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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Jan 4th CLUB/LIBRARY DAY – new acquisitions
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- Jan 21st PSWA GENERAL MEETING – New Acquisitions –
Non Stamp Display – All Members
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- Feb 1st CLUB/LIBRARY DAY – Covers of Interest
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- Feb 3rd MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – Canberra 2020 entries
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- Feb 6th THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- Feb 10th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – Flora – All Members
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- Feb 18th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Bob Neville – “The Mighty Hood”
STAMP MART AUCTION lots due
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- March 2nd MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – NZ 2020 FIAP entries
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- March 5th THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- March 7th CLUB/LIBRARY DAY – TBA
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- March 9th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – Northern Neighbours –
All Members
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- March 17th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Brian Austen –
Xanthorrea State Post
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- April 2nd THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm

Editorial - Ramblings of a Stamp-A-Holic

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Ted Barnes. Thank you to Brian Austin for his kind words on Page 4. Please take the time to gaze into the photo and notice the reflection of life; a timeless image. Our condolences to the family.

Welcome to the last edition of Stamp Hinges for 2019. A lot late I am afraid and apologies to those eagerly awaiting the little tit bits from the PSWA club.

Please check out the donated covers from Trevor Lacy on page 5; send your generous tender to stamphinges@yahoo.com.au prior to the February PSWA Meeting

While talking donations, Mark still has a few items to dispose of from the large donated material received earlier in the year; keep your eye open for a bargain.

Please keep those notes and articles coming. Do you have a wants list???? If so, we can include them in the Stamp Hinges. Any items that you may wish to dispose of can also be noted. At the present this section is a bit like the “Morgies” section.

As many of you are aware Myself and Sue recently spent 7 weeks road tripping in Europe from the Netherlands to Budapest by boat, and train, bus and van through Croatia to Serbia. As all good Stamp-a-holics stamps were always on the mind and much to our friend’s slight annoyance we sought out collecting opportunities at every market or stamp Dealer we could find. We bought some interesting material throughout but Serbia was interesting and hence this story.

We had found it very difficult to find anywhere in Serbia but while out for a late evening walk in Belgrade we passed quite by accident a Stamp Dealer Shop. The following day we made the trek to visit and was surprised by the neatness and array of every type of accessory and album known to man. I couldn’t notice any displays for stamps other than very recent issues so I begged the question “may I see your archive of early Serbian, Yugoslavia or Croatian material”.

I was taken back by the answer but perhaps I should not have been. The young lady curtly replied **“Oh no we do not have any material like that Sir, only old people collect stamps”**

So there lies the state of stamp collecting in Serbia; this was apparently the only outlet in this country apparently as I was also curtly informed by the same young lady.

Enjoy this edition of stamp hinges and we will attempt to have the full array of additions out this year

Vale Ted Barnes (1923 - 2019) by Brian Austin

Ted was a friend of mine. Together we would discuss stamps and his collections and mine.



I first came to know Ted through being introduced to him as someone who wanted to build up a collection of Indian stamps for his grandchildren. He had been more of a collector in the past but had been out of the scene for a few years due to his incapacity due to age. He no longer drove about and getting to meetings had been a problem for him.

Over time I assisted in building up Ted's small collection of Indian stamps and came to know him better and his long history with stamp collecting.

He had been working in an office prior to World War II and joined the air force to serve in the war effort. He was a navigator working in a Mosquito squadron and saw action in Labuan and North Borneo. After the surrender his squadron was sent to Japan via the Philippine's before he was finally demobbed back in Australia. Here he joined the ABC and worked in accounts and rose to be the accountant for the WA office before eventually retiring.

He played tennis and it there that he met his bride to be, Margaret who he married. They had a son, Wesley, and a daughter, Kathy.

In this time Ted started building his stamp collections and following the war joined the Philatelic Society of WA, becoming secretary and holding that position through the 1950's. His philatelic interests at the time were Australia, the George V heads and the stamps and postmarks of Ceylon. This latter he built into an award-winning collection that he exhibited locally and in New Zealand. This included some rare items and he had a number of contacts both here and overseas as he progressed with his collection, including Robson Lowe in England.

On a holiday in Britain he had an unfortunate stroke when Margaret suddenly died. This put a dent into his life and his collections took a bit of a downturn and were gradually sold off to provide for other things. Some small remnants were kept but the main collections were gone. It was into this when he was later starting to reconstruct some collections that I came to meet Ted.

