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President's Message



Dear Stamp Enthusiasts,

We are ending another busy Stamp year. I would like to thank all PSWA Committee members for all their hard work during the year helping to maintain the Club's strong position.

Further, a special mention to John Dibiasse for 30 years of service to the Club in a number of different positions. Thank you, John, and best wishes for your retirement from our Committee, now you can enjoy your stamp collecting.

Thanks also to Mike Kouwen, Glen Stafford all the Organising Committee members and volunteers for their hard work in putting WA on the international stamp map with Perth 2023 National Stamp Exhibition in November. I believe the show was a great success and well attended. Congratulations to all exhibitors. Unfortunately, health issues stopped me from helping.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy, healthy stamping New Year.

Kind regards,

Mel Peachey

President

Christmas Awards

The PSWA's Christmas meeting was held on 19 December 2023 at Philatelic House. In line with tradition, the winners of the Hooker Shield, the Ross Wood Trophy and other trophies were announced.

The Hooker Shield is a one frame (16 sheet) competition submitted at the November meeting and exhibited at the Christmas meeting of the PSWA, in any of the following categories:

- Traditional
- Postal History
- Thematic
- Other

For 2023, the Hooker Shield was won by Dr Bruce Haynes.

The Ross Wood Trophy was won by Andrew Watson. It recognises the Best Exhibit at a Society meeting during the year.

The Frank Hedges Trophy was Awarded to Paul Holman. The trophy recognises the greatest contribution made by a PSWA member towards furthering the aims of the PSWA during the year.

The other trophy awarded during the year was the Les King Trophy – won by Dr Bruce Haynes.

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2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM was held on 19 December last year at Philatelic House, Lord Street, Perth. The AGM was deferred to the December date (due to the lack of a quorum at the scheduled 21 November date).

Office Bearers – 2024

The PSWA Office Bearers for 2024, elected or appointed at the AGM were:

President:	Mr Mel Peachey
Vice President:	Mr George Morris
Secretary:	Mr Gavin Woodward
Treasurer:	Mr Nigel Rainford
Committee Member:	Mr Roger Cumming
Committee Member:	
Committee Member:	Mr Paul Holman
Committee Member:	Mr Mark Leaman
Immediate Past President:	Mr Andrew Watson
Appointed positions were:	
Circuit Secretary:	Mr George Morris
Librarian:	Mr Mark Leaman
New Member Officer:	Vacant
Stamp Hinges Editor:	Mr David Mazitelli
Auction Catalogue:	Mr Paul Holman
Auctioneer:	Mr Terry Finlayson
Webmaster:	Mrs Johanna Stafford
Publicity Officer:	Vacant

Membership Fees

The AGM at its December meeting, agreed to make no changes to the membership fees for 2024.

Single Membership:	\$25.00
Family Membership:	\$35.00
Junior Membership: (under 18 years)	\$2.00

Membership fees fall due on 1 January 2024.

Payment is now due.

2024 Syllabus

1. PSWA General Meetings: held on the third Tuesday evening of each month, at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street, Perth.

Circuit sheets are available from 7.00 pm. A sale-by-tender is held at each meeting.

2. The Philatelic Forum: held at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of each month except January at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street.

The Forum promotes philatelic exhibiting. Each meeting includes a “Displaying Tips” segment. See page 3 for the 2023 Syllabus.

3. Library Night: held at 6.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except January at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street.

4. The Daytime Stamp Club: held at 1.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month, except January, at the Scout Hall, 399 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco.

Display, quiz, talk and a sale-by-tender are part of the program of each meeting.

5. Club Library Day: held from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the first Saturday of the month at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street, Perth.

Note: A full copy of the 2024 Syllabus will be forwarded with Membership Fee receipts.

PSWA Club Events – 2024

Event	Date	Venue
Stamp Event	28 January	South Perth
Stamp-It	18 February	Cannington
Stamp Mart	26 May	South Perth
Stamp Event	23 June	South Perth
Stamp-It	25 August	South Perth
Stamp Show	December	TBA

Check the PSWA website for event updates:

<https://www.pswa.asn.au/>

Perth 2023 National Stamp Exhibition

Perth 2023 was the first National Stamp Exhibition held in Perth in over a decade. The level of support apparent from exhibitors, dealers, the Western Australian stamp clubs, collectors and the general public was exemplary.



