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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- January 5th CLUB/LIBRARY DAY
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- January 15th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – New Acquisitions
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- February 2nd CLUB/LIBRARY DAY
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- February 4th MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – Judging Revenues
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- February 7th THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- February 11th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – All Members – 1941-1950
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- February 19th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Trevor Spencer - Mystery
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
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The Letters AZ
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- March 19th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Mel Peachey –
Humorous Great Britain Postcards
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- April 1st MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – Writing a critique
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm

Editorial - Ramblings of a Stamp-A-Holic



We are once again saddened with the passing of club member Derek Pocock. Until recent times Dereck was a regular attendee at the Daytime Stamp Club and was involved with leadership roles in many committees and councils. Both Dereck and Ross Duberal were involved with the formation of the West Australian study Group. Dereck was a great support of Philately in Western Australia and indeed Nationally and his contributions will be sadly missed. Please also take the time to read the full Vale by Glen Stafford on the WAPC website.

Well!!! Here we are at the end of the year and perhaps a time to reflect on what was; what could have been and what could be. I have always been one not to dwell on the past but use life's lessons to forge future outcomes.

A New Constitution!!! No just a more streamlined and simplified version in line with Government requirements. WE will continue to operate under the existing document until the new Constitution is ratified.

Club Auctions – WOW what a lot of work!!! Remember these are our main line of income; Bill's, Bill's, the necessary dreary side of maintaining a club; those bills keep on rolling in. Let's REDUCE THE WORKLOAD next year; NO DON'T REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AUCTIONS; INCREASE the number of VOLUNTEERS at these events. We cannot continue to leave the bulk of the workload to a few so comeon fella's this could be forging a future outcome – just saying.

Library Day – My goodness 100 out of a 100 to Mark. This has gone from strength to strength the highlight for me the guest presenter Trevor Lacy sharing knowledge on shading. What an interesting field and requires more than *wearing rose coloured glasses* or so I am informed!! It is a day of sharing knowledge and helping members build their collections to a standard in their chosen field. We are all budding theologians as we have solved the problems of the world, and the universe, I think. At times this would be considered a Men's club for stamp tragics!!

We have many members that quietly work in the background and seek little recognition. There are two many to name though I wish to acknowledge Mel Peachey's efforts with school stamp collecting and Have a Go Day – well done Mel

In closing I wish to acknowledge that the best decision I made in my collecting life was to join a club and particularly proud to be a member of the PSWA. To all stamp collectors that will not see in the New Year – **God Bless and Rest in Peace**

The Local Auction Scene

The year has seen all auctions receiving good support and sales reasonable. Commonwealth material has been in reasonable demand whereas demand for Kangaroos and the KGV has waned towards the end of the year. Dealers have reported mixed results with sales, though as with auctions, high quality sells albeit some areas with decreasing values. The new year has the usual auctions and I am sure there will be new material on offer just saying “buy me – buy me“!!!!!!!!!!!!



One point of paramount importance when cataloguing items for sale is to describe accurately. Inaccurate descriptions can be an issue particularly with absentee bidders as they rely heavily on the description given including catalogue number and condition.(See Specialists Notes)

Upcoming Auctions

January 20th – Stamp Event No.3 – Philatelic House, Unit 19/40 Lord Street (Cnr Wellington St) East Perth. There will be 5 dealer tables in attendance to cater for all collectors new or old. Doors open at 9am to Dealers and 11am to auction lots. For further details contact Mark Leaman – 0403 886 979

February 10th – Just an Auction - Philatelic House, Unit 19/40 Lord Street (Cnr Wellington St) East Perth
For further information, please contact Paul Holman: 9337 4458 or 0407 447 803
This is the first Auction for 2019 and we plan to have a good variation in material.

February 23rd-24th – Ace Stamp Auction – Details pending but based on past experiences this will be one not to be missed



Just a snippet of the excellent displays at the Swan River Stamp Show

Xmas Lunch

We had a great day at the Christmas lunch held at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club on the 25th November.

