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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 Nov 23rd
The Maze Family Fun Park

Tues Dec 6th
Christmas Lunch & The Iris

Future Events 2012

Feb 6th 2012
AGM & Lunch



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FOUR MEN A'FISHIN THEY DID GO

Four intrepid 'Sportsmen' planned a trip to Carnarvon and the Islands west for a spot of fishing. Comprising of one from Bunbury, two from Perth & one from Lehman. Departure day dawned and Bunbury complement topped up his petrol Prado of 10 years with Diesel fuel. Six hours later than scheduled they (Bunbury & Perth adventurers) overnighted in Lehman. I believe in omens so on an occasion like this I would have remained in Bunbury, but not this determined group, who after some several hours on the road realised the main freezer unit was 'all alone' in Lehman. Undaunted they pressed on, but only for awhile. **Six** wheel boat trailers do not function very well as a **5** wheel trailer. Limping in to Carnarvon late Friday afternoon no immediate assistance was available, nor was there on Saturday morning but unperturbed and with the ocean and fish only a few metres away they set to work. Their temporary repairs were to no avail for within site of the boat ramp the wheel, in question, sheered off.

They did, even in this dire predicament, manage to launch their vessel around 1430. Back to base around 2200 with a very poor result respecting fish, and having found a sandbar on the way in. Sunday saw them venture out again and again not very successful in respect to fish catches. Monday back to work on the offending trailer and again without success but there was light on the horizon. A local mechanic would hopefully solve their problem in 3 days time (Thursday)

An off shore island became their base for Monday and Tuesday returning again with little success in the fish department. And just to add insult to injury a Tiger shark on the end of a rod held to vertical made a special single piece rod a very useless 2 piece rod. It was one of the skippers favourite rods. Wednesday the trailer repairs were affected. Thursday their last chance to make big and big it was as they did get their bag limit for 3 as the 4th member was too ill to enjoy the reason why they were there. Attempting to change the wheel bearings on the faulty wheel brought on further dilemmas, the wheel assembly fell apart.

Friday and repairs effected it was time to head for home, not so soon as planned (7am), as the vehicles keys were left in the ignition overnight, they had a very very flattened battery. One quick call to the RAC battery charged and they were on their way by 10am. And home they did go putting them back in Perth within 12 hours.

Submitted by the Father of one of the group, who fortunately was not invited.

KIWI DELIGHTS

A recent return to New Zealand and to Glinks Gully where once I reported on a voluntary Coast Watch team and their fishing prowess with a torpedo. Sadly their old vehicle proudly displaying Coastwatch has been pensioned off and buried. Another similar vehicle, with rear seating comprising of 2 old and unsecured arm chairs is her fitting replacement. Fishing on this visit was determined by the weather and tide, shore side. Our host had obtained a permit to harvest 'TOHEROA' a shell fish in shape but larger than a mussel. The fishing ground, as listed on the permit was some 13 kilometres north of his 'batch' (a beach shack). This delight buries itself just above the high water mark and is found in large patches some 20 to 30cms below the surface. Recovery is by digging by hand into the near frozen sand and groping around to extract them their secured base, processing them in a similar way to abalone. Once the meat and subsidiary bits have been extracted and washed, the meat is minced with onion and formed into patties. The subsidiary part also minced with onion becomes a rich green coloured soup. Away from fishing we visited friends at Noreswood, a village of a few shops in the main street but over the bridge is one magnificent shop for clothes, in particular items with a blend of merino wool and possum fur. Their jumpers, jerseys and cardigans with this peculiar blend are light to wear and great for warmth. Prices at this outlet are up to \$100 cheaper than found in Auckland. Their products can be bought on line. Homeward bound from Noreswood we pass through the wine fields of Hastings and if good fortune should put you into this magnificent domain then find the vineyard 'Trinity Hill', and I assure you of no disappointments in particular with their Syrah. Good fortune has allowed us to revisit New Zealand on a number of occasions, and God willing and the creeks don't flood we will attend a Probus function in Palmerston North in September 2012.



