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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Dear Colleagues

You will be aware that the Government has eased some of the restrictions on gatherings imposed under the covid-19 restrictions.

At the PSWA committee meeting tonight, it was agreed that from July 2020, a resumption of some activities can occur, provided social distancing, hand sanitizing and facility cleaning is carried out in accordance with Government requirements.

The following activities can resume if their convenors so decide:

PSWA Library Days;
Post Mark Circle;
Forum.

Prior to restarting events, the convenors of these groups will need to submit a covid-19 plan for the approval of PSWA Committee. The plan will include a mechanism to ensure than no more than 20 people may attend, a recording system for contact details of members in attendance at each meeting, a mechanism to ensure that people attending do not have Covid or any flu like symptoms, have not travelled beyond Western Australia in the previous 2 weeks, provision for cleaning of facility prior to meetings and hand sanitising before and after meetings etc.

No more than 20 people permitted to attend with at least 4 sqm / person and 1.5m spacing between people.

Under the prevailing Covid restrictions, it was agreed that General Meetings of the Society and the Daytime Stamp Club will remain suspended until further notice.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Watson
President

At this stage we can confirm Library Days will commence as per syllabus in July

July 4th CLUB/LIBRARY DAY – Welcome Back
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm

At this point in time no other meeting resumptions have been confirmed

Editorial - Ramblings of a Stamp-A-Holic

It is with deep regret to report the passing of Trevor Spencers wife, Jane. Our sincere condolences are extended to Trevor and his family.

Welcome to the Third edition of Stamp Hinges for 2020.

It was pleasing last edition to include some “For Sale” items. John managed to shift all of his hagners but unfortunately Arnolds Kettle turned black when it boiled dry!!! Why not take the time to visit Arnold for a chat. York is a lovely place to spend the day. I am sure Arnold will gladly have the kettle hot!!!!

Brian, I have missed your articles to publish and look forward to hearing from you REAL SOON!!!!.

I trust all have kept well during the Covid crisis and have used the time wisely to maintain your collections or maybe caught up on those household chores. I have spoken to many members during our lock-down and everyone is quite jovial and just getting on with it the best we can – part of our demographic, I think.

It appears that we will emerge from this lockdown much sooner than expected As restrictions are lifted and travel and group gatherings become easier, we will emerge with the new norm as regular stamp activity re-commences. We will commence with the regular Library day as per the syllabus on the 4th July. We would love to see as many as possible on that day, though strict social distancing must be adhered to, and sanitisation material will be available for use to enable handling of material.

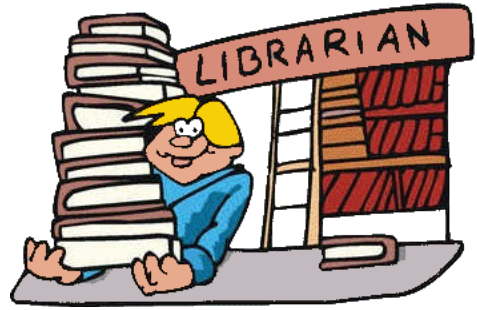
Like many of you I cannot wait until the auctions kick off again (See page 8 for Stamp Event) as it is more than a buying opportunity, it is the banter and catch up with old friends which make the day. It appears that this will happen sooner than later although numbers may be restricted at the larger auctions due to the new norm- social distancing.

Unfortunately, this issue is a little down on content as like others I have not been able to mingle amongst the stamp fraternity as per normal.

Please forward any articles or points of interest to me for inclusion in the next issue. There are no limits and it does make my life a little easier if little titbits are sent.

Take Care and see you all shortly – In the blink of an eyelid – they might say

Club Library Days



Mark has prepared the necessary paperwork and the first official Library Day post Covid will be held on the 4th July 2020. These get together's have been sadly missed and I expect we will have a good turnout for this event. As per usual we will have coffee and tea provided and if you are lucky Sue might make sausage rolls.

For Sale

Arnold Creaser has duplicates from his collections for sale
ISRAEL FDC approximately 300-400
different If anyone is interested in
coming to York (only 100km.) to collect.

My rock-bottom price is 50 covers (my selection) at \$25.00

Cherry pickers welcome but the price is \$1.00 each cover

INDONESIA a very fine selection of souvenir and special sheets MUH.

I think I can agree on prices.

View in York, no mail orders

PHONE before coming 96411402 Arnold Creaser.



John McPhee has sold all of his Hagners after the add in the last Stamp Hinges.
I haven't heard from Arnold so will leave his add running.

**Fellow club members send me your excess material to place in stamp hinges
philatelic or not. It fills a space and creates interest.**

Club Meetings



Our March meeting was our last before Covid and the highlight was clearly the presentation by Brian on the Xanthorrea State Post.

As always Brian presents with great enthusiasm even with the unbelievable.

At the time of printing this edition it is appearing more likely that the new normal is imminent and regular meetings should soon be possible. We must be aware though that the majority of members are in the high risk demographic and our club must take this into consideration prior to reinstating the pre covid meeting schedules.

