

## PSWA PHILATELIC FORUM

**Record of meeting** of the PSWA Philatelic Forum, 6 June 2016 held at Philatelic House, Wellington Fair, Unit 18, 40 Lord Street, East Perth. Meeting opened at 8.00pm with Brian Pope in the Chair. Eight people in attendance: Brian Pope, John DiBiase, Ray Todd, Elsa Todd, Ross Duberal, Mike Kouwen, Brian Barrett, Arthur Tilby.

**Apologies:** Derek Pocock, Anna Friis, George Morris, David Lee, Bruce Haynes, Mike Rhodes, Penny Wells, Gavin Woodward, Rod Kantor.

**Visitors:** Nil.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Corrections:** Correct members surnames to Rainford and Leaman

**Correspondence:** WAPC Agenda for 3 May and Executive reports.

**Publications:** Rex & Fair 17 Jun; Auckland City Stamps – 21 June; Stamp Fair No.55 – 3 Jul; Southern Rivers Auction No.13 – 12 Jun; Cinderella Club of Australia Journal – May; Stamp Talk – Apr; Shilling Violet – Apr; Pioneer Post, 4 issues – Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr 2016.

**Ask the Forum:** Mike Kouwen asked how to accommodate an extra large sheet (particularly in extra height) into a display frame. It was suggested that the sheet be placed in the bottom row and mask the sheets above to suit.

Brian Pope questions the current Cavendish Auction catalogue where a number of Western Australia letters in the 1829-30 period, carried privately, are actual postal history of Western Australia.

**Display Tips:** Nil.

**Book Reviews:** Nil.

**Exhibitions / Showtime:** Mandurah Half National, 3-5 November 2016 (changed dates); Hobart National One Frame, 18-20 Nov 2016; Christchurch NZ – 18-20 Nov 2016 (Nat); Melbourne 2017 FIAP (includes Royalpex) 30 Mar to 2 Apr 2017 ; Bangkok 2016, 10-15 Aug – C Bromser (FIAP); Taipei (FIP) 21-26 Oct – M Groom; China, Nanning 2016, 2-6 Dec (FIAP) Glen Stafford; Finland 2017, 24-28 May (David Figg); Australasian Challenge / PPC 2016 , 7-9 Oct in Adelaide, Invitational only - Mike Rhodes Co-ordinator / Jury. **Awards: New York:** Russell Boylan, St Vincent – LG; Mike Rhodes, Exporta – LV; Glen Stafford, WA Forces – LV; John DiBiase, WA Fiscals – G; Ross Wood, Nyasaland – LV; Mike Rhodes, Nothing (1 frame) 82 points.

**Topic for the Evening:** “Workings of the Expert Committee”, Ray Todd.

Ray presented an interesting insight on how the expert committee operate at an exhibition. Three judges usually undertake proceedings in evaluating suspicious material that has been brought to their attention by the general jury. The Expert Group also look for previous notices issued to exhibitors that require certificates for certain material. Failure to comply with this will result in drop of medal level / levels. Aspects of philately that experts examine include forgeries, reprints, fakes, overprints, cancellations and improvements to material (eg. adding margins or painting). The Expert Group usually have a section at an exhibition set aside for reviewing and elevating material, they may also have the assistance of outside experts in their field. Brian Pope tendered a vote of thanks.

**General Business:** Arthur Tilby. The Crawford Library is available for viewing through the Global Philatelic Library Association, Royal Philatelic Society, London.

**Next Meetings:**

4 July

Bangkok (FIAP) Entries

1 August

Taipei (FIP) Entries

**Agenda for:** 4 July 2016: Apologies / Visitors / Corrections / Business Arising / Correspondence / Publications / Ask the Forum / Display Tips / Book Reviews / Exhibitions / Topic for Evening / General Business / Next Meeting.

**Meeting Closed** at 9.20pm

John DiBiase. Hon. Scribe, 30 June 2016.