His eyesight was not what it had once been, but he had a viewer that magnified the images so that he could see them clearer. Over time we built up his collection of India and then progressed to putting together stamps of other places – some more Ceylon, Great Britain, France, Belgium and Japan – and a collection of postal history. This latter was of covers that interested him and included first flights and other historic and interesting covers. These grew from one folder to a range for different continents and areas. In doing this we would go to the meetings of PSWA and to stamp auctions and fairs until there came a stage when he was too frail to travel.

He was a good man and my friend; he leaves an enduring legacy to the philatelic community of WA not only from his long service to the hobby but also in Barnes cup for research which is awarded by the Philatelic Society of WA.

Club Library Days



The Library Days continue to thrive and is a great day to either talk stamps (or anything you can find a listener for), use the library, swap or sell unwanted items or escape from the partner for several hours; whatever your fancy really.

We would welcome all participants whether a club member or not. Non club members cannot book out any of the

reference material but are free to use the copier at a small nominal charge; so come along and enjoy some lunch, along with some great company keen to share their knowledge.

For Sale

Trevor Lacy has kindly donated a lot of Prestige limited edition covers to be sold by postal bids only. These lots are mounted on sleeved pages fully described and are all in pristine condition.

Scans of all lots can be obtained from Greg Morgan via email or special arrangement. The highest bidder will win as per standard auction increments.

All bids should be emailed to stamphinges@yahoo.com.au prior to the February PSWA Meeting

Prestige Covers available by Postal Bids

Lot No.	Description of Covers	Special comments	Issued	Reserve
1	World Youth Day	Special Silver Stamp	04.03.2008	\$25.00
2	Beijing Torch Relay		24.04.2008	\$5.00
3	Working Dogs	with Dog Tag	10.06.2008	\$8.00
4	Centenary of Scouting in Australia	with Cloth Badge	19.02.2008	\$8.00
5	90th Anniversary of the End of WW1		3.11.2008	\$5.00
6	Aviation		05.08.2008	\$9.00
7	Christmas		31.10.2008	\$7.00
8	Australian Parks and Gardens		14.07.2009	\$5.00
9	Australia Post 200 Years	"A Letter to Mary"	26.06.2009	\$6.00
10	Earth Hour		11.03.2009	\$7.00
11	Australian Songbirds		09.09.2009	\$7.00
12	Merry Christmas		11.02.2009	\$7.00
13	Come to the Show		23.03.2010	\$6.00
14	Great Australian Railway Journeys		07.05.2010	\$8.00
15	Centenary of Girl Guides		31.08.2010	\$8.00
16	Dear Santa		01.11.2010	\$6.00
17	150th Melbourne Cup	Silver Stamp	01.11.2010	\$25.00

Club Meetings

The December Christmas meeting was greeted with great enthusiasm as it culminates with the Club Awards Presentations. The standard of participation throughout the year at club functions and meetings was of a high standard. The following club members were selected after arduous consideration by the various Judges to be the recipients of the following presentations;

Ross Wood Perpetual Trophy
Best monthly display throughout the year - Mr Andrew Watson



Frank Hedges Perpetual Trophy
Mr Mel Peachey – This was awarded to Mel for his fine work done for the club, particularly with the auctions and Stamp Mart



Barnes Research Cup
Publication on Fiji KGV1 Issues
Mr Ross Duberal – Penny accepting on his behalf



Novice Club Display
One Penny Red Kangaroos
Mrs Susan Morgan



Hooker Shield

Third place – Mr John Diabase – “Death Valley Postcards”
Second Place – Dr. Bruce Haynes – “Andaman Islands Mail”
First Place – Mr Robert Neville – “Gibraltar Revenues”
Bob presenting his display above middle



Mike Kouwen in his Dubai Judging Jacket and showing his presentation medals – We appreciate having international judging within our club

I congratulate all the recipients on achieving their awards; I am sure all will agree that they are worthy recipients. A special thanks to Mel for his efforts with the supper; it was yummy.

The Year That Was Well Snipits of Some Highlights



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

It is amazing the vast areas of collecting range and quality of items within our members collecting areas. I encourage all members that have not had the opportunity to display at club level to have a go. We would love to share your passion.

Don't forget the next meeting on January 21st. Bring along your other collecting interests or new acquisitions. This is always a fun night but only if we all enter the spirit of the theme.

“Reflections - My lifelong Collection” - Editor

A Bad Dream or was It

I dreamt the other night that I had got rid of my stamp collection. It was no great loss from a monetary standpoint. The emotional loss, though, was enormous.

There was a time when my collection might have fetched a good amount, because there was a time when people cared about stamps. They used them to mail bills, letters and postcards, and in the process paid attention to what was on them. You didn't have to be a collector to value the beautiful, quirky and rare.

