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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 112

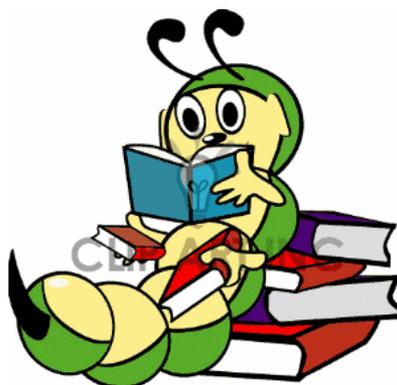
The membership fee for former officer & spouse or single is \$10. An application form is included on the inside back page of this Newsletter.

Annual subscriptions are due on January 1st each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

Planned Events 2016

👋 February 2nd 2016
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 2nd 2016

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!

RCOA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM Year 2016/2017

I nominate for the following office/s (please tick)

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|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 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 / / 2016

accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2016

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

October Puzzle Answers

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

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SYLLACROSTIC

BOLERO, ULTERIOR, SILENCE, INSTEP, NOCTURNAL, ESCAPE, STAMINA, STATUS, BUREAU, EXCAVATOR, FRAGILE= BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 3rd 2015

President Ron King declared the meeting open at 11:30 am and welcomed those attending.
Members present as per signed list circulated at the meeting.

Apologies – Lance Black, Richard Coleman, Ron & Wendie Dyer, Jan Hall, Darrell & Pat Johnson, Valmai Kelly, Wayne Mitchell, Jim & Bridie O'Neill, Percy & Bev Perrin, Sylvia Shaw, Brian & Kathleen Ward

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. Ray Treen proposed that this now be accepted as a true record, seconded Neil Hopkins.
Accepted by all in attendance

Entertainment Report – Hazel outlined the functions that were held & numbers attending. Due to weather, illness or happy travellers there were few functions in 2014 but we hope to have a better year in 2015

AGM 2014 - 28 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.

March – 18 had breakfast at Swan Yacht Club

August – 12 enjoyed lunch at TAFE Fremantle

Dec – 29 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 2015.

President's Report: Let me start by saying something that should have been said a month ago but as this is the first time I have met most of you for several months permit me to quote a couple of New Year greetings. Cheers to a new year and a chance to get it right; Oprah Winfrey, OR I would say Happy New Year, but it is not happy it is the same as last year only older.
TAKE YOUR PICK.

It is old and we (well most of us) believe it or not are old and we are still in there to give it a chance and get it right.

When we meet next year at our AGM our Association, the Retired Customs Officers Association will be unique, in that Customs as we have known it for many and by several different titles it always included the word Customs. As of July 2015 Customs (for now) does not exist and did they get that right? It will be Border Protection a combination of Customs & Immigration which means both old organisations do not exist.

This does not mean that that past members of CUSTOMS cannot become members of our Association. The Customs Social & Sporting Club invited RCOA members to attend the **last** Customs Xmas Party, at Customs House in December 2014, a memorable and historic event.

Time and this new Department may also mean a decline in membership, so it is most important that we need to find a suitable and permanent place to display our records and memorabilia. None more so than that of the late Mal Jarvis whose son Dennis has offered us a number of items worthy of historical significance. The committee have taken this on and hope to have many items of value to our Organisation/Service suitably displayed.

We survive like no other Association in Australia because of the commitment of your committee and while each of us has a part to play, no one plays a bigger part than Hazel our Secretary and Editor. Hazel for the Newsletter (Duty Freed) and your persevering endeavours to formulate interesting social events we really are so sincerely grateful. Thank you from all of us.

DUTY FREED keeps us in touch with the PAST & the PRESENCE and like so many other such associations it is the past that united us and the presence that keeps us alive and functioning. Regrettably some things do not survive the memory of time as was the case of Will Denny endeavouring to find some contact with people who would have known his father and Helen Kontoolas hoping someone would have had a photo of her late father, a P O of many years. We had our own sad loss, in 2014, of an energetic and committed committee member Kay Schmidt and her husband Roger, both sadly missed. To all members, thank you for support be it in your presence and/or your continued membership.

