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20 October

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Please remember that these PHILAS services are provided on a volunteer basis, and these people have numerous demands on their valuable time. Services will be provided if possible, but please give at least two months notice.

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1st Wednesday	NSW Postcard Collectors Society, 7.30pm. (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
2nd Monday	Australian Numismatic Society – NSW Branch
2nd Tuesday	Royal Sydney Philatelic Club, 7.15pm.
3rd Monday	Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club of NSW, 7.45pm.
3rd Wednesday	Philatelic Society of Australia, 10.30 am
4th Monday	China Study Group, 7.30 pm
4th Wednesday	Australian States Study Circle, 7.30 pm
4th Saturday	Philatelic Society of NSW, 2.00 pm

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President's Report: including the Secretary's Report

The Events of 2017

Our Secretary has informed me that all affiliated Clubs and Societies are fully financial – I think this is the first time that I have been able to report this most pleasing state of affairs. It means that our busy Secretary does not have to chase any Societies for late payment and it means you have all received your **Certificates of Currency** in a timely manner.

The past twelve months have been rather hectic. With the arrival of the **Fink Group** on the premises, after buying the top two floors from the Solicitors, at their behest, we have had to bring in a Strata Manager to look after the building, which has increased our costs. In the past, we looked after ourselves, with the assistance of first the Golf Association and then the Solicitors, but this arrangement has now come to an end. You will note that the stairs have been repainted and the stair lights now remain on permanently but the need for that is being checked. We have lost our water cooler from the first landing because fire stairs must be unobstructed at all times. We are now looking at the installation of smoke detectors and a Fire Indicator Panel in the building – our operations do not like the idea of the installation of a sprinkler system in the place.

The time has gone quickly but we have recently approved the proposal for the Lift Maintenance Contract and we will shortly be signing the Contract. The **new lift** has been in operation for twelve months, so the Warranty period has now expired and the Maintenance Contract must begin.

The **House Committee** held the usual three auctions during the year and all three were successful. They have enabled us to continue operating at a profit, but that profit level is dropping. Our expenses keep increasing but our income is not keeping up with this increase. With the recent upgrade replacement of our two printers, we have been able to print, fold and staple the auction catalogues within the printers, which is a considerable saving of time for us as we no longer have to do the final assembly and stapling manually. The catalogues now come straight off the printer and into the envelopes

Lionel Savins



for posting. Much must take place before we can print the catalogue and this is where our **IT group** come into their own and perform the important function of producing the catalogue for the printer to print and assemble.

I know I talk about the need for more **volunteers** to keep PHILAS House operating but natural attrition and age are making their presence felt. We are feeling the lack of helping hands in all areas and those who are with us are becoming overloaded. If you know of anyone who has retired, or is about to retire, have a word with them about us, to keep them busy one or two days per week. On the IT side of things, we need people for data entry for our auction catalogues and we are setting up the system whereby this work can be done at home. This work is most important since the auctions are our lifeblood and provide an important service to collectors. No less importantly, we would love to have a volunteer who would work as our **Publicity Officer**. If you need further information on this, contact Bill Mair, our PHILAS House Committee Chairman and Auction Convenor.

The wall displays at each **Open Day**, held three weeks before each PHILAS Auction, are organized by the **Philatelic Development Council** of PHILAS and are now an integral part of the Open Day. These displays are providing an opportunity for people who have not previously exhibited to show their material to the public and to have it reviewed with the intention of improving it. One Open Day each year has become a **Clubs Competition**, an initiative of the **Smithfield Stamp Club**. As a result of all this, we are seeing a progressive improvement in the quality of the material on show. We are also seeing a slowly increasing number of visitors to these Open Days, which is a very good result. Further changes will see the introduction of **Youth displays** and a Competition in an effort to interest more young people in the hobby.

