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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 111

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

- * Monday March 14th
Bush Poetry in Wellard
- * Sunday April 17th
Breakfast @ Market City Tavern



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 2nd 2016

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: Ken Atkins, Jim & Dianne Baird, Richard Coleman, Graham Cruttenden, Bob & Wendie Dyer, Sue Franetovich, Warrick & Ros Gates, Jan Hall, Ian Jamieson, Karen Jardine, Darrell & Pat Johnson, Valmai Kelly, Judy King, Bob & Sue Martin, Wayne Mitchell, Jim O'Neill, Yvonne Page, Mary Toy, 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 2015 but we always aim to have a better year

AGM 2015 - 25 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club.

March - 10 had lunch at Clancy's Fish Bar, City Beach

July - 8 met for breakfast at the Market City Tavern, Canning Vale then took a stroll around the Markets

November - 9 enjoyed lunch at TAFE Fremantle

December - 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 2016.

President's Report:

AGM to AGM and New Year to New Year and we are still here! Our grandchildren have grown older and smarter while we gracefully mature. The modern world of technology has extended our wealth and our lives. Some of the technology we just have to accept, but the world of photography, Facebook and emails do add beauty, education and humour to our everyday lives. Thankfully some of us can stay with it all.

To some of our members life has not been so kind, some gone, some confined with no knowledge of their family and friends. Our hearts go out to those members and their supportive partners.

We are now unique in that Customs, by one name or other for approximately 115 years, is now no more. The Committee, which I hope you members will accept, has decided to retain our name the 'RETIRED CUSTOMS OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC'. Customs Officers, who by virtue of a Government initiative (rebadged), will still be considered as retired Customs Officers when they retire from Border Protection and request membership to our Association.

To continue with the name and the existence of 'Customs' we have been offered accommodation at Woodman's Point to house a Customs Museum. While there is much work yet to be done, in the main by Karen, and by retaining our Association Incorporation it gives us the opportunity to apply for a Lotteries Grant, should we need such to establish and maintain a Customs Museum. When that time comes some members may have significant memorabilia to donate.

Another initiative which has been submitted to the Committee is to establish a Facebook page for members, a wonderful means of communication, only if you want to. Another proposal and for the more adventurous members of our Association, who seek sunsets and sunrises all around the state and beyond, is to accommodate such like-minded members in participating in four wheel driving excursions, a worthy project which could be shared amongst the more, energetic members (I jest).

Social activities of past years were bus trips and tours which we now do on our own on a regular basis. Notwithstanding that some of us, with the comfort of caravans, are looking forward to participating in members' getaways. There are of course some, like our secretary, who has yet to find 4 star comfort in a tent or a caravan, but supports our desires. So for some of us it is our own travel agenda, even so we (the committee) will continue to offer presentations outside the Xmas Lunch and AGM for your benefit and comradeship. Social activities, while committee suggestions are, in the main, generated by our dear old stalwart Hazel, our 60 year old secretary and her very supportive husband and Treasurer Bernie. These two young members open their house to committee meetings, produce the newsletter 'DUTY FREED' and where possible update us with member's activities. It is you, good members that keep the committee dedicated and attentive and as long as you support us, and attend where and when possible, we will continue to keep the Association active and energetic.

Warrick Gates has for many years has been and still is a very dedicated and active member of your committee, in many roles, especially your President for three years. As such the committee have offered Warrick 'Honorary Life Membership', which he has gracefully accepted. So endeth the lesson, and God willing and the creeks don't flood we will all meet again some time throughout the year especially at our Xmas Lunch and the ever popular AGM.

Ron King

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle on Tuesday February 2nd 2016—Continued

Election of Office Bearers: Lance Black 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:	Roly Dixon, Neil Hopkins, Karen Jardine, Mark Skeels,
Vice President	Richard Coleman		Trevor Smart, Bob Stone, Ray Treen
Secretary	Hazel Webb		
Treasurer	Bernie Webb		
Duty Freed Editor	Hazel Webb		

General Business:

