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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 121

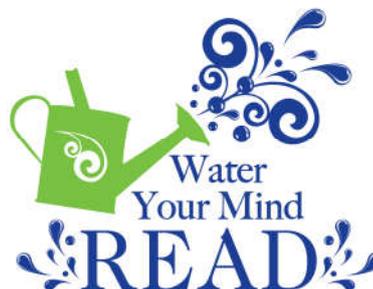
The membership fee for former officer & spouse or single is \$10. An application form is included on the inside back page of this Newsletter.

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

Planned Events 2020

👋 February 4th 2020
AGM & Lunch @ The Market City
Tavern, Canning Vale

Remember to let us know if attending.
Order & pay for your lunch on arrival.
Looking forward to seeing you there



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Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 4th 2020

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. You will be expected to attend committee meetings approx. every 2 months. All positions are declared vacant at the start of the AGM.

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 2020/2021

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 / / 2020

Annual General Meeting—Tuesday February 4th 2020

@ 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 on arrival

- * 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 30th 2020

Members, friends & guests are to advise their attendance so we can book tables for the group.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Market City Tavern, Canning Vale on Tues February 5th 2019

President (Ron King) opened the meeting 11:35 am and welcomed those attending.

Members present: Dave Atkinson, Lance Black, Gary Byrne, Ruth Chipman, Kerry Coleman, Peter Costantino, Elsie Crowe, Graham Cruttenden, Roly Dixon, Ted Elliott, Fran Foster, Debra Hall, Neil Hopkins, Mike Hrabar, Judy & Ron King, Bob Martin, Wayne Mitchell, Rod O'Donnell, Karen Sayers, Mark Skeels, Roly & Sue Sweet, Ray Treen, Jen & Rob Wales, Bernie & Hazel Webb

Apologies: Ken Atkins, Jim Baird, Dennis Cleverly, Richard Coleman, Jo Devine, Bob & Chris Douglas, Ron de Gruchy, Ron & Wendie Dyer, Renee Flynn, Roz & Warrick Gates, Phil; & Tina Gausden, Brian & Sue Green, Jan Hall, Darrol & Joan Horrocks, Jacky & Paul Hubbard, Ian Jamieson, Karen Jardine, Val Kelly, Geoff Lewis, Gordon Marshall, Lea Mifflin, Lee Miles, Linda Monroe, Yvonne Page, Clayton Roberts, Sylvia Shaw, Geoff Smither, Rob Stewart, Bob & Robyn Stone, Brian & Kathleen Ward, Charles Williams

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 and the absence of those living North of the river was noted. If someone knows of a fantastic place to visit let us know, we are approachable to new ideas.

AGM 2018 - 26 attended the meeting & lunch The Iris Bar & Restaurant

March – 11 members enjoyed a lunch at the Fremantle TAFE

Sept – 6 members had lunch at Ciccerello's in Mandurah

Nov – 7 members enjoyed lunch at the Market City Tavern

December – 27 in total celebrated a Christmas lunch at the Iris Bar & Restaurant

President's Report:

To start with an apology in most cases is not appropriate, it is in this case. My apology for my un-advised absence at the last A.G.M. Why – S.O.B.'s mental calendar was a week different from the 2018 calendar.

Now that aside, what did the past 12 months mean to all of you? To the committee, while retaining some of our old social functions, in came the new and energetic iPad, M.O.B. generation. And thankfully so. Spontaneous functions (lunches, drinks, music) are the go, and good for them.

With the new and old breed comes a need for memorabilia and recognition of our service as Customs Officers which has sparked a product interest by a number of members. To the credit of Lee Miles, Clayton Roberts, Bernie Webb and committee members we have our own very interesting website.

We, with the enthusiasm of younger committee members, have many more years as an Association. There will always be change, some to the good, some accepted with doubt and some not very worthwhile but whatever we survive gainfully. An offer to combine our Association with Border Force Social Club is not accepted by your committee.

Pressing on and where would we be without the enthusiasm and devotion of our great Secretary, Hazel? HAZEL you are a major part in our survival as an Association and committee. From us all our grateful thanks.

And Bernie, who not only manages the books, he also does a wonderful and time-consuming Webpage. Bernie to you and all your cohorts, our sincere and grateful thanks.

From the past Rod O'Donnell! Rod and Michelle attended our Xmas lunch and Rod is here with us today. Rod has accepted the office of Patron of this Association, which is gratefully appreciated.

For me it has been quite a few years as President of the Association and pleasant years they have been. Committee members, I cannot thank you enough for your time and dedication. You come great distances to attend committee meetings and put your own time into the betterment of the Association.

I now retire from office and accept the invitation by the committee to remain as a committee member. To our members, you are wonderful with your continued support in all forms.

Thank you.