Approved, R L K

The Leighton Battery Gun site and Tunnel complex

On Sunday the 11th September a group of us, consisting of Bernie, Hoppy and Sue, two of their lovely granddaughters, Rob Wales and Jenny Stokes, Marjorie and myself, visited the Leighton Battery Coastal Gun museum and were taken on a fascinating tour of the site and the underground tunnel complex. The complex was started in 1942 as part of the Fremantle Fortress port defences. The guns mounted at Leighton formed part of the Australian Army's protection against expected sea and air attacks on Fremantle Harbour. Fremantle had at the time the largest submarine base in the Southern Hemisphere and was vital to the U S Navy, Royal Navy and RAN war effort against Japan. Despite a few steps up and down, the tour was easy for anyone with a reasonable fitness. The tour guide was very knowledgeable and was able to explain the workings and history of the complex very well. She paid particular attention to the two girls who seemed to get a lot out of the visit. As only a few RCOA members attended we cancelled the lunch plans but all of us agreed it was a very worthwhile outing and recommended to all of you as a place to visit in the future.

Richard Coleman

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 0418 162 493

Ross Blackall

Wanted - Security Officers at Customs House, Fremantle

In the event that any retired officers are interested in working as a security guard at Customs House Fremantle the contact details of the guard services contractor are:

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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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← Aug
Codebreaker
Answer

Puzzle Page

2	7	8	3	1	5	6	4	9
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5	8	9	4	3	1	7	2	6
7	1	3	9	2	6	4	8	5
6	4	2	5	8	7	3	9	1
8	3	5	7	9	4	1	6	2
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← Aug Sudoku Answer

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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

October 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.

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BIRTHDAYS

November

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

December

Sylvia SHAW	1
John STITT	2
Lynne WAIGHT	2
Sandra SIMS	2
George KIRSOPP	3
Valmai KELLY	9
Helen BARTROP	13
Brian WARD	13
Charlie WILLIAMS	14
Vic REGALI	16
Jo BARNETT	18
Pamela SODING	20
Rosemary MARSHALL	20
Ian STOREY	22
Carol WATSON	24
Jim O'NEILL	24
Jim ANDERSON	25
Rob WALES	25
Jess ELEY	26
Karen JARDINE	30
Ruth CHIPMAN	30
Ivan OLSEN	30
Elaine ROWSE	31
Norma WILLIAMS	31

January

Judith PARKER	7
John SORENSEN	7
Ron JARVIS	7
John DANIELS	10
Gus WATSON	13
Carol MOREY	16
Astrid NORGARD	19
Jan HALL	20
George PARKER	20
Pook BELL	24
Trevor SMART	26
Mike SODING	27
Kaye RICKARD	28
Christine CORNISH	28
Norma ANDERSON	28



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S

November

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

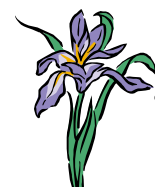
December

John & Sue MARKS	4
Terry & Norma EMERSON	12
Warrick & Ros GATES	14
George & Judith PARKER	22
John & Lynne WAIGHT	27



January

George & Paula KIRSOPP	1
Ron & Judy KING	2
Pat & Lavinia PIKE	6
Kevin & Sheila SHEPHERDSON	13
Ian & Shirley McDONALD	14
Greg & Helen BARTROP	16
Steve & Jenny SMALLWOOD	20
Trevor & Carol NEEDHAM	21
Ivan & Kate OLSEN	22
Phil & Pook BELL	28



The Maze Family Fun Park

Neaves Road, Bullsbrook

Wednesday November 23rd

Meet at the entrance 10:30am

Lunch at their cafe pay as you order

Information on the venue refer to
pages 4 & 5

Please advise if attending so we
know who to look out for



AGM 2012

Swan Yacht Club

Tuesday February 7th 2012

Followed by Lunch

Cost: \$20pp

Grilled Fish or Chicken Parmigiana

Followed by dessert

(choice of main meal, fish or
chicken, to be advised when
booking your seat)

Details will be in the January Duty
Freed

Christmas Lunch @The Iris Bar & Restaurant

Glen Iris Golf Course

Dean Road, Jandakot

Tuesday December 6th @ 12 noon

Meet outside 11:45 am

Cost: \$30.00 Members
(Non Members \$38.00)

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 Wednesday November 30th please



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

 **9439 2268**

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or email

(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - next page)

Articles required please

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** ☐

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Phone Number:	Mobile:	
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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
Christmas Lunch	The Iris	Tues Dec 6th		x 30.00	
AGM & Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Tues Feb 7th		x 20.00	
				x	
Signature & Date				Total amount enclosed	\$

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Last but not Least

**Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and
a Safe & Healthy 2012**


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