After many years of “temporary” residence

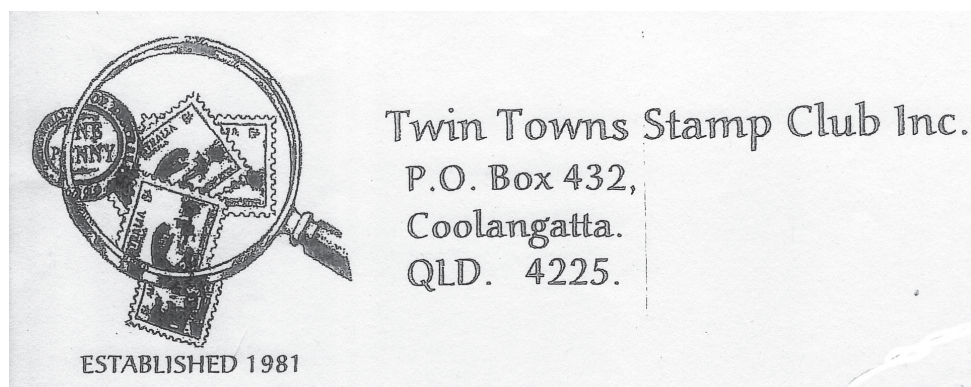
at PHILAS House, our in-house dealer, **Alf Campe**, has left us and is now living in Melbourne, where other members of his family are living. We have not "lost" him completely just yet, for he is still clearing out his office and still manages to put in an appearance at our auctions.

The **PHILAS Library** is continuing to increase its stock of books and journals, and this is ongoing. The receipt of these books, journals and catalogues is from both purchases and donations, the latter being always very acceptable. Most books in the PHILAS Library are available for borrowing by members of affiliated Clubs and Societies, the length of the loan being one month. A few of the more valuable and important books are for research only and cannot be borrowed. These can be used in the Library only. The report from the Library Chairman has indicated that Library usage is steadily increasing.

PHILAS can also provide material for display at Clubs from the range of collections that we have acquired or that have been donated to us. They are listed in *PHILAS News* on page

2 and the list is expanding since there have been several donations of material over the past year. If any Clubs wish to make use of these to include in their Programme, contact us in writing to confirm the date but please give us a couple of months' notice of your needs. We do add to the list of collections available from time to time. We are progressively remounting some of the earlier collections, and the results of such work are excellent. The material is being rearranged to be more orderly and more easily understood, and much more information is being provided on the pages. It may be worth your while to have a second look at some of these collections that have been rebuilt. I must add that we have received a number of major collections that will become available after they have been properly organized for display. Collections are now under the control of the PHILAS Library. We hope to publish a full list of the collections we hold in the *PHILAS News* in due course.

Lastly, I would wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again this year.



Stanley Griffith Award for Service to a Local Club

The Twin Towns Stamp Club Inc of Coolangatta nominated their hardworking and long-serving member, **Mrs Sonia Davys** for this Award.

Sonia has been a member continuously since the club's inception in 1981. She is the longest serving member and has rarely missed a meeting.

Since 2005, Sonia has been the club's honorary treasurer, managing its financial affairs. She is also the primary organiser of the annual stamp fair. Sonia regularly attends club open days, driving other members and taking members' circuit books. She acts as the auctioneer at our monthly meetings and organises the monthly raffles.

Sonia is a stalwart of the Twin Towns Stamp Club Inc and it is appropriate for PHILAS to recognise her outstanding service to philately.

Allan Morris, President

Richard Mills, Hon. Secretary

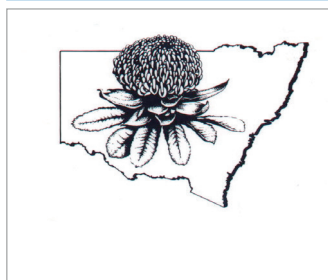
PHILAS Medal recipient for 2017

Jeff Newman has worked tirelessly for and on behalf of PHILAS for as long as I care to remember. He attends and works on the Open Days and their lead up; the PHILAS Auctions including backing up again on the Sunday and following days to arrange the packing and posting out the lots to the successful bidders. He has been a delegate to PHILAS from the Turrumurra Club where he has been and continues to be the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer thus ensuring the message gets through to PHILAS on what the local clubs activities are and what is expected from PHILAS at the local level. Speaking from a private perspective, on the occasions I have called PHILAS invariably the person who answers the phone is Jeff Newman. Jeff is a Gentleman in all aspects of the word,

never has a harsh word to say about anyone, is a confidant to those who seek his wise counsel, is a Philatelist par excellence and it is my opinion and my recommendation that Jeff Newman's name be placed before the appropriate selection committee for consideration and recommendation to be awarded the PHILAS Medal. I would be happy and honoured to provide further testament to enable Jeff to be awarded this prestigious recognition.

Darren Jones

President, Turrumurra Stamp Club



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PHILAS Award for Meritorious Service to Philately in NSW

Mrs Yung Benson has been the Youth Development Officer (YDO) for the PDC since replacing Cyril McCollough on his retirement from the position. In this capacity she has supported the Youth Leaders and youth philatelic events in NSW clubs and societies.

