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President's Message



Dear PSWA Members,

PSWA has had a very good start to 2025. While there are always challenges that confront organisations like ours, the energy, flexibility and innovation that has emerged recently should give us all confidence that PSWA will thrive as an organisation and continue to meet the needs of its membership.

The latest example is the success of the first meeting of the reconstituted Postmark Circle in February. Off to a flying start. Thank you, Brian Austin and those who contribute, learn and encourage others.

A further example is the very busy program the PSWA has developed for the year ahead. Catering to members' interests is fundamental to growing our Society. It is a stimulating program on offer.

Ian Boulton's very successful Perth Stamp and Coin Show in March demonstrated that there is a buoyancy in the world of stamps. That buoyancy is very encouraging for the future of our hobby.

PSWA continues to attract new members. A very warm welcome to those who have joined with us this year. I encourage you all to take an active part in the activities of your Society.

Barbara Daniels.

President, PSWA.

Postmark Circle Rounds Them Up

The Postmark Circle is back. Meetings are being held quarterly on the second Monday of each relevant month at 7.30 pm at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street, Perth. All interested collectors are very welcome to attend.

The first of the reconstituted meetings was held on 10 February and was well attended. After a general introduction, the gathering considered a range of philatelic issues including postmarks, cachets, instructional markings, endorsements, chops, date cases, slogans and obliterations.

The format of the meeting is a bit more informal than the standard club meetings and there is no auction. It concentrates more on the display and discussion of the material that members have brought along. The format follows a brief introduction by the convenor, any general business that anyone wants to raise, any particular items of interest that members may have brought along different to the topic of the evening, e.g. new acquisitions, queries, etc; and then, an inspection and discussion of the items that have been brought along on the topic for the evening.

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PSWA Events – Second Quarter 2025

Event	Date	Venue
Daytime Club	3 April	Subiaco
Library Day	5 April	Philatelic House
Philatelic Forum	7 April	Philatelic House
General Meeting	15 April	Philatelic House
Stamp Shed	18 April	Cannington
Mini Stamp Fair	20 April	Cannington
Daytime Club	1 May	Subiaco
Library Day	3 May	Philatelic House
Philatelic Forum	5 May	Philatelic House
Stamp Shed	16 May	Cannington
Stamp Mart	18 May	South Perth
General Meeting	20 May	Philatelic House
Philatelic Forum	2 June	Philatelic House
Daytime Club	5 June	Subiaco
Library Day	7 June	Philatelic House
Dollar Day	13 June	Cannington
General Meeting	17 June	Philatelic House
Stamp Shed	20 June	Cannington

See page 12 for the **major philatelic events** in Western Australia in 2025 (as known at date of publication).

1. PSWA General Meetings: held at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start on the third Tuesday 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Postmark Circle: meets on the second Monday of each quarter at 7.30pm at Philatelic House, 40 Lord Street, Perth.

Further information:

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

Welcome to New Members

A very warm welcome was extended by all present at the February and March General meetings of the PSWA to our new members:

- Mr Willy Loffelmann; collects Australia and Territories.
- Mr Tim Pratten; collects Western Australia and Australia.
- Mr Jason Cheetham; collects Australian colonial and pre-decimal and Australian/WA postmarks.
- Mr Hugh Grosveld; collects stamps of the world.
- Mrs Deanna Clark.

The Daytime Stamp Club

The new year started with 15 members attending February's Daytime Stamp Club meeting at the scout hall in Rokeby Road, Subiaco. Penny Wells presented her collection of *New Zealand Government Life Insurance Stamps and Postage Dues for the period 1899 to the 1950s*.

The March meeting of the Daytime stamp club saw about 20 members in attendance. In lieu of a display of philatelic material, Paul Gentelli gave a presentation on the history of the Phrygian Cap and the adoption of Marianne as the embodiment of the French Republic and the incorporation of both into the designs of French stamps.

The first stamp showing the Phrygian Cap was issued in 1849 and, according to Paul's estimation, the image in different forms has appeared 60+ times since then.



Paul Gentelli holds aloft the image of Marianne as the centre piece in the Tricolour

Paul made the point that the Phrygian Cap developed a particular persona during and following the Revolution in France of 1789.

Prior to the Revolution the Phrygian Cap represented friendship and freedom but as the level of violence increased during the Revolution this changed. The establishment of the 'Committee of Public Safety' instituted "the reign of terror". The wearing of the Cap was a means of showing loyalty to the cause and conformity to the aims of the Revolution. Foreigners, royalists, and conservatives were obvious if they did not wear the Cap. Madame Guillotine was waiting.

The sans-culottes, the common people of the lower classes became radicalised and supported the Revolution as a result of the poverty which characterised their existence under the Ancien Régime. The working class, the sans-culottes wore pantaloons, or long trousers, instead of the culottes, or knee breeches, worn by the nobility and bourgeoisie of the time. They also adopted the Phrygian Cap.

