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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 128

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

Tues Feb 7th - 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 7th 2012

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 standing down this year so we are looking for new faces to join us, so please get your nominations in to fill the vacancies. See you there!

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RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM Year 2012/2013

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 / / 2012

accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2012

Please return completed nomination forms to Hon Secretary as soon as possible, prior to the AGM

(Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Dr, Wellard WA 6170)

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News of Members

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 1st 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 7th 2012 at the Swan Yacht Club.

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

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2011**INCOME**

Functions	2,600.00
Subscriptions	860.00
Donations	90.00
Credit - Functions 2011	90.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>30.46</u>
Total Income	\$3,670.46

EXPENDITURE

Functions	3,116.0
Postage	182.15
Miscellaneous (Website)	36.00
<u>Administration (General)</u>	<u>189.38</u>
Total Expenditure	\$3,523.53

Excess Income over Expenditure \$146.93

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/2011	\$3,481.13	Balance 31/12/2011	\$3,628.06
Deposits	<u>3,670.46</u>		
	\$7,151.59		
Withdrawals	<u>-3,523.53</u>		
	\$3,628.06		

Notional Bank Balance 31/12/2011

Credit Balance	\$3,628.06
Assets	0.00
Liabilities (Subs 2011 →)	-1230.00
<u>Liabilities (Functions 2011)</u>	<u>-90.00</u>
Net Credit	\$2,308.06

This took a lot of work to put together! You think English is easy?

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Need Assistance?

Are you a Veteran or Service Personnel in need of assistance?

Are you a family member of a Veteran or Service Personnel in need of assistance?

Do you know a Veteran or Service Personnel in need of assistance?

If the answer to any one of the questions above is "Yes" then the Northern Suburbs Veterans Support Group (NSVSG) is here to assist you.

If you or a family member requires assistance in their dealings with the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a Service Pension, Disability Pension, Legacy Matter or just wish to drop in and talk things over then please give us a call on 9305 9015. We are open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am – 11:30 am or by appointment.

AIM

The aim of NSVSG is to provide:

- A confidential, pension and welfare information service, for all veterans', service members and their dependants.
- Operate an accessible pension and welfare service that provides a central reference point for all serving, ex-service defence members in the Northern Suburbs of Western Australia.
- Provide competent management of pension and welfare services in accordance with Department of Veterans' Affairs policy and practice.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The following information details our responsibilities as a **volunteer**, non-profit, independent organisation:

- To ensure that confidentiality is maintained between the NSVSG, and its clients.
- To ensure the pension/welfare officers hold current registration with Veteran Indemnity Training Association (VITA) and are accredited under TIP's.
- To ensure the centre is staffed by at least one 'VITA' registered pension/welfare officer at all times.
- To operate the centre as a non-profit organisation, staffed by volunteers to provide Pension and Welfare assistance at no cost to the Veteran, Serving (Regular and Reserve), ex-service Defence Members and/or their Families.

As an independent organisation we provide support to Veterans, Serving or Ex Service Members and their families in Initial Pension Claims, Pension Increases, Veterans Review Board and Administrative Appeals Tribunals. We are here to help our fellow Veterans and their Families free of charge

Regards, Arthur Ventham RFD MBA CD AFAIM

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Answer to October Codebreaker

	20		25		7		25		4		19		23															
8	C	2	H	17	I	6	P	18	M	24	26	16	K	5	E	26	9	D	17	I	21	V	5	E				
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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

October
Sudoku
Answer



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

January Sudoku

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

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.

	4		6		5		8		3		24		13		
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E	R
F	S
G	T
H	U
I	V
J	W
K	X
L	Y
M	Z

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

Bob DANKS	4
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Warrick GATES	13
Robyn WOLKSI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Peter KONTOOLAS	25
Moina 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
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Lance & Nita BLACK	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 7th 2012

Where Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd
East Fremantle
Time Socialise at 11:00am (tea & coffee provided)
Cost \$20.00 per RCOA member
\$25.00 per non member
for a two course luncheon
(Chicken Parmigana or Fish and dessert)

Meeting to commence @ 11:30am
Lunch approx 12:30pm

Bookings due by Tuesday January 31st

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 19 booked for the AGM Lunch so far -

Fish

Elsie Crowe
Fran Foster
Pat Johnson
Kaye Murray
Yvonne Page

Chicken

Richard Coleman
Neil & Sue Hopkins
Ian Jamieson
Karen Jardine
Darrell Johnson
Judy & Ron King
Kay & Roger Schmidt
Eleanor & Trevor Smart
Bernie & Hazel Webb

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

Wishing
you all a
safe &
healthy
2012

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

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or email

(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - page 9)

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. I think a retired English teacher was bored -

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France .

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes - we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig...

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth?

One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

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:		
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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:
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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 7th		X 20.00 X 25.00	
					X	
					X	
Signature & Date					Total amount enclosed	\$
Office use only:	Rec'd / /2012	EFT <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> AMO <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="text"/> Trans # <input type="text"/>				

Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2011 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2012 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 2011 which 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.
- Those of you who receive this by email will be advised by the Treasurer of your financial status.

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