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MEETINGS AND EVENT :

- Sept 6th AUCTION AND CIRCUIT SHEETS
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth
Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
Auction begins at 7.45 pm sharp.
THREE SHEET COMPETITION ANY SUBJECT.
- Sept 20th AUCTION DISPLAY AND CIRCUIT SHEETS.
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth
Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
Meeting begins at 7.45 pm sharp.
MR MIKE GRABER WILL DISPLAY 'I do not
know what'. ?????
- Sept 27th VISIT BY OTHER CLUBS
AUCTION BRING A DISPLAY AND CIRCUIT
SHEETS: All visitors from other clubs
and Societies are invited to bring up
to 10 Auction Lots and 10 sheets for
Display. Supper will be served.
Auction begins at 7.45pm sharp. All
lots for the Auction must be in by
7.30 pm.
- Oct 4th AUCTION AND CIRCUIT SHEETS
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth
Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
Auction begins at 7.45 pm sharp.
- Oct 18th AUCTION DISPLAY AND CIRCUIT SHEETS.
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth
Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
Meeting begins at 7.45 pm sharp.
THE PRESIDENT MRS PENNY WELLS WILL
DISPLAY 'what she chooses'.
Nomination for office bearers for 1989
close at this meeting.
- Oct 25th INTER-CLUB CIRCUIT SHEET NIGHT
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth
Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
All welcome to an extravaganza of

Circuit Sheets from all participating societies and the WAPC.
Eyes down a 7.45 pm sharp.

Nov 1st AUCTION AND CIRCUIT SHEETS
MEETING PLACE : Royal Commonwealth Society, 183 Roberts Road, Subiaco.
Auction begins at 7.45 pm sharp.

5TH NATIONAL PHILATELIC CONVENTION CANBERRA 1988

Awards to PSWA Society Members

Member	Medal	Convention Entry
Ron NEWNS-SMITH	Vermeil	The Motor Vehicle
Allan BUTTON	Silver	British Occupation of Italian Colonies in North Africa.
Ron NEWNS-SMITH	Silver	British West Indies War Tax.
Guy HAMILTON	Silver	Postal Stationery of Western Samoa.
Margaret HAMILTON	Silver	Federated Malay States Postal Stationery.
Eddie HYDE	Silver	Australian Registered Envelopes.
Eddie HYDE	Sil/Br	Australian Postal Cards
Ray TODD	Sil/Br	Swedish Letter Cards.
Allan BUTTON	Sil/Br	Floral Coil Stamps of Australia.

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STAMP ISSUES BY AUSTRALIA POST

Repeated below in full is a letter to the Chairman of the Western Australian Philatelic Council, by our Vice-Patron and Life Member Mr Lyn Wilkinson. Perhaps you too would like to voice an opinion on what you consider is Australia Post's attitude to the stamp collecting fraternity in general or the Philatelic Society of Western Australia members in particular. Your comments are invited either by writing to the WAPC, the committee of our Society or by having it published in future editions of Stamp Hinges.

The Chairman WAPC

I am writing to ask your council if you think everything possible is being done to stop Australia Post from killing the goose that lays the golden eggs?, or have they already laid it to rest?

Well they have done it again issued a commemorative set of four stamps, two of which are valued at \$1.00. This is a racket, if four stamps were necessary, why not four at 37c, this would have been suitable for overseas airmail, and local mail, and saved the poor collector \$1.26. To me and many other collectors who send several new issues overseas, it means quite a lot.

I have been collecting since 1917, and when I retired in 1965, I joined the PS of WA, I was already a member of the Fremantle Society, am proud to say I am now a Life Member of both societies. I have put a lot of time in the past in giving talks about stamp collecting at schools, and other youth organisations showing the advantages of entering the hobby at an early age.

Now societies are wondering what has happened to the junior members, well that is not hard to work out. How many families with a couple of children could afford to buy two sets of the new issue FDCs, priced at \$10.31 a set, or a mint set at \$3.11. There have been many high value commems. issued in the last three years that so few of them are used, and are therefore in very short supply for the collector of used stamps, who is forced to buy CTO or near mint price for a used copy, this again is out of the question with most mums and dads, who know nothing about stamp collecting.

I have now given up my talks to children, as the last family I started in the hobby 5 years ago have given it up, as Dad said "I had no idea it would be so expensive". And I think he blames me for the expense.