Ron King, President

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
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

Ray Treen thanked everyone for their support and presented Ron King with a gift card on behalf of the organisation for his time and commitment over the last 21 years

Guest speaker Rod O'Donnell - information on what is happening with Border Force and its proposed direction

With no further business, Ray thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12:05 pm

The next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday February 4th, 2020 venue TBC

The next committee meeting is 10:30 am Tuesday February 12th, 2019 at 78 Arundel Drive, Wellard.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure Year ended December 31st, 2019

INCOME

Functions	590.00
Subscriptions	1,500.00
Donation - Subs	20.00
Miscellaneous – Possible Scam	1.00
Interest	38.11
Total Income	\$ 2149.11

EXPENDITURE

Functions	1031.85
Postage	20.00
Administration (General)	0.00
Stationary	48.00
Miscellaneous	105.00
Website Hosting & Domain Name	143.95
Interest transfer correction	4.11
Total Expenditure	\$1348.8

Excess Expenditure over Income \$(800.31)

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 01/01/2019	287.98
Deposits	2,149.11
	<u>\$2,437.09</u>
Withdrawals	<u>-1,348.80</u>
Bank Balance 31/12/2018	<u><u>\$1,088.29</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Liabilities (Subs 2019 →)	1730.00
Liabilities (Functions 2019)	20.00

\$1750.00

Investment Account

Balance at 31/12/2019 \$7,000.00

The above figures represent the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2019

Birthdays

January

Jacqui STEWART	3
Ron JARVIS	7
John SORENSEN	7
Gus WATSON	13
Tim PELKINGTON	14
Carol MOREY	16
Beverley MOHR	19
Astrid NORGDAL	19
Jan HALL	20
Peck BELL	24
Caroline BROOK	26
Trevor SMART	26
Rob STEWART	27
Mike SOGING	27

February

John PATRONE	1
Mary TOY	2
Margaret JARVIS	4
Lisa KITNEY	4
Ross THUNDER	9
Shawn BOYLAN	12
Sheila SHEPHERDSON	16
Treasur D'CRUZ	18
Terry DAVIES	18
Joan HOROCKS	20
Dennis ALDRIDGE	22
Jim BAIRD	23
Pam EDWARDS	26
Ron BECK	27
Tony MCCUBBIN	28

March

Bob DANKS	4
Geoff THUNDER	5
Ted ELLIOTT	6
Paula SINCLAIR	10
Ron SAUER	13
Rebyn WOLSKI	13
Warwick GATES	13
John WAIGHT	21
Sue GREEN	21
Malcolm PLANT	22
Kerry COLEMAN	26
Maire HERON	27
Red SPENCER	27
Darrel HOROCKS	27
Kathleen WARD	27

Wedding Aniversaries

January

Ron & Judy KING	2
Kevin & Sheila SHEPHERDSON	13
Ian & Shirley McDONALD	14
Greg & Helen BARTROP	16
Steve & Jenny SMALLWOOD	20
Wayne & Melody MITCHELL	23
MAXWELL & Beverley MOHR	23
Phil & Peck BELL	28
Linda & Ken GIBSON	28

February

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

March

Bob & Chris DOUGLAS	2
Rob & Jacqui STEWART	2
Peter COSTANTINO & Norelle	5
Darrel & Joan HOROCKS	8
Sue & Brian GREEN	15
Geoff & Rebyn WOLSKI	18
Jim HUNTER & Carol MOREY	27
Lance & Nita BLACK	27

Birthdays

April

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
MAXWELL MOHR	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
Sandra RICHARDS	16
Peter COSTANTINO	19
Emma DAVIES	20
Les PREEDY	21
Jennie LEWIS	22
Con GREENWOOD	25
Melody MITCHELL	26
Colleen SORENSEN	27
Huw WILLIAMS	27
Dennis WHITESIDE	27
Frances FOSTER	28
Paul HUBBARD	28
Richard BROOK	31
Greg KITNEY	31

June

Richard COLEMAN	7
Brian LUCAS	7
Nita BLACK	11
Roslyn BOYLAN	12
Sarah PLANT	13
Terry EMERSON	14

Wedding Aniversaries

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
John & Sandra RICHARDS	7
Terry & Emma DAVIES	25

June

Ted & Vicki ELLIOTT	3
Ron & Margaret JARVIS	4
Malcolm & Sarah PLANT	4
John & Colleen SORENSEN	5
Max & Sherren GERREYN	8
Jack & Stella EARNSHAW	11
Les & Moira HERON	18
Rod & Denise SPENCER	26

Jo WILLIAMS	18
Phyllis SMITH	18
Yvonne PAGE	23
Karen PATRONI	28
Greg BARTROP	28

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** = \$

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RCOA - Functions Booking Slip

Names Attending:

Function:	Venue:	Date:	No.	\$ p/p	Subtotal \$
AGM Lunch	The Market City Tavern	Feb 4th 2020	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
			<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>

Signature & Date: / / 2020

Total Amount Enclosed \$

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

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Last but not Least

- * As you would have seen we have included the [minutes of 2019 AGM](#) in this newsletter for all to read (again). This will save time at the 2020 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 2019](#) 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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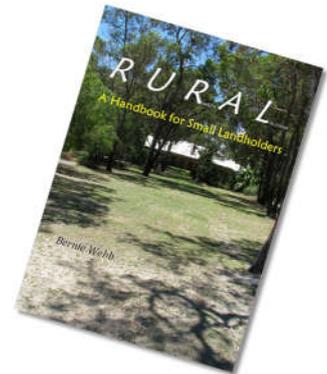
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- rural fencing
- gutters cleaned
- garden clean ups
- rotary hoeing
- slashing / mowing

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