The Deputy Lord Mayor of Perth, Clyde Bevan, officially opening Perth 2023

Some 600 frames were exhibited with international entries from the UK, Pakistan, Dubai, New Zealand, Sweden, and Sri Lanka. All states of Australia were represented by exhibitors, along with the Australian Capital Territory.



Exhibition Hall – Perth 2023 – Gloucester Park

The effort in setting up the frames was a very testing exercise and a credit to the volunteers who undertook the very hard work.

The mounting of the exhibits in the frames was, in the main, left to the exhibitors themselves – many of whom had never mounted their display at an exhibition previously. A steep learning curve was successfully ascended. Volunteers were hard-pressed.

Twenty-five international, national and Western Australian dealers took stands over the four days and, by all accounts, did a brisk business.

Again, the volunteers worked very hard bringing in the dealers' stock from the No 16 carpark, down a difficult ramp and up again into the second-floor dealers' area.

According to Ian Culshaw, the two outstanding stock movements were the shifting of 1.5 tonnes of Royal Australian Mint coinage into place, and then another 1.5 tonnes of philatelic stock for Pittwater Philatelic Service, which had been brought over to Perth in a well-travelled four-wheel drive Prado and trailer. John Pearson, the principal of Pittwater Philatelic Service was very appreciative of the untiring work of the volunteers.

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SMITS STAMPS & COINS

A collage of images showing a stamp shop interior, various stamps, and a 50th Anniversary banner.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mickel began serving collectors in 1973 working in his family's business. He specialises in the classic to the most modern Australian stamps and provides a range of Commonwealth. He also trades in coins and banknotes of Australia and the World and carries a comprehensive range of albums and accessories.

Located in London Court, the historic 'Elizabethan Tudor-style' shopping arcade that extends from the Hay Street Mall to St Georges Terrace, we are situated in the centre of the arcade, Suite 12A, Stairwell B.

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A small logo for Renniks Stamps of Australia, featuring a stylized map of Australia and the text 'RENNIKS STAMPS OF AUSTRALIA'.

Mickel is the new editor of Renniks Stamps of Australia

A small logo for the Australian Philatelic Trade Association (APTA), featuring a stylized map of Australia and the text 'APTA'.

The Australia Post stand was a particular point of attraction with its broad range of material and limited-edition bargains. The AP queues were long on all days as collectors waited patiently for the appointed time to arrive when they could purchase the limited editions at the best price.



Perth 2023 - The APO queue patiently waiting for the appointed hour on Friday 3 November

Bikes and radios were also on display and both attracted attention – especially the collection of Postal bikes from a bygone era, organised by George Morris.



WA Historical Cycle Club's display of Postal bikes at Perth 2023

November 2023 marked the Centenary of radio broadcasting in Australia. This historical occasion was marked at Perth 2023 with an interesting display of antique radio equipment courtesy of Norbert's TV Service (Mandurah).



The Norbert's TV Service (Mandurah) display of antique radio receivers at Perth 2023

The radio image on the Centenary of Public Broadcast Radio stamp is of the iconic AWA Fridge Radio model 520M or 521M from 1949-50.



The \$1.20 Radio Centenary stamp carrying the image of the AWA Fridge Radio model and bearing a Perth 2023 National Stamp Exhibition commemorative cancel

The final meeting of the Organising Committee was held at Philatelic House on Monday 18 December 2023.

Canadian Precancels

- Charlie Braekevelt

When adhesive postage stamps came into use in 1840, every letter was cancelled by hand to prevent the stamps from being used again.

While hand cancelling was possible in small post offices that handled low volumes of mail, at some time in the mid to late 1800s, postal clerks in busy post offices unofficially started 'precancelling' sheets of stamps by drawing bars across the stamps before they were sold to save some time after the stamps were placed on letters.

