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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 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 2014



Tues Feb 4th
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

Sun Mar 23rd — Breakfast @
Swan Yacht Club



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Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 4th 2014

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 2014/2015

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 / / 2014

accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2014

**Please return completed nomination forms to Secretary as soon as possible, prior to the AGM
(Hazel Webb, 78 Arundel Dr, Wellard WA 6170)**

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 5th 2013

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 – Ron DeGruchy, Ron Dyer, Sue Franetovich, Jan Hall, Ian Jamieson, Karen Jardine, Kaye Murray, George & Judith Parker, Bev & Percy Perrin, Lavinia & Pat Pike, Kay & Roger Schmidt

Minutes of previous AGM were circulated in the 'Duty Freed' for all members to read, and were accepted as read.

Accepted by all in attendance

Treasurer's Report – was circulated in the 'Duty Freed' for all members to read. Bernie outlined an error that was recorded in the Duty Freed which since the accounts have been audited has been corrected. Bob Stone proposed that this now be accepted as a true record, seconded Con Greenwood.

Accepted by all in attendance

Entertainment Report – Hazel outlined the functions that were held & numbers attending.

AGM 2012 - 43 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.

Mar – we had breakfast at Point Walter for 29

May – the outing at The Maze was cancelled due to weather

July – 13 enjoyed breakfast at the Swan Yacht Club

Sept – RAAFA Aviation Museum & Lunch had 16 attending

Oct – Dinner at TAFE Fremantle was enjoyed by 21

Dec – 28 in total celebrated a Christmas lunch at the Iris Bar & Restaurant, the sit down lunch was again very enjoyable and will look to book this venue again for Christmas 2013. Amanda Bott from Customs presented a framed certificate to Kaye Murray commemorating her 100th birthday.

President's Report – Ladies' & Gentlemen, Welcome and thank you, each and every one of you for your attendance here today and continued support. To the committee I thank you most sincerely for your contribution and dedication to your committee obligations. Again this year to you Hazel, the members and we, this committee, thank you and owe you a debt of gratitude for your time, efforts and genuine interest in our Association. Bernie, you too do not go unrecognised for your attachment to the committee and the Association and your computer skills in communication. To the members who do not make it to social functions, yet retain your membership, thank you for your continued interest and thus your support to this unique Association. The Australian Customs Service – we must acknowledge and thank them for their support and representation at functions also the Customs Social Club for their invitations. The previous year has been a mixed bag of tricks – sadly more members are either 'on patrol', 'boarding' or making tariff decisions up above. Some though still with us have had a difficult year physically, mentally and medically. Duty Freed circulated the problems of some members, especially some who lived in Dampier. Our Association is not designed to take any action on their behalf. Dampier seemed to be the source of all their problems and while the Dinglebird enquiry found no source of their afflictions in Dampier we (the Association) can only hope and pray they all find an answer and relief. Social wise, not a great year for functions, some aborted for reasons beyond our control. We will endeavour to create attractive and entertaining social functions. We will, and I speak for the new committee, continue to dedicate our time and services to the best interest of our members. Finally, we must be unique as an Association to have our oldest member, the oldest! Kaye, you have been a wonderful contributor to our Association. Long may it continue and thank you from all of us for the generosity of your response to our toast to you at Christmas. Amanda, to you and the Australian Customs Service thank you. We really do appreciate the interest that you in particular have shown to our organisation with your attendance at our various functions and your presentations.

Ron King

Alex Shaw – took the chair and proceeded with the election of office bearers for the next year.

Only one nomination was received per position and were elected unopposed as below.

President	Ron King	Committee	Warrick Gates, Neil Hopkins, Karen Jardine, Kay Schmidt,
Vice President	Richard Coleman		Trevor Smart, Bob Stone
Secretary	Hazel Webb		
Treasurer	Bernie Webb		
Duty Freed Editor	Hazel Webb		

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 4th 2014 at the Swan Yacht Club. With no further business arising the meeting closed at 12:10 pm

Treasurer's Report 2013

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2013

INCOME

Functions	1,195.00
Subscriptions	1,000.00
Donations	80.00
Credit - Functions 2013	120.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>5.44</u>
Total Income	\$2500.44

EXPENDITURE

Functions	1,456.00
Postage	0.00
Miscellaneous (Website)	36.00
<u>Administration (General)</u>	<u>222.50</u>
Total Expenditure	\$1,714.50

Excess Income over Expenditure \$785.94

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance 01/01/2013	\$3,910.42
Deposits _____	<u>2,500.44</u>
	\$6,410.86
Withdrawals _____	<u>-1,714.50</u>
Balance 31/12/2013	\$4,696.36
Bank Balance 31/12/2013	
Credit Balance	\$4,696.36
Assets	0.00
Liabilities (Subs 2014)	-920.00
Liabilities (Misc 2014)	-100.00
<u>Liabilities (Functions 2014)</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
Net Credit	\$3,556.36

The above figures represent the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2013

We need your help!

Many of you appear to be having trips around Australia, overseas or just down the road and may come across some exceptional places. We would like to hear about them along with any highlights of your trip. Please email your experiences to the Secretary so they can be shown in the Duty Freed. Pictures are not always easy to insert but we will try

Also as you can see we do not have a gossip column so if you have any news of members please let us know. Unfortunately the only news we seem to get is when one of our members has passed away and advise our members by email due to the timeframe.