Marianne, (a compound name derived from Marie and Anne – two of the most common names in France at the time) wearing her Phrygian Cap was also adopted by the Revolution as the embodiment of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.



Marianne wears the Phrygian Cap

During the Second World War the Vichy rule of particular regions of France strongly rejected the Marianne symbolism – as the 'Mother of France'. Of the 427 monuments to Marianne in Vichy France, 120 were melted down. The Milice destroyed all images in Mairies and Joan of Arc was inserted as 'Mother of France' with images of type: "Liberty, Leading the People".

In modern times Marianne has been reinstalled and put to service in the interests of women's issues, feminism, ecology and environmentalism.

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18th Edition

The World's Leading Guide for Australian Stamps 1850-2024

Numerous new entries, some of which are intriguing if not enlightening, have been introduced to the 18th Edition's Pre- and Decimal general listings along with the overall content having been further streamlined, providing an enhanced, user-friendly experience.

For collectors of modern used, there is a nifty guide to removing those frustrating self adhesives that have micro-cuts within and, for the convenience of traders when buying, the new Annual Collections and Stamp Packs sections also include respective face-values in their content.

The market values throughout have been comprehensively revised, mostly downwards, presenting favourable opportunities for collectors. This is particularly the case for the Decimals including issues of the scarce, post-GFC period, onwards.

As the 18th Edition is effectively our price list, we invite collectors to take advantage and hopefully favour us with their custom (see our special offers in the catalogue) - please come visit or we can mail-order. Thank-you and enjoy, Mike.

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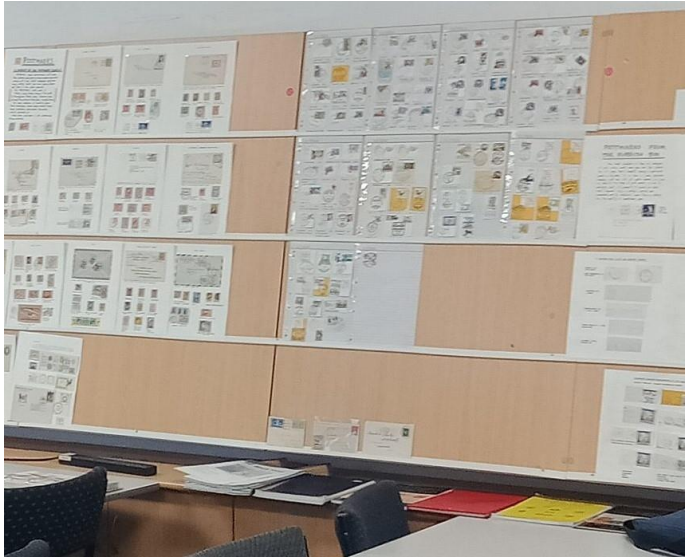
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Postmark Circle....Continued from Page 1

As examples of “Items of Interest”, convenor, Brian Austin, brought along some recent mail from a friend’s travels. One, sent from the Ukraine and posted on 15 June 2024, arrived on 30 January 2025. Another, being a January 2025 postcard from Equatorial Guinea arrived more recently.

To show the range of types of postmarks Brian Austin also presented a number of pages of worldwide postmarks from a display made up for the Postmark Club some years ago. These showed postmarks on individual stamps and pieces as well as covers. He also presented a range of postal markings that showed what could be retrieved from the average commercial bin – in this case covers addressed to a Perth hospital in the late 1980s with CDS, slogans, meter marks, postage paid imprints, RTS markings, sorting marks, etc.



An extensive range of material was presented at the first meeting

Complementing this material, John Dibiasse brought a fine display of material showing the early postal markings of Afghanistan. These featured the unusual



Official tear and hand cancel across tiger’s face

method of cancelling stamps that saw a piece torn or cut from the stamp, as well as the “crossed swords” manuscript markings, and others. It demonstrated a very different side to postal markings.

In the discussions it was pointed out that postmarks are not just circular date stamps but encompass a large range of markings. These can be collected on cover, on piece or just on the stamp, it depends what you are collecting and what you can get.



1875-76 Tiger’s Head, cancelled by ‘tear-off’ and a group of short pen strokes around the stamp (possibly used to discourage delivery boys from removing stamps).

Sometimes, the postmark is common or the stamp is common but put the two together and it can make a difference. While it would be great to get a nice strike on a full cover, sometimes just getting a part cancel on a stamp is all that is available and, in some cases, all that exists.

It is a great adjunct to any stamp collection to have some of the related postmarks of your favoured collecting area. It also fills in those gaps when the wallet restricts the purchase of that desired mint high value item.

Members interested in the collection and study of Australian and worldwide postmarks, this PSWA gathering is for you. No postmark can ever be deemed too humble.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 May 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm at Philatelic House, Lord Street, East Perth. The topic for the evening is “Airmails”. Members are encouraged to participate by bringing any relevant material to complement the monthly topic.