It is impossible to determine when the Post Office noticed this practical idea, but by the late 1880s, Canada officially sanctioned the practice and began printing cancelling bars on full sheets of stamps for use by mass mailers, who could save the postal system time and effort by using precancels and delivering the stamped mail ready for sorting.

The Post Office typically offered an incentive in the form of a reduced price for precancelled stamps in volume.

Precancels could not be purchased by the general public and indeed the user had to be registered.

Precancels were only for second, third and fourth-class mail; printed matter, newspapers and periodicals, and parcels.

At the beginning, and lasting for about 15 years, Canadian precancels consisted of parallel straight lines or a wavy line between two parallel lines. Fig 1.



Fig 1

In the early 1900s plates were made showing the name of the town and province which indicated the city of origin (City Types). Fig 2.

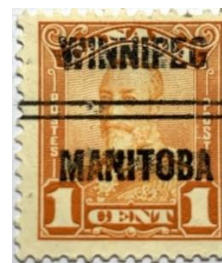


Fig 2

One specific issue, overprinted with 'For Third Class Matter Only', first seen in 1907, broke this pattern of City Types, and was probably issued to determine how much precancelled mail went third class; their period of use was comparatively short. Fig 3. The example is also an inverted precancel.



Fig 3

While the low value definitive stamps were most commonly precancelled, a few examples of commemorative stamps being precancelled are available. Fig 4.



Fig 4

In the early 1930s the City Types were replaced by the 'Numeral' Types, which used the Post Office number in the 'Money Order Office Number System'. Fig 5.



Fig 5

Beginning with the King George VI War Effort issue of 1942, only Bar Types were used which gave no indication as to the Post Office of origin. This continued into the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Fig 6.



Fig 6

Specialist collectors of Canadian precancelled stamps have found much to collect as they studied the number and width of the bars, the space between the bars and, in the case of the early wavy line precancels, the distance between peaks of the wave.

With the introduction of 'tagging' in the early 1950s and the advent of high-speed optical cancelling machines in the large Post Offices, huge volumes of letters could be cancelled very quickly and the use of precancels no longer offered a time saving; the Post Office stopped using them in 1977, thus ending a practice that lasted for just under 100 years.

Library Notes

Library Day was abuzz with activity on 2 December with a good dozen and a half PSWA members and guests from other clubs making use of the facilities at Philatelic House to research their collections, discuss finer points of philately, exchange material and generally catch up over a cup of coffee and a salad roll.

Library Day - the first Saturday of each month, including January - is a great opportunity to meet with fellow PSWA members. Mark Leaman always has the doors open by 10.00am.

Welcome New Members

Mr John Gleeson is the PSWA's newest member. John came along to Library Day in December and was so impressed with what he saw, he joined up immediately. John collects Australia.

Welcome John.

Daytime Stamp Club

The Daytime Stamp Club met on ten occasions during 2023 with the last meeting of the year being held on Thursday 7 December.

Gavin Woodward, the convenor of the Daytime Stamp Club, took the opportunity at the December meeting to thank those in attendance for their support and interest during the year.

Gavin especially thanked Pat for her efficiency at organising the afternoon teas; John McPhee for his consummate ability to move the Sale by Tender items through at a brisk and knowledgeable rate; the pencillers – Mark Leaman and Ross Edwards – for their accuracy and good humour; the vendors who made their material available through the Sale by Tender system; and, Penny Wells and all the people who presented their exhibits for the enjoyment of members during the year.

Glen Stafford (Secretary, Western Australian Philatelic Council Inc) was in attendance and presented his early assessment of the outcomes of the Perth 2023 National Stamp Exhibition and Coin Show. He said all the dealers were very pleased with their results by the end of the Sunday session.

He also commented on the compliments the interstate and international visitors and participants proffered on the arrangements that were put in place by the Organising Committee. He mentioned the challenging work undertaken by the judges, who had the very difficult task of assessing the high-quality exhibits, and providing relevant feedback to the exhibitors. Glen thanked those members of the Daytime Stamp Club (and the PSWA more broadly) who had volunteered their time, expertise and effort to help make Perth 2023 a success. He indicated, on current figures, the WAPC is hopeful of achieving a small surplus in terms of the net financial outcome for the event.