Ron King

Election of Office Bearers - Roly Sweet 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, Mark Skeels, Trevor Smart, Bob Stone, Ray Treen
Vice President	Richard Coleman	
Secretary	Hazel Webb	
Treasurer	Bernie Webb	
Duty Freed Editor	Hazel Webb	

General Business: Hazel advised that Rod O'Donnell was invited to be guest speaker this year however was unable to attend this year due to last minute commitments.

Bernie asked that anyone with an email address to let us know as it is easier and quicker for us to keep in touch.

With no further business Ron thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11:50am

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 2nd 2016 at the Swan Yacht Club.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2015

INCOME

Functions	1,752.00
Subscriptions	1,090.00
Donations	70.00
Credit – Functions - Lunch AGM 2016	50.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Interest	2.76
Total Income	\$2,964.76

EXPENDITURE

Functions	2,104.40
Postage	70.00
Administration (General)	122.65
Miscellaneous (Website)	0.00
Total Expenditure	\$2,297.05

Excess Income over Expenditure \$667.71

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 01/01/2015	851.72
Deposits	2,964.76
	\$3,816.48
Withdrawals	-2,297.05
Bank Balance 31/12/2015	\$1,519.43

LIABILITIES

Liabilities (Subs 2016 è)	910.0
	0
Liabilities (Functions 2016)	50.00
Liabilities (Miscellaneous 2016)	0.00
	\$960.00

Net Credit \$559.43

Investment Account

Balance at 31/12/2015 \$4,000.00

The above figures represent the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2015

Puzzle Page

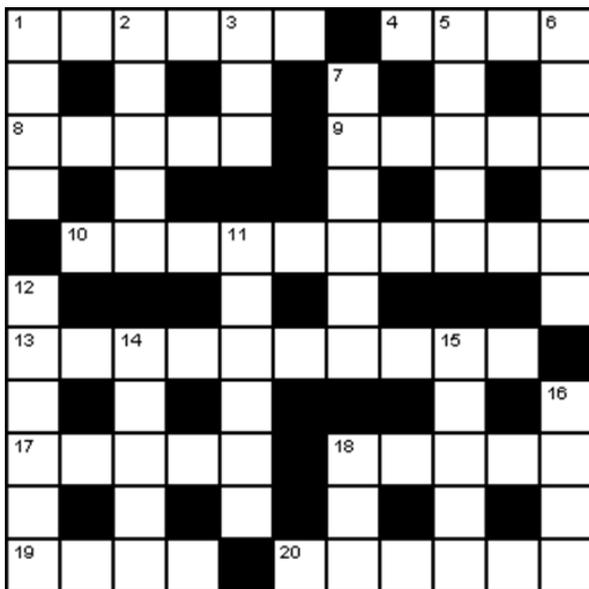
Syllacrostic

Fill in the answers to the clues by selecting the correct syllables from the list below. Each syllable can only be used once and the number of syllables to be used is shown in brackets. When the correct words are filled in, the first and last letters reading down will reveal a proverb.

AR, AS, BACK, CAR, CAT, DIFF, DU, EN, IN, MAG, NAP, NE, OR, OU, OUS, PA, PE, PECT, PER, RAGE, RATE, REP, RI, TE, TEM, TIC, TILE.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Type of book cover _____ (3) | 6. Inside _____ (4) |
| 2. Cold-blooded vertebrate _____ (2) | 7. Capital of Wales _____ (2) |
| 3. Gruelling _____ (3) | 8. Retinue _____ (3) |
| 4. Forty winks _____ (2) | 9. Attractive _____ (3) |
| 5. Moderate _____ (3) | 10. Facet _____ (2) |

Quick Crossword



- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>Across</p> <p>1. Constant (6)</p> <p>4. Evidence of past injury (4)</p> <p>8. Haggard (5)</p> <p>9. Fiends (5)</p> <p>10. Salutory (10)</p> <p>13. Clearly (10)</p> <p>17. Dialect (5)</p> <p>18. Copious (5)</p> <p>19. Part of an egg (4)</p> <p>20. Pressing (6)</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1. Mentor (4)</p> <p>2. Evade (5)</p> <p>3. Point (3)</p> <p>5. Breed of dog (5)</p> <p>6. Answer (6)</p> <p>7. Outcome (6)</p> <p>11. Mystery (6)</p> <p>12. Collector's item (6)</p> <p>14. Motionless (5)</p> <p>15. Oversight (5)</p> <p>16. Portable shelter (4)</p> <p>18. Atmosphere (3)</p> |
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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

