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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 113

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 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Please check your address label for your current financial status.

## Planned Events

👏 Christmas Lunch Tuesday  
December 5th @ The Iris Bar &  
Restaurant

👏 AGM Tuesday February 6th @  
The Iris Bar & Restaurant



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## Celebrating 40 years

Below is an alphabetical list of attendees

BLACK Lance, BOTT Amanda, BYRNE Gary, CHIPMAN Ruth, CLEVERLY Dennis, COLEMAN Kerry, COSTANTINO Peter, CROWE Elsie, CRUTTENDEN Graham, CRUTTENDEN Mal, CRUTTENDEN Ruth, DIVINE Jo, DIXON Roly, FOSTER Fran, GAUSDEN Philip, GAUSDEN Tina, HALL Debra, HALL Jan, HILL Jan, HILL Walter, HOPKINS Neil, JAMIESON Ian, JARDINE Karen, KING Judy, KING Ron, MILES Lee, SAYERS Karen, SHAW Sylvia, SKEELS Janine, SKEELS Mark, STONE Bob, STONE Robyn, SWEET Roly, SWEET Sue, TOY Mary, WEBB Bernie, WEBB Hazel



RCOA turned 40 years old and we officially celebrated the event October 22nd this year.

These stubby holder and pen sets are available for \$10.00 (plus postage for those that require it). How could you not have these added to your collection?

We also have commemorative Coasters available for \$5 each

Please contact Hazel to place your order with postal address if being posted and find out how much you need to pay. Details are on our website along with an order form.

The money can be paid direct to our bank account '**RCOA of WA**' at the Bendigo Bank **BSB 633-000 Acct# 160404489**



## Funny ?



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.' 'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?' 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good looking?' 'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?' 'Naw, she can't cook too well.' 'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.' 'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.' 'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?' 'Because she can still drive!'

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer...'

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art... It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty...'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that... I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

## July Puzzle Answers

**9-Letter Word** — chidingly, dingily, clingy, idling, child, cling, icily, lichi, lindy, lying, lynch, nihil, gild, idly, idyl, inly, liny

### Sudoku

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

### Quick Crossword

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



## Events



### Christmas Lunch @ The Iris Bar & Restaurant

Glen Iris Golf Course, Dean Road, Jandakot

Tuesday December 5th 2017 @ 12 noon

#### Christmas Menu

Roast Pumpkin Soup with Herb Cream & Fresh Bread Roll and Butter

Slow Roasted Chestnut & Date Stuffed Turkey Breast with Cranberry and Turkey Jus  
Roast Potato, Roast Pumpkin, Honey Glazed Carrots, Peas, Cauliflower Cheese

Traditional Christmas pudding with Brandy Analgise or Mini Fruit Pavlova

**Cost: \$42.00 per person**  
**RCOA Members \$37.00pp (subsidised)**

Fully Licensed (pay as you order)

Tea & Coffee available from the bar, pay as you order as it is not included in above prices

**Bookings & payment** for the luncheon to be made **by Friday November 24th** please.

We will only confirm numbers on those who have paid in advance

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Annual General Meeting—Tuesday February 6th 2018

@ The Iris Bar & Restaurant, Glen Iris Golf Course, 10 Dean Rd, Jandakot

Time	Socialise at 11:00am (tea & coffee provided)
Cost	\$20.00 per RCOA member (subsidised) \$25.00 per non member



Two course luncheon :

Grilled or beer battered fresh fish served with chips and salad

Or

Chicken Breast with vegetables  
& Dessert

Meeting to commence @ 11:30am  
Lunch approx 12:00pm



**Bookings due by Tuesday January 23rd 2018**

Members, friends & guests attending the lunch are to advise their **choice of chicken or fish** when booking please.

*Remember to forward your payment for lunch & any subs you want to pay  
to our bank account, details on page 7*