Wanted

Please submit your want lists to me so we can put it out there – IT WORKS
Nothing off limit here guys – I can hear the rush of emails now!!!!!!!



GREG – As always chasing good Western Australian postmarks on Kangaroos.

I am attempting to accumulate a copy of each denomination available in as many western Australian localities as possible and including a postal cover from these localities. Definitely a long term project but an interesting format.

Collectors Corner

I have included in this edition (and to help fill the pages) copies of some interesting items in our collection. Hopefully they can be enjoyed.

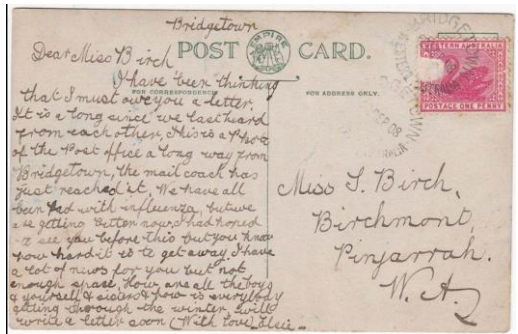


A purely philatelic cover showing the 5/- Sydney Harbor Bridge; Rare on cover in any form.

An interesting cover from Mullewa and an addition to the Kangaroo WA postmark collection



A nice postcard showing the Balbarrup Post Office, another area I am interested in.



China launches COVID-19-themed postage stamps, collectors wait overnight



China Post on Monday issued a set of COVID-19-themed stamps as a mark of reverence for Chinese people's solidarity in the battle against the coronavirus.

The collection depicts images of People's Liberation Army commanders, medics, scientific researchers, community workers, police and volunteers, using a Chinese character "Zhong" literally meaning "mass" to connect the two stamps, which implies that people nationwide, under the strong Party leadership, are standing together in the face of a major public health crisis.

It's extremely meaningful to use the stamps to "recognize the contribution made by people from different walks of life and show China's spirit of solidarity in the fight against the COVID-19," Li Qian, deputy general manager of stamp collection and cultural media department of the Shanghai branch of China Post, told the Global Times on Monday, noting that all the proceeds of the stamps and related items will be donated to the fight against the epidemic.

As of 7:00 am on Monday, the waiting area of Shanghai's General Post Office Building was thronged by stamp enthusiasts, with some even waiting all night for the COVID-19-themed stamps.

An 82-year-old stamp collector surnamed Xie, who has been accumulating stamps for the past 40 years, became the first to get the new COVID-19-themed stamps in the Shanghai post office.

"The stamps issued during this unique time is very meaningful to fight against the COVID-19 epidemic," Xie told the Global Times on Monday, noting that commemorative stamps marking the triumph over SARS were also issued during that period. Xie and his companions had been standing in the queue since Sunday, 7:00 am.

Each set contains two stamps for a price of 2.4 yuan (\$0.33). Related commemorative envelopes were also issued on the same day. Residents can purchase both online and offline. China Post plans to issue 14.5 million stamps.

It's worthwhile to mention that China Post has postponed its previous plan to issue the stamps on April 7 and refrained from disclosing any reason.

Netizens predicted that the decision might be due to the design of the stamps.

Cinderellas

I came across this add in a copy of the 1953 November issue of the Stamp Monthly.

ANTARCTICA

On January 9, 1954, the motor ship "Kista Dan" will leave Melbourne carrying an expedition which will establish a permanent scientific base and economic survey station on the Antarctica continent. This is of tremendous importance to philatelists, as the base camp post office will be the first permanent post office to be established in Antarctica.



We can supply a special set of souvenir stickers issued to commemorate the expedition. They are beautifully designed, and printed in four different colours in the format of postage stamps. Mount them in your album or use them to place on the back of souvenir covers and cards mailed from Antarctica.

Price, only 6d. per set of 4, or 5/- per dozen sets (Postage extra).



We can also offer a special souvenir postcard for the occasion. Reproduced above is the attractive design on back of the card, which is beautifully printed in photo brown on fine quality ivory card. Address these cards and have them posted back to yourself from Antarctica. They will be historic souvenirs of this great expedition.

Price, only 6d. per card, or 5/- per dozen (Postage extra).

SEVEN SEAS STAMPS

105-107 MACQUARIE STREET, DUBBO, NEW SOUTH WALES

We are members of the Australian Stamp Dealers' Association.

After discussing the article with Paul he kindly sent me a scan of one he has has for some time. (see scan below)



Would anybody have other material on this issue they may wish to share as it would be nice to marry it up with this article.


STAMP EVENT

PLENTY of PARKING close to VENUE

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

Doors open at 9.00am for access to
Dealer & Collector Tables
(9.00AM – 3.00PM)
- SELLING & BUYING -

PHILATELIC HOUSE
Unit 19/40 Lord St (Car Wellington St), East Perth



The Local Auction Scene

As we are all aware Auctions have been lean on the ground due to the Covid virus however the major online auction houses have continued with strong support.

Paul has been working behind the scenes to be organised for the recommencment of Club Auctions. The majority of lots from the canceled Stamp Mart have been re allocated to future auctions.