At present there are only two youth clubs – the Sydney Youth Stamp Group coordinated by Lenore Calender and the Orange Coin and Stamp Club Inc where the Youth Leader is Audrey Ferris. During her term of office she has also supported Central Coast clubs and the Sutherland Shire Youth Group. Sadly, these clubs no longer exist.

She is in regular contact with the PDCs Australia Post representative, John Link, who provides Yung with philatelic items for the State's events which include activities for young people. This includes regular philatelic material for the SYSG Open Days and the regular events including school club meetings run by Audrey Ferris.

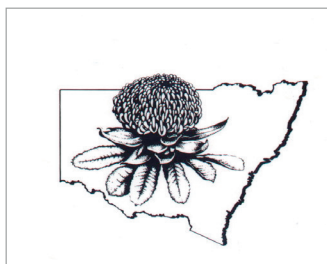
Yung has also been involved in events which included young people. Most recently she led the team judging the SYSG youth entries in the Sutherland Shire Philatelic Society show in 2016. Following a meeting on 23 September 2017 between the PDC and the Smithfield Stamp Club Inc, Yung has taken responsibility for the running of the first Youth Annual Competition to be held at the February 2018 PHILAS Open Day.

Yung has fulfilled her role as the PDC YDO by supporting the youth leaders in NSW clubs and societies and has always been ready to play an important role which have included young philatelists.

Yung is a long-time member of the Philatelic Society of NSW. She is also an Australian State and National Judge and an International Youth Philately Judge. Most recently, she was a member of the Youth Philately Jury at the Bandung FIP International Stamp Exhibition held in August 2017 in Bandung, Indonesia.

In summary, Yung Benson is a committed promoter of youth philately and the PDC is proud to nominate her for the PHILAS Certificate of Merit for Meritorious Service to Philately in NSW.

Linda Lee, PDC Chairman



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016 - 2017

The year under review has seen some major changes for the PDC.

At the PDC 2016 AGM **Linda Lee** was elected PDC Chairman replacing **Ed Wolf** and **John Sadler** was elected PDC Secretary replacing Linda Lee. In addition, **John Pearson** joined us as APTA representative filling the vacancy left by **Danny Jurd**. As Linda Lee became a PHILAS Vice President ex officio, Ed Wolf joined David Collyer as PDC representatives on the PHILAS Executive Council.

We were fortunate in having Ed Wolf as a PDC Chairman for many years as he gave not only a period of continuity to the role but was also very highly regarded both within NSW and nationally as a strong supporter for philately as a collector, exhibitor, national judge and as an active participant in NSW organised philatelic events. In addition to his role as PDC Public Relations Officer John Sadler has also taken over the demanding role as PDC Secretary which Linda Lee held for many years. John Pearson has attended several PDC meetings and provided advice to NSW philatelic clubs and societies on the role APTA can play in their activities. He has also promoted the PDC's activities in the State and National arenas.

At the PDC AGM in September 2017 all incumbents remained unchanged, except that Ed Wolf and John Moore swapped "hats".

The PHILAS Open Days continue to show what people collect using the house "wall frames". The February Open Day is traditionally offered to entrants in a forthcoming exhibition to have their material reviewed by a team of experienced exhibitors and judges. The number of exhibitors taking advantage of this opportunity has been minimal and we are exploring other possible display options. The PDC has been approached by The Smithfield SC to conduct a youth competition, and we are working towards the February 2018

Open Day to trial this event. Smithfield has advertised the event in the local press and the PDC will provide an advertisement for *PHILAS News* and the *Stamp Bulletin*.

The June Open Day featured a PHILAS archives collection showing material from Richard Bates' display of Papua New Guinea issues. Richard had been a contract designer to PNG during the 1970's. There are limits as to how far we can go with this practice, so we are looking for something dynamic to make this day more attractive to visitors.

The October Open Day saw the third running of the Smithfield SC inter-club competition, a very successful event with attendance slightly higher than in 2016. This competition has become very popular and is well-supported by the clubs, with a very wide range of material on display. The competition is scheduled to continue in 2018.

The PDC is seeking to further promote the PHILAS Open Days by encouraging all affiliated clubs and societies to include these events in their annual programs, with a reference to the PHILAS website for more specific details regarding the actual planned display.