The program for future meetings of the Postmark Circle for 2025 is as follows:

Date	Topic
Monday 12 May	Airmails
Monday 11 August	Circular Date Stamps
Monday 10 November	Military and Wartime Mail

The Philatelic Forum

The Philatelic Forum held its first meeting for 2025 on 3 February with 11 people in attendance. The meeting resolved that Glen Stafford would chair the meetings for the balance of 2025.

The meeting considered three of the Western Australian entries for the New Zealand Royalpex Exhibition and the Sydney (Full National) Exhibition – both being held in March. These comprised:

- Brian Morrey's *Battle of the Falklands* (1 Frame);
- Dianne Saunders' Antarctica (5 Frames); and,
- Glen Stafford's Guatemala Revenue Stamps (1 Frame).

Glen Stafford spoke on the design of exhibit title pages based on a virtual exhibition from India.

The meeting agreed the topic for the 7 April meeting look at the best ways to set out "*The End Page of an Exhibit*".

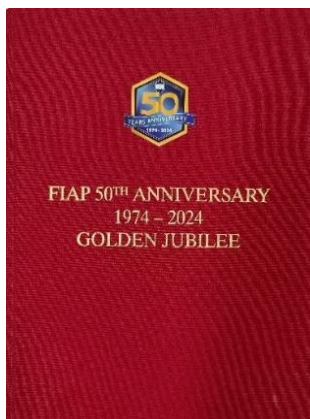
It was noted that **Swanpex** will again be held in conjunction with the Rockingham and Districts Stamp Club, as a one-day event at Rockingham on 3 August 2025. Mike Kouwen will be the Organising Chairman while the Jury will comprise John DiBiase (Chair), Keith Michaelson and Andrew Watson (Members) and Brian Morrey (Apprentice).

The March meeting of the Forum was held on 3 March and attended by 11 people. It was agreed that members would bring a copy of a Title Page and the related End Page of an exhibit to the April meeting to facilitate discussion on the design of **End Pages**.

Glen Stafford was congratulated on his Nicaraguan Postal Stationery exhibit for which he received 93 points at the Uruguay (FIP) exhibition in February.

Two Sydney Exhibition entries were displayed for the interest of members. These comprised Dianne Saunders' *Antarctica* exhibit and Brian Morrey's revamped *Falkland Islands 'WAR STAMP' Overprints 1918-1920* Exhibit.

John DiBiase reviewed the recently published *FIAP 50th*



Anniversary 1974-2024 Golden Jubilee book. A tome weighing some 6 kilograms, comprising 13 Chapters and 658 pages.

The book covers the history and growth of the FIAP which initially started life in 1974 with three member countries. Over the period it has grown and now lists 34 countries as members.

The book includes a listing of all the FIAP Grand Prix winners, of which ten are Australians. John has donated the book to the PSWA library where it may be viewed during the Association's regular monthly Library Day (10.00 am to 4.00 pm, first Saturday of each month, at Philatelic House).

Results from New Zealand Royalpex 2025

- Glen Stafford was awarded 88 points (Gold medal) for his *Bolivian Revenues to 1906* exhibit.

Results from Sydney Stamp and Coin Expo 2025

- Raymond Todd: was awarded Gold (85 points) for his *Airmails of Western Australia*, exhibit of 8 Frames – Class: Aerophilately;
- Jeannine Millstead: was awarded Bronze (59 points) for her exhibit: *Melodious Touch: The Harmony between Hands and Music* of 2 Frames. Class: Open;
- Glen Stafford: was awarded Large Gold (91 Points) for his exhibit: *Nicaraguan Postal Stationery: The Seebeck Era* of 8 Frames. Class: Postal Stationery; and,
- Brian Morrey was awarded Gold (88 points) for his *The Falkland Islands Definitives Overprinted "War Stamp" in 1918 – 1920* of 5 Frames. Class: Traditional Philately.

Forum Topics for the Balance of the Year

7 April	End Page Design
5 May	FDC FIP Experimental Rules
2 June	Thailand 2025 Entries
7 July	Swanpex 2025 Entries
4 August	PhilaKorea 2025 Entries
1 September	To Be Confirmed
6 October	Hobart National One Frame Entries
3 November	New & Revamped Exhibits
1 December	Six Sheet Shemuzzle

Australian Exhibitions for Balance of 2025

SWANPEX 2025 (State)

3 August 2025, Rockingham, Western Australia - in conjunction with the Rockingham and District Stamp Club's Stamp Show.

Entries close on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

<https://www.wapc.org.au/swanpex-2025/>

Hobart One-Frame 2025

31 Oct – 2 November 2025, Hobart, Tasmania.

Entries close on Monday 4 August 2025.