Following the formalities, members enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas afternoon tea.

The next meeting of the Daytime Stamp Club will be held on the first Thursday of February 2024 (Thursday 1 February 2024), there being no meeting in January.

Western Australian Stamps for Official Use

Extract from Trevor Lacy's presentation and display at the November meeting of PSWA.

When the Commonwealth took control of all the post offices in all the states the franking system was abolished from 30 June 1902 in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act (1901). An immediate concern facing government departments was how to prevent illicit trafficking in stamps.

On 21 October 1902 the Prime Minister directed State Deputy Postmasters General to requisition stamps perforated OS for Departmental use. It was nearly two years before supplies were received in Western Australia.

Meanwhile, the Western Australian Health Department and the Public Works initiated their own precautions. The Health Department introduced a "Medical" rubber handstamp and the Public Works used a PWD imperforator.

The background to the Health Department's initiative related to the fact that by 25 May 1895 there were 30 cases of Typhoid in the Cue hospital and 50 in Geraldton. Recovery expectancy was 65% and conditions were even worse in the Eastern Goldfields.

The large increase in population due to the goldrush, poor sanitation, along with the introduction of the Typhoid germ caused a Typhoid epidemic to sweep through the State.

At that stage little was known about its transmission, cause or cure. Public fear of the unknown was so great that the government subsequently ordered certain hospitals to be isolated and others to overprint the stamps they used "Medical" in an effort to isolate or pin-point the exact spot from which the germ was coming.

The "Medical" overprint is found on stamps used as far apart as Perth, Carnarvon, Kalgoorlie, Kookynie,

Katanning, Southern Cross and Albany. Its use terminated in 1904.

The standard "Medical" overprint was placed diagonally across the stamp. However, significant variations exist. Trevor presented an example of a vertical overprint (Fig 1); the only one known.



Fig 1

A very rare diagonal double overprint was also displayed (fig 2). Again, the only one known.



Fig 2

In response to the Prime Minister's October 1902 direction, the State Government applied for permission to perforate stamps with the letters WA for use in all its departments.

This initiative was approved in June 1903. Subsequently, OS officials were issued in October 1904 and remained in use until 1914.

King Charles III Combined Coronation and Birthday Issues

Australia Post released three stamps on 1 November 2023 – one celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and two celebrating his 75th birthday. Both were highly regarded by those who collect Royalty. This was a limited-edition issue.

As Australia Post writes in Stamp Bulletin No 386, *“The crowning of a sovereign is an ancient ceremony steeped in tradition and consists of the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture and crowning, the enthronement and the homage. The King made the solemn vow to serve God, and the people of the nations within the realms”*.



The 2023 \$1.20 Coronation Commemorative
(Image courtesy of Australia Post)

While there was some uncomplimentary commentary amongst the stamp community and monarchists in general, about the delay in issuing an Australian stamp recognising the Coronation of King Charles III, the end product, when it finally arrived, has been highly regarded.

The total number issued is unknown. However, Australia Post has been quoted as advising it is a limited edition.

The full gamut of Australia Post's products accompanied the issue. A Minisheet, a first Day Cover (gummed), a First Day Cover with Minisheet, a Maxicard, a sheetlet, a special sheetlet pack

and a Medallion Cover made up the range of material celebrating the Coronation. All up cost tallied to \$63.60.

In addition, a hybrid concertina pack was produced combining both the Coronation stamp and the two King's Birthday issues.

King's Birthday

King Charles' 75th birthday was celebrated on 14 November 2023.

Two stamps, both with face value of \$1.20, were issued in celebration. The first comprised an image King Charles as a youth on arrival in Sydney to attend Geelong Grammar School's Timbertop campus in Victoria in 1966.



\$1.20 Timbertop bound - 1966
(Image courtesy Australia Post)

The second captures a 2018 image of King Charles seated at his desk in the Garden Room at Clarence House, London (not Clarendon House, as Australia Post asserts).



