

Philatelic Forum Notes

The topic for the April meeting was the “Design of Powerful End Pages” of an exhibit.

Thirteen examples were displayed, consisting of the title page and the related end page of an exhibit, each showcasing the conclusion to the exhibit’s story line on a wide variety of subjects.

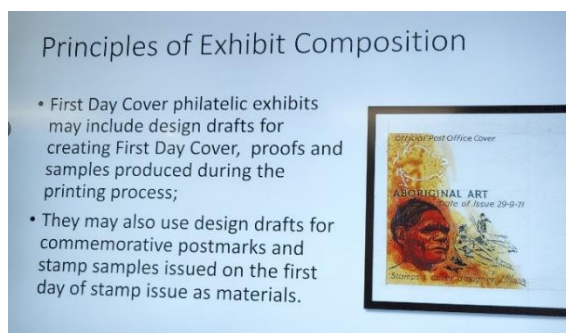
Display sheets were presented by: John DiBiase, Susan Lally (2), David Mazitelli, Ian Culshaw, Geroge Morris, Steve Hoath (3), Jeannine Millstead (2) and Glen Stafford (2).

The meeting congratulated the WA exhibitors at the Sydney Expo who obtained the following results: Ray Todd – Gold; Glen. Stafford – Large Gold; Brian Morrey – Gold; Dianne Saunders – Large Silver (to be reviewed) plus Special Prize; Jeannine Millstead – Bronze (Novice).

John DiBiase presented a review of the recently released *Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia) Stamp Collection 1655-1870*, by Tay Peng Hian AMN RDP (2024). This 4kg tome is of the highest quality, contains 346 gilt edge pages, hard cover and dust jacket case. The book showcases most of the rarest items in Netherland East Indies stamps.



The May meeting of the Forum focussed on the “Judging of First Day Cover Exhibits”. Glen Stafford provided a well researched power point presentation on the criteria required for successful exhibiting of First Day Covers. Glen also provided a set of hardcopy Guidelines for all attendees.



Two exhibits were displayed for comment: Glen Stafford’s *Ghana First Day Covers from Independence*, comprising five frames; and David Mazitelli’s, *A Rose by Any Other Name*, of one frame.

The June meeting topic was the upcoming Thailand 2025 Exhibition entries. Two exhibits were presented for comment; Glen Stafford’s eight frame *Nicaraguan Airmail Stamps; 1929 – 1937* entry and John DiBiase’s five frame Afghanistan entry.

Forum Topics for the Balance of the Year

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 Shemozzle

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

Exhibits must be of 2-8 frames

November 27, 2025, to February 28, 2026.

Entries close on 28 September 2025.

<https://ausvipex2025.com/>

Forum’s new meeting times: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

SWANPEX 2025

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Sunday 3 August 2025

Gary Holland Community Centre,
14 Kent Street, Rockingham.

**All entries must be in the hands of the judges
on or before Friday 18 July 2025.**

Library Day Notes

A group of volunteers, led by the PSWA's Honorary Librarian Mark Leaman, held a Library work day on Saturday 31 May.

The objective of the day was to create more shelf space by removing duplicate and superfluous materials from the shelves.

The store-room, which was full-to-overflowing, was also cleaned out and re-ordered. A big effort by all concerned.

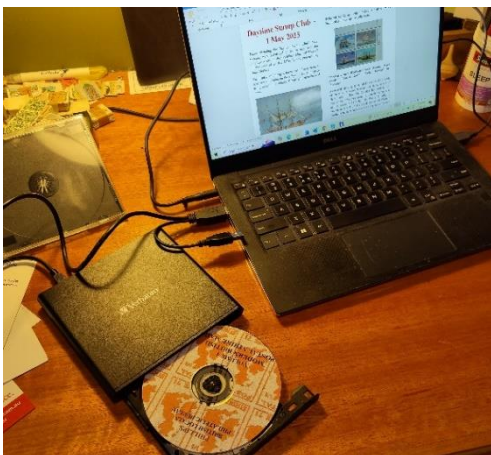


The re-ordered storeroom team

The removed material will be available for purchase by PSWA members at "dollar-day" prices. Any remaining material will be offered to other Western Australian stamp clubs.

New CD Reader

The library has recently taken delivery of a new CD Reader to enable reference material which had been stored on CDs, to continue to be accessible.



PSWA's CD Reader now available for use

Lap-tops and computers these days no longer come with an inbuilt CD Reader. Old technology. The external reader plugs into a standard USB port on members' laptops to enable the downloading of the CD stored material. Members may make use of it during library days – first Saturday of each month, including January.

New Accessions

The following new material has been added to the library's shelves from the Brian Pope bequest:

- Frommer, Tom. Australian Airmail Catalogue (8th Edition), 2008.
- Molnar, Les. Victoria: A Collection of Philatelic Short Stories. (2012)

Members can access this material during library days and borrow for home-study as needed.