- * Bernie asked that anyone with an email address to let us know as it is easier and quicker for us to keep in touch. Also the recent (considerable) rise in the cost of postage has led us to revisit the number of 'Duty Freed' newsletters which are still being sent by post as opposed to email. We totally understand that not everyone has (or desires) access to email, and for those members we will continue to post 'Duty Freed'. However we would greatly appreciate if members, who currently receive 'Duty Freed' by post (and do have access to email) were to change to receiving 'Duty Freed' via email. This would not only greatly reduce our workload (producing printed copies, folding, labelling, stamping and posting) it would also help with the cost of posting 'Duty Freed' to the previously mentioned members who do not have access to email.
- * Website—Bernie will email members a link to the latest Duty Freed where members can download a copy if desired.
- * Membership Form—Bernie has updated the form and is available on the website to download, complete and email to the Secretary.
- * 4WD—Bernie has also added a page to www.redgumrural.com.au, <4x4 Trips>
- * Bush Poet Bruce Zilm will be performing live at the Webb's house in the near future and we hope many of you will be able to attend the event, there will be a barbecue too.

With no further business Ron thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12:10 pm

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 7th 2017 at the Swan Yacht Club.



An explorer walked into a clearing and was surprised to see a pigmy standing beside a huge dead elephant. "Did you kill that?" he asked. The pigmy answered: "Yes". "How could a little bloke like you kill something as huge as that?" "I killed it with my club" replied the pigmy. "That's amazing," said the explorer. "How big's your club?" The pigmy replied: "There's about 150 of us"



Financial Report 2015

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2015

General Account

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

RCOA Current Members 2016

ALEXANDER Marie & Peter	GATES Warrick & Ros	(L) PREEDY Les
ARMSTRONG Susan & John DANIELS	GAUSDEN Philip & Tina	REGALI Vic & Sue ABBEY
ATKINS Ken & Linda	GREENWOOD Con	REGIONAL DIRECTOR (F)
BAIRD Jim & Dianne	HALL Alan	RILEY George & Karen
BARNETT Jo	HALL Deb & Kerry COLEMAN	ROBERTS Chris & Sue
BARTROP Greg & Helen	HALL Jan	ROBERTS Clayton & Suzanne
BECK Ron & Maureen	HERON Les & Moira	ROSS Ian
BELL Phil & Pook	HILL Jan & Walter	ROWSE Elaine
BISSAKER Bryan & Pat	HOGG Alan	SHAW Sylvia (L)
BITMEAD Gaile & Ian	(F) HOPKINS Neil & Sue	SHEPHERDSON Kevin & Sheila
BLACK Lance & Nita	HOROCKS Darrol & Joan	SKEELS Mark & Janine
BLACKALL Ross & Wendy	HOUSTON Andy & Aresenia	SMALLWOOD Steve & Jenny
BOYLAN Shaun & Roslyn	HRABAR Mike	SMART Trevor & Eleanor (L)
BURDGE Phil & Jeannette	HUBBARD Jacky & Paul	SMITH Ken & Phyllis
BYRNE Gary & Karen HAWLEY	HUNTER Jim & Carol MOREY	SMITHER Geoff & Helen
CALKIN Geoff	JARDINE Karen & Ian JAMIESON	SODING Mike & Pamela
COLEMAN Richard & Marjorie DECAUX	JARVIS Ron & Margaret	SORENSEN John & Colleen
CORNISH Christopher & Astrid NORWARD	JOHNSON Darrell & Patricia	(L) SPENCER Rod & Denise
COSTANTINO Peter & Narelle WALSH	KELLY Valmai	STEWART Ken
CROWE Elsie	KING Ron & Judy	(L) STITT John
CRUTTENDEN Graham & Ruth CHIPMAN	KINSELLA John & Juliet	STONE Bob & Robyn
CUSTOMS SOCIAL CLUB	(F) KOCH Derek	STOREY Ian & Julia
DALE Wayne & Lyn	LAMERS Hedda	SWEET Roly & Sue
DANKS Bob & Margaret	LITHERLAND Lance & Lana	THOMAS Geraldine
DAVIES Terry & Emma	LOWE Brian & Marie GLOVER	THUNDER Geoff & Rose (L)
D'CRUZ Treasur & Brian	MARSHALL Gordon & Rosemary	TOY Mary
DE GRUCHY Ron & Jean	MARTIN Bob & Sue	TREEN Ray & Noelene
DETERMES Bert	MCCUBBIN Tony & Kerry	Waight John & Lynne
DIXON Roly & Jenny	MCDONALD Ian & Shirley	WALEs Rob & Jennifer STOKES
DYER Ron & Wendie	MENNER Frank & June	WALKER Bill & Pat
EARNSHAW Jack & Stella	MIFFLIN Leanne	WARD Brian & Kathleen
ELEY Jack & Jess	MITCHELL Wayne & Melody	WATSON Gus & Carol
ELLIOTT Ted & Vicki	MURRAY Kaye	(L) WEBB Bernie & Hazel (L)
EMERSON Terry & Norma	OLSEN Ivan & Kate	WEIGHTMAN Sue
FLYNN Mike & Renee	O'NEILL Mary	WHITESIDE Dennis & Lin
FORREST Ian & Lorraine	PAGE Yvonne	WILLIAMS Charlie & Norma
FOSTER Frances	PATRONI John & Karen	WILLS Pat (L)
FRANETOVICH Sue	PERRIN Beverley	WOLSKI Geoff & Robyn

