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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- November 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> CLUB/LIBRARY DAY  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- November 5<sup>th</sup> MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – All Members - New & Revamped Exhibits  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- November 12<sup>th</sup> MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – Bruce Haynes – Naval Forces Mail  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- November 20<sup>th</sup> PSWA AGM – John DiBiase – Australian Postal Notes  
**Entries for Hooker Shield & Club Trophy Due**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- December 1<sup>st</sup> CLUB/LIBRARY DAY  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – All Members – Six Sheet Shemuzzle  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- December 6<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- December 10<sup>th</sup> MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – Anna Friis – Snow Mail & Related  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- December 18<sup>th</sup> PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Annual Competitions  
Christmas Social & Awards Night  
Display-All Members-Subject Christmas(please bring a plate)  
**Just an Auction Lots list due.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly @ 7.30

## Editorial



We are once again saddened with the untimely passing of club member Joe Crumb. Joe was frequently seen at many Auctions and events where he had a dealer table or two. He was a loyal club member and collector and will be sadly missed within our club and philatelic circles.

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Photo's galore this issue with so much happening around the traps.

I must say what a wonderful day at the Swan River Stamp Show. Many helpers make light work, and this was the case at Saturday's event. The only little gripe is the untimely arrival of a few of the Auction Lots which has a flow on effect when presenting the lots in a uniform manner on the tables. At the business end with the organisation of sold lots including invoicing and pick up was well organised. It must have been quite relaxed as I noticed Ross on more than one occasion having a good laugh during proceedings.

Take the time to read this issues article by Brian Austin. In the world of stamp collecting dedication and knowledge will repay the effort even when the sort object is only revealed in the fulness of time. Well done Brian on your latest acquisition.



Paul and Pam looking sharp

The Club held a wonderful Xmas in July and was a fun day for all. I wish to thank Ken Moore for his efforts taking photos for me at the event. In future events we may consider placing



Mel Peachey sharing a laugh with the late Joe Crumb

some photos onto our web page for future enjoyment !!

The Philatelic Society of WA subscriptions for 2019 fall due on 1 Nov 2018 and should be paid by 31 March 2019, if you wish to remain a financial member of the Society. Becoming an active member of a stamp club was one of the smartest moves I made. I have managed to tap into many collecting areas and help redefine areas that are of interest to me. Club members freely give their assistance and advice and above all we have a darn good time.



The challenge ahead for our club and probably many others is to maintain active interest among the members through varied activities and forums. Towards the future we need to become innovative with building and maintaining membership.

## *The Local Auction Scene*

It has been a busy period for auctions throughout the area with reasonable results. Generally, crowds have been reasonable although numbers immediately after the Ace Auction appeared down on usual.



All underway at the South Perth Community Centre

Mark on his dealers table  
"Show me the money"



All prepared and ready for the bidders at "Just an Auction"



Bidders looking for a find at the Swan river Show.

## Upcoming Auctions

**November 11** - Mandurah Stamp Coin & Banknote Fair: Bortolo Pavilion, Cnr of Murdoch Drive and Bortolo Drive, MANDURAH. 400 metres from Mandurah Railway Station. Selling, buying, free valuations and displays. Free entry and free parking. For further information, please contact Glen Stafford: 0419 468 528

**December 9th** – Open Day Auction - Philatelic House, Unit 19/40 Lord Street (Cnr Wellington St) East Perth

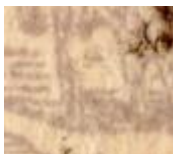
There will be 5 collector/dealers in attendance and priced to sell.

For further information, please contact Paul Holman: 9337 4458 or 0407 447 803

This is the final Auction for 2018 and we plan to have a good variation in material.

## Collectors Corner -

I recently had the good fortune to purchase a stamp album at a recent auction on spec that I thought contained a worthwhile variety that had until now, eluded me. Once home I confirmed that it was indeed ACSC 19(2)d Bite out of the 6d blue Kangaroos leg. As I had recently identified one for a fellow collector it is good to find one for myself. In addition, it appears to be the Pale Greyish Violet shade ACS 19G which substantially increases the value.