Today, many if not most bills are paid online. Letters are rarely written and sent; email suffices. Stamps are still used occasionally, if rarely saved or savoured. And most of what passes for stamps are generic images printed on demand at a Post Office (also in decline).

Stamps were, and sometimes still are, things of beauty and history, links to distant places that spawned a global hobby known as philately, or, simply, stamp collecting.

Before hours wasted on video games and other ephemeral pleasures, the hobby transfixed and transported youngsters. Stamps were the adhesive coins of the realm, a way to learn geography, history and politics.

Every high school had its stamp club. I joined one and have wonderful memories of swapping, and the beginning of the Wheeling and Dealing in future years, to amass a sizable collection from various sources.

There were stamp shows and dealers who would advertise in the back pages of comic books. For a few bucks they'd send you a package of loose stamps to get you hooked. Stamp collecting could be addictive, and for many in my generation it was.

But as the bad dream continued there comes a time to let go of childish things, and the stamps, plate blocks and first day covers I acquired over a lifetime of collecting and hoarding. They had sat in a box in the basement for too many years, unlooked at, unattended to, low-hanging fruit in my efforts to downsize; by now I swear that I could feel a cold sweat starting to form.

So off I went, with my collection, to the Perth Stamp and Coin Show to have my collection; assembled over many years and at great expense, appraised.

There I learned the sad truth: There is no longer a market for the collection I once so greatly valued. Collectors are passing on at an alarming rate; the average collector, I was told, is 65 to 70 years old. There was a time when the 1d Black Swan or the Green Mist 1s Lyre stamps were household names; though examples continue to fetch reasonable figures at auction, how many people have even heard of them?

All clubs and societies are now struggling for membership and is down about half on the previous hey days of 2-3 decades ago, a considerable drop in 20 to 30 years, and prospects are not good.

“Trying to bring in the younger 30-to-50-year-old crowd is really difficult,” I was told. The continuing decline is because of “things you can't control, illness and death.” I can assure you that that cold sweat has increased to a fever.

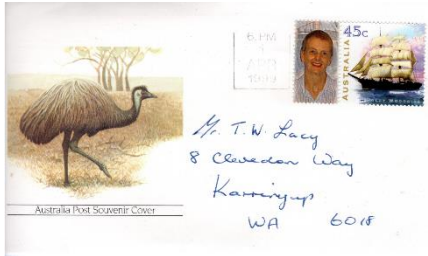
The stamp dealer's said they had no commercial use for my collection and to give them to one of my family members: crikey has he not met my family ??? ; Unless it revolves around computer games or some Alien re-enactment on the telly they are not interested. In fact, I had a conversation with my grandson (who I might add I love to bits) about putting together a small collection for him, but alas “not interested Pop” was the reply. Mate I said “There will be some valuable stamps in the collection”; me thinking that would turn him from a game addicted addict into this now worldly interested youth in the philatelic world of collecting. He quickly replied at lightning speed and with firm conviction “Pop, why don't you just sell them and give me the money”.

It was at this stage I awoke from the dream which had concluded as a nightmare dripping in sweat and totally disorientated.

Upon collecting my senses I realised it was all but a **bad dream; or WAS IT !!!!!!!**

Collectors Corner

Mark Leaman recently came across this extremely rare cover while sifting



through one of his many bulk lots. I am not sure who is pictured on the stamp but I have it on good authority she could be a member of the PSWA. Increasing the value the addressee is none other than the esteemed Mr Trevor Lacy; auctioneer and man about town. You can usually catch a glimpse of these pair around most auctions and fairs.

Wanted

Please submit your want lists to me so we can put it out there – IT WORKS

Greg Morgan - Kangaroo Issues with Postmarks WA only. The stamps don't have to



be perfect and if the postmarks can clearly be attributed to the town, particularly in the more difficult to obtain issues, this is acceptable. As noted in the scans some are unclear but can be attributed. Any kangaroo denomination accepted.

Covers, Postcards etc with WA postmarks also required. Guaranteed top prices paid for the right material; to be used for display purposes. Sue Morgan – 1d red Kangaroos for plating purposes. Requiring blocks or strips as this enables plated stamps to

be clearly attributed.

The Local Auction Scene

2019 has seen reasonable sales for the club auctions which was aided by sales of donated items.