<https://hobartstampshow2025.com.au/>

Australian Virtual Philatelic Exhibition

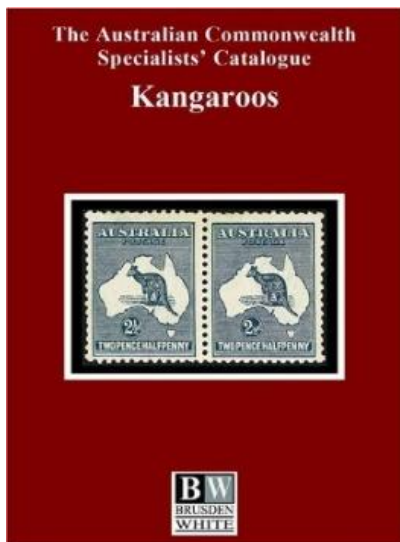
November 27, 2025, to February 28, 2026.

Entries close on 28 September 2025.

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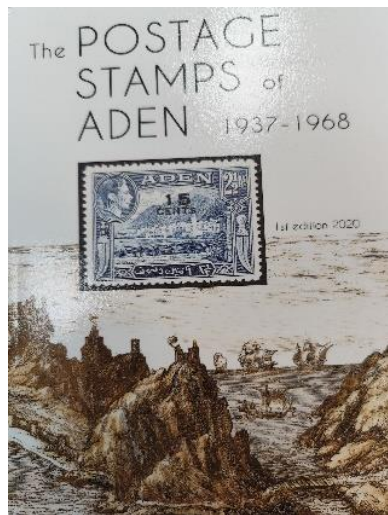
Library Day Notes

The PSWA Library Day program kicked off on 4 January 2025 with a solid attendance for the month of January. Some 17 people attended throughout the day. February saw about the same number, while 16 attended in March.



Mark Leaman, the honorary PSWA Librarian, reports that the 2025 edition of Brusden White's (BW) *The Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue* on Kangaroos (8th edition) has arrived and is available for members to view and borrow. Non-members may access it during Library Days.

The listings have been fully revised, with a number of new discoveries and corrections added throughout the listings, and with new illustrations. Pricing has been adjusted to reflect the current market.



The PSWA Library has also receive a copy of 'The Postage Stamps of Aden 1937 - 1968' kindly donated by Mark Smith of Mark's Stamps & Collectables.

The next Library Day meeting will be held on Saturday 5 April 2025 at Philatelic House, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

\$ \$ PSWA Dollar Day \$ \$

Friday 13 June 2025

9.30 am to 2.30 pm; Cannington Exhibition Centre
Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street
Cannington, WA

Everything Under a Dollar

Vale J W (Joe) Clark

30 January 1931 - 11 February 2025

Aged 94



It is with sadness that the membership of the Philatelic Society of Western Australia (PSWA) heard of the death of our long-time member and friend J W (Joe) Clark.

Joe was a Life Member of the Philatelic Society of Western Australia.

Having joined the PSWA in 1972 he served on the committee as a committee member. He took over the role as the Secretary of PSWA in the 1970s and subsequently served as the President for the period 1981 - 82.

Joe was the Patron of the organisation in the 1980s.

Joe was always a strong supporter of the PSWA.

Joe was on the circuit for the circuit books which helped him grow his extensive collection of Australian and Pacific Islands stamps and support those collectors who use the circuit sheets to dispose of their excess material. He was also a keen whole of world collector.

"I've had a good life"

Another Forgotten WA Timber Mill Re-found

– *Brian Austin*

A little while back I published an article about finding a cover sent from the obscure forgotten timber mill of Amphion. It was with some surprise that I recently found another link to an obscure timber mill – this time the small mill of Tullis.



Section of an old railway map of WA showing stations on the Pinjarra to Boddington line

Located on the now defunct railway line between Dwellingup and Boddington toward the eastern side of the jarrah forest just to the west of Boddington, it was only ever a small timber mill town.

It had a postal facility from November 1938 through to October 1952 when the mill closed. It had a postmark which is recorded from 17 September 1940 through to the close. Needless to say, examples of Tullis postmarks are in the same league as Group Settlements, being quite scarce if not rare.

In this instance it is not a matter of mail from Tullis, but rather, mail to Tullis.



Vermiglio, Italy to Tullis, WA, 13 December 1951

From the point of view of most collectors, it is probably a not very pretty, partly stained cover from Italy. It is franked with some cheap Italian definitives and for most people, not worth a second glance.

It is, however, probably the only piece of inwards mail to this small timber town that exists. To me it is a nice addition to my collection of material related to the old timber mills of the south west.

Australian Virtual Philatelic Exhibition Initiative by APF

The Australian Philatelic Federation (APF) has established an Online initiative which will provide a virtual platform for competitive exhibiting. This innovation will utilize the Internet for the benefit of exhibitors, in Australia and world-wide.