Some approaches have already been taken to help young people try exhibiting as well as collecting. Most of the Sydney Youth Stamp Group participants entered one, two and three page exhibits into the Sutherland Shire PS Exhibition in October 2016. As judges, Linda Lee and **Yung Benson** were impressed with the enthusiasm and interest shown by the entrants. The young people were delighted to receive certificates from **Carl Verdich** for their entries. The activities of this group are being gradually modified to introduce exhibiting.

A new youth club has commenced at the Catherine McAuley Primary School in Orange. The youth activities at Orange Coin and Stamp

Club have been reactivated following the illness of the convenor, **Audrey Ferris**.

The PDC in overall exhibiting NSW is certainly prominent, and the PDC is continuing to keep up with this interest.

- Every local, interstate and international show has had several NSW exhibitors represented.
- A meeting of the NSW Exhibitions Sub-Committee of the PDC (NESC) early in 2017 held initial discussions for the next Sydney National scheduled for 2019. *Sydney Stamp Expo 2019* is planned for June at the Hurstville Leisure Centre.
- An Exhibitor's Course is also planned to be run in several sessions during 2018 and early 2019. An advertisement was placed in the September issue of *PHILAS News* inviting participants from beginners, those wishing to improve their exhibits and young people as well, if possible. The closing date for entries was 17 November 2017.
- **John Moore** is playing a major role in the organisation and conduct of *Norpex 2018*, the half national to be held at the Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre, Broadmeadow, from 25-27 May 2018.
- Ed Wolf has provided assistance and advice to the Orange Coin and Stamp Club for a one frame State Show in November 2018. This event allows us to decentralise such activities away from the major population areas – hopefully a precursor of thing to come.

The regular attendance of PDC members at

our monthly meetings is greatly appreciated. Their comments have meant that decisions taken by the PDC reflect the views of all the Council members. It has also allowed us to have a group photograph taken with all members present. This photograph will appear in **Richard Peck's** book, *The History of PHILAS*.

Our Australia Post representative, **John Link**, reports another busy year supporting the NSW stamp world. Every three months, Australia Post makes available 500 maxicard sets and 600 FDCs (non-current, mixed issues) for promotional purposes in NSW. Australia Post also provides philatelic items to assist stamp fairs and events in other states. John Link is happy to provide official Australia Post media releases and images to promote new stamp issues.

John adds that the Australia Post Collectables website has been operating for two years to provide news and information of interest to all types of collectors. The website features more than 130 stories. In particular, several stories will interest specialists seeking details of contemporary stamp design and production processes. Australia Post's e-newsletter for collectors is sent free to subscribers:

www.australiapostcollectables.com.au

Linda Lee
28 October 2017

Sydney Youth Stamp Group

Children's Days with Stamps during school holidays



PHILAS HOUSE
17 Brisbane Street Surry Hills

Workshop dates in 2018:

Thursday 26 April	Collecting topic - <i>Canada</i>
Thursday 19 July	- <i>Great Britain</i>
Thursday 11 October	- <i>End of World War I</i>

From 10.30 am to 3.00 pm

All welcome! Free! Lunch provided.

Juniors 7 - 11 years of age

Kids themes, competitions, prizes, fun.

Lucky door bags, activities and stamp fun.

You must register in advance on the website: www.sydneyyouthstampgroup.org.au

The PHILAS Open Days

By Ed Wolf and John Sadler, Philatelic Development Council of PHILAS

On three Saturdays each year, The Philatelic Association of NSW (PHILAS) invites the general public as well as all existing collectors to attend PHILAS House. These Open Days provide the hobby with the opportunity to impress the visitors sufficiently that they may join our ranks and start collecting, or seek to join a stamp club, expand their collecting interests, or even to exhibit their material.

Every club and society should include the dates of the three PHILAS Open Days in their annual calendar, together with a note referring the reader to the Philas website for more current information on the actual event for the day. The PHILAS website address is www.philas.org.au.

21st October 2017

Through the persistent effort of Alfred Grech and The Smithfield Stamp Club this year 10 clubs put their best foot forward and entered the Inter-Club competition

The rules of the competition require three entries from each club. Each entrant must do their best using only 8 standard sheets. In this way each of the ten frames comprises one club over three rows to show their talent.

Last year's competition was considered a high standard; but this year it was even better. The entrants one and all are to be congratulated on the variety of their choices. What was on display covered a large range of topics and approaches. For the visitor to the day it would have been an eye opener to see how stamp collectors tackled the task. It clearly demonstrated that the hobby provides the opportunity for individuals to use their skills and talents to individualise their entries.