Clarence House, Garden Room – 2018
(Image courtesy Australia Post)

2023 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the PSWA was held on 19 December 2023 at Philatelic House, East Perth. The AGM scheduled for November had to be deferred to the December Christmas meeting due to the lack of a quorum at the November meeting.

The Committee for 2024 was finalised. The Office Bearers and Appointed Positions for 2024 are outlined at Page 2. The President thanked the outgoing Committee.

President's Report for 2023

Mel Peachey tabled and spoke to his report for the 2023 year as follows:

“It has been another busy and successful year for PSWA having hosted three main stamp shows which have contributed to keeping the Club stable. Presently, we have good membership numbers but sadly we have had to farewell a few of our members this year. However, I am happy to welcome some new members to our Club.

I would like to thank all Committee members and volunteers for all their hard work during the year especially Secretary Gavin Woodward, Treasurer Nigel Rainford, Librarian Mark Leaman, Exchange Secretary George Morris, Editor David Mazitelli for regular editions of Stamp Hinges and for technical support from Paul Holman at all our auctions, also thank you to Terry Finlayson for being our auctioneer.

After a long and varied role in a number of positions on the Committee, John Dibiase is retiring from our Committee. John, I thank you so much for all your hard work and commitment to PSWA over the years and all your assistance and knowledge which you have shared willingly to myself and other collectors.

Finally, as I start my last year as President, I thank you for all your support and hard work. I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, followed by a healthy, happy and safe 2024 with plenty of stamp events to come.”

Mel Peachy
President

Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2023

Nigel Rainford tabled and spoke to his 2023 Financial Report. The report follows:

“The *Statements of Profit & Loss* and *Financial Position* are presented to the AGM, having been reviewed by the Society's Auditor, Mr Brian Austin. Printed copies are available on the front table for Members to view. The statements summarise the finances for the year ending 30 June 2023.

In revenue terms 2022-23 was a successful year, despite the Society still being reduced to a program of four major auctions, following the loss of the Swan River Stamp Show. Fortunately, this show returned in 2023-24, as a one-off event in July this year, at Gloucester Park.

The Society's ability to consolidate and improve its reserves has been supplemented, on an on-going basis, from other revenue sources, over the last four years. Sales of donated and purchased philatelic inventory and donations from the 'Stamp Event' convenors, have allowed the Society to cover the potential auction revenue downturn. These alternative avenues of income are thanks to the efforts of Mark Leaman, Mel Peachey and others.

In rounded terms operating revenue and expenditure in 2022-23 were ~\$75.5K and ~\$61.5K respectively, resulting in an operating surplus of ~\$14K, compared to ~\$10.5K in 2021-22. Capital asset purchases and sales totalled ~\$3.7K and ~\$3.2K respectively, from the purchase and sale of philatelic inventory, library books and journals. Some inventory remained on hand for subsequent sale.

Overall, cash assets increased by ~\$13.5K to ~\$80K. This result continues an improving trend in the Society's financial position, with which to counter anticipated future property costs. After allowing for depreciations, contingencies, debtors and liabilities, total asset value increased by ~\$12K to ~\$388K; the majority of which is held in the depreciated value of this property, at ~\$302.5K.

Commission earned on the four major auctions and monthly club auctions totalled ~\$6K (~\$6.5K in 2021-22); contributing ~43% (~62% in 2021-22) of the Society's operating surplus. The Committee encourages members to continue to support these

auctions, both as vendors and bidders. As Treasurer, I would like to thank the small, but loyal band of volunteers who make the auctions possible.

A proportion of the Society's revenue and expenditure was derived from the ownership, operation and leasing out of these premises. During the 2022-23 the property generated ~20.5% (~21.5% in 2021-22) of the Society's operating revenue at ~\$15.5K and incurred ~20% (also ~20% in 2021-22) of the Society's operating expenditure at ~\$12.5K; resulting in an operating surplus of ~\$3K on the property.