Friends (F) Life Members (L)

RCOA 4WD Club

During recent 4wd trips I have attended it has become apparent that most of the participants are former Customs Officers.

So began some discussion (around a campfire – or 4) that maybe, just maybe, it's not too delusional to have a 4wd club for RCOA members. This led to enquiries being made with the WA 4WD Association about what is required to become an affiliated 4wd club. Unfortunately the constitution of the WA 4WD Assoc. states that the main object of any affiliated club is to involve 4wds. The RCOA does not have any such mention within its constitution. Therefore we cannot be considered by the WA 4WD Assoc. One of the main reasons for joining the WA 4WD Assoc. is their public liability insurance policy which is, to put it bluntly, pretty good. There are other reasons such as the ability to interact with other clubs and join trips etc.

When I broached this at the January committee meeting I was advised that previously the RCOA has either formed, or attempted to form, an 'offshoot' or 'sub group' called the 'Adventurers Club' to enable members to travel together and enjoy the advantages that come with group travel and adventures.

So before I get too carried away with investigating changing/modifying the RCOA constitution (which needs modifying anyway because of changes to the relevant act) is there any interest from members into this type of 'group' travel and exploring and adventuring and

If there is, please supply feedback and I'll see where we go from there. If you feel there is reason not to go this way please provide that as well so we don't waste too much time looking at something that is not wanted/needed. Thanks.

Mark Skeels

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Facebook

Fellow RCOA members, I have created a new Facebook page - RCOA Duty Freed. As this is my first attempt there will be some hiccups and stumbles along the way so please be patient and tolerant. If you have any pages/sites you think should be 'linked' please let me know and I will try and sort it out.' Similarly if you wish to be added to the site please contact via the normal FB method. Also like a lot of us I tend to be away a fair bit so if anyone else wants to come on board as admin let me know. Otherwise the page may go for many weeks (months) without any updates. Please remember the page is for all of us so feel free to contribute as much or as little as you wish.

Regards

Mark Skeels

Easter 2016



Following discussion amongst some members of the RCOA and at the last committee meeting, a bit of a plan was hatched. The plan is to spend Easter at the farm of a former Customs Officer. The farm is located West of Nungarin and South of Kununoppin.

To enable travel to be undertaken free of the 'normal' rush to exit Perth we would arrive on the Thursday afternoon and you depart when you wish. I will be taking my leave early on Easter Sunday to enable me to get home in time to catch the EB and thereby secure my Easter eggs. If you wish to leave on the Wednesday there is some very nice camping to be had between Perth and the farm – and it breaks up the trip.

The area on the farm we camp in is suitable for camper trailers and with care caravans. Access is not suitable for 2wd vehicles but AWD vehicles will be ok (that includes towing). The area is suitable for 4wd vehicles .

There are no facilities so you will need to be totally self-sufficient.

Closest town is Nungarin but there are very limited shops etc located there. Kununoppin has a bit more but not much.

There is a reasonable sized lake that is suitable for kayaks and canoes. For those who like to birdwatch there are plenty of the feathered critters. There is also the opportunity to enjoy plenty of bush walking. If you need to do nothing but sit back and relax then this is a perfect place to do just that. There are some pretty impressive photo opportunities for those who dabble in the art of retrieving good images from mega pixels.

So that's about it.....if there is any interest at all please let Bernie or myself know and we will sort out any further details and info closer to Easter.

Mark Skeels (markskeels@hotmail.com) 0429 108 389



On the beach @ Fanny Cove—Esperance Trip November 2015

Note from Bernie

At the AGM I collected the large total of \$500 cash from members paying for lunch and/or membership! I realise that not everybody has easy access to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) but I would appreciate if those that do have access to EFT were to use it. \$500, even by today's standards, is quite a lot of money to have to carry around and be responsible for.