Jude Koch Although numbers were a little down it did not dampen spirits. The highlight was the presentation of the annual Frank Hedges Perpetual Trophy to Gavin Woodward. Gavin was a worthy recipient of this award for his mammoth efforts collating the new constitution.



A Myriad of happy faces at the Christmas Lunch

Club Library Days



The Library Day continues very strongly thanks to Mark. In fact, he couldn't make the scheduled meeting, so he called an extra one the week after. Next Year it is planned to hold a few more non schedules days and incorporate more guest speakers to impart their knowledge our way. Ross Duberal

has offered to volunteer to attend the first meeting in the New Year, but he doesn't know yet !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Specialist Notes- A summary by Jude Koch

This is a simplified version of an article by Jude Koch

Grading

Stamp collectors are faced with a myriad of terms and symbols to describe the stamps they are considering for purchase. And when operating within a modern landscape of online dealing and often internationally thanks to the www, a further layer of potential confusion can develop as a different set of codes and symbols are thrust upon us.

FACE SIDE GRADING ELEMENTS

I like to lay the stamp under consideration on a black background

Centring

Refers to how the impression or image sits within the entire landscape of the stamp.

Perforations (Perfs)

Unlike centring, perforations on Australian stamps have generally been of a good standard.

Freshness & Colouring

Often underrated, but of major significance, the freshness factor will be determined by storage practices.

GUM SIDE GRADING ELEMENTS

There is a wide range of views relating to the importance of the gum.

Rust

Rust, spotting, foxing, gum tropicalization, brown gum, gum spots etc.

Toning

Some light gum tanning, ageing or toning is quite common, and a downgrade is appropriate as the overall freshness is lost, though should not be considered as rust and the stamps are not ruined.

Hinge Marks

This refers to the mounting remainders or marks on the back of the stamp.

MUH - Mint Unhinged - the stamp has never been mounted.

MVLH - Mint Very Light Hinge - the stamp has been previously mounted but with a peelable hinge that has left only a trace upon removal.

MLH - Mint Light Hinge - the stamp has been previously mounted with only light hinging evidence visible upon removal.

MH - Mint Hinged - the stamp has a moderate size hinge remnant that may be faintly visible when viewing the front of the stamp.

MHH - Mint Heavy Hinge - the stamp has a heavy hinge remnant that has caused a kink to appear on the face of the stamp.

Paper Inclusions

The term refers to natural imperfections embedded in the stamp.

Gum bends

A bend is where the stamp has taken on a trough like appearance, this is sometimes referred to as a gum curl.

Gum disturbance

Refers to gum of a streaky and unnatural appearance.

Re-gumming

Is the process where the original gum has been washed off the stamp (usually toned or disturbed) and the new applied.

Club Meetings

Once again, we have enjoyed some interesting club meetings. The diversity of the display's presented have been very informative and of excellent quality.

John DiBiase accepting congratulations from Andrew Watson for his display on Postal Money Orders BUT ! who's that getting in on the action in the background?



Malcolm Brown displayed an interesting ABC Collection



Penny Wells proudly showing her medal from New Zealand

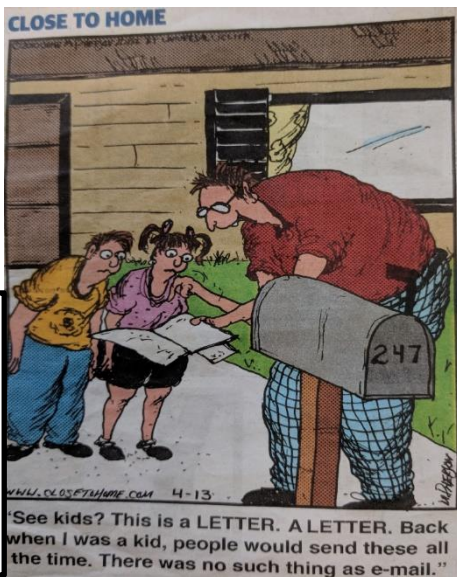


Congratulations to Bruce Haynes, Ross Duberal and Penny Wells for their excellent results from Dunedin

A Bit Close to Home

College students say they can't send in their absentee ballots because they don't **know** where to buy stamps!!!