The Committee recently resolved to recommend to this AGM that the membership fee schedule remain unchanged again, as it has since 2013, **at \$25 for adults, \$35 for families and \$2 for juniors**. I ask that Members support this proposal. If accepted tonight, 2024 membership fees will fall due on the 1st of January 2024 and need to be paid by the 31st of March, for Members to remain financial.

I am happy to accept 2024 Membership Fees from tonight.

I thank the Committee for their support throughout another financially successful year."

Nigel Rainford
PSWA Honorary Treasurer

2024 Membership Fees

Payments may be made by:

1. **Cheque:** made payable to PSWA (Inc) and posted to:
Hon Treasurer
PSWA (Inc)
PO Box 886
Subiaco 6904
2. **Direct Deposit;**
Bank: Commbank
Account name: The Philatelic Society of WA (Inc)
BSB: 066-160
Account No: 11169587
3. **Cash (or Cheque or Card);** handed to the Treasurer at any PSWA meeting before 31 March 2024.

PSWA's December Open Day Auction

The Open Day Auction saw 405 lots up for auction at Philatelic House on 10 December. The number of bidders exceeded two dozen and were fully engaged, to the delight of the vendors.

Starting at a couple of minutes before 2.00 pm, John McPhee kept his gavel working at a fast pace. Bidding from the floor was competitive with a good number of postal bids adding to the action.

By 2.45 pm all lots had been dealt with.

The highest price received for any lot was for Lot No 64 which comprised an "*Assortment of Roos on 7 pages, mint and used*" which started at the reserve of \$60 and was finally knocked down for \$250. Two happy parties, presumably.

Four First Day Covers bearing the 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- and £1 Navigators went for \$100 (Lot 159, reserve \$30); while 300+ Swans on Hagners, also brought \$100 (Lot 129, reserve \$100).



The next PSWA auction will be held at Cannington Exhibition Centre on Sunday 18 February 2024.

Stamp Hinges – a 2023 Winner

The four 2023 editions of Stamp Hinges were awarded a Bronze/Silver medal at the Perth 2023 National Stamp Exhibition and Coin Show, in the Literature section.

Philatelic Forum Notes

The last meeting of the Philatelic Forum for 2023 was held on Monday 4 December after a very busy year. The December meeting was the last meeting with Mike Kowen in the chair. Trevor Spence will take over as Charman from February 2023.

The traditional **six sheet schemozzle** (an exercise in previewing, commenting on and arguing about treatments of future possible exhibits) saw three excellent entries submitted:

1. *The History of Stamp Hinges* (the mounts, not the PSWA journal) – by John DiBiase;
2. *Tramways of Kalgoorlie and Boulder City in the Early 1900s* – by Steve Hoath; and,
3. *Australian Postage Rates for Letters; 1911 to 1941* – by Gavin Woodward.

All the schemozzles were of a high quality, expertly organised and very attractive in both content and display. The award for the most favoured entry went to Gavin Woodward.

Thailand World Stamp Championships 2023, held over the period 26 November to 2 December 2023, saw PSWA's John DiBiase win gold for his eight-frame exhibit: *"The Postal Stationery of Western Australia"*.



The Thailand Gold Medal awarded to John DiBiase for his Postal Stationery exhibit

The medal is a work of art in its own right. Weighing in at 150 grams, five-hundred copies were produced by The Royal Thai Mint, in gold plate over a copper base. Designed by Chatinun Jivaluk and engraved by Nattawut Sangsawang, it had a dual purpose:

- Commemorating the 140th Anniversary of Thailand Post; and,
- The gold medal for the Thailand 2023 World Stamp Exhibition.

All the results are available at the Australian Philatelic Federation's website:

<https://apf.org.au/exhibiting/results/>

The 2024 Philatelic Forum Syllabus, subject to any late changes, will cover the following:

5 February	Polar Class Exhibiting
4 March	How to Score from Research
1 April	World Specialised (FIP) Exhibition (Bucharest)
6 May	Postage Dues
3 June	Title Pages (a Revisit)
1 July	Canberra 2024 National Exhibition - entries
5 August	Phila-Korea 2024 International - entries
2 September	Toowoomba 2024 National - Entries
7 October	Swanpex 2024 State – entries
4 November	New and Revamped Exhibits
2 December	Six Sheet Schemozzle.