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

BIRTHDAYS

February

John PATRONI	1
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Rose THUNDER	9
Shaun BOYLAN	12
Sue FRANETOVICH	12
Sheila SHEPHERDSON	16
Treasur D'CRUZ	18
Terry DAVIES	18
Joan HOROCKS	20
Jim BAIRD	23
Ron BECK	27
Tony McCUBBIN	28



March

Bob DANKS	4
Geoff THUNDER	5
Ted ELLIOTT	6
Bryan BISSAKER	8
Warrick GATES	13
Robyn WOLSKI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HOROCKS	27
Rod SPENCER	27
Kathleen WARD	27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S



February

Frank & June MANNER	6
Geoff & Rose THUNDER	6
Bob & Margaret DANKS	19
Wayne & Lyn DALE	25
Jacky & Paul HUBBARD	25

March

Peter COSTANTINO & Narelle WALSH	5
Darrol & Joan HOROCKS	8
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Lance & Nita BLACK	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

Annual General Meeting Tuesday February 2nd 2016

Where Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Rd, East Fremantle
Time Socialise at 11:00am (tea & coffee provided)
Cost \$25.00 per RCOA member (subsidised)
\$26.00 per non member

Two course luncheon :
Chicken Parmigiana or Fish & Dessert

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

Bookings due by Tuesday January 26th 2016

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 24 booked for the AGM Lunch so far -

Remember to forward your payment for lunch & any subs you want to pay to our bank account, details on page 8

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

Kerry Coleman
Richard Coleman
Treasur D'Cruz
Marjorie De Caux
Roly Dixon
Mike Flynn
Neil Hopkins
Kaye Murray
Steve Smallwood
Eleanor Smart
Jennifer Stokes
Ray Treen
Rob Wales



Chicken

Gaile Bitmead
Ian Bitmead
Renee Flynn
Deb Hall
Valmai Kelly
Judy King
Ron King
George Riley
Trevor Smart
Bernie Webb
Hazel Webb

Coming Up — To be advised

For all bookings (unless stated otherwise) please contact
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or email

(See RCOA - Functions Booking Slip - page 9)



Sending Money - be it for membership renewal or for an upcoming 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**

First Name: **Family Name:**

Partner's Name: **☎ No.** **📱 No.**

Postal Address:

E-mail address: Please add your email address (if you have one) so we can keep you up to date between newsletters.

ICE: Please insert 'Who' & 'How' to contact **In Case of Emergency**.

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:-

Member DOB: **Partner DOB:** **Wedding date:**

Membership \$10 per year Joint or Single x No. Years = \$

Send Newsletter by post **and / or e-mail** **Signature & Date** / / 2016

Tick here only if receipt required

Subscriptions to: Secretary RCOA of WA Inc. 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard 6170

Office Use Only: Rec'd / / 2016 EFT Cash AMO Cheque No. Trans' No(s).

RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.		\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM Lunch	Swan Yacht Club	Feb 2nd 2016	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / / 2016

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Payment to: Secretary RCOA of WA Inc. 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard 6170

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www.rcoa.org.au

Last but not Least

- * As you would have seen we have included the [minutes of 2015 AGM](#) in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2016 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 2015](#) 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.
- * **Email Address**—Any of you who have an email address and are receiving Duty Freed by snail mail could you please forward it to the secretary so that we can keep you informed of news in a more timely manner. We often get advice of members passing or notice of funerals etc and would like to pass the information on immediately by email, to wait for the next issue of Duty Freed could be too late
- * **Payments**—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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REDGUM RURAL SERVICES

- trees pruned
- rural fencing
- gutters cleaned
- garden clean ups
- rotary hoeing
- slashing / mowing

Bernie Webb

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