Established as the Australian Virtual Philatelic Exhibition (AUSVIPEX 2025) it shows how traditional hobbies can flourish in a technology-driven era. AUSVIPEX will unite stamp enthusiasts, collectors, and exhibitors from Australia and around the globe by leveraging the power of the Internet.

The first event is scheduled to take place from 27 November 2025, to 28 February 2026.

Entries close on Sunday 28 September 2025.

Title Pages are to be with the Judges by Monday 5 October 2025.

Scans are to be submitted by Monday 20 October 2025.

As a national virtual exhibition, it offers collectors the opportunity to exhibit their philatelic collections online, eliminating the need for physical attendance. This format not only broadens accessibility, but also allows for a diverse range of exhibits to be displayed to a global audience.

More detail at: <https://ausvipex2025.com/>

Sign up a New PSWA Member for 2025

**Membership Application Forms
are available at the PSWA website:**

<https://www.pswa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/PSWA-Membership-Application-Form-2024.pdf>

2025 Perth Stamp and Coin Show

The Perth Stamp and Coin Show, held at the South Perth Community Centre over the weekend commencing Friday 7 March 2025 would, by any measure, have to be regarded as an outstanding success.

It was a very buoyant event. All the dealers appeared to be pleased with their sales over the three-day period.

Similarly, the collectors appeared to be happy with the range of stock on the tables and the preparedness of the dealers to negotiate a very competitive price.



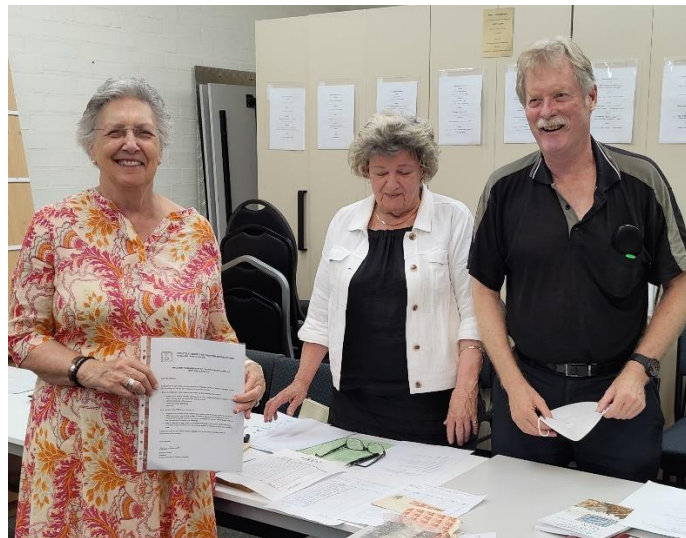
PSWA's Mark Leaman of Mark Leaman Philatelics was kept busy for the duration of the Show. Sue Morgan (Gem Stamps), to the right in the above image, was also keeping the collectors happy with her material.

PSWA dealers attending the Show were:

- Penny Wells of Hyde Park Stamps
- Greg Morgan of Gem Stamps
- John McPhee
- Terry Finlayson of Kenton Philatelics
- Bruce Gummow of Bruce Gummow Stamps
- Mel Peachey of Mel Peachey Stamps and Covers
- Ian Boulton of Ian Boulton Stamp Dealer

Unfortunately, due to cyclone "Alfred" in Queensland, a number of dealers from that state were unable to attend. The members of the PSWA pass on their best wishes to those dealers and look forward to seeing them at a subsequent time.

PSWA Membership Presented to Deanna Clark



Mrs Deanna Clark receives her membership kit and a warm welcome by the President, Barbara Daniels, the Hon., Secretary, Gavin Woodward, and the members at the March meeting.

Smits Stamps & Coins Launches Revamped Website

Mickel Smits, a strong supporter of the PSWA and of *Stamp Hinges*, has revamped and relaunched his website.

It is a philatelic dealer's website with a difference.

It contains many carefully researched articles and considered pieces of advice on stamp collecting - its past, present and future.

One of the articles, "*An Overview of Modern Australian Stamp Collecting – its rise, fall and recovery*" is a must read.

<https://www.smitsstampsandcoins.com.au/>

PSWA Mini Stamp Fair

Sunday 20 April 2025

9.00 am to 3.00 pm Cannington Exhibition Centre
Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street
Cannington

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Plenty of Bargains**

January General Meeting

The meeting, held on 21 January, was attended by 18 members.

It was reported that the Les King Trophy was missing from the trophy cabinet and there's no record of where it has gone. Members were asked to make enquiries as to its whereabouts.

Dr Bruce Haynes kindly donated copies of:

- The Philatelic Magazine "175 Years of German Stamps".
- The Paris Library of Philatelic Literature
- The Stamp of Australia by Kelly Burke. A book on the story of Australia's mail from the 2nd fleet to the 21st century.

These publications will be available to members through the PSWA Library on Library Days.