Fairfax County officials learned that college students were failing to send back their absentee ballots because they didn't know how to get a stamp



Dates to Remember

January 15th – This is our first club meeting for the year so be prepared guys. The theme is wide open – New Acquisitions and/or any other collecting theme you may wish to share with the members.



"Either you quit saving all your cigar bands, or we'll have to buy a larger home."

Why not use the break to sort out unwanted stamps and support the club auctions before the burglars get them!!!



"Great news, the burglars only took your stupid stamps."

"HMS Hood" and "Gibraltar Used Abroad" -Bob Neville



The first section of this extensive display comprised a detailed study of the life and times of the battlecruiser HMS Hood. This was the largest and most powerful battlecruiser in the world in its time, the pride of the British Navy. In telling the story, the speaker, Bob Neville made excellent use of numerous mint and used stamps, correspondence, including postcards, an on-board baptismal certificate, photos and the front page from the News Chronicle, reporting the ship's loss and subsequent 4 day chase and eventual sinking of the German battleship 'Bismarck' by The Dorsetshire on 24th May 1941, some 400 miles west of Brest. The second area of study featured mainly Victorian Gibraltarian stamps, covers and correspondence. A special emphasis was concerned with famous printing varieties, one of particular note being a red 10 centimos stamp having no printed value. Alongside this rarity was compared a strip of 3 forged examples, these being the subject of expert consideration by the Royal Philatelic Society. The photo shows Society member Bert Burton, himself a specialist in these two topics, thanking Bob Neville for presenting his most interesting and scarce material, much appreciated by all present at this, the first meeting in the annual programme.



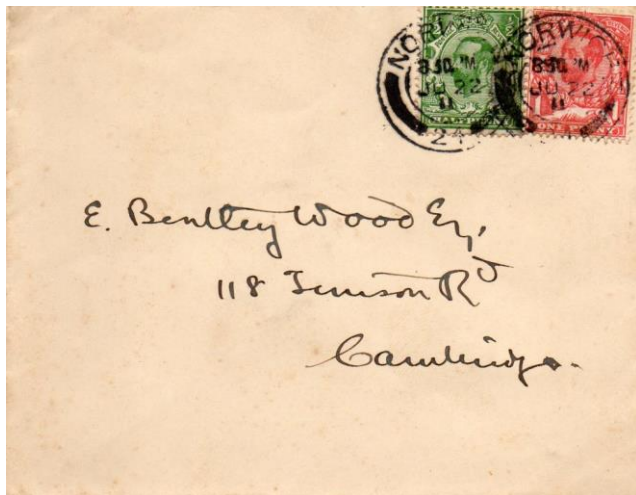
Bob Neville receiving his certificate for the display

Joys of the odd bit of Packing - Brian Austin

I think all of us at some time or other have bought something through the mail and the sender has included an odd something or other as packing. Most times the stiffener put into an envelope to make sure that it is not bent is a bit of cardboard but sometimes you get an extra cover or a postcard. These are usually one of those odds that the sender just wants to pass on that are of no real value. They might be an 'Australian decimal PSE first day cover or a modernish postcard on nowhere in particular. It might be something that you don't care about and put in your junk box or it might be slightly interesting and gets put to one side.

It is the case of something that gets put to one side that brings me to a cover that I once received as a bit of packing. I had put in a successful bid on eBay for a couple of cheap old covers from NSW. They were 1890s common definitive's on cover but not having any pre-1900 NSW covers I thought that for a couple of dollars that they would fit into my worldwide postal history collection. (Yes, I admit it, I am a hoarder of the bower bird persuasion who has a worldwide collection in addition to my specialised accumulations.)

