

# STAMP HINGES

Volume 59, No 3

The Quarterly Journal of the PSWA

ISBN 0729 6517

1 July 2023



## The Coronation Edition



### President's Message



Dear Stamp Enthusiasts,

We have had another Stamp Mart raising over \$1,000 for the Club. I would like to thank all who helped on the day; our vendors and Auctioneer for making it a successful day.

We are now preparing for our next event which will be a two-day event held at Gloucester Park. If you are able to spare a few hours of your time to help out on either day please let me know, as we will need plenty of helpers.

The Library day continues to remain strong with plenty of philatelists attending and enjoying the day. Also, the Daytime Stamp Club remains strong and well attended.

I am pleased to note we have had some new members to our Club, but we still need to try to encourage more youth members, although this is proving to be difficult.

Once again, I thank all who help to make our events a success. Take care and stay safe.

Mel Peachey  
President

## Coronation Stamps for King Charles III

The Coronation of Charles III was celebrated on 6 May 2023 in London's historic Westminster Abbey in a splendid spectacle. King Charles became the 40th monarch to be crowned at the Abbey since 1066. Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022, on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

While it is still unknown when, or even if, the Commonwealth of Australia, as a Constitutional Monarchy, will release a new stamp to mark the Coronation of the new King, other realms have wasted little time in releasing issues to mark this historic occasion.

The United Kingdom's Royal Mail released a Coronation set of four on 6 May 2023. The new set is the third time the UK has issued stamps to mark the Coronation of a British monarch.



*The Coronation and the Commonwealth; two of the UK's set of four King Charles III Coronation stamps*  
(Cont'd Page 4)

## PSWA Office Bearers and Appointed Positions - 2023

Patron:	Mr Joe Clark
Vice Patron:	Mr John DiBiase
President:	Mr Mel Peachey
Vice President:	Mr George Morris
Secretary:	Mr Gavin Woodward
Treasurer:	Mr Nigel Rainford
Committee Member:	Mr Roger Cumming
Committee Member:	Mr John DiBiase
Committee Member:	Mr Paul Holman
Committee Member:	Mr Mark Leaman
Immediate Past President:	Mr Andrew Watson
Appointed positions:	
Circuit Secretary:	Mr George Morris
Librarian:	Mr Mark Leaman
New Member Officer:	Mr John DiBiase
Stamp Hinges Editor:	Mr David Mazitelli
Auction Catalogue:	Mr Paul Holman
Auctioneer:	Mr Terry Finlayson
Publicity Officer:	Mrs Damelsa Belcher

## PSWA Club Events Scheduled for the Rest of 2023

Date	Event	Venue
22-23 July	PSWA Swan River Stamp Show (plus SWANPEX 2023)	Gloucester Park
20 August	Stamp It	Cannington
2-5 November	Perth 2023 Stamp Show	Gloucester Park
10 December	PSWA Open Day	Philatelic House

Check the PSWA website for event updates:

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

## PSWA Syllabus - 2023

**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.

**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.

### Corrections to Syllabus

The hard copy and the digital copy of the Society's 2023 Syllabus, initially circulated, contained several date errors.

Please note the following corrected dates for the rest of 2023:

- Club / Library Night (2nd Mon)
  - 14 August 2023
- General Meetings (3rd Tue)
  - 15 August 2023
  - 21 November 2023 (AGM)

**PLEASE AMEND YOUR COPY**

2023 PSWA Syllabus is available at:

<https://www.pswa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/PSWA-SYLLABUS-2023-Mk3.pdf>



# Stamp Mart Keeps Collectors Happy

May's Stamp Mart was successfully held at the Cannington Show Grounds on Sunday 14 May 2023. While numbers were down compared with last year, collectors who attended were very happy with the competitive prices on offer.



Ten dealers took tables to display their material.

## The Auction

The associated auction of 633 lots ran seamlessly and some fine material changed hands also at very competitive prices. The box lots attracted a great deal of attention – especially lots 163 and 232 which were full of potential gems for the collector, and which sold for a hammer price of \$15 and \$10 respectively. The two best bargains of the day!

Postal bids provided some additional competition. A total of 40 lots was purchased by postal bids, while 199 lots were purchased from the floor.

In all, the clearance rate for the auction was 38% and the total value of purchases was \$8,268.

## Circuit Sheets

Twenty books of circuit sheets were available for inspection and purchase. George Morris reports that while sales were down, he was happy with the total sum of the purchases made.

## Les King Trophy

There were four entries from PSWA members for

the Les King Trophy. The entries comprised:

*I've Lost my Willie* – Penny Wells.

*Submarines at Fremantle* – Bruce Haynes.

*Berlin Hosts the Olympic Games* - George Morris.

*The 3d Blue Tasmanian Cable* – David Mazitelli.



The winner of competition was decided on the basis of the votes of the dealers who attended Stamp Mart. The winner will be announced and the trophy presented at the PSWA's Christmas general meeting, on 19 December 2023.

# SMITS

## SMITS STAMPS & COINS



### 50<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### WE BUY, SELL & VALUE COLLECTIONS

(08) 9325 3252  
smits@westnet.com.au  
www.smitsstampsandcoinswa.com



Mickel is the new editor of Renniks Stamps of Australia



# Coronation Stamps for King Charles III (from Page 1)

The two stamps on page one - The Coronation and The Commonwealth - are part of a new set of four.

The 'Coronation' stamp depicts a scene at Westminster Abbey during the Coronation when the Archbishop of Canterbury lowered the St Edward's Crown on to the head of King Charles III.

