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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 124

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 2013

Tues Feb 5th - 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 5th 2013

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 are always looking for new faces to join us, so please get your nominations in to fill the positions. See you there!

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RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM Year 2013/2014

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 (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	HON AUDITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
		'DUTY FREED' EDITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Nominator Date / / 2013

accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2013

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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Future Event

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



Sunday February 24th at 08:30 hours

Cost: \$20.00 pay as you order

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

Please advise your attendance so we can make a group booking by Monday Feb 18th

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

President Ron King declared the meeting open at 11:40 am and welcomed those attending.
Members present as per signed list circulated at the meeting.

Apologies – Jim & Norma Anderson, Philip & Tina Gausden, Ian Jamieson, George & Judith Parker, Alex & Sylvia Shaw, Harry Tazewell, Sue Webb

Minutes of previous AGM were circulated in the 'Duty Freed' for all members to read, and with no business arising were accepted as read. *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. The accounts have been audited. *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.

AGM 2011 - 31 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.

Feb - was a lunch barbecue @ Kings Park and attended by 17

Mar – we had breakfast at Swan Yacht Club for 15

May – 15 strolled around Woodman's Point Quarantine Station on a guided tour followed by lunch in the canteen

Sept – 20 enjoyed dinner at TAFE Fremantle

Sept – WW2 Tunnels @ Leighton was visited by 7 who enjoyed the outing

Dec – 37 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 2012

President's Report – Ladies & Gentlemen, thank you for your attendance here today, it is always good to see so many of you attend these events especially our AGM. As I have often stated, it is an indication to the committee that you are interested in the activities of the RCOA. Thanks to Amanda Bott, Regional Director for Customs WA for taking time to attend this event. Also welcome to Alan Hogg & Vic Regali, great to see you at an event along with some of our new members. We remember a couple of long term members who have passed on since our last AGM, Graham Hall & Bob Rex. I would also like to thank my committee members for the work, suggestions and support they have provided throughout the year. Without two special people we would not be as active and well informed as we are and I would like you all to give a special thanks to Hazel & Bernie Webb who work tirelessly to keep us going and hold the club together. As you have heard the 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. *Ron King*

Darrell Johnson – 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 Bott, Regional Director of Customs, who was to be our guest speaker and thanked her again for making the time available in her busy schedule to address us today.

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 5th 2013 at the Swan Yacht Club. With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:10 pm

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meagre possessions, They found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Melbourne.. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and appearing in mags for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem. And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Cranky Old Man.....

What do you see nurses?What do you see?
What are you thinking .. . when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man,not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice . . 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice . . .the things that you do.
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feedingThe long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?. .Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse .you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten . .with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twentymy heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vowsthat I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, nowI have young of my own.
Who need me to guide . . . And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons .. .have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me . . to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more,Babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me My wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years . . . And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass . A young man still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people open and see.
Not a cranky old man .
Look closer see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within ... we will all, one day, be there, too! PLEASE SHARE THIS POEM, The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched. They must be felt by the heart

Puzzle Page

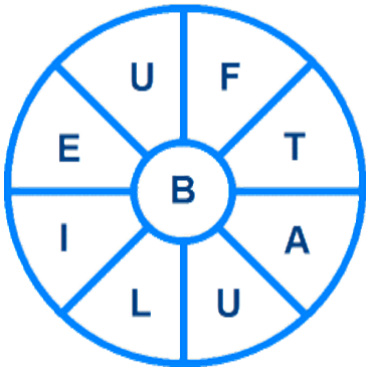
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4	5	7	1	2	8	6	3	9
9	3	1	7	6	5	8	4	2
8	2	6	3	9	4	5	1	7

October
Sudoku
Answer
←

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

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



January 9-Letter Word

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter B. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of four letters or more avoiding proper nouns?

October Quick Crossword Answer

W	A	D	E	D		K	I	N
O	V	A	L		R	I	C	O
W	O	R	D	S		L	E	D
	W	E	E		P	O	S	E
C		D	R	E	A	M		S
O	W	E	S		W	E	B	
R	E	V		O	P	T	I	C
G	L	I	B		A	R	E	A
I	L	L		T	W	E	R	P

October 9-letter word - MACHINERY

Some other words of five letters or more containing the hub letter C:

- cairn, chain, chair, charm, chary, chime,
- china, chine, crane, cream,
- crime, hemic (haemic), manic, march,
- mercy, mince, nacre, nicer,
- niche, ranch, reach, anemic, cinema,
- creamy, enrich, iceman, mincer,
- archine, carmine, chimera, chimney,
- machine, chairmen.

BIRTHDAYS

February

Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Harry TAZEWELL	4
Percy PERRIN	6
Rose THUNDER	9
Bob DALTON	10
Shaun BOYLAN	12
Sue FRANETOVICH	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
Geoff THUNDER	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Alex SHAW	9
Warrick GATES	13
Robyn WOLKSI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	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
Geoff & Rose THUNDER	6
Len & Val HARDMAN	7
Gordon & Rosemary MARSHALL	8
Bob & Angela DALTON	12
Bob & Margaret DANKS	19
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 5th 2013

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
two course luncheon
Chicken Parmigana or Fish and dessert
Meeting to commence @ 11:30am
Lunch approx 12:30pm
Bookings due by Tuesday January 29th

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

Ros & Warrick Gates
Bridie O'Neill
Bev & Percy Perrin
Ray Treen

Chicken

Jim O'Neill
Eleanor & Trevor Smart
Bernie & Hazel Webb

Wishing
you all a
safe &
healthy
2013

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 0409 105 101 or email
(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - page 9)

Did you think I forgot?

Here are the answers to Australian Trivia—Fabulous Facts from October issue

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Having a sleep | 4. Ballina | 8. B - Lawn sprinkler |
| 2. B - Largest Christmas Cracker | 5. C - 300 million | 9. Bee |
| 3. Love Kylie | 6. Koala Blue | 10. True |
| | 7. Birdsville | |

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**

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RCOA Functions Booking Slip

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Names attending									
Function	Venue	Date	No	\$pp	Subtotal				
AGM & Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Tues Feb 5th		X 20.00 X 25.00					
Breakfast	Swan Yacht Club	Sun Feb 24th		X pay as order					
				X					
Signature & Date				Total amount enclosed	\$				
		/ / 2013							
Office use only:	Rec'd	/	/2013	EFT	Cash	AMO	Cheque	No:	Trans #

Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2012 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2013 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 2012 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.
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