Our open Day Auction was well attended with a good quantity of absentee bids which ensued some competitive bidding and a great ending to the 2019 Auction season. Paul continues to set his deadlines for delivery and cut-off and henceforth the catalogues have been distributed in a timely manner. We have seen a steady increase in numbers and absentee bids so the formula may be working; If it ain't broke don't fix it as they say. More club members have been submitting lots which has helped with variety and quality none more evident than at the Open Day Auction.

Dealer tables at the various auctions throughout the year have been well patronised and sales were steady to good.

Reports from all other local auctions indicate steady clearance and ACE Auctions; WA's premier auction house had some quality items and as always was well attended. Eastern states Auction Houses, and in particular "Abacus" had extremely strong sales at all auctions this year, particularly in State material.



Upcoming Auctions & Events

February 15th – Perth Numismatic Society – South Perth Civic Centre, South Terrace, South Perth. Free admission - 9am to 2pm

February 16th – Just an Auction - PSWA Just an Auction Philatelic House, Unit 19/40 Lord Street (Corner Wellington St) East Perth

March 1st – Stamp Fair - Cannington Exhibition Centre, Cnr Albany Hwy & Station St, Cannington – Auction and Dealer tables

March 28th to 29th – Ace Stamp Auctions - Cannington Exhibition Centre, Corner Albany Hwy & Station St, Cannington.

Auction – Part I: 1:00pm Sunday. Viewing of lots: Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm & Sun 8am to 12pm. 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!

May 17th – Stamp Mart – South Perth Civic Centre, South Terrace, South Perth. Free admission - 9am to 4pm. Viewing of lots 11.00 – 1.30. Almost 600 lots; including a broad range to suit every collector. Auction starts 2pm.

We are a Fical Lot

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

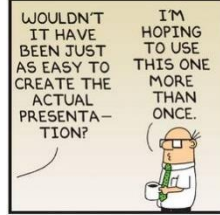
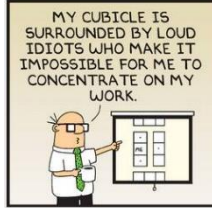
Philatelist's Criticism.

Philatelists condemn the proposal to issue a special series of stamps to commemorate the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge next year, as a plan to exploit speculators and collectors.

A Perth stamp dealer said yesterday that there was no objection to a fixed issue of a new series of stamps, but a stamp having merely a limited period of use served no good purpose. Such countries as Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, British North Borneo and Spain had worked the commemorative stamp to death, and as a result their issues were unpopular and were practically neglected by genuine philatelists. Australia was not so bad as the countries named in this respect, but was approaching that condition. The opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, although it would be a great event in the history of Sydney, was, after all, a State matter, and not a Commonwealth one warranting a commemorative issue of stamps. Among collectors "mint" or unused stamps were the vogue, and it seemed that the Postal Department was proposing to secure revenue at the expense of stamp collectors.

The decision of the Postal Department to make a new pictorial issue of Australian stamps, the dealer continued, was regarded by philatelists in a different light from the proposal to issue a stamp to commemorate the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The kangaroo issue, which was unsatisfactory, was displaced by the Georgian issue in 1914, and these stamps in turn had met with considerable criticism. It had been realised for a long time that almost any change would be for the better. From 1929 to 1927, particularly, these stamps were unsatisfactory in design. On account of poor drawing and overcrowding, they were so badly produced that they became universally recognised as one of the worst issues extant. The necessity for periodical new issues of stamps was apparent. The plates became so worn that they must be changed. It was improbable that any other country had ever published a set of stamps which had so many faults as the Australian King's head issue. As far back as 1921 Australian philatelists had asked the Postal Department to issue stamps more typical of Australia than the Georgian series. The action of the department in 1930 in asking certain Australian philatelic societies for suggestions for a new stamp had been followed by the announcement that a new series would be issued. The decision had been hailed with delight by the majority of philatelists.

I came across this article the other day; not sure where from but maybe Trove or similar. If only we had this problem today; the luxury of complaining about stamp issues and in particular postal usage.



Now I know what's required for a great Philatelic presentation. Maybe I'll form a sub committee to assist the committee



Did You Know

A schoolmaster from England, Sir Rowland Hill invented the adhesive postage stamp in 1837, an act for which he was knighted. Through his efforts, the first stamp in the world was issued in England in 1840. Roland Hill also created the first uniform postage rates that were based on weight rather than size

The first known postal document, found in Egypt, dates from 255 BC. But even before that time postal services existed on nearly every continent in the form of messengers serving kings and emperors. Over time, religious orders and universities added their own message delivery systems to exchange news and information. Relay stations were set up along the messengers' routes to speed delivery over long distances. Eventually, private individuals were allowed to use the messengers to communicate with one another.

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