The 'Commonwealth' stamp contains five representations of various activities that are specific to the Commonwealth of Nations: a meeting of the heads of Commonwealth nations, the Commonwealth Games, the flags of some of the Commonwealth nations, trade and commerce, and a Commonwealth War Graves cemetery.

The other two stamps, which reflect issues that are close to King Charles' heart. 'Diversity and Community' and 'Sustainability and Biodiversity', make up the set.



*Diversity and Community (top) and Sustainability and Biodiversity (bottom)*

## Canada

Canada, also a Constitutional Monarchy, released a definitive stamp on 8 May 2023 featuring King Charles III to mark the Coronation of the new

monarch. The stamp continues Canada Post's tradition of issuing definitive stamps depicting the Canadian sovereign, dating back more than 170 years to 1851 when a stamp featuring the likeness of Queen Victoria was issued.

The new Coronation issue features His Majesty King Charles III, as the then Prince of Wales, taken by photographer Alan Shawcross.

The issue also includes a booklet of ten domestic rate stamps and an Official First Day Cover. The stamp is nondenominated, paying the permanent rate for domestic letters weighing up to 30 grams



*Canada's King Charles III definitive*

## The Isle of Man

The Isle of Man celebrated King Charles III's Coronation with a set of 12 stamps featuring a mixture of images of the King and Queen Consort, along with portraits of His Majesty and his Royal Cypher.



*Isle of Man's set of twelve Coronation stamps*

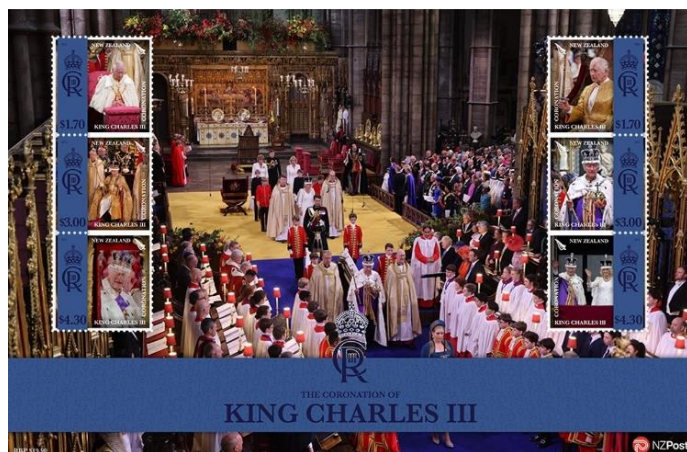


The stamps were issued in April 2023 prior to the Coronation on 6 May and are believed to be the first stamps to feature a likeness of the Queen Consort Camilla approved by King Charles III.

## New Zealand

On 8 May 2023, New Zealand Post issued a specially created commemorative sheetlet of six stamps featuring images from the Coronation.

The sheetlet carries two stamps of each value. Two by \$1.70; two by \$3.00; and, two by \$4.30.



*The sheetlet of six stamps ranging from \$1.70 to \$4.30*



*The \$3.00 Coronation from New Zealand's set of six*

## Bermuda

The Bermuda Post Office issued a \$6.00 Coronation stamp and 1,000 First Day Covers, dated 6 May 2023, for the Coronation.

In addition, Bermuda had previously issued a \$35 Commemorative stamp, in March 2023, to mark the Coronation.



*The Bermuda limited edition First Day Cover bearing the \$6.00 Coronation issue*

## Pitcairn Islands

Pitcairn Islands issued a set of four “Long Live the King” stamps on 6 May 2023, to celebrate the Coronation.

An Official First Day Cover, postmarked Adamstown and carrying each of the four stamps, was also issued on the 6 May 2023.

Each stamp featured an image of the King at a particular time of his life before his Coronation.



*As a young boy*

*Investiture in July 1969*



*Wedding April 2005*

*Opening of parliament  
May 2022*

# Library Notes

**PSWA's Honorary Librarian Mark Leaman has received two valuable donations of reference material to the PSWA's library shelves recently.**

The first, and very large, bequest came from Mr Brian Pope's substantial philatelic library. The transfer of this material was arranged by Mr Bruce Haynes and included a wide range of journals, reference books, monographs, auction catalogues and other material.

The task of sorting, documenting and referencing is a big one and will take some time to complete. Shelf space may well be a critical issue in terms of storing the material for easy access.

## **Japan References**

The second donation was made by one of the Society's new members, Mr Jim Longwood, who provided the library with a copy of "The Postage Stamps of Japan and Dependencies" authored by A. M. Tracey Woodward, along with a copy of the monograph "Forgeries & Imitations of the Dragon Stamps of Japan", authored by W Metzelaar and Varro E Tyler.

Both of these references are now on the shelves and may be accessed during Library Day (first Saturday of each month from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm) or Library Night (second Monday of each month from 6.30 pm).



***Honorary Librarian Mark Leaman with new member Jim Longwood, at April's Library Day***

## **What goes on at Library Day?**

Library Day (first Saturday of each month - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm) has become a very popular activity for PSWA members and, increasingly, for members of other clubs.



***Susan Lally, a visitor from Lesmurdie, works her way through some back copies of the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club Bulletins at the April Library Day***

Accessing and studying the reference material on the library shelves is only part of the activity members undertake as they further their research on their collections. Silence does not reign in this library. It is a Club Day too.

Increasingly, members are bringing portions of their collections to discuss with others – perhaps to swap an item or sell it if an appropriate swap can't be agreed. Others display their latest finds or mount the latest iteration of the exhibit that they're developing, for members to admire and comment on.

Some of our dealer members bring in a range of material to help members build out their collections.

Lots of discussions are had on matters both philatelic and non-philatelic. Tea and coffee, morning tea and lunch provide an amiable environment. If you have not yet been there, give it a try.