Mrs Deanna Clark was elected by the members present to membership of the PSWA.

The scheduled display of New Acquisitions and non-stamp displays by members resulted in five presentations:

Mr George Morris displayed Cinderella stamps:

- bicycle mail;
- camel mail; and,
- Coolgardie cycle express.

Mr Steve Hoath displayed:

- Japanese invasion banknotes relating to Australia;
- Examples of Japanese propaganda leaflets dropped on Australian troops and Allies propaganda leaflets dropped on Japanese troops; and,
- Three Promissory Notes issued in the 1880's in Dongara Western Australia.

Mr Ross Edwards displayed items of cricket philately from South Africa.

Dr Bruce Haynes displayed:

- An 11 March 1946 cover from Batavia "on active service" through Cocos Islands;
- A 1916 censored cover – Prisoner of War mail – from Australia to Geneva, Switzerland; and,
- Vietnam revenues up to 2006.

Mrs Barbara Daniels displayed a China jug created by Western Australian artist John Barker of Narrogin produced at the Narrogin Pottery.

February General Meeting

The February meeting held on 18 February saw 21 members and a guest in attendance.

In accordance with Society's tradition a one-minute silence was observed in memory of Mr Joe Clark, a longtime member, President, Patron and friend of the PSWA who died on 11 February.

The President welcomed Mr Willy Loffelmann as a guest to the meeting.

Two Membership Applications were considered by the membership and approved. The President welcomed Mr Tim Pratten and Mr Willy Loffelmann to membership of the Society.

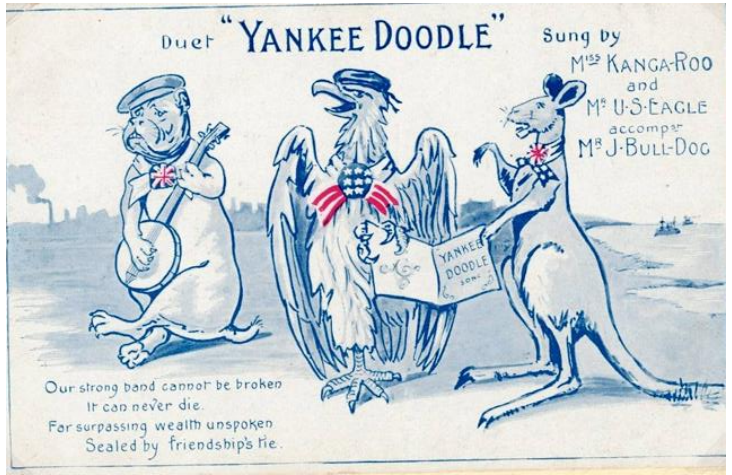
With the addition of Mrs Deanna Clark, who became a member at the January meeting, it was noted that the increase in membership by three within the first two months of the year, was a very satisfactory result.

Mr Steve Hoath presented his **Great White Fleet postcard exhibit** to the meeting.

It was a highly acclaimed exhibit, having been awarded a Large Vermeil (81 points) at the Canberra National Stamp Show in September 2024.

The five-frame exhibit documented the American fleet's visit to Sydney, Melbourne and Albany as part of its round the world tour in 1908.

The hulls of the ships were painted white, hence the name Great White Fleet.

