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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 116

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 2018

👋 February 6th 2018
AGM & Lunch @ The Iris

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 6th 2018

The Iris Bar & Restaurant, Jandakot

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 2018/2019

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 / / 2018

accept nomination (Nominee) Date / / 2018

Annual General Meeting—Tuesday February 6th 2018

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

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



Time: Socialise at 11:00am
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 9

Those advised of attendance to date are:

Roly Dixon (Fish), Ian Jamieson (Fish), Karen Jardine (Chicken) Mark Skeels (Chicken)
Bernie Webb (Chicken) & Hazel Webb (Fish)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Iris Bar & Restaurant, Jandakot on Tuesday February 7th 2017

President Ron King declared the meeting open at 11:30 am and welcomed those attending.

Members present: Geoff Calkin, Ruth Chipman, Kerry Coleman, Elsie Crowe, Graham Cruttenden, Roly Dixon, Fran Foster, Deb Hall, Neil Hopkins, Ian Jamieson, Karen Jardine, Judy & Ron King, Bob Martin, Bev Perrin, Mark Skeels, Steve Smallwood, Eleanor & Trevor Smart, Geoff Smither, Val Snedden, Roly & Sue Sweet, Ray Treen, Bernie Hazel Webb.

Apologies: Jim Baird, Lance Black, Richard Coleman, Bob & Wendie Dyer, Sue Franetovich, Con Greenwood, Darrol & Joan Horocks, Valmai Kelly, Gordon Marshall, Lee Miles, Bob & Robyn Stone, 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, and were accepted as correct. It was also mentioned we were looking to upgrade our bank accounts to earn better interest and look to a debit card account for expenditure. *Accepted and agreed by all in attendance*

Entertainment Report: Hazel advised that numbers are down on previous years attending the functions we held mainly due to weather, illness or happy travellers. We seem to hold most of our events South of the river merely by default more than design. In the past we organised outings north of the river but attendance was very low. If someone knows of a fantastic place to visit let us know, we are approachable to new ideas.

AGM 2016 - 34 attended the meeting & lunch at Swan Yacht Club

March – 23 members enjoyed a Bush Poetry Recital by Bruce Zilm at 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard and barbecue

April - 14 met for breakfast at the Market City Tavern, Canning Vale then took a stroll around the Markets

May – 14 enjoyed lunch at TAFE Fremantle

July - breakfast at The Iris Bar & Restaurant attended by 15 members

Nov - breakfast at The Iris Bar & Restaurant attended by 7 members

December – 21 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 2017.

President's Report:

You cannot have a good club without a good committee and vice versa and we have it all having survived for 40 years. Our Founding Committee; Ernie MacLeod, Charles Gregg, Ray Summerton, Jack Anstee, Tim Crowe Frank Hagley, Mal Jarvis, Vic Meehan, Arthur Parker & Don Perry created an organisation from, in those days, both sides of the fence, 3rd & 4th divisions. Until last July we were one and now none. Border Protection took away 'CUSTOMS' as we knew it.

So, it is today with the requirement of a new Constitution that we retain 'CUSTOMS' in our title. A new Constitution will be presented, in part because all incorporated bodies now need to comply with a new set of Rules governing all Associations & we also need to update a few clauses. It is with my recommendation supported by your committee that you accept the new Constitution.

Some State & federal Elections more often vote a party/person out not in. So, we must have something going for us, for instance Hazel has remained in office for 15 years and Bernie for 14 years. I thank these two people every year and I do so again this year with a great appreciation of their contribution. Hazel for not only keeping our records but also for her untiring efforts in creating functions and fraternity among our members. Regrettably while not always greatly supported are pleasant & welcomed for those attending. Hazel keep trying. Bernie, not only for keeping the books and managing our finances but also for his contribution to the motoring excursions enjoyed by some of our members into parts of our great state & beyond. To you both thank you for the use of your patio permitting a very relaxing atmosphere for our committee meetings. And you too Karen for your endeavours to claim some 'CUSTOMS' memorabilia which appears to be destined to the Central Office dungeons. Mark for his efforts with 4wd adventures but more so with the creation of a Face Book page which has opened a great communication between members. And of course, the rest of the committee for attendance and contributions, truly greatly appreciated.