The Swan Yacht Club either has had a change of policy or are now enforcing a pre-existing policy. That is, that we had to pay for all the lunches we had booked for, despite two expected members not attending. This is not unreasonable as they (the Swan Yacht Club) have to budget/purchase food etc. for X number of persons. As this is not the only venue where this has happened we now, unfortunately, will have to ask for all attendees to pay in advance (preferably by EFT – see above) and this will only be refundable in certain circumstances.

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As you will or will have read elsewhere in this Duty Freed Mark has set up a Facebook Page for the RCOA. Not to be outdone I have updated www.rcoa.org.au front page and the 'Duty Freed' page with new 'Mastheads' (I think that is the correct term). I have also been busy on my own website www.redgumrural.com.au and there is now a <4x4 Trips> tab on the right hand side which leads to some of our 4WD exploits. Roughly 90% of the participants of our trips are either RCOA members or serving officers. Viewing the 'Trip Matrix 1997 - Now', will give you an overview of all our trips, when, where, who, \$\$, kilometres, etc. Then there are a number of trips that I have documented (many more to follow), a few articles that I wrote for Western 4WDriver and 4 x Slide Show/Videos (on YouTube). I was considering adding a link to this page from the RCOA website to make it easier, but I need a bit more feedback to decide if this is a good idea or not.

I am also (finally) re-building an electronic Membership Application/Renewal/Update form and it will be included on the RCOA website when complete - I will let you all know via email when it is done.

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You will see on the Events Page that we are hosting an event featuring Bush Poet Bruce Zilm at our house on the 14th of March 2016. Bruce and I became friends whilst both regularly donating Plasma to the Red Cross Blood Bank in Rockingham. Bruce also proof read my book 'RURAL', and so far no one has found any mistakes in it! Bruce is a very good Bush Poet, as will be confirmed by any one that was at Hazel's Birthday last October. I recommend you don't miss it!

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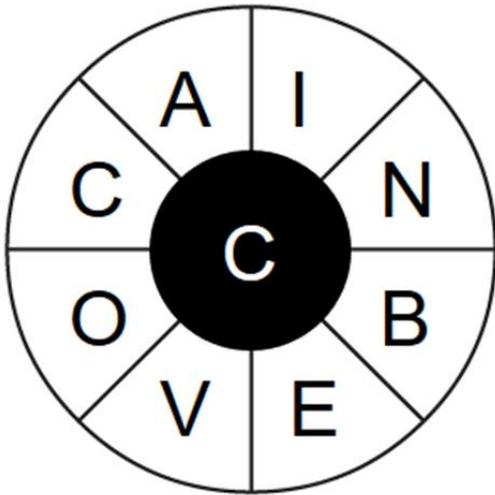
On a totally different note Hazel & I have just come back from a four day trip to Melbourne. Mainly to attend the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which was fantastic. We also had dinner on a tram also fantastic, so much great food and plenty of drinks included. We visited the Art Gallery, Parliament House, Skydeck, Chinatown and had High Tea at the Sofitel Hotel all worth doing, with the possible exception of the latter.

Bernie Webb

Puzzle Page

9-Letter Word

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



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

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

Codewords are like crossword puzzles but have 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. With these letters filled in throughout the puzzle, you'll have enough clues to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

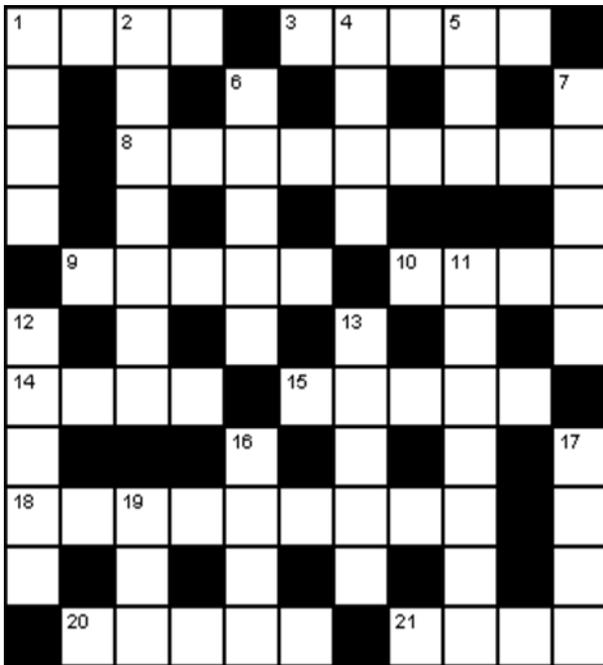
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5	23	2	14	15	12	16	5	12	2		25	5	5	20
	25		8		12		8		14		5		5	
13	14	21	2	19	26		4	19	9	3	21	16	8	24
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