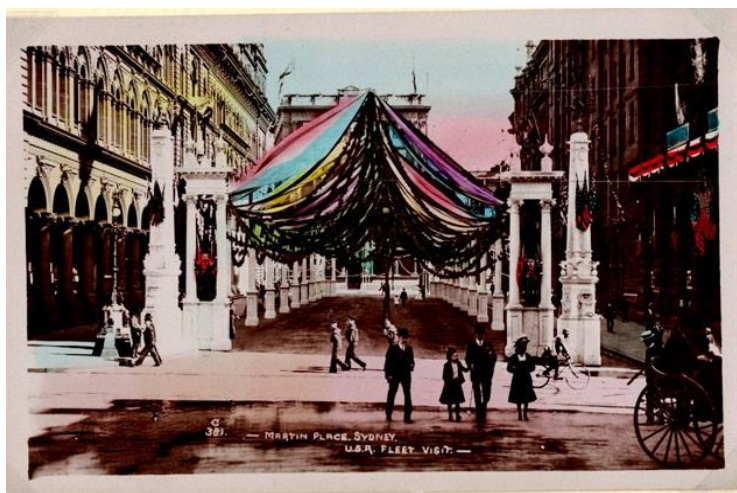


Rare Comical – Yankee Doodle postcard

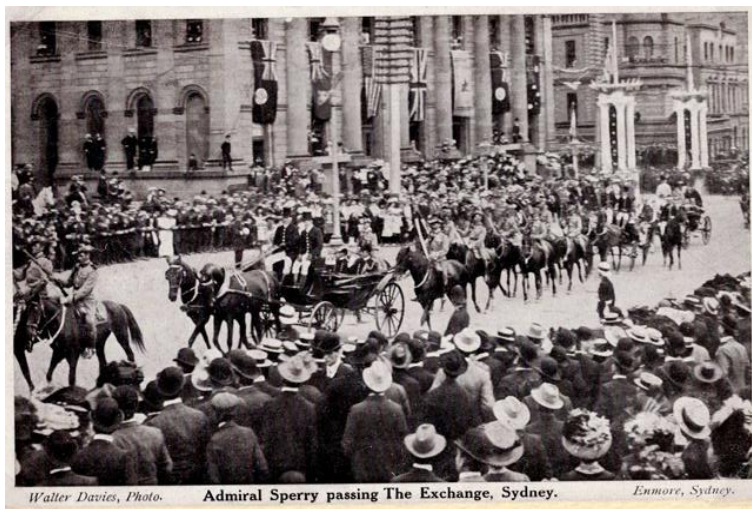
It is estimated that over 500,000 people (many from country areas) turned out to greet the arrival in Sydney of the American fleet with its 14,000 sailors and Marines. A very impressive turn-out given the official 1911 census recorded the population of Sydney as 629,503.

The Fleet was received in Melbourne and Albany with the same enthusiasm.

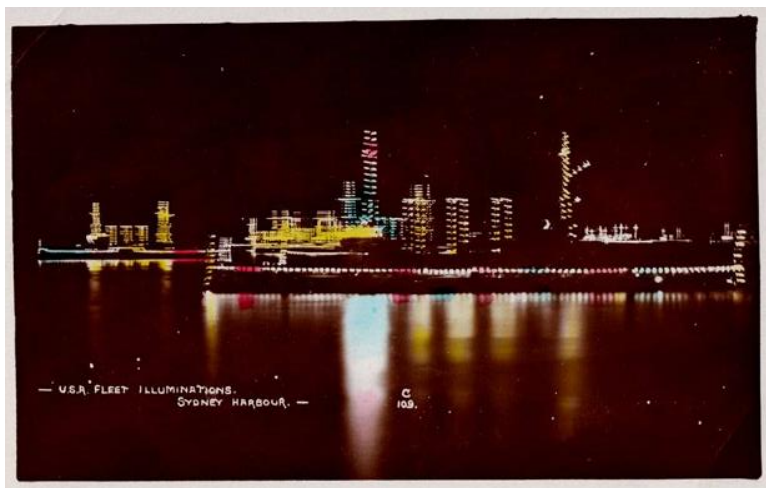
Hundreds of postcards were produced to celebrate the visit. The exhibit presented the range of these postcards showing the various activities and events that occurred in celebration of the visit.



All the cities were decorated - Martin Place, Sydney



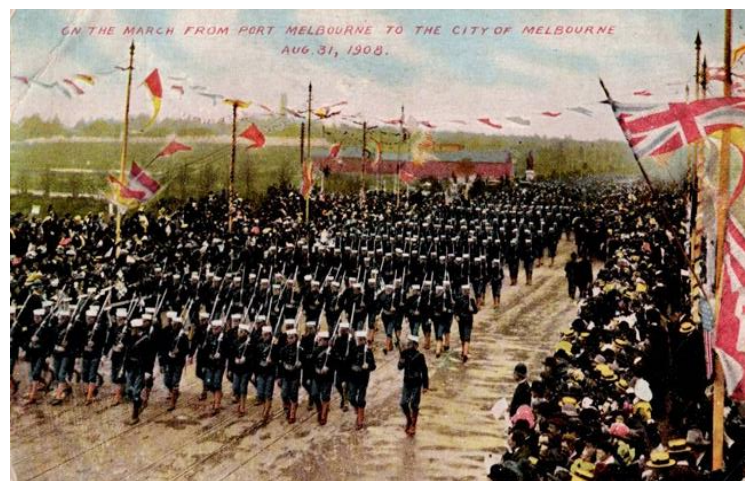
Pitt Street, Sydney, was renamed “America Avenue” during the visit



The Fleet at night – Sydney Harbour

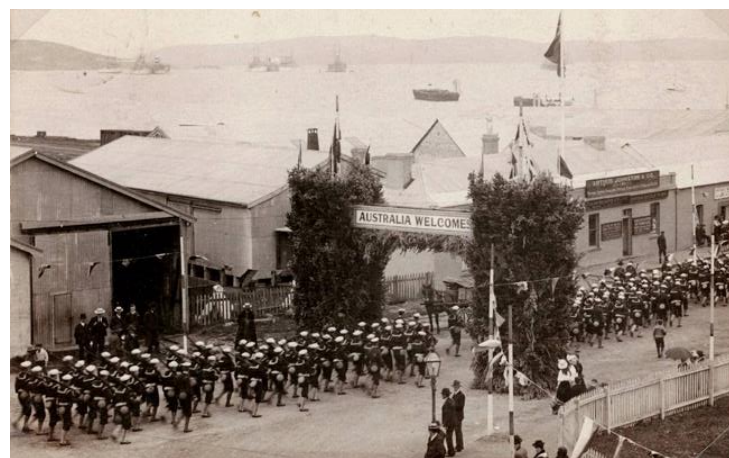


The sailors' excursion to Black Heath in the Blue Mountains, NSW



The parade from Port Melbourne

Albany was considered a village compared to Sydney and Melbourne. The majority of the Albany postcards were produced by local photographers.