Ron DeGruchy was honoured with the Order of Australia for his dedication to the Self-Funded Retirees. Congratulations Ron a worthy reward.

This, as you already know, is our 40th year as an Association and we intend to celebrate the event later in the year. 'Duty Freed' will keep you up to date. To all members, thank you for keeping the association going either be it with attendance or simply supporting us with your continued membership.

Ron King, President

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Election of Office Bearers: Steve Smallwood 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, Trevor Smart, Ray Treen
Vice President	Richard Coleman	
Secretary	Hazel Webb	Duty Freed Editor: Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb	

Adoption of Model Rules: Roly Dixon presented the new Model Rules for acceptance as the Rules (Constitution) of the RCOA of WA in accordance with Sec 29 (1) (Associations Incorporations Act 2015). He gave an overview of the procedure outlining the significant changes and the proposed new By-Laws. Resolution to adopt the Model Rules and By-laws was seconded by Ian Jamieson. All those present agreed. Resolution passed.

General Business: Ron reminded everyone of this being our 40th year and the committee would be looking at ways to celebrate. Also, we still have stubby holder/pen sets for sale for anyone interested.

With no further business, Ron thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12:00 pm

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 6th 2018 at The Iris Bar & Restaurant (TBC)

The next committee meeting is 10.30am Tuesday February 14th 2017 at 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard.

Celebrating 40 years

2017 saw the RCOA turning 40 years old and we 7 celebrated the event last year.

We have stubby holder and pen sets available for the low, low price of \$10.00 and Coasters \$5.00 each (plus postage for those that require it). How could you not have these added to your collection?

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, details on page 9.

We will have them at upcoming events to collect if prefer.



Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st 2017

INCOME

Functions	2,178.00
Subscriptions	1,140.00
Donations (incl Customs Social Club)	829.90
Credit – Functions - Lunch AGM 2018	0.00
Miscellaneous - Promotional Items & Service Fee	333.25
Interest	23.34
Total Income	<u>\$4,504.49</u>

EXPENDITURE

Functions	2,231.20
Postage	100.00
Administration (General)	58.80
Promotional Merchandise	639.10
Miscellaneous (Transfer & Service Fee)	<u>1,045.00</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$4,074.10</u>

Excess Income over Expenditure \$430.39

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 01/01/2017	1,506.77
Deposits	4,504.49
	<u>\$6,011.26</u>
Withdrawals	<u>-4,074.10</u>
Bank Balance 31/12/2017	\$1,937.16

LIABILITIES

Liabilities (Subs 2018 –2022)	1,270.00
Liabilities (Functions 2018)	0.00
Liabilities (Miscellaneous 2018)	<u>0.00</u>
	\$1,270.00

Net Credit \$667.16

Investment Account

Balance at 31/12/2014 \$5,000.00

News from Members

Happy New Year.

... And thanks for all your hard work over the years. I'm a long way away and don't get the chance to catch up personally, but it's great to receive the Newsletters and keep up with what's going on. I appreciate it very much.

I'm enjoying life to the full in Italy, eating and drinking well and enjoying semi-retirement. We have a lovely property in Tuscany and my wife Cynthia and I are kept busy with growing olives and entertaining guests. (For anybody interested to know where I am, you can have a look at www.olivieradisopra.com).

Right now it's pretty cold and wintry, but there are lots of traditional markets and festivals going on in the nearby villages, so plenty to do.

The next major jobs are pruning our 150 olive trees in March and preparing for what will hopefully be a busy year of hosting our guests. Until then, lots of chilling out in front of warm fires, with good wine and great food.

Best wishes to all for 2018.

