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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 115

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 2019

👋 February 5th 2019  
AGM & Lunch @ The Market City  
Tavern, Canning Vale

Remember to get your bookings in for lunch & your preferred choice of meal. Looking forward to seeing you there



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# Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 5th 2019

## The Market City Tavern, Bannister Road, Canning Vale

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 2019/2020

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 / / 2019

accept nomination (Nominee) ..... Date / / 2019

## Annual General Meeting—Tuesday February 5th 2019

### @ The Market City Tavern, Bannister Road, Canning Vale

Time: Socialise at 11:00am, Meeting to commence @ 11:30am sharp  
Lunch approx 12:00pm

#### Fast 'n' Fresh Lunch Menu \$12.95

(Includes salad & dessert bar) pay as you order

- \* Chicken Kebab 12" - char grilled chicken breast with lettuce, tomato, cheese & sweet chilli aioli
- \* Calamari & Chips—with sweet aioli sauce
- \* Fish & Chips—grilled or fried, with tartare sauce
- \* Steak Toastie—tomato, cheese, caramelized onion, served with steak fries
- \* Beef Guinness & Mushroom Pot Pie—with flaky pastry & steak fries

Or you can select from any of their menus, view their full menu list here:  
<http://www.marketcitytavern.com.au/>

#### Bookings due by Thursday January 31st 2019

Members, friends & guests attending the lunch are to advise their meal preference as a guide when reserving their seat please. We will book tables

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Iris Bar & Restaurant, Jandakot on Tues February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

In absence of President & Vice-President Secretary Hazel Webb declared the meeting open at 11:35 am and welcomed those attending.

**Members present:** Ken Atkins, Gary Byrne, Dennis Cleverly, Kerry Coleman, Elsie Crowe, Jo Divine, Roly Dixon, Renee Flynn, Fran Foster, Brian & Sue Green, Deb Hall, Neil Hopkins, Ian Jamieson, Karen Jardine, Karen Sayers, Mark Skeels, Steve Smallwood, Eleanor & Trevor Smart, Geoff Smither, Val Snedden, Ray Treen, Bernie & Hazel Webb

**Apologies:** Shaun Boylan, Lance Black, Richard Coleman, Peter Constantino, Ron & Wendy Dyer, Jan Hall, Judy & Ron King, Wayne Mitchell, Bev Perrin, Sylvia Shaw, Jennifer Stokes, Bob & Robyn Stone, Julia Storey, Mary Toy, Rob Wales, 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. The accounts have been Audited. *Accepted and agreed by all in attendance*

**Entertainment Report:** 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 2017** - 26 attended the meeting & lunch The Iris Bar & Restaurant

**March** – 11 members enjoyed a breakfast at The Strand, Byford

**April** - 23 enjoyed being entertained by Bruce Zlim with Bush Poetry in Wellard

**Aug** – 9 members enjoyed Lunch at The Strand, Byford

**Sept** – 7 members had lunch at Sharky's in Mandurah

**Oct** – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Kwinana Golf Club attended by 38

**December** – 24 in total celebrated a Christmas lunch at the Iris Bar & Restaurant

### President's Report:

The highlight of the year that was, was our 40th Birthday celebration, and opportune that it was the Kwinana Golf Club. Elsie Crowe moved to Kwinana with her husband when a new Customs Office was opened there. A new golf course was so inviting to Elsie that the first Ladies Championship Honour Board bears her name. Elsie spoke for a few minutes during which we learnt of her successes in sport and, in International Tennis. Elsie's advice to we elders is: Get up, Dress Up and Show Up. The 40th initially attracted over 40 members and some from afar: Mal & Ruth Cruttenden from Melbourne, Graham Cruttenden & partner Ruth from Canberra. Sadly we lost 'Customs' and with it the Customs Social Club. Some of the Social Club's catering equipment fell into our hands. Many items of memorabilia went to Canberra. Of the few pieces that remained Lee Miles has endeavoured to have them archived, to no avail. Some items are and will be displayed on our Members' Only website. Lee, thanks for your interest and efforts.

Over our last 40 years we have progressed from a Gestetner Newsletter laboriously put together by Alec Shaw and helpers to a computer generated and distributed Newsletter. And now Facebook! Originated by Mark Skeels (the 4WD adventurer) and being updated by a new band of members. Social activities kept us out and about. Mark and his cohorts travelled to all part of Australia, some of us to more sedate surroundings and dining tables. To those of you who wish to spend time further afield, Alan Hall extends an invitation to visit his property in Tuscany. Bruce Zilm, a Bush Poet, made for wonderful entertainment at Bernie and Hazel's. So it has been a good year and good because of the persistent efforts of Hazel and Bernie, with a dutiful supporting Committee. Our future looks bright with some new blood in the camp. Thanks to you all for keeping the organisation alive.