The Albany parade during the visit of the Great White Fleet

Companies made use of the Fleet's visit to advertise their products. The Singer Sewing Machine Co., for example, decided to promote its sewing machines by providing postcards on the Australian activity of hunting Kangaroo.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company issued an enveloped set of eight postcards titled: “Kangaroo Hunting in Australia”, printed using the Lithographic process.



Kangaroo Hunting set envelope – very scarce



Card No 1 from the set of eight

The Fleet steams from Albany at the end of the Australian leg of the tour:



The white hulled fleet leaves Albany, 1908

March General Meeting

The March meeting was held on 18 March with 22 members in attendance.

Membership applications for Mr Jason Cheetham and Mr Hugh Grosveld were endorsed. Barbara Daniels warmly welcomed both to the Society.

It was noted that five new members had joined the Society since 1 January 2025.

Mr Mel Peachey advised the meeting of additions to the schedule of events for the balance of the year. It was agreed these will be incorporated into the April edition of Stamp Hinges. In addition to those already listed, there will be a Dollar Day held at Cannington on Friday 13 June from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Mr Roger Cumming presented his collection of the Australian Post Office’s Hermes branding which was adopted sometime before 1929 and persisted through to 1954.

In the period 1929 to 1940 the Hermes design was shaded. Thereafter, the design was unshaded.



Shaded



Unshaded

In 1954, the Post Office introduced a new Hermes series which incorporated either a red triangle or blue triangle into the design.



That logo finished in 1965, but it occasionally pops up from time to time. Roger showed a receipt from the Australian Philatelic Bureau in Melbourne, issued on 27 January 1996, which demonstrated this point.

Major WA Philatelic Events 2025

(as known at time of publication)

Fremantle and Districts Philatelic Society Stamp Auction

Wednesday 9 April 2025

Viewing from 6.30 pm

St Peter's Church Hall

4 Hammad Street

Palmyra, WA

Mandurah Stamp, Coin and Banknote Fair

Sunday 13 April 2025

9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Bortolo Pavilion

Corner of Murdoch Drive and Bortolo Drive

Mandurah, WA

<https://www.peelnumis.org/>

PSWA Mini Stamp Fair

Sunday 20 April 2025

9.00 am to 3.00 pm; Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 10 May 2025

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

South Perth Community Centre, South Terrace

South Perth, WA

<https://www.pns.org.au/events/pns-coin-banknote-and-stamp-fair-7/>

PSWA Stamp Mart

Sunday 18 May 2025

10.00 am to 4.30 pm; South Perth Community Centre

Corner of South Terrace and Sandgate Street

South Perth, WA

PSWA Dollar Day

Friday 13 June 2025

9.30 am to 2.30 pm; Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

PSWA Mini Stamp Fair

Sunday 13 July 2025

9.00 am to 3.00 pm; Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

SWANPEX at Rockingham and District Stamp Show

Sunday 3 August 2025

10.00 am to 4.00 pm; Gary Holland Centre

19 Kent Street

Rockingham, WA

<https://www.wapc.org.au/swanpex-2025/>

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 9 August 2025

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

South Perth Community Centre, South Terrace

South Perth, WA

PSWA Stamp-It

Sunday 17 August 2025

10.00 am to 4.30 pm; South Perth Community Centre

Corner of South Terrace and Sandgate Street

South Perth, WA

PSWA Dollar Day

Friday 22 August 2025

9.30 am to 2.30 pm; Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

ACE Stamp Auctions – Auction No 36

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 August 2025

Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

<https://acestampauctions.com/>

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 10 October 2025

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

South Perth Community Centre, South Terrace

South Perth, WA

Mandurah Stamp, Coin and Banknote Fair

Sunday 9 November 2025

9.00 am to 3.00 pm; Bortolo Pavilion

Corner of Murdoch Drive and Bortolo Drive

Mandurah, WA

<https://www.peelnumis.org/>

PSWA Mini Stamp Fair

Sunday 16 November 2025

Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

PSWA Christmas Stamp Fair

Sunday 14 December 2025

10.00 am to 4.30 pm; South Perth Community Centre

Corner of South Terrace and Sandgate Street

South Perth, WA

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 27 December 2025

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

South Perth Community Centre, South Terrace

South Perth, WA