



## President's Message



Dear Stamp Enthusiasts,

The year is half over and the PSWA stamp world has been very busy, with more to come in the next six months; specifically, our Stamp-It and Auction on 25 August and Stamp Show and Auction on 8 December.

In addition, the Stamp Shed initiative thrives and will continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

I ask members to turn their minds to our October meeting at which time nominations for 2025 office bearers of the Society need to be submitted for consideration at the November AGM.

It is with sadness that I report that we've lost two of our members in Trevor Spencer and Valarie Creaser in recent times. Both have been valued members over the years and will be missed.

Please stay safe and well.

Mel Peachey

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## Stamp Mart and Auction

**This year's Stamp Mart and Auction held on 26 May proved to be another successful PSWA event with collectors, exhibitors and dealers alike.**

There were five entries from members competing in the one frame Les King Trophy. All were of a high standard and attracted considerable interest. Results will be announced in the usual way at the Christmas meeting on 17 December 2024.



The auction had a clearance rate of 41.5%. Top price at the auction of \$300 was paid for Lot 155 described in the catalogue as "NAURU 1915/37 \*/\*\* dupl ex-dealer stock with values to 1/- in spring stock album. Fresh (100s)".

Postmarks seem to be hot, hot, hot at the moment with Lot 497, Hutt A28 11APR23 selling at its reserve of \$200. Roos continued to do well with Lot 284, comprising some 170 Roos ranging from ½d to 5/-, being sold for \$270.

Full results at:

<https://www.pswa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Stamp-Mart-Auction-26-May-2024-Prices-Realised.pdf>

## Office Bearers – 2024

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 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:         | Mrs Barbara Daniels |
| Committee Member:         | Mr Paul Holman      |
| Committee Member:         | Mr Mark Leaman      |
| Immediate Past President: | Mr Andrew Watson    |

### Appointed positions:

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Exchange Secretary:  | Mr George Morris     |
| Librarian:           | Mr Mark Leaman       |
| New Member Officer:  | Mr Gavin Woodward    |
| Stamp Hinges Editor: | Mr David Mazitelli   |
| Auction Catalogue:   | Mr Paul Holman       |
| Auctioneer:          | Mr Terry Finlayson   |
| Webmaster:           | Mrs Johanna Stafford |
| Auditor:             | Mr Brian Austin      |

## PSWA Events – Balance of 2024

| Event      | Date         | Venue            |
|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Stamp Shed | 19 July      | Cannington       |
| Stamp Shed | 16 August    | Cannington       |
| Stamp Shed | 20 September | Cannington       |
| Stamp Shed | 18 October   | Cannington       |
| Stamp Shed | 15 November  | Cannington       |
| Stamp-It   | 25 August    | South Perth      |
| Stamp Show | 8 December   | Philatelic House |

See page 12 for the balance of all major 2024 philatelic events in Western Australia.

**1. PSWA General Meetings:** held at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start on the third Tuesday evening of each month, at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street, Perth.

Circuit books are available from 6.30 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 of the 1 January 2024 Stamp Hinges for the 2024 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.

## Nominations

**Nominations for the PSWA Committee and Appointed Positions are invited and need to be made by the October General Meeting for consideration at November’s Annual General Meeting.**

**Positions to be filled include:**

- **President of PSWA – a three-year term**
- **Committee Members**

**Appointed positions including:**

- **Publicity Officer**
- **New Member Officer**

**Nominations to Mr Gavin Woodward:**

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# Zeppelins Fly at PSWA Meeting

The June general meeting of the PSWA saw Mel Peachey's remarkable display of Zeppelin covers, leaving all present agog with Zeppelin envy.

Perhaps the most remarkable rarity on display was the Brazil to Perth Condor Zeppelin cover that appears to have been cancelled in Brazil on 25 June (year indistinct).

Many who viewed it conjectured that it may well be the only one in existence. Nobody admitted to having seen another to Western Australia, as a destination. A truly rare piece.