*Ron King, President*

**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
Vice President	Ray Treen
Secretary	Hazel Webb
Treasurer	Bernie Webb

Committee: Dennis Cleverly, Roly Dixon, Neil Hopkins, Ian Jamieson,  
Karen Jardine, Mark Skeels, Bob Stone.  
Duty Freed Editor: Hazel Webb

### General Business: Nil

With no further business, Hazel thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11:45 am

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at The Iris Bar & Restaurant  
The next committee meeting is 11:00 am Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard

## Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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### INCOME

Functions	2,256.00
Subscriptions	1,070.00
Refund stolen money	1,400.00
Credit – Functions – Ron King	20.00
Miscellaneous – Promotional Items	10.00
Interest	64.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,820.50</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Functions	2,393.60
Postage	50.00
Administration (General)	217.45
Printing	408.50
Refund stolen money	1,400.00
Miscellaneous (Transfer Funds to Invest Acct)	1,996.02
Interest transferred to General Acct from Investment Acct	4.11
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$6,469.68</b>
 Excess Expenditure over Income	 \$(1,649.18)

### BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 01/01/2018	1,937.16
Deposits	4,820.50
	<u>\$6,757.66</u>
Withdrawals	<u>-6,469.68</u>
Bank Balance 31/12/2017	<u><u>\$ 287.98</u></u>

### LIABILITIES

Liabilities (Subs 2019 →)	1,510.00
Liabilities (Functions 2019)	0.00
Liabilities (Miscellaneous 2019)	20.00
	<u>\$1,530.00</u>

### Investment Account

Balance at 31/12/2018      \$7,000.00

The above figures represent the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2018

# Birthdays

# Wedding Anniversaries

## January

Ron JARVIS	7
John SORENSEN	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

## February

John Patroni	1
Mary TOY	2
Lisa KITNEY	4
Margaret JARVIS	4
Rose THUNDER	9
Shaun BOYLAN	12
Sheila SHEPHERDSON	16
Terry DAVIES	18
Treasur D'CRUZ	18
Joan Horocks	20
Dennis Aldridge	22
Jim BAIRD	23
Pam EDWARDS	26
Ron BECK	27
Tony MacCUBBIN	28

## March

Bob DANKS	4
Geoff THUNDER	5
Ted Elliott	6
Paula SINCLAIR	10
Ron Saker	13
Robyn WOLSKI	13
Warrick GATES	13
John WAIGHT	21
Sue Green	21
Malcolm Plant	22
Patricia JOHNSON	25
Kerry COLEMAN	26
Maira HERON	27
Kathleen WARD	27
Darrol Horocks	27
Rod Spencer	27

## 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

## February

Greg & Lisa KITNEY	4
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	5
Darrol & Joan Horocks	8
Sue & Brian Green	15
Geoff & Robyn WOLSKI	18
Lance & Nita Black	27
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27

# Birthdays

# Wedding Anniversaries

## April

Marjorie DECAUX	1
Amanda BOTT	2
Geoff Calkin	3
Maureen BECK	4
Jim HUNTER	5
Jean DE GRUCHY	7
Colin Hardman	8
Denise Spencer	9
Ray Treen	13
Robyn STONE	14
Juliet KINSELLA	16
Derek KOCH	18
Ian FORREST	18
Lorraine FORREST	19
Linda GIBSON	22
Marie GLOVER	24
Alan HALL	25

## May

Narelle WALSH	2
Neil HOPKINS	3
Ros GATES	9
Julia Storey	10
Bob Martin	12
Graham CRUTTENDEN	13
Vicki Elliott	13
Peter COSTANTINO	19
Emma DAVIES	20
Les Preedy	21
Jennie Lewis	22
Con Greenwood	25
Melody Mitchell	26
Colleen SORENSEN	27
Dennis Whiteside	27
Frances FOSTER	28
Paul HUBBARD	28
Greg KITNEY	31

## June

Richard Coleman	7
Brian LUCAS	7
Nita Black	11
Roslyn BOYLAN	12
Sarah Plant	13
Terry EMERSON	14
Phyllis Smith	18
Karen Patroni	28
Greg BARTROP	28