Book Review

An oldy but a goody, *Postage Stamps in the Making* by John Easton.

This was first published in 1949 and is still as relevant to collectors today as it was when first published. It contains a wealth of information on postage stamp design, printing, papers, watermarks, perforations, errors, flaws (and their causes) and inks, along with many other facets of the production of postage stamps. The library's copy was part of the Brian Pope bequest.



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

**Plenty of Parking, Plenty of Dealers
Plenty of Bargains**

June Stamp Shed Hits a Record Attendance

There was a bumper attendance at the June Stamp Shed held at the Cannington Showgrounds on 20 June 2025.

Some 35 people joined in the activities on the day.

A particular attraction was the very large tub of on-paper stamps supplied by Mark Leeman for attendees to pick through. It kept four or five stamp-shedders engaged in their searches for hours. And, they all walked away with significant additions to their collections.



The searchers were not disappointed

Immediate Past President Mel Peachey brought in a number of his albums containing interesting and rarely seen material including an excellent collection of overprints from the Balkan states of the late 19th Century, including Bosnia, Thrace, Albania, Serbia, Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Macedonia. The history of these nation states is a study in itself – let alone collecting the philatelic material they issued. It also included a very nice subset of Crete in its independent period (Cretan State 1898 to 1913).



Sue and Greg Morgan also brought in a recent acquisition of Victorian (the State) TPO mail and Victorian “English Mail” cancels for people to study.

A fascinating collection and well worth a look. The material had been thoroughly researched and contained some remarkable covers.

ACE Stamp Auctions' Revised Dates for 2025

Due to both national and international philatelic show attendances, ACE Auctions will only be conducting a single "mega" 3000 lot auction in 2025 before resuming its usual 2 sales in 2026.

If members wish to submit material into the 2025 auction, contact Ian Boulton on 0414 929 235.

The revised dates are:

Saturday 4 October 2025. Part I: 10.00 am

Australian and world coins and banknotes plus medallions.

Saturday 4 October 2025. Part II: 2.00 pm

Box lots, world and Australian collections, thematic and airmails.

Sunday 5 October 2025. Part III: 10.00 am

Western Australia collections, single stamps, revenues, postcards and postmarks.

Sunday 5 October 2025. Part IV: 1.00 pm

Kangaroos, KGVs, pre-decimals and decimals including PNCs, territories plus Great Britain and world single lots.

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

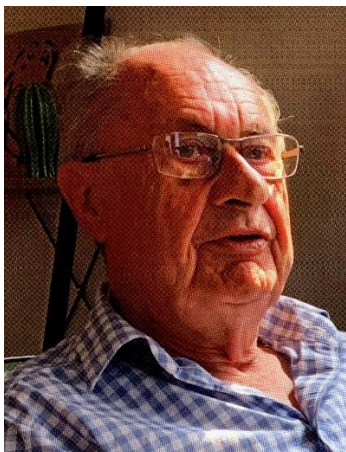
Plenty of parking

Plenty of bargains

Nothing over a dollar

Vale Barry Wilkinson

16 June 1946 – 15 June 2025



Barry Wilkinson was born in Coventry, England, on 16 June 1946. An early baby boomer, he attended Whitmore Park Primary School, Coventry.

He was always a collector. Hornby trains, Dinky Toys, Meccano, model aeroplanes, stamps and old objects were his passion.

While Barry finished school early, he never finished his love of history and of collecting.

Like all collectors, his early interests set the pattern for his subsequent interest in Western Australian stamps, travel, old towns, villages and hamlets. Western Australian ghost towns, their history - postal and social - became an abiding passion.

Barry's family emigrated to Australia in 1958. They landed at Station Pier, Melbourne in 1959 and lived for a short time in at an immigrant settlement in Morwell, Victoria, before establishing themselves in Geelong.

Barry's first job on leaving school at age 16 was with a farm machinery business. From there he moved to work on the installation of electrical cables at the Morwell Power Station.

Barry moved to Western Australia in the 1970s and married his wife, Carmel, in 1974.

Barry was a very early collector of Western Australian postmarks; an interest that was encouraged by Tom Glee who had a stamp business in Beaufort Street, Perth, during the 1970s and 80s.

Barry was a regular contributor to the Western Australia Study Group and the PSWA's many activities from Library Day, Daytime Stamp Club and

all other activities run by the Society. He had a deep and broad knowledge of postmarks and airmails. His knowledge of aircraft of the early days of airmail postage was remarkable.



Catalinas he knew inside out. In his last days at Osborne Park Hospital he was found watching a movie on his television screen about a Catalina that was in trouble during WWII. Very dramatic. His comment was: "That's not a Catalina cockpit, it's all wrong. Just a Hollywood set", and laughed.

