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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Jan 16th PSWA GENERAL MEETING
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- Jan 29th AIRMAIL CIRCLE
5th Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- Feb 1st THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
Meeting Place: Scout Hall, Rokeby Road Subiaco
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- Feb 3rd CLUB/LIBRARY DAY
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- Feb 5th MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- Feb 12th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- Feb 20th PSWA GENERAL MEETING
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- Feb 27th JUST AN AUCTION
Viewing from 7pm. Auction commences 8pm
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Editorial

I thank the club for the opportunity of Editor of “Stamp Hinges” for 2018.

What shoes to fill! Mark Leaman has done a wonderful job as Editor over the past 2 years and I know he will relish the opportunity as Librarian for 2018 to further develop our important club library resource. It is vital not only to record our club history but also ensure updated reference material is available to all members to expand their knowledge in pursuit of their current collecting interest.

The world of stamp collecting is constantly changing with the future of the postal systems under constant pressure to maintain services that can function effectively in this modern technological age. The use of computers, phones and other technology has almost removed the requirement of letter writing through postal systems and hence the requirement for stamps. I fear that over the coming years we will see many post offices disappear from service. How will these changes affect the stamp collecting world and Philately in general?

I look around our own club and see a senior demographic and this appears to be the current trend in many clubs. With the postal system perhaps declining particularly with the use of stamps and the younger generation not having the exposure to the postage stamps on a regular basis, are we the philatelist to be relegated to the history books? I hope not!

We appreciate the efforts of our publicity officer Mel Peachey in developing an interest among the younger generation through schools and displays. Mel along with other committee members will generate innovative ideas during the year to try and reverse the trend or at least stop the decline in stamp collector numbers and build on our membership

I welcome comments and articles for future publications of “stamp hinges”. We recognise that we have a wealth of knowledge within our club and I look forward to helping to tap into this with “Stamp Hinges”

The Local Auction Scene

Club auctions throughout the Perth and Surrounding Areas continue to have strong support although it was noticeable that bidding numbers reduced towards the end of the year. I guess there is only so many dollars in the “coffers”. One or two new dealers are on the scene and strong bidding ensured as they built their stocks.

I became more involved at our club auctions toward the end of the year and was amazed at the amount of work that was required both prior and on Auction day. It is a credit to all to ensure that the Auctions run smoothly; the accurate recording of lots as they are sold and distributed to the successful bidders is a credit to those involved.

Open Day Auction

The open day auction went smoothly although a little hiccup setting up of lots requiring some to be displayed along the wall but all in good fun.



A final check by Andrew and Ross and ready for the crowd



The vendors' displays are always popular and Andrew is searching for that elusive item



Trevor Lacey prepares to start the auction



Keen vendors checking through the popular box lots

The Thrill of the chase

The relentless trolling of the internet auction sites continues long into the night and then through drooping eyes and dulled senses I spot it; that elusive stamp to fill the void. No-ones bid yet, is it too expensive or condition poor; do I bid and what is my limit; “my god decisions decisions; damn it I want it” and the finger uncontrollably types a number and after a brief pause “ENTER” and the bid is in. Over the coming days I relax as no one has entered a higher bid; Plans are underway to how this new prized position is to be displayed and then the unthinkable; I have been **out bid**; what do I do; is this stamp worth more; I have already mentally placed it in my collection; do I increase my bid; yes I must have it, yes I must; the number is entered and the finger trembles as the send button is pressed; relief the item is once again mine. I watch in trepidation as the minutes turn into seconds all the time the bid going up; will my amount be enough; fear of losing this item sets in and all reasoning and rationality goes out the door; increase the bid the demon inside my head screams; uncontrollably I cannot resist and with sweaty fingers type the inevitable, the new maximum. As the final seconds tick over; one more bid from that other internet troll and then its over; the item is mine he he ha ha. Then reality, why did I pay so much.; Ah such is the thrill of the chase.

Bulk Lots

Finding items to add to your collection from bulk lots can be an interesting past time although extremely time consuming. To get the best from lots the collector needs to have a broad philately mind and a clear understanding of quality as the collector with a keen eye will usually always find some items of interest. To aid recovery the collector should perhaps broaden their collecting interests.

Varieties – It would be impossible to know all variations but knowledge of major items could perhaps help pay for that bulk lot and you would still retain key items from the lot.

Postmarks & Dates – This is another very interesting and popular field. 1st day of issue are always popular and some worth a hefty premium. (eg 1d red KGV 17/07/14 can be in the \$1000's)

Shades – This is quite a specialist area but knowledge of major shades can be rewarding particularly in the KGV and Kangaroos issues.

With carefull searching there are still major finds to be located in many areas.

Perfins – Official and private perfins can be rare and well worth checking

Remember Knowledge is Power

Collectors Corner

We will continue to post items of interest from members within our club that require information or want lists on items they may collect.

This month we have some interesting postmarks from Mel Peachey that he found in a recent lot he purchased.



Broken Hill Railway Town



Burges Siding



Mel recently acquired some old postmarks, He thought they might be of interest to postmark collectors.

Mel would appreciate any information on these including period of use and rarity

Poseidon Train

Any information on these will be printed in the next stamp hinges

Please don't be shy, any member that have items of interest and requiring further Information contact me and I will ensure that they go in the next edition of "Stamp Hinges".

Wanted – Sue Morgan is looking for lots of 1d Red Kangaroo to further the specialist study of this exciting issue. Please contact Sue on 9349 6330 or at gregorymorgan@bigpond.com. Always happy to swap or buy

Club Library Day



The club library day is always a lot of fun and an opportunity to discuss anything from collecting to general interest topics in a low-key format. We all contribute towards a lunch, but it is amazing at times that it is well into the afternoon before we snack, as it is easy to become totally engrossed inspecting the many items of interest bought along. Of interest was the items acquired recently by Mel and Mark. I was left drooling and envious of the

MUH selections and could have spent many more hours perusing. Don't forget that the library is open and the information available to the members is amazing including new specialist information on the KGV issues. The next Library day is on Saturday 3rd February, so come along and join in the fun and tap into the Library resource; use the photocopier, and don't forget to bring some of your items of interest. SEE YOU THERE!

Specialist Notes

It is always advisable when purchasing specialist items to check for authenticity. Unfortunately, there are troves of unscrupulous characters in the market place that forge and alter stamps so pay a little extra if necessary to ensure you have received the stamp as marketed. Below is a copy from Michael Drury. Not only is Michael a knowledgeable collector, he has access to collectors that specialise in many fields



December Meeting

What a terrific meeting to cap of a great year with 20 members in attendance. The meeting was kept to a minimum to allow time for the members to inspect and vote on the “Hooker Shield”. Congratulations to Bruce Haynes, winner of the Hooker Shield.

The Auction, led by Trevor was a regular highlight and it is good to see that the quality and quantity of the items was of a high standard and I am sure this will continue throughout the year.

Congratulations to Mark Leaman on receiving the “Frank Hedges Perpetual Trophy”; a popular recipient and well deserved.

The evening was completed with a very good supper of “nibblies”.



Members engrossed in proceedings. The Hooker Shield displays in the background



Ross Wood and Andrew Watson Judging the “Hooker Shield”



President Malcolm Brown presenting the “Frank Hedges Perpetual Trophy” to Mark Leaman



President Malcolm Brown giving his words of wisdom

The Use of Postage Stamps to Teach Social Studies Topics

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How wonderful it is when teachers motivate students with material so interesting, so enjoyable, and so beautiful that it stimulates a lifetime interest in many of them. Postage stamps are such teaching tools. With stamps, teachers can interest students in a topic and then use postage stamps for culminating activities and enrichment.

Almost all countries issue colorful and interesting postage stamps about a variety of subjects. Many issue stamps featuring particular themes, such as flowers, athletics, art, music, automobiles, or animals. In fact, stamps have been issued for almost any theme that a teacher might wish to explore. Stamps from different countries provide examples of different written languages and numerical notation, and they can be used in the study of such social studies topics as politics, history, geography, global/international education, cultural elements, technology, and peace education.

The most comprehensive source of stamp information is *Scott's Standard*

Postage Stamp Catalogue, which contains reproductions of almost all the stamps issued worldwide and a list of their market value. The catalogue is published yearly and now fills six volumes. Other publications give information about specialized categories of stamps, such as the United Nations postage stamps issued between October 1957 and December 1961 (United Nations 1962), postal cartography (Klinefelter 1978), Canadian Indians (Canada Post 1976), medical history (Newerla 1964), and Canadian stamps of the second World War (Guertin 1970). Because new postage stamps are issued almost daily, any publication on stamps that deals with a topic is quickly outdated.

Postage Stamps as a Resource

Portraits of Political Figures

For a study of political history, teachers can show students postage stamps printed with portraits of leaders, national symbols, and flags. Students can study about the British Commonwealth of Nations by using stamps from Commonwealth countries that contain the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. They can gauge the attitude toward the monarchy

by seeing how many stamps depicting the Queen or the royal family have been issued in recent years.

By looking at older stamps, students can learn about history. Stamps issued to commemorate a particular historical event, such as Canadian Federation or the American Revolution (Skaggs and Wills 1977), can be resources for history students because such stamps provide an official government perspective on an event. What is included, excluded, or implied in the stamps provides a basis for inquiry and discussion of the topic.

Stamps that show cities, mountains, agriculture, animals, flowers, and industrial activities such as fishing, forestry, and mining help geography students. Some stamps depict maps (Ratanen 1991) that may have political implications. Geographic themes may show controversial borders that favor the country issuing the stamp, with disputed locations being shown to the advantage of the country of issue or its allies.

Teachers can enrich classes in global/international education with stamps from around the world and those from the United Nations. Some themes, such as the Olympics or the Boy Scouts, are often commemorated by many nations,

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Upcoming Dates

Just an Auction

Key in the 27th February as once again there are some exciting lots (450 Plus) including a good selection of Kangaroos and commonwealth material.

Doors open at 6.30pm for viewing; the auction commences at 8pm. You could find a bargain or that illusive item you are looking for. See Trevor Lacey perform his Auctioneering skills; surely not to be missed. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

January Meeting

Key in the 16th January, a great meeting is scheduled. Mike Adams will have an exciting display and an opportunity for members to display recent purchases of interest. All members please take the opportunity bring in some items as we are all interested in all themes of collecting. Hang around after the meeting and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.

February Meeting

Key in the 20th February as another exciting meeting with Penny Wells doing a “Mystery Display”. The mind boggles with anticipation. Not to be missed

STAMP MART 2018

This is our Premier Event and is scheduled on the 6th May (Sunday), the doors open at 10am and the auction to commence at 2pm.

Now is the time to commence sorting through your lots for auction as first in best dressed on this one. This is the “Biggy” and will require all hands-on deck to ensure a successful day.

Don't forget the Youth entries for the “Don O'Loughlin Trophy” and the members entries for the “Les King Trophy”

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