I personally can account for the loss of 26 sales of new issues at the Claremont PO alone. My opinion is, as all values are available from the definitive set, that it is not necessary to have so many high values in the new issues, or so many long sets, if this was the case then perhaps we may get some new junior collectors who after all turn in tomorrow's PHILATELISTS. For the sake of our hobby, and to save further PO losses look back at COOK, AND, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Yours truly
Lyn Wilkinson

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Christmas Island & Its Postal History by Pacific Island Circle of RSPC 1953.

Queensland Numeral Cancellations by Harry S Porter 1954.

VICTORIA : The Travelling Post Offices & Their Markings 1865 - 1912 by Purves 1955

VICTORIA 1901-12 Issue 1 1/2d, 2d & 2 1/2d Purves 1954

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS 1989

On the back page of all Stamp Hinges is published list of all the executive officers of this Society.

All the positions of the elected officers become vacant on 15th November at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations however close with the Secretary on Tuesday 18th October 1988.

Therefore if you wish to nominate someone for the 1988 period of office please attend the October meeting or make prior arrangements with the Secretary. Remember that this is your society and this is your chance to have a say in the direction that the Society is going.

"WAPEX 93" STEERING COMMITTEE

Dr Derek POCOCK was asked by the President of our Society to convene a Steering Committee for the Society's National Exhibition allocated by the APF for 1993. The Meeting was held on Tuesday the 30th August and majority of the Steering Committee was present.

The Steering Committee consists of 8 members of the PSWA, being Dr Pocock, Mrs Val Lancaster, Dr Guy Hamilton, Mr Mike Kouwen, Mrs Penny Wells, Mr Brian Whittaker, Mr Tony Joyce and Ross Wood.

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SYDPEX 88

Listed below are all the society members who gained medals in the main competitive class at the Sydrex National Stamp Exhibition. Congratulations go to each and everyone of them and I apologise if I missed listing any members medals

Member	Medal	Competive Class
C WALKLEY	Gold	Australian States
E BARNES	Vermeil	Postal History
M HAMILTON	Vermeil	Postal Stationery
R NEWNS-SMITH	Vermeil	Thematics
R NEWNS-SMITH	Lg/Sil	British Commonwealth
H REEF	Lg/Sil	Postal History
C WALKLEY	Lg/Sil	British Commonwealth
I MAHLER	Lg/Sil	Aerophilately
G HAMILTON	Silver	Asia & Oceania
A DAVIES	Silver	British Commonwealth
B HAYNES	Silver	British Commonwealth
I MAHLER	Silver	Postal History
B POPE	Silver	Postal History
E HYDE	Silver	Postal Stationery
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B POPE	Sil/Br	Australian States
R RADLEY	Sil/Br	Asia & Oceania
B POPE	Sil/Br	Philatelic Literature
A BUTTON	Bronze	British Commonwealth

APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

I apologise for not producing the June Issue of Stamp Hinges so please do not try to find a copy. An additional issue may be produced later in the year so that you may still receive 6 copies this year. That is why this is Issue 3 Vol 24.

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THE SOUTHERN STAMP SHOW SOUTHPLEX 88

The Southern Stamp Show incorporating Southpex 88 will be held at the Gosnells Civic Centre Sunday 25th September 1988. Entry is free and the doors open at 10am. On Display will be the Southpex 88 entries and leading Stamp Dealers will be in attendance. An auction will be also held.

The Southern Stamp Show is organised by the Armadale/Kelmscott Philatelic Society, the Canning Stamp Club (Inc) and the Kalamunda Stamp Club. Catalogues for the Auction will be available from leading dealers or direct from the Secretary, Southpex 88, 750 CANNINGTON WA 6107.

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VISIT TO SOUTH PERTH 4th AUGUST

Thanks go to the following members that displayed at the Annual Visit Night to South Perth on Thursday 4th August.

Trevor Lacy displayed Australian Stamps Overprinted and Australian Penny Reds.

(ddie Hyde Displayed Film Star Mail, Aerogramme Varieties and Philatelic Exhibition Souvenirs.

Geoff Holden Displayed Great Britain and Switzerland.

Brian Whittaker Displayed Great Britain varieties and "Covers with a difference".

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WANTED TO BUY USED HAGNER SHEETS

Wanted to buy 2nd Hand Hagner Sheets single sided Telephone 294 4277 and ask for John Di Biase.

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