*Brazil to Perth, Western Australia; 25 June? (year indistinct).*

The correspondence that came with the cover had, as its opening paragraph, the following:

*"Dear Sir,  
I received your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> June and I am taking this opportunity in replying by the "Graf Zeppelin" as I expect you do not have one..."*

However, Mel's favourite item was a postcard from the first flight return trip to Germany of 28 October 1928. It comes with a story around A C Roessler, a stamp dealer and cachet maker from East Orange, New Jersey, who had the idea that there should be a USA stamp commemorating the first flight of the Graf

Zeppelin to America, and so made his own by overprinting a number of 1 Cent Franklins and using them on mail that was carried on the Graf Zeppelin.

He was arrested by the postal authorities for his free-thinking impertinence.



*The offending 1 Cent Franklin on the complicit card.*

The reverse of the card shows images of three US Postmasters, which probably accounts for Roessler's arrest. A card with a more mundane reverse and he may have been away free.

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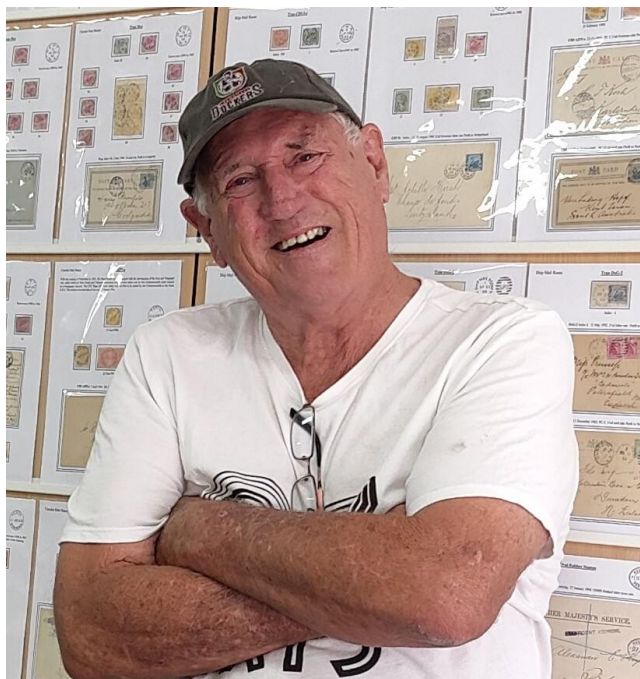
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# Vale Trevor J Spencer

1 November 1950 – 9 May 2024



*Trevor presenting his Gold 'Postal Date Stamps' exhibit, March 2024.*

Trevor John Spencer was born in Subiaco and lived his childhood roaming free in the country around Quindanning in the south-west of Western Australia. At 14 years of age he left school and undertook an apprenticeship in plumbing.

Trevor was a generous man, first and foremost a family man, a collector, a sportsman and a philatelist. He was a committed scout, having established the 1<sup>st</sup> Hearn Hill Scout Troop. He was also a serious off-road racer, competing in his first race in 1979, at Lancelin, WA.

Married for 50 years his wife pre-deceased him in 2022.

According to one of his sisters, his interest in stamps was inspired at around seven years of age by the discovery of a single high value stamp of Great Britain, found in a tin of coins tucked away under a house in which his family then lived.

Later in life Trevor joined the Philatelic Society of WA, the Kalamunda Stamp Club and the WA Study Group. He was an enthusiastic collector and brimmed with the desire to learn all he could about the finer points of philately.

Within a very short time Trevor built a number of competitive exhibits in three classes which he exhibited in local, State, National and International competitions. These efforts were well received.

Trevor was awarded a silver medal at his first competition in 2010 with an entry reflecting one of his other passions 'World Scout Jamborees'. From there he progressed into postal history, developing an exhibit on 'The Type 3b postmarks of Western Australia', for which he won a Silver at the PSWA Centennial Exhibition in 2012. Trevor then focussed his attention on developing an exhibit on the 'Postal Date Stamps of the Perth GPO'. That exhibit was awarded a Large Vermeil in Canberra in 2014 and Gold at the Swan River Stamp Show in 2023.