And, so it was. His interest and knowledge of the Western Australian Woodlines and the postal system that serviced the exploited workers was equally deeply felt. He loved spending his time hunting out their locations in the bush around Kalgoorlie; four wheel driving along the remnants and developing an intimate understanding of the system.

While he never exhibited via the formal exhibition mechanism, he shared his material with members and wrote articles for PSWA's *Stamp Hinges* for the benefit of others who have similar interests, and for the broader PSWA membership.

Barry had that lovely dry Australian sense of humour. Understated, insightful, laconic, ironic and irreverent.

You are sadly missed, Barry. Rest in Peace.



2025 Stamp Mart Thrives

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The top price of \$300 was realised by Lot No 1, described in the catalogue as: *'KGV kiloware, weight approx. 600 grams mainly low value stamps on paper - 1d greens, 2d reds, 2d orange with a sprinkling of higher values many thousands of stamps'* at a reserve of \$120.

The highest reserve price was \$2,000 for Lot No 238, described as *'French Antarctic; Stock books with Mint collection 1954 – 1997 (Cat \$9,000+')*. The Lot was passed in.

WA Postmarks remained buoyant with 61 Lots listed and 38 sold. Highest price realised was \$100 for Lot No 315 *"1904 MIDLAND JUNCTION 3b index 9 unlisted on pair red swans"*.

There was a good turn-out of collectors with the dealers having a brisk start to the day – although it tapered towards the end.

Penny Wells had had her daughter Chris out and about. It was nice to see Chris enjoying Penny's stall and chatting to Penny's clients and other PSWA members.



Penny, Chris and Chris' carer at Stamp Mart

PSWA General Meeting June 2025

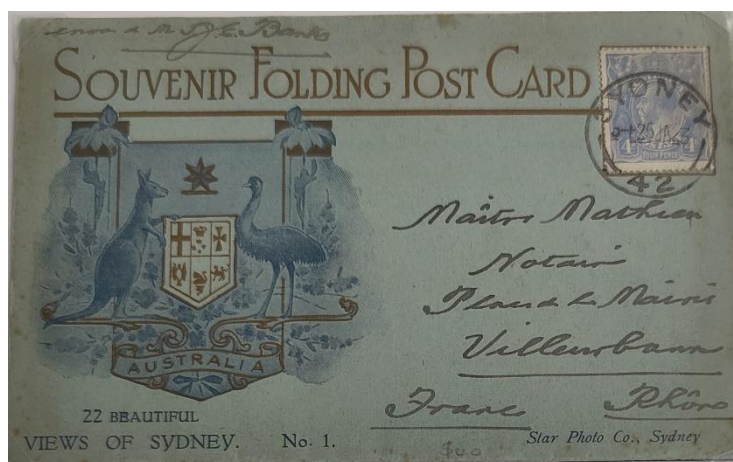
The June General Meeting of PSWA was a treat for those who attended and who had an interest in KGVs – especially the 4d and the rarer items including plate proofs and colour trails.

Greg Morgan exhibited approximately three and a half frames of his "under construction" exhibit, including some very fine covers.

Greg mentioned in his comments the interesting thing about the colour trial for the 4d brown is that Harrison, the printer, was asked to replicate the colour of the 1914 6d engraved Kookaburra in the printing of the 4d brown. Apparently, this proved to be impossible using the letterpress method.



Four KGV colour proofs: "B" brown; "C" bright brown; "D" brown purple; and "E" deep reddish brown with the 1914 6d Kookaburra for comparison



4d Ultramarine KGV Sydney to Rhone, France. Solo franking on a souvenir folding postcard tied by 25 January 1923 Sydney 42 CDS

Balance of WA 2025

Philatelic Events

(as known at time of publication)

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

PSWA Stamp Shed

Friday 18 July 2025

9.30 am to 3.30 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 Shed

Friday 15 August 2025

9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, 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

SOUTHPEX

Date and venue to be advised

PSWA Stamp Shed

Friday 19 September 2025

9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Cannington Exhibition Centre

Cannington, WA

ACE Stamp Auctions

Cannington Exhibition Centre

Corner of Albany Highway and Station Street

Cannington, WA

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Box lots, World & Australian Collections, Thematics & Airmails

Sunday 5 October 2025. Part III: 10am

Western Australia Collections, single stamps, Revenues, Postcards & Postmarks

Sunday 5 October 2025. Part IV: 1pm

Kangaroos, KGV, Pre-decimals & decimals: PNCs, Territories plus Great Britain & World single lots

<https://acestampauctions.com/>

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 25 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

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

PNS Coin, Banknote and Stamp Fair

Saturday 27 December 2025

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

South Perth Community Centre, South Terrace