## Puzzle Page

### 9-Letter Word

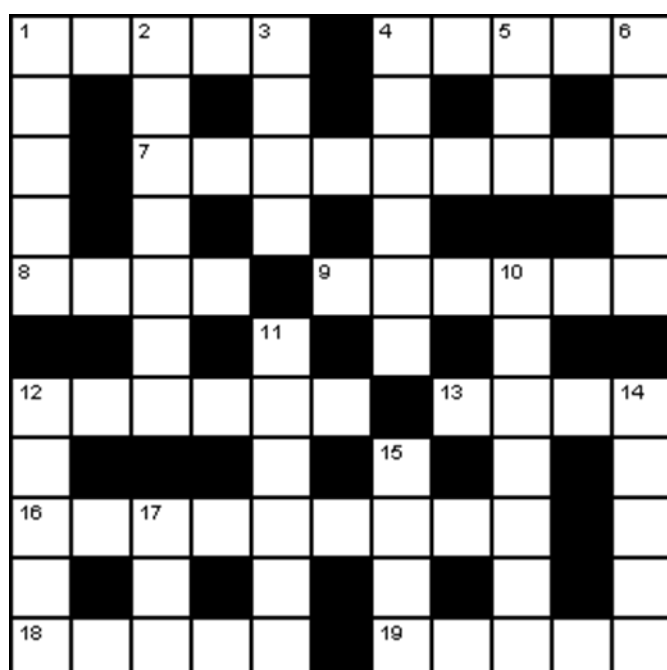
How many words can you make from the letters in the square? Each word must contain the hub letter **L**. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 25 other words of four letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



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

**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

### Quick Crossword



#### Across

1. Snake (5)
4. Saying (5)
7. Villainous (9)
8. Way out (4)
9. Bee house (6)
12. Maelstrom (6)
13. Desiccated (4)
16. Allowed (9)
18. Trench (5)
19. Indigent (5)

#### Down

1. Obscure (5)
2. Wicker basket (7)
3. Prevalent (4)
4. Precipitous (6)
5. Fuss (3)
6. Composition (5)
10. Abbreviate (7)
11. Gusto (6)
12. Lacking taste (5)
14. Journal (5)
15. Stupefy (4)
17. Furrow (3)

# BIRTHDAYS



## December

Sylvia SHAW	1
John STITT	2
Lynne WAIGHT	2
Valmai KELLY	9
Brian WARD	13
Helen BARTROP	13
Charlie WILLIAMS	14
Vic REGALI	16
Jo BARNETT	18
Pamela Soding	20
Rosemary MARSHALL	20
Ian Storey	22
Carol WATSON	24
Rob Wales	25
Jess ELEY	26
Karen Jardine	30
Ruth CHIPMAN	30

## January

John SORENSÉN	7
Ron JARVIS	7
Gus WATSON	13
Tim Pilkington	14
Carol MOREY	16
Astrid Norgard	19
Jan HALL	20
Pook BELL	24
Trevor SMART	26
Mike Soding	27

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S

## November

Philip & Tina Gausden	3
Gus & Carol WATSON	4
Ian & Julia Storey	24
Beverley & PERRIN	24

## December

Terry & Norma EMERSON	12
Warrick & Ros GATES	14
John & Lynne WAIGHT	27
John & Karen Patroni	29



## January

Ron & Judy KING	2
Kevin & Sheila SHEPHERDSON	13
Shirley & McDONALD	14
Greg & Helen BARTROP	16
Steve & Jenny Smallwood	20
Wayne & Melody Mitchell	23
Linda & Ken GIBSON	28
Phil & Pook BELL	28



**Sending Money** - be it for membership renewal or for an upcoming function - remember that you can send electronically to:

'RCOA of WA' Account at the Bendigo Bank

- BSB 633-000 - A/c No. 160404489

## 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 \$

Christmas Lunch

Iris Bar & Restaurant

x

AGM

Iris Bar & Restaurant

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x

Signature  
& Date:

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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### Last but not Least


- \* **DUTY FREED-** It was decided at a recent committee meeting, that in an attempt to reduce the workload by some of the committee members (printing, folding, sticking, stamping and posting) that "Duty Freed's" would no longer be posted to Members who have an email address unless they have a valid reason. This will also reduce our postage cost every two months and allow our very reasonable \$10 a year membership to continue for many years to come.
- \* **Email Address—**Likewise any of you who have an email address and are receiving Duty Freed by snail mail could you please forward it to the secretary (see above comment). This will also allow us to 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.




#### REDGUM RURAL SERVICES

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

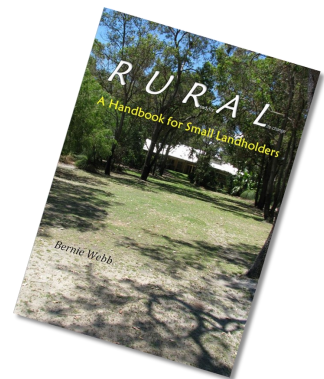
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