Most recently Trevor competed at the international level, gaining success in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2022 and, more recently, in Bucharest, Romania, where he was awarded a Large Vermeil for his exhibit of 'West Australia Swans of De La Rue 1871-1912'.



*Trevor's awards attest to his success as an exhibitor.*

A Memorial Service was held on Friday 14 June at Nikola Winery in the Swan Valley in celebration of Trevor's life. Over 200 people attended. The WA stamp community was well represented.

Trevor is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and his off-road racer – which is still in his shed.

# Combination Postage

- Brian Austin

First a couple of definitions:

**Combination cover:** Covers, each bearing (to signify prepayment of postage throughout by the sender) the postal issues of more than one country. They form the contents of many collections. Such collections are often restricted further, so that covers bearing only certain stamps in combination are included. (*Williams, L. N. (1990). Fundamentals of philately, p.20).*

**Combination cover:** A term used to denote covers bearing the stamps of more than one country where the stamps of each country paid the postage for a different portion of the journey. (*Bennett, R. and Watson, J. (1978). Philatelic terms illustrated., p.20).*

Combination postage occurs when more than one postal service is involved and when stamps of different postal entities are used in combination to prepay the postage. Combination covers are those which bear such combinations of stamps from different postal services.



*Hyderabad to Madras, India, 1935 – Hyderabad stamps were only valid within the state so additional Indian stamps were required for the postage.*

Combinations can arise in a range of circumstances such as where one postal service has only a limited range of validity – such as for countries which had not joined the Universal Postal Union. This was the case for many of the feudal states of India prior to Indian independence in 1947. The stamps of states such as Kashmir and Hyderabad were only valid within the

state's borders and mail to farther afield required the additional postage of stamps of the Indian post office.

This was also the case for mail from Tibet and Afghanistan prior to their joining the UPU.



*Madagascar, Moheli and Anjouan combination – adjacent French colonies in the Indian Ocean.*



*Malaysia, Malayan Federation, Singapore and Penang combination in 1965, when all part of Malaysia.*



*1913 Victoria/Australia combination where State stamps were valid after introduction of Commonwealth stamps.*

Another form of combination can occur where stamps nominated for a particular state are also valid in other states within a country. The stamps of the various states of Malaysia are valid within all of Malaysia, so that while the stamp may bear the name of one state, it can be used in any of them. This can lead to stamps from multiple states all being used together on the one cover or parcel.



*1929 combination cover of US postal stationery envelope, franked with correct airmail for Perth-Adelaide by airmail and foreign postage from Australia to USA, but deemed insufficient for US cross country airmail, so tax and postage dues applied.*

The most commonly seen examples of combination postage are on postage due covers. Where the sender has not fully paid the postage, this can be picked up by the despatching post office and postage due markings applied and when the cover is delivered to the recipient the unpaid postage (plus a fee) can be collected from them. This was commonly done using postage due stamps. These result in a combination cover with stamps of the postal authority of the sender and, at the other end, stamps of the postal authority of the recipient.



*Australia-New Zealand combination on first flight cover from 1934.*

Combinations also occur in cases where the mail has been onforwarded from the original destination to another address and additional postage is added for this purpose. This can also be seen on early philatelic airmail covers where combinations of postage are applied for return flights or sections to be flown in a destination country.

It should be noted that combination covers should involve combinations of stamps used for postage and should be distinguished from Cinderella stamps, labels and adhesive cachets that might also be applied to covers. Such items are not providing a postal service and have been applied for non-postal purposes.

Examples of these include use of Lady Gowrie stamps, philatelic exhibition stamps and similar Cinderellas. Lines get blurred in cases of private posts such as the Lundy Island posts of the UK, Rattlesnake Island in the USA and Hutt River Province, Bumbunga and the Xanthorrea State posts of Australia, all of which are providing limited postal services before the mail interacts with a UPU recognised postal authority.



*Australia – Xanthorrea State combination which includes an Australian Xanthorrea State P-stamp as well as the local issue*

Collecting combination mail, by necessity, needs to be on cover or on piece as individual stamps cannot show how they were used.

Combinations are not common and make for interesting usages of stamps from a particular country when found in combination with those of a different postal authority.