Paul is currently seeking further lots for the August "Just an Auction" in preparation as it appears likely that this will proceed dependent on further Covid restrictions being eased.

Mark will be disposing of the last of the donated items in the "Just an Auction". Any items left over will probably be for sale by tender or offered at our club auctions



Just an Auction about
to commence



Upcoming Auctions & Events

July 24th, 25th, 26th – Ace Stamp Auctions - Cannington Exhibition Centre, Corner Albany Hwy & Station St, Cannington.

Viewing - Friday 24th. This will be for Box lots and collections only Time TBA.

Viewing - Saturday 25th from 8.30am & Sunday from 8am.

Auction - Coins & Banknotes Saturday 25th 11am; Box lots & collections 1.30pm.

Sunday 26th - Western Australian 10am, Kangaroos & KGV 1pm.

Box lots, all world collections, catalogues and publications, accessories, single rare stamp lots, coins and banknotes and various miscellaneous lots. Free admission.

There is no pressure to buy, simply come and have a look, learn more about the hobby and experience a lively auction!

July 19th- Stamp Fair – Cannington Exhibition Centre, Corner Albany Hwy & Station St, Cannington. Dealer tables, valuations and advice on the day. Access 10am
Auction commences 2 o'clock

August 23rd – Just an Auction – The Auction will be held at the PSWA Rooms at Wellington Fair. Viewing at 11-12.30 o'clock. Auction commences 1 o'clock.
This will include many items previously included in the Stamp Mart Auction

Variations and Oddities

Condon.

The Telegraph Office was opened on 9 April 1889 at the southern end of 80 mile Beach. The Office was closed in 1927.



Records show that no special stamp was issued to the office for the use of telegraphs. Instead the usual postal rate date stamps would be used as per the image at top right. Clearly the image top left is a copy of a Post and Telegraph cancel used at Condon and a new discovery in a hoard by Mark.

Another item found by Mark and included for our enjoyment is this nice copy of the misplaced cross and difficult to find.



An interesting item used as a postage due as no copies were probably available.



A rare copy of the rusted cliché ACSC 71(2)na. color flaw outside right frame opposite emu with additional rust flaw opposite top of right value tablet



Die1 large OS positional strip showing variety DOUBLE PERFORATING in the selvedge

Blast from the Past - Penny Wells



Dealer Penny Wells, collectors, sellers, buyers, beginners and the curious will be checking out the stamps at UWA next weekend.

Philately will get you everywhere

When Penny Wells started driving the school bus in Kojonup in the 1960s, the children were often noisy and uncontrollable.

But then Penny hit upon the idea of giving each of them a packet of 100 assorted postage stamps.

"I told them to take them home, look at what they had sort them out and bring them in to me in two weeks," she said.

"That kept them quiet!" After a lifetime of being fascinated by stamps and collecting them, Penny, a New Zealander who has lived in Australia for 46 years, is now a dealer, a national judge and an international exhibitor.

She'll be hanging up her dealer's shingle, Hyde Park Stamps, at next weekend's Swan River Stamp Show, which will be held in the University of WA Guild Function Centre, on Hackett Drive, Crawley.

The show is from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10.

Entry for children is free and \$3 for adults.

The Reverend Bernard Buckland, from the Philatelic Society of WA, says the Swan River Stamp Show is WA's premier stamp-collecting event and attracts dealers and collectors from other states as well as from all over WA.

He said the aim of the show was to exhibit collections for other collectors to see, and to encourage new ones.

"There will be 75 pages of the penny black, the first adhesive postage stamp, on display," Bernard said.

"The display, by a local collector, has won medals in international and national competitions, including three gold medals and a grand prix award.

"It has not been shown in WA since 1893, so take advantage of this rare opportunity to see the early history of the postage stamp."

There will be about 1500 other pages of stamps and picture postcards from around the world in a competitive display for juniors, beginners and long-time collectors.

Penny says philately has a lot to offer, even to computer-age youngsters.

She said: "They get involved in swapping and exchanging, and they learn where places are - a lot of the places old stamps come from no longer exist."

"Through collecting they find out about currencies, industries, and, for example, whether a certain country's strength is in farming or minerals.

"There's a lot in it."

As a dealer, she said she got to meet a lot of people who started collecting when

they were younger, then had no time or money to keep them going as they got older, got jobs and started families.

"But when they get to their 40s and 50s, they'll get out their stamps again and some of them decide to finish their collections, so they'll come to the shows and buy," Penny said.

"I started collecting when I was 10 and then sort of gave it away, but I came back to it."

Dealers like Penny will also appraise collections for those who now want to get rid of their stamps.

A lot of people inherit collections and have no idea what they may be worth or how to sell them, and there again, dealers like Penny can be very helpful.

For those contemplating philately as a new hobby, Penny says saving up to buy whole sets is the way to go.

"I've been telling beginners for years to save up and buy whole sets, or to buy the higher value first," she said.

"The higher-value ones do go up in price, and then it gets harder to find them.

"So buy those first, if and when you can, because you can always pick up the lower-value stamps more easily."

For more information about the Swan River Stamp Show, ring Bernard on 9527 6090.

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