range that I can offer addresses this issue and I would be happy to answer any queries you may have.

Prices vary on blade size but as an example the 240mm blade pruning saw is \$29 and comes with it's own scabbard whilst the 210mm blade secateurs with leather holster is \$46. The 110cm to 160cm lightweight twist lock pole saw is \$45. Other size pruning saws with both fixed and folding blade and secateurs are available

These prices are for RCOA members. For orders or further information either email me at rwsales@westnet.com.au or phone me on 0418162493

Ross Blackall

Pruning saw - fixed or folding blade

Blade sizes 180mm 210mm 240mm 270mm 300mm and 340mm

Hard chrome plated rust proof finish

Super sharp cutting edge

Impulse hardening teeth, lasting three times longer than conventional teeth.

Comfortable ergonomic hand grip

Complete with holster allowing saw to be carried on a belt when not being used

Secateurs

High quality carbon tool steel

Light weight with ergonomic non slip grip

Easy to operate and lock available in either two sizes

Comes with a leather holster that clips over a belt

Blade length 185mm or 210mm

Pole saw

High quality carbon tool steel

Hard chrome plated rust proof finish

Super sharp cutting edge

Impulse hardening teeth,

Light weight only 420g

Extendable twist/lock pole from 110cm - 160cm



The Maze Family Fun Park, Neaves Road, Bullsbrook

We are visiting Wednesday November 23rd

Lots of Mazes

The Maze – NEW CHALLENGE - This Maze was reconfigured in June 2011 to offer a new challenge to return visitors. Originally built in the early 80's the main maze is constructed from timber and spread over 2500m² making it Perth's largest maze! Your challenge is to locate the four poles in sequence and Supa-Slide before locating the exit in the fastest time possible. On entry locate the red pole before proceeding to the blue pole, find the white pole at the centre then advance to the green pole. From the green pole continue onto the Supa-Slide and lookout tower to check where your friends are before sprinting to the exit - Good Luck!

The Pine Mazes – Race your friends and family through the Pine Mazes, two deceptively simple looking Mazes set amongst a pine tree grove. Can you find your way out?!

Tayla's Tangle – Constructed from 75 metres of colourful rope, intertwined between posts to form a tangled web. Participants must navigate through the twists and turns, to reach the end of their rope in the fastest time possible.

Danae's Dilemma – Made from recycled timber, Danae's Dilemma is a devious no-left-hand-turn-maze. Participants that wish to take up the challenge must navigate their way through the maze without making any left hand turns or U-turns.

Phil's Frustration – The latest edition to the park, Phil's Frustration is a super tricky no-right-hand-turn maze, constructed from limestone blocks and miniature peppermint hedges.

Other Fun Stuff

Mini Golf - Play a round of traditional Mini Golf set amongst the palms. Each track is individually designed with unique curves and slopes. Par for the course is 25, can you score under this?

Disc Golf - Be one of the first in WA to try Disc Golf! Similar to traditional golf however players use a disc instead of a ball and club. A disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the 'hole' (an elevated basket). The object of the game is to complete each hole in the least number of throws. Great fun for all ages but be warned, it is VERY addictive!

Garden Chess - Find yourself a worthy opponent & challenge them to a game of cheeky chess! Played outdoors on a massive 3.6m x 3.6m chess board, the ultimate game of strategy is brought to life with each chess piece standing 2 feet high

Picnic Grounds - Bring along a picnic or use one of our many gas BBQ's and picnic tables available in the grounds. There's no charge to use the BBQ's and our huge trees provide plenty of shade for the perfect picnic setting.

Café Iguana - Enjoy fresh sandwiches, rolls and focaccia's in an alfresco setting. Indulge with the perfect cup of coffee and your favourite cake or muffin!



The Maze Family Fun Park continued

Cuddly Animals

Koalas, Kangaroos & Emus - Meet our resident koalas Clancy, Olivia, Willow, Newton, Mazie and Cisco. Say hello to our friendly kangaroos, emus and birds. For the health of the animals patting and feeding of the animals is not allowed. The Koalas are open to the public at 11am, 1pm and 3pm (or by prior arrangement).

Clancy is an adventurous 6.5 year old male koala who loves to get out and about! His friend **Olivia** is much quieter and at just 5 and half years old. **Olivia** is a lot shyer than her playmates and likes to take in the world from afar, her favourite activities include sleeping and munching on Coastal Moort Eucalyptus leaves.

Newton along with Mazie were born at the Maze in March 2008, Newtons mum is Olivia and Mazie's mum is Willow. Our youngest Koala is Cisco (his mum is Mazie) is the definition of cute, looking just like a teddy bear and loves lots of cuddles from his carers! **Willow** on the other hand is 14 year old female with a laid back approach to life.

Walk In Aviary - Get up and close to some of Australia's quirkiest cockatoos! See Major Mitchell's, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos and Pink and Grey Galahs.

Kangaroo Exhibit -Come and check out the Australiana Kangaroo Enclosure. This walk through exhibit allows you to get right up close to the friendly kangaroos and has some quirky old Australian features too, like the old lean to shed and the farmer's truck; can you spot the letterbox? The kangaroos love their home and we're sure you'll love it too.