We have continued with the idea that the public is the best judge of what they are looking at. By encouraging all present to give their opinion we ensure that the largest possible audience views what is on display. It also allows everyone to be involved in the process. We had more than 64 people voting and the results were distributed over all exhibits. The resultant winning club is the one that gains the most votes for its three entries and the individual winner could be anyone at all.

It was very pleasing to see a number of entries from people who normally don't enter for exhibitions. In no particular order the names Carl Macks, Gordon Powell, Jane Wallace, Daphne Martin, Ben Peresan, Robert Layzell, Des Beechey, James MacDougall and George Boski come to mind all with interesting approaches to the art of displaying their wares. Some of the entrants showed their versatility by entering under two different clubs because they are members of both.

The winning club was The Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club with three well scoring entries of 10 for Gordon Cowell's powerful NWPI Overprints, Carl Macks with 11 showing us the flaws on the 3d Kookaburra Miniature sheets on cover and Barbara Hancock with 9 for her interesting display on the retouching methods on photogravure stamps. That total of 30 placed them 3 points ahead of the Northern Suburbs club and 4 points ahead of Parramatta. The highest individual points were gained by Greg Korsman's magnificent entry of Kingsford Smith Flights. A member of the Newcastle club, Greg demonstrated that famous aviator's career through covers such as the Coffee Royal affair, the various flights to NZ and finished with the flights from the USA to Australia. Greg received 16 points, with the next two persons scoring 11 being Carl Macks already mentioned and Paul Storm with his entry of Paris Tubes which explained the pneumatic mail of the late 1900's.

The Smithfield club's representative Alfred Grech presented the Smithfield shield to Barbara Hancock who received it on behalf of the ACCC. It is going to be quite difficult to surpass this year's effort but clubs are encouraged to "have a go" again next year. To all who entered congratulations you have represented your clubs very well and have good reason to be proud of your individual efforts.

The team results were –

Club	Points	Entrant	Entry
Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club of NSW	30	Barbara Hancock Carl Macks Gordon Powell	Methods of Retouching Photogravure Stamps The 1928 3d Kookaburra N.W.P.I. Overprint Forms
Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society	27	Ken Leong Paul Storm John Higgs	Specimens Paris Tubes Berlin Airlift 1948 – 1949 and Subsequently
Parramatta Philatelic Society	26	Paul Storm Dee Collins Laurent Villoing	On Tour The Postman Europa
Philatelic Society of Australia	24	George Boski Daphne Martin Frank Whitfield	Greece Early Newfoundland Germany at War 1939 – 1945

The Smithfield Stamp Club	20	Ben Peresan Alfred Grech Robert Layzell	Italy Autographed Covers Rhodesian Postmarks
Newcastle Philatelic Society	20	Roger Eggleton Greg Korsman James MacDougall	Dr L L Zamerhop – Creator of Esperanto Kingsford Smith Flights Newfoundland in World War II
Manly-Warringah Stamp Club	14	Des Beechey Ed Wolf Graeme Morriss	Postcards from the Valentine Printing Coy Geometry Lesson New Zealand
Earlwood & Districts Stamp Club	13	John Sadler Win Morehouse John Sadler	Australian Rocket Mail Experiments Swedish Maximum Cards Australian Parachute Mail
Castle Hill Stamp Club	12	Robert Layzell Frank Cook Ted Lean	Scouting Aden and States Christmas First Day Covers
Club Willoughby Philatelic Section	8	Laurent Villoing Jane Wallace Darren Jones	Europa and Art Red Cross Salvation Army Stationery

This event has now become a fixture in our annual philatelic calendar, proving to be very popular, thus resulting in the best attendance at the year's three Open Days. The continued improved quality and presentation of the displayed material should ensure the event's longevity. From the votes cast, we also had an additional 6 visitors this year – let's hope that this trend continues.

17th February 2018

For the last few years this day has been reserved to assist entrants in an upcoming exhibition to possibly improve their marks. The demand for this service has proved disappointing, so this time we are trying something different – a chance for our younger collectors to show off their skills and material

The youth displays are open to all collectors 21 years old or younger. Each entrant will be allocated one row on the PHILAS frames (up to eight sheets) and could be rewarded with a prize that can be spent with either or both of the dealers present on the day.

Entries should be from 4 to 8 sheets, with no restrictions on topic. And each entrant will be allocated one row of the PHILAS frames. This event will be promoted on the PHILAS website and we are also attempting to contact other youth groups within NSW and possibly