

## PSWA PHILATELIC FORUM

**Record of meeting** of the PSWA Philatelic Forum, 7 August 2023 held at Philatelic House, Wellington Fair, Unit 18, 40 Lord Street, East Perth. Meeting opened at 7.50pm with Mike Kouwen in the Chair. Thirteen people in attendance: John DiBiase, Steve Hoath, Rod Kantor, Susan Lally, David Mazitelli, Jeannine Millstead, Trevor Spencer, George Morris, Alison Wilson, Rod Kantor, Andrew Watson and Gavin Woodward.

**Apologies:** Glen Stafford, Ken Moore, Anna Friis.

**Corrections:** Nil.

**Business Arising :** Rod Kantor expressed that he has had similar problems with NY Stamps (ebay).

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Publications:** Stamp News – July; APF News – July; Auckland City Stamps – 26 Aug; Stamp It Auction – 20 Aug.

**Ask The Forum:** Susan Lally asked about the ‘One-Up Club’ run by the APF and how it could improve her exhibit.

**Display Tips:** Nil

**Book Reviews:** John DiBiase reviewed the new publication produced by Brusden White and edited by Geoff Kellow, “The Australian Commonwealth Specialist’ Catalogue – Australian States Federal Period, 1901-1912. This issue is in A4 format and in colour, soft bound with 343 pages and includes essays, print varieties and watermark orientations. Available for around \$165 plus postage / shipping.

**Exhibitions / Showtime:** Swanpex 2023. Mike Kouwen gave a report on the State Exhibition held on 22-23 July at Gloucester Park Harness Racing venue. The standards of exhibits were high with many Gold medals awarded to exhibitors. The attendance was a little low, probably because of the new venue but this was a practise run for the big National Show in November. A number of signs will be put into position to direct the public to the Show.

**General Business:** John DiBiase: Congratulations to Ross Edwards for being the 2023 awardee for the E.M. Hasluck Medal. Ross was nominated by the WASG. His medal was presented at the Show on Sunday morning by Nicholas Hasluck.

**Topic for the Evening:** “Title Pages”

Mike Kouwen spoke on the significance and importance of writing-up a good Title Page and how this can affect the story line of your exhibit. We were overwhelmed with Title Pages from 11 exhibitors, most of whom showed 2 to 3 different sheets each, that is, approximately 25 sheets on the display boards. **Displayers:** Andrew Watson, Susan Lally, Trevor Spencer, Jeannine Millstead, Steve Hoath, Rod Kantor, Mike Kouwen, David Mazetelli, Geroe Morris, Alison Wilson and Gavin Woodward.

**Next Meeting:** 4 September Perth 2023 entries (National)

**Agenda for 4 September 2023:** Apologies / Corrections / Business Arising / Correspondence / Publications / Ask the Forum / Display Tips / Book Reviews / Exhibitions / General Business / Topic for Evening / Next Meeting.

**Meeting Closed** at 9.00pm

John DiBiase

2 September 2023