## 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
Tim & Sheryl Pilkington	22
Jack & Jess ELEY	27

## May

Ross & Wendy BLACKALL	3
Terry & Emma DAVIES	25

## June

Ted & Vicki Elliott	3
Malcolm & Sarah Plant	4
Darrell & Patricia JOHNSON	4
Ron & Margaret J ARVIS	4
John & Colleen SORENSEN	5
Max & Sherryn Gerreyn	8
Jack & Stella EARNSHAW	11
Les & Moira HERON	18
Rod & Denise Spencer	26

# Birthdays

# Wedding Anniversaries

## July

Hedda LAMERS	5
Eleanor SMART	5
Les HERON	9
Sue SWEET	9
Ron Dyer	13
Christopher CORNISH	15
Gary BYRNE	17
Roly SWEET	18
Sue HOPKINS	26
Max Gerreyn	27
McDONALD	28
Kevin SHEPHERDSON	29

## August

Geoff WOLSKI	2
Mary O'NEILL	3
Chris DOUGLAS	6
Mike HRABAR	8
Tina Gausden	8
Ken GIBSON	9
Elsie CROWE	10
Geoff Smither	11
Jack EARNSHAW	14
Wayne DALE	18
Jacky HUBBARD	18
Wayne Mitchell	19
Brian D'CRUZ	25
FLYNN	25
Margaret DANKS	29
Leanne Mifflin	29
Kerry McCUBBIN	31

## September

Jennifer STOKES	3
Brian LOWE	7
John KINSELLA	8
Paul Fitzgerald	9
Beverley PERRIN	9
Stella EARNSHAW	10
Ian JAMIESON	19
Bernie WEBB	19
Val Snedden	19
Marie Alexander	21
Jack ELEY	24
Jon EDWARDS	24
Susan ARMSTRONG	28
Gordon MARSHALL	29

## July

Brian & Kathleen WARD	4
Bob & Sue Martin	8
Renee & FLYNN	12
Ray & Noelene Treen	16

## August

Shaun & Roslyn BOYLAN	29
Tony & Kerry McCUBBIN	31

## September

Treasur & Brian D'CRUZ	6
Ian & Lorraine FORREST	9
Bernie & Hazel WEBB	13
Charlie & WILLIAMS	20
Geoff & Jennie Lewis	28

# Birthdays

# Wedding Anniversaries

## October

Karen SAYERS	6
Philip Gausden	8
Sherren Gerneyrn	9
Peter Alexander	10
Roly Dixon	11
Ross BLACKALL	13
Lee Miles	14
Hazel WEBB	22
Ken Smith	27
Ron DE GRUCHY	28
Phil BELL	29
Sue ABBEY	31

## November

Helen Smither	3
Darrell JOHNSON	3
Bob STONE	4
Jenny Smallwood	6
Norma EMERSON	11
Bob DOUGLAS	13
Ken STEWART	13
Geoff Lewis	15
Deb Hall	15
Lyn DALE	19
Brian Green	19
Sue Martin	21
Bert DETERMES	23
Lance Black	23
Mark Skeels	23
Dianne BAIRD	26
Ron KING	26
Lin Whiteside	27
Dennis Cleverly	28
Judy KING	29
Steve Smallwood	30

## December

Sylvia SHAW	1
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

## October

Ron & Wendie Dyer	3
Ron & Maureen BECK	3
Trevor & Eleanor SMART	5
Jon & Pam EDWARDS	7
Ken & Phyllis Smith	11
Jim & Dianne BAIRD	20
Neil & Sue HOPKINS	31

## 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

**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**.

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Member DOB:  Partner DOB:  Wedding date:

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**RCOA - Functions Booking Slip**

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM Lunch	The Market City Tavern	Feb 5th 2019	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date:  / / 2019 Total Amount Enclosed \$

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## Last but not Least

- \* As you would have seen we have included the [minutes of 2018 AGM](#) in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2019 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 2018](#) 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.
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- rural fencing
- gutters cleaned
- garden clean ups
- rotary hoeing
- slashing / mowing

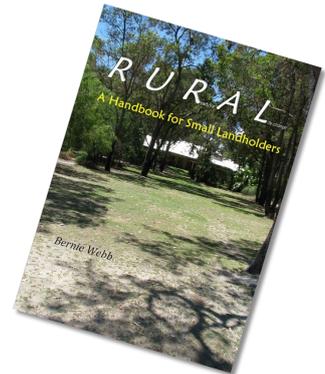
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