More Puzzles

Quick Crossword ↓



Across

1. Metallic element (4)
3. Fruit (5)
8. Insular (9)
9. Bend (5)
10. Female relative (4)
14. Portent (4)
15. System of reasoning (5)
18. With identity concealed (9)
20. Proverb (5)
21. Jealousy (4)

Down

1. Nothing (4)
2. Roman counterpart of Greek Poseidon (7)
4. Step (4)
5. Garland (3)
6. Courageous (5)
7. Arboreal mammal (5)
11. Imaginary creature (7)
12. Poisonous (5)
13. Subject (5)
16. Highly excited (4)
17. Diminutive (4)
19. Type of fish (3)

January Puzzle Answers

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



S	T	E	A	D	Y		S	C	A	R	
A		L		O		Z		O		E	
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Y	O	L	K			U	R	G	E	N	T

January Syllacrostic - Paperback, Reptile, Arduous, Catnap, Temperate, Interior, Cardiff, Entourage, Magnetic, Aspect = Practice Makes Perfect

BIRTHDAYS

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
Moirá HERON	27
Darrol HOROCKS	27
Rod SPENCER	27
Kathleen WARD	27

April

Marjorie DECAUX	1
Kate OLSEN	2
Maureen BECK	4
Jim HUNTER	5
Jean De GRUCHY	7
Denise SPENCER	9
Ray TREEN	13
Robyn STONE	14
Juliet KINSELLA	16
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Marie GLOVER	24
Alan HALL	25

MAY

Narelle WALSH	2
Neil HOPKINS	3
Ros GATES	9
Julia STOREY	10
Mike FLYNN	11
Bob MARTIN	12
Vicki ELLIOTT	13
Graham CRUTTENDEN	13
Peter COSTANTINO	19
Emma DAVIES	20
Les PREEDY	21
Pat WILLS	24
Con GREENWOOD	25
Melody MITCHELL	26
Colleen SORENSEN	27
Dennis WHITESIDE	27
Frances FOSTER	28
Paul HUBBARD	28



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S

March

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



April

Dennis & Lin WHITESIDE	1
Geoff & Helen SMITHER	4
Marie & Peter ALEXANDER	6
John & Juliet KINSELLA	19
Bob & Robyn STONE	20
Rob WALES & Jennifer STOKES	21
Jack & Jess ELEY	27

May

Ros & Wendy BLACKALL	3
Bryan & Pat BISSAKER	24
Terry & Emma DAVIES	25
Susan ARMSTRONG & John DANIELS	31

Events Page



Bruce Zilm—Bush Poetry *Must see event*

78 Arundel Drive, Wellard

Monday March 14th, 2016

Recitals commence 09:30 am

Light Brunch will be provided

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$5per person, pay on arrival

BYO drinks

Reservations by Sunday March 6th, 2016 please

We will also have a raffle for some lucky person to win an original piece of
woodwork hand-made by Bruce. Tickets \$5 each



Breakfast @ Market City Tavern

Jack Caddy's Ale Bar & Bistro

280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale

(South St/Ranford Road end)

Sunday April 17th, 2016

Sit down 8:30am

Pay as you order

We will only reserve seats for those advising us of attendance

*(menu was in February Duty Freed last year for info or go to
www.marketcity.com.au to view the menu or follow the link in the RCOA website)*

Bookings by Sunday April 10th, 2016 please

For those inclined the community markets are just behind for a stroll,
they are open until 1pm

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 13)

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** = \$

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.		\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
Bush Poetry/Brunch	Wellard	Mar 14th	<input type="text"/>	x	5.00	<input type="text"/>
Breakfast	Market City Tavern	April 17th	<input type="text"/>	x	PAYO	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x		<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / / 2015

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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Last but not Least

- As you would have seen we have included the minutes of 2016 AGM in this newsletter for all to read. This will save time at the 2017 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 was accepted at the 2016 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 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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