Alan Hall

October Puzzle Answers

9-Letter Word—teaseller

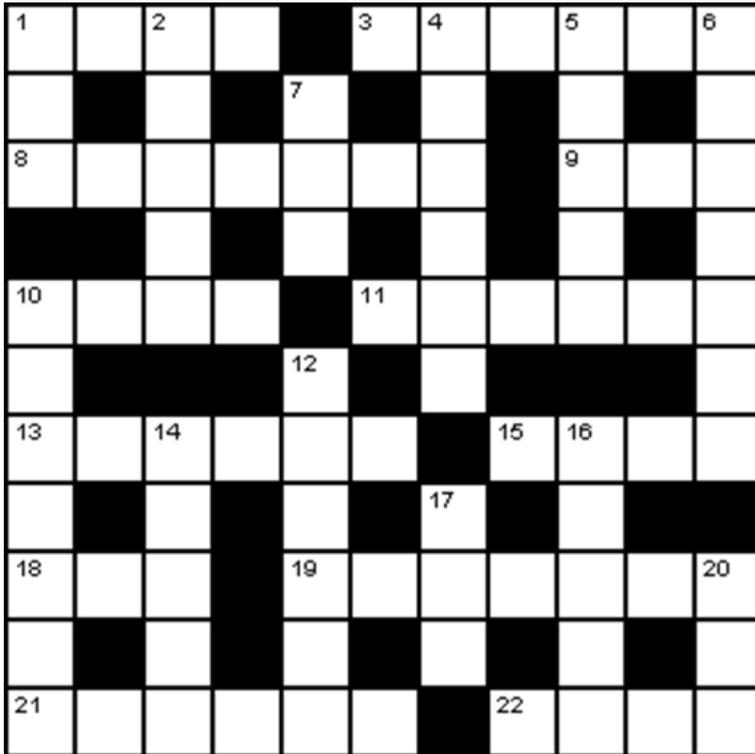
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Puzzle Page

Quick Crossword



Across

- 1. Nil (4)
- 3. Cask (6)
- 8. Security device (7)
- 9. Water barrier (3)
- 10. Terse (4)
- 11. Rudderless (6)
- 13. Technical terminology (6)
- 15. Zealous (4)
- 18. Written record of events (3)
- 19. Countries (7)
- 21. Currency unit (6)
- 22. Labyrinth (4)

Down

- 1. Fastener (3)
- 2. Detection instrument (5)
- 4. Japanese martial art (6)
- 5. Arm bones (5)
- 6. Restricted (7)
- 7. Adult male swan (3)
- 10. Coaxed (7)
- 12. Part of the eye (6)
- 14. Majestic (5)
- 16. Stringed instrument (5)
- 17. Consumed (3)
- 20. Litigate (3)

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

February

John PATRONI	1
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Lisa KITNEY	4
Rose THUNDER	9
Shaun BOYLAN	12
Sue FRANETOVICH	12
Sheila SHEPHERDSON	16
Treasur D'CRUZ	18
Terry DAVIES	18
Joan HOROCKS	20
Dennis ALDRIDGE	22
Jim BAIRD	23
Ron BECK	27
Tony McCUBBIN	28

March

Bob DANKS	4
Geoff THUNDER	5
Ted ELLIOTT	6
Warrick GATES	13
Ron SAKER	13
Robyn WOLSKI	13
John WAIGHT	21
Malcolm PLANT	22
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Kerry COLEMAN	26
Moira HERON	27
Darrol HOROCKS	27
Rod SPENCER	27
Kathleen WARD	27



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S



February

Greg & Lisa KITNEY	4
Frank & June MANNER	6
Geoff & Rose THUNDER	6
Gordon & Rosemary MARSHALL	8
Bob & Margaret DANKS	19
Wayne & Lyn DALE	25
Jacky & Paul HUBBARD	25

March

Bob & Chris DOUGLAS	2
Peter COSTANTINO & Narelle WALSH	5
Darrol & Joan HOROCKS	8
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Lance & Nita BLACK	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

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. 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 = \$

Send Newsletter by post **and / or e-mail** **Signature & Date** / / 2018

Tick here only if receipt required

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM Lunch	The Iris Bar & Restaurant	Feb 6th 2018	<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: / / 2018

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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www.rcoa.org.au

Last but not Least

- * As you would have seen we have included the [minutes of 2017 AGM](#) in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2018 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 2017](#) 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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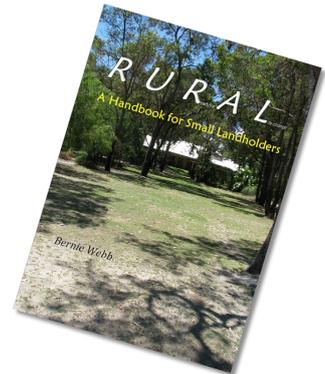
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