Perth 2023 Full National Stamp Exhibition results are now available on the Australian Philatelic Federation's website:

<https://apf.org.au/exhibiting/results/>

There were 23 entries submitted by members of the PSWA to the Exhibition – including Literature entries.

These resulted in the awarding of:

- One Large Gold
- Three Golds
- Eight Large Vermeils
- Five Vermeils
- Two Large Silvers
- Two Silvers
- One Silver/Bronze, and
- One Bronze.

The Large Gold was awarded to Ian Culshaw for his exhibit: *"The Fiscal Revenue Stamps of Western Australia 1881-1974"*. Ian's exhibit also attracted a Special Prize.

PSWA Awards

During the course of the calendar year the PSWA hosts a number of competitions for members. Some of the results are announced at the Christmas meeting, others during the year.

The Hooker Shield

The Hooker Shield consists of an exhibit of 16 sheets (one frame) submitted at the November meeting and exhibited at the Christmas meeting of the PSWA, in any of the following categories:

- Traditional
- Postal History
- Thematic
- Other

There are two elements to the judging of the exhibits; a Judged element and an Appeal element.

The Judged element assesses the exhibits against the following criteria, up to a maximum of 65 marks:

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|---|----------|
| 1. Presentation and treatment | 25 marks |
| Neatness, arrangement, mounting, development and write-up. | |
| 2. Philatelic knowledge | 25 marks |
| Presenting information that lies beyond the basic catalogue | |
| 3. Condition | 15 marks |
| Appearance, based on availability. | |

The monetary value of the stamps is not taken into account. The judges' decision is final. The judging panel comprises 2 or 3 judges who will rate all entries on the above criteria for each class.

The Appeal element carries a weight of 35 marks and is judged by all PSWA members present at the December meeting. Each member (including exhibitors) is entitled to vote. These votes are tallied, treated and added to the judges' scores. The exhibit with the highest total is the winner.

All members of the PSWA are eligible to enter, including past winners (but not previous Hooker Shield winning exhibits).

The Thematic Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the member who enters the Hooker Shield in the Thematic class and receives the highest score of all entries in that class.

The Club Trophy

The entry is to be of between 10 and 16 sheets per entry with no more than one sheet to be used entirely for descriptive text. Monetary value of the stamps is not taken into account. All PSWA members are eligible to enter, except those who have previously won a PSWA exhibit award of silver, sapphire or above. The judges' decision is final.

The Frank Hedges Trophy

This award recognises the greatest contribution made by a PSWA member towards furthering the aims of the PSWA during the year. The award is judged by the President of the PSWA and is announced at the PSWA's Christmas meeting.

The Don O'Loughlin Trophy

All Western Australians under the age of 16 years at 1 January are eligible to enter. Entries of up to 5 sheets on any subject form the basis of the award. Judging is by the vote of those who attend PSWA's Stamp Mart. Entries and completed entry forms must be presented at Stamp Mart before 10.30 am.

The Les King Trophy

PSWA members are eligible to enter an exhibit of 16 sheets (one frame) at PSWA's Stamp Mart including member who have previously won the trophy. Previous winning exhibits are not eligible. Judging is by the vote of those who attend Stamp Mart. Completed entry forms must be submitted by the April meeting and the exhibit brought to the PSWA meeting the month before Stamp Mart, or presented at Stamp Mart before 10.30 am.

The E A (Ted) Barnes Research Trophy

PSWA members who have written any published book, monograph or article that shows a great amount of personal research, or contributes to philatelic knowledge, is eligible to enter for this award. Entries are due at the September PSWA meeting. A panel of not less than three people evaluates the entries.

The Ross Wood Memorial Trophy

The Ross Wood Trophy is awarded for the best exhibit displayed at a PSWA monthly meeting during the year. The evaluation is undertaken at the end of the year. The award is announced at the PSWA Christmas meeting.