But getting back to the point, in came my NSW covers for all of about \$2.50, and along with them I also received a fairly non-descript GB cover with some George V definitive's on it. And so it sat...



That was until there came the time when I thought to enter into my database of covers (I keep a listing of all my worldwide covers so that I have some idea of what I have - I tell you more about it one day). Anyway, there I was entering it in. It was a local GB cover of 1911 from Norwich to Cambridge with a penny and a half-penny stamp on it. Then it struck me, the local postage rate in England at the time was 1d for letters and 1/2d for postcards. So why was a local letter being sent for 1 1/2d?

It was not registered or anything else of particular importance. There was no express or re-addressing and so why the extra postage. It is backstamped Cambridge on 23 June, the following day so it had not been delayed in its fairly ordinary postage. So why pay the extra 1/2d?

I looked at it further and noticed that they were George V Downie heads, the first issues of George V before they changed the design in 1912. Hmm, thinks I, and looks closer at the date of the postmark, which as might be seen in the picture is 22 June 1911.

It was at this stage that I then consulted my handy Gibbons British Commonwealth and lo and behold, the first issues of George V's reign were the 1d red and 1/2d green Downie heads issued on 22 June 1911. What I had once received as incidental packing was a first day cover of George V stamps. Now it may not be worth a fortune, but it is a nice item in my GB collection. It just goes to show that sometimes you can just pick up something that doesn't look like much but with a little bit of research can turn into something better. Covers can be like that. Sometimes it is the stamp, sometimes the postmark and where it was posted, sometimes the date that it was posted, the address it was sent to, the way it went through the mail - the possibilities keep expanding.

The moral of the story is to keep your eye out and don't overlook the incidental packing. Most times it is nothing worthwhile but just sometimes there may be something there. Happy hunting.

Daytime Stamp Club

The Daytime Stamp Club held the final meeting for 2018 and I was able to attend. It is always an enjoyable afternoon out and Ross runs a sharp meeting.



Canning Show



Mel Peachey and Mark Leaman were at the Canning Show on the Friday Night and Saturday promoting Stamp Collecting.

Freebies were given out to Children that were interested. Also handing out WAPC Pamphlets promoting the Clubs.

Look at the great Table cloths made by Mel. He might take Orders and make you one.

A wise man once said “It is not what you do, It is what you are seen to be doing”

Airmail Circle - The Final Flight - Report Mark Leaman

It is with regret that due to lack of attendance it was decided by the committee that this will not be continued in the current format. It is hoped that a convenor will fly in and rally some support to reform this forum. In the interim members are more than welcome to attend the postmark circle.

The last Airmail Circle was held on October 30th ,3 members and 2 non-members were in attendance.

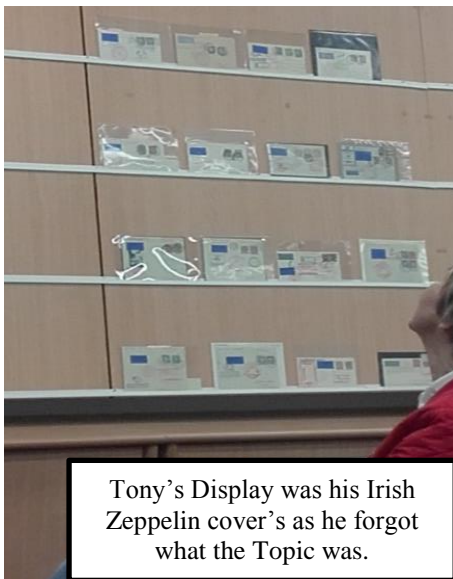
The final display subject was an interesting topic; **Partially by Train**



Ian provided a great display and talk on the subject.



Anna provided a Silk Map used by Britain's Airforce



Tony's Display was his Irish Zeppelin cover's as he forgot what the Topic was.



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