If you want to find out more about the place before you go look up <http://www.themaze.com.au>



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← July
Codebreaker
Answer

Puzzle Page

8	2	9	1	4	6	7	5	3
7	3	6	5	8	9	4	2	1
5	4	1	3	7	2	6	8	9
3	1	8	7	9	5	2	6	4
6	7	5	4	2	3	9	1	8
4	9	2	6	1	8	5	3	7
2	6	7	9	3	1	8	4	5
1	5	4	8	6	7	3	9	2
9	8	3	2	5	4	1	7	6

← July Sudoku Answer

2				1		6	4	
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					8		5	
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6	4			8			9	1
	3		7					
9			1					
	6	7		5				4

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square

August Sudoku ↑

A Codebreaker 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.

19	16	22	8	21	2		24	20	15	12	16	3	26	4	
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15	4	6	14	16	23	17	8			4	26	3	20	2	
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11	24
12	25
13	26

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

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Jennifer STOKES	3
Lana KOONTOOLAS	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

OCTOBER

Ian McDONALD	2
Karen HAWLEY	6
Philip GAUSDEN	8
Sherren GERRYIN	9
Geraldine THOMAS	9
Vern WESTLEY	9
Ross BLACKALL	13
Dorothy SMITH	15
Hazel WEBB	22
Ken SMITH	27
Ron De Gruchy	28
Phil BELL	29
Arthur VENTHAM	29
Sue ABBEY	31

NOVEMBER

Darrell JOHNSON	3
Helen SMITHER	3
Bob STONE	4
Jenny SMALLWOOD	6
Kaye MURRAY	10
Norma EMERSON	11
Ken STEWART	13
Paula KIRSOPP	16
Lyn DALE	19
Sue MARTIN	21
Lance BLACK	23
Bert DETERMES	23
Dianne BAIRD	26
Ron KING	26
Bill WALKER	26
Judy KING	29
Steve SMALLWOOD	30



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S

SEPTEMBER

Ian & Lorraine FORREST	9
Alan & Mary-Anne CAUDWELL	10
Bernie & Hazel WEBB	13
Kay & Roger SCHMIDT	18
Charlie & Norma WILLIAMS	20
Graham & Jan HALL	29

OCTOBER

Ron & Maureen BECK	3
Trevor & Eleanor SMART	5
Ken & Phyllis SMITH	11
Brian & Elva JOST	16
Arthur & Marian VENTHAM	19
Jim & Dianne BAIRD	20
Phil & Jeannette BURDGE	22
Neil & Sue HOPKINS	31

NOVEMBER

Gus & Carol WATSON	2
Philip & Tina GAUSDEN	3
Ian & Julia STOREY	20
Christine & Graeme CORNISH	21
Percy & Beverley PERRIN	24
Peter & Lana KOONTOOLAS	27





Events Page



Dinner @ TAFE Fremantle

15 Grosvenor Road, BEACONSFIELD

Wednesday September 7th

Congregate at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm

Sit down meal

Cost: \$23.00pp

Licensed - pay as you order

Maximum 20 people, please get in early to reserve your seat

Bookings for dinner to be made before Wednesday August 31st please

WW2 Tunnels Guided Tour

@ the Leighton Battery Heritage Site
Sunday September 11th 2011

Cost: Adults \$7, Child \$2

Pay on arrival (no concessions)

Tour duration approx 1 hour

Meet at the Command Post @ 9:30am

Please advise you are coming by Wed
7th please

Entrance: Car Park, Boundary Road,
Mosman Park

There is a short walk along the uphill footpath
to the Command Post

Please note that the underground tunnels are
access by 38 entry steps & 42 exit steps.

I have been warned that it can be a bit
claustrophobic in the tunnels



For those who want to join us for
lunch afterwards we will be looking
for somewhere nearby pay as you
eat, advise on the day.



Coming Events



The Maze Family Fun Park

Neaves Road, Bullsbrook. We are
looking to visit on Wednesday
November 23rd and having lunch in
their cafe so please book this date in
your diary.



Christmas Lunch @The Iris Bar & Restaurant

Glen Iris Golf Course, Dean Road,
Jandakot booked for Tuesday
December 6th @ 12 noon. Cost &
Menu TBA next issue.



Christmas Lights on the Mandurah Canals

is being considered for December, more on
that next Duty Freed when dates & times are
available. Note: this is not a definite outing
at this stage. You will be expected
to find your own transport to
Mandurah for this evening trip if we
go ahead.



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 - next page)

News of Members

- ‡ 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.
- ‡ 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.
- ‡ Our next issue of *Duty Freed* is October so news to me before 9th 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 \$					
Send Duty Freed by post <input type="checkbox"/>		or email <input type="checkbox"/>		Signature & Date					
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RCOA Functions Booking Slip

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Names attending					
Function	Venue	Date	No	\$pp	Subtotal
Dinner	Fremantle TAFE	Wed Sept 7th		X 23.00	
Christmas Lunch	The Iris	Tues Dec 6th		X TBA	
				X	
Signature & Date	/ / 2011			Total amount enclosed	\$

Office use only:	Rec'd	/	/2011	EFT	Cash	AMO	Cheque	No:	Trans #
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Last but not Least

As you can see below we have a new advert from Ross Blackall, please see his intro on page 2




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