Puzzle Page

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

← 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

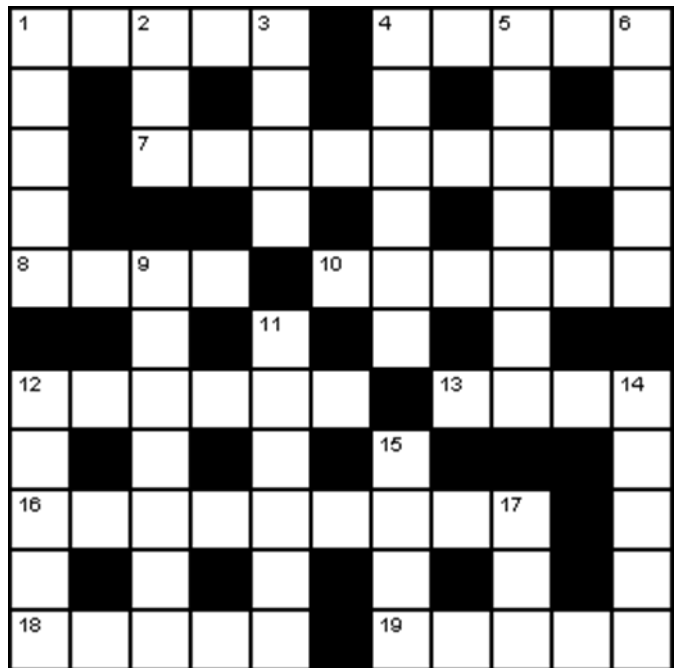
January Quick Crossword →

Across:

1. Twelve (5)
4. Hoard (5)
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied (5)

Down:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Journal (5) | 9. Placed a bet (7) |
| 2. Menagerie (3) | 11. Thinner (6) |
| 3. World's longest river (4) | 12. Consumed (5) |
| 4. Secret or hidden (6) | 14. Proficient (5) |
| 5. Bustling (7) | 15. Female relative (4) |
| 6. Abated (5) | 17. Part of a circle (3) |



January 9-Letter Word →

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter R. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 15 other words of five letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



Puzzle Answers

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

October
Sudoku
Answers

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



9-letter word - LABYRINTH

Some other words of four letters or more containing the hub letter N:

anil, anti, ayin, barn, bran, hint, lain, lint, nail, nary, rain, rani, rant, tarn, than, thin, tiny, yarn, bairn (Scot), blain, brain, brant, briny, inlay, rainy, riant, train, binary, brainy, in-tray, litany, ratlin, rhinal, thinly.

October
9-Letter
Word
Answers

9-letter word - AFTERNOON

Some other words of four letters or more containing the hub letter N:

aeon, anon, ante, earn, fern, font, near, neat, neon, none, noon, note, oner, onto, rant, rent, roan, tarn, tern, tone, torn, atone, front, oaten, tenon, tenor, toner, tonne, ornate, tanner.



October Quick Crossword Answer

S	E	B	A	C	E	O	U	S		P	
A				U		C				A	
W	A	G	E	R		E	L	V	E	R	
		A		E		L		E		A	
A	C	R	E		T	O	R	R	I	D	
N		M		A		T		D		O	
C	H	E	E	S	E		J	I	N	X	
I		N		S		A		C			
E	X	T	R	A		C	A	T	C	H	
N				I		H				I	
T			C	O	L	L	E	C	T	E	D

BIRTHDAYS

February

John PATRONI	1
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
Terry DAVIES	18
Joan HOROCKS	20
Jim BAIRD	23
Ron BECK	27
Tony McCUBBIN	28



March

Bob DANKS	4
Geoff THUNDER	5
Pat PIKE	7
Bryan BISSAKER	8
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 4th 2014

Where Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd, East Fremantle
Time Socialise at 11:00am (tea & coffee provided)
Cost \$15.00 per RCOA member (subsidised)
\$20.00 per non member

two course luncheon, Chicken Parmigana or Fish & dessert

Meeting to commence @ 11:30am
Lunch approx 12:15pm

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 15 booked for the AGM Lunch so far -



Please get on the phone or email & 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.

Fish

Roz & Warrick Gates
Pat Johnson
Kay & Roger Schmidt
Mark Skeels
Eleanor Smart

Chicken

Richard Coleman
Darrell Johnson
Bridie & Jim O'Neill
Geoff Smither
Trevor Smart
Bernie & Hazel Webb

Coming Up—Smorgasbord Breakfast @ Swan Yacht Club

Riverside Rd, East Fremantle

Sunday March 23rd 2014 at 08:30 hours

Cost: pay as you order (\$18.00)

Breakfast is held in the club room on the ground floor level, parking available.

Please advise if attending by Monday March 17th so we can book a group table or two

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)

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**

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
Office use only:	Rec'd / /2014	EFT Cash AMO Cheque No: Trans #

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 4th		X 15.00 X 20.00	
	Breakfast	Swan Yacht Club	Sun Mar 23rd		X pay as order	
					X	
Signature & Date					Total amount enclosed	\$
			/ / 2014			
Office use only:	Rec'd / /2014	EFT	Cash	AMO	Cheque	No: Trans #

Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2013 AGM in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2014 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 2013 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 or if you receive 'Duty Freed' via email you would have had an email sent to you if you are not financial. If unsure please ask.
- 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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- trees pruned
- rural fencing
- gutters cleaned
- garden clean ups
- rotary hoeing
- slashing / mowing

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