## Wanted

Id red Kangaroos in any quantity. Particularly looking for stationary covers or items of interest. Contact the Editor Stamp Hinges

Balbarrup or surrounding areas postmarks and items referring to this particular Post Office including stationary and/or letters etc. We used to own much of the land in the area and I wish to make up a frame or two for my interest sake.



Club members please send in your want lists etc as we are distributing Stamp Hinges to a wider audience through our web site.

Articles for the Stamp Hinges or topics you wished researched for interest or Anything at All !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Club Library Days

The Library day continues to go from strength to strength. I am sure Trevor went home weary after the August Library Day. Attendees made the maximum opportunity to seek out his shading expertise on a wide range of KGV items.



Sadly, this was also one of the last opportunities to catch up with Joe Crumb(see Editorial). A special mention to Mel Peachey who prepared a lovely snack for all to enjoy. We hope to have many more days similar to this where we can invite guests to share knowledge and offer advice.



The September and October Library days were also well attended; in fact, we held two days in October, as once again we could not cover the topics to satisfactory conclusion(well that's our story anyhow!!).

I am certain that we will include a few more Library Days in

next year's syllabus as we are all having a great time and love sharing our knowledge in our specific fields of expertise and no philatelic area is out of bounds.

Mark will not be able to attend the next meeting as he will be attending the Canning Show with Mel Peachey, so alas I am It!!!!!! I will be opening the rooms at 10AM. I will supply some light lunch although not sure what it will be but sure to fill the void.

As many are aware the Airmail Circle has been abandoned but fear not; bring your material along next meeting and away we go; another topic for Saturday.

The next meeting is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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

### Plating

Below is an extract referring to the famous penny black.

Plating refers to the reconstruction of a pane or "sheet" of postage stamps printed from a single plate by using individual stamps and overlapping strips and blocks of stamps. Likewise, if a sheet 10 or 20 postal cards is typeset, the variations of the letters or design elements may allow reconstruction or plating of the sheets based on these differences. For plating to be possible, there must be constant variants in details of the stamps printed from a single plate or lithographic stone so that one can identify the exact original position of each stamp. Evidence that may be used in plating includes defects or "flaws" occurring in the transfer of images, individual touch-ups by the engraver, recutting's of the plates, repairs, and accidental injuries to the plates. In addition, stamps may have been laid out in an irregular fashion on the plate with the result that differences in spacing and orientation of the stamps may be used to determine their plate positions. From their inception in 1840 until 1884, postage stamps from Great Britain incorporated control letters in the corners indicating the stamp's exact position on the sheet, e.g., A...C is first row, third stamp, and for a period also incorporated the number of the plate from which the stamps were printed. Other evidence such as colour of the ink used or watermarks in the paper may be of use in reconstructing plates. In the absence of such evidence, plating is not possible. Because of the highly accurate methods of modern stamp production, most modern issues cannot be plated.

A popular collecting area in Australia has been the 1d KGV although other early pre decimal printings have been attempted with varying success. Many publications have been printed over the years to assist the serious collector though you will find nothing beats experience which is only gained by the viewing of many thousands of stamps. For the minor plating varieties it is necessary to compare several copies or additionally collect blocks to prove the correct position within the plate.

I intend to expand on this in the next Stamp Hinges using our passion, the 1d red Kangaroo. It is a relatively cheap area to specialise unless you delve into different states of the same stamp position. Happy collecting!!!

## Topics of Interest



An interesting postage paid on an 1818 Times newspaper. It appears Scottish. Can anyone shed light on the apparent post mark?



## Club Meetings

We have been treated to some interesting displays since the previous Stamp Hinges. Mike Kouwen presented an informative postcard display on timber towns



Mike and Andrew explaining the finer points of their display



Andrew Watson displayed part of his Western Australian collection on traditional mail.



Trevor Lacey must be speaking words of wisdom with his presentation of Aspects of WA Official Mail judging by the concentration on Mel Peachey's face.



Well done to Penny Wells on her achievement of 85 points which awarded her LV status for her display at the Praga 2018. Congratulations Penny.

Commissioner John DiBiase proudly displaying his Prague International Commissioners medal.

The club congratulates John on his international achievements and the knowledge that flows onto the philatelic society in general.



Penny all smiles



An informative display by Joe Clark



Wow!!! Mal with a display on Presidents Night

Attendance has been strong at our general meetings and a cuppa and biscuit at the end of the evening is always welcome



# Upcoming Dates

## November Meeting

This is one of the more important meetings throughout the year being our AGM. Come along and have your say and vote in the new office bearers and committee for 2019.

The Nominations are:

President:	Andrew Watson
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary:	Gavin Woodward
Treasurer:	Nigel Rainford
Committee (Exchange Secretary)	George Morris
Committee (Librarian)	Mark Leaman
Committee (Auction Catalogues)	Paul Holman
Committee (New Members Officer)	John DiBiase
Committee (Editor "Stamp Hinges")	Greg Morgan
Committee	Roger Cumming
Committee	Penny Wells

Entries for the Hooker Shield and Club Trophy are also due. It would be great to see an abundance of entries and put the judges through their paces.

## December Meeting

Christmas Social & Awards Night. Annual competitions and displays by all members using the Christmas theme.

Join in the fun and bring a plate(preferably with something on it)for supper.

**Don't forget all club meetings have a small auction. Everyone is encouraged to submit items.**

## Christmas Lunch

Don't forget the Christmas lunch to be held at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. 12noon for 12:30pm.

This is sure to be a great day as this is a great venue and an opportunity to all catch up prior to the festive season. Please all members consider this date and confirm numbers prior to the next meeting to reserve your spot and enjoy a sumptuous lunch and a few light ales! Contact Nigel : 0415 378 530

## *A Forgotten Timber Mill Refound - Brian Austin*

Back in mid-1978, I was a humble student of archaeology researching some old extinct timber mills in the Dwellingup area. Between 1910 and 1960 there was a range of them in the hills above Pinjarra and I was checking them all out. I could not go to Banksiadale, as that is under the South Dandalup dam, Nanga Brook, Marrinup, Holyoake, Wuraming, Pindalup, Chadoora and Plavins were just bits of clearings in the bush, the old Forestry settlement at Inglehope was a few piles of planks in the scrub and Hakea was in a die back quarantine area and access was restricted.

The old site of Amphion was a mystery that I aimed to follow up. Amphion was a small early mill in the area and details about the mill seemed non-existent. At the time, PMI had not come out and so I did not know that it had a postal facility opened on 12 January 1916 and closed on 8 April 1918, then reopened a Receiving office on 1 September 1922, changed to a Free Bag on 14 November 1926 and moved to a telegraph office from March 1934 to 23 November 1937, when the records indicate that Chadoora took over.

The Battye Library had no record of Amphion and the locals in Dwellingup had not heard of it as a mill. There was a forestry block called Amphion, but no-one remembered the mill – it was either before their time or was one of the old mills out in the bush where the workers had moved on and not stayed in the area.

All I knew was that Amphion was noted as mill on old railway maps located off on what had once been a spur line north of the main railway line from Dwellingup to Boddington that headed out from the location of the Chadoora mill site. In 1978 the tracks were still there for the Dwellingup-Boddington line and an old bush track headed north. It looked like it had been made over the old railway formation for the spur line.

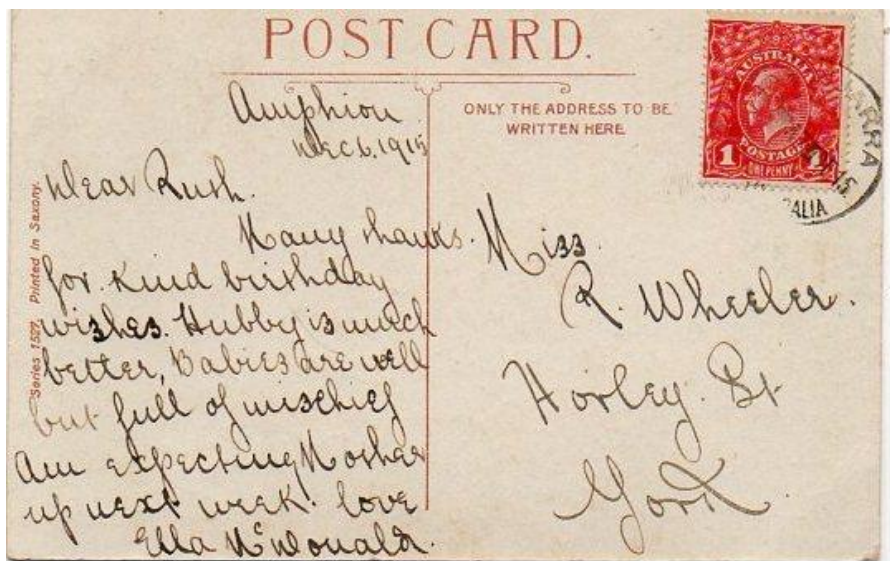
So off I headed to check out Amphion. I was expecting to find a cleared area similar to Chadoora or one of the other old mill sites. On I went through some fine old regrowth jarrah forest with bush on either side, looking for the site of the mill and the house sites. It was nice forest but there was no sign of anything other than bush. I kept going, knowing it must be there somewhere until I decided that I had gone too far and went back along the track looking a bit more closely at the scrub.

Wandering off into the bush at a point about where I thought it should be, I eventually found some small piles of rubble under the trees that indicated that this was indeed the right location. Looking around at the jarrah and marri trees, the banksias and scrub I convinced myself that yes, this was regrowth forest all less than a few hundred years old and so here I was at Amphion. Basically, it was gone entirely – only a memory and some odd bricks in the bush remained.

Years later I met an old lady who had spent some of her childhood at Amphion. She was able to tell me that one Wednesday morning in 1930 the mill whistle sounded, and the mill closed. It had only been a small town with around 30-40 people living there. After the mill closed her family moved with her timber worker father to another mill down out of Manjimup. The old mill all but disappeared to history.

Chadoora was a later mill established next to the Dwellingup-Boddington line in the 1930s and while the old postmark from Amphion was used at Chadoora from 1938 to name change in 1943.

It did however linger with me and when I later found out some of this history of its postal arrangements I thought to obtain an Amphion postmark. Sadly, postmarks of Amphion are not that easy to obtain and so it is that it remains a gap in my collection. That is, until I happened to go the Stamp and Coin Fair held in South Perth over the weekend in July. As per my wont, there was I checking through the usual range of odds and ends of dealers. It is mainly a case of picking up oddments that will fit in somewhere or other. When you start getting completeness in your main collections, the missing items become increasingly difficult to find and priced to match. So back to the Stamp Fair and yours truly fossicking in a box of more modestly



priced items when lo and behold, what should be there, but the postcard illustrated.

From the point of view of most collectors, it is just a pretty average use of a George V penny red with a partial cancel of Pinjarra dated 7 December 1915. The postcard illustration is a non-descript coloured scene of two women and a punt on lake entitled "Evening Shadows". But there glaring at me in Ella McDonald's sloping hand was where she had sent it from – **Amphion on Dec 6, 1915.**

In December 1915 the post office had not been established so mail would have been given to someone probably on the log train going down the hill from Dwellingup to Pinjarra where it was put into the post, hence the Pinjarra postmark. And just over a 100 years later and 40 years after I wandered around in the bush, it has come to someone who will treasure it.

Sometimes you never know what you will find. Go look for your treasures, they may still be out there for you. It reminds me – I must go buy a lotto ticket as maybe my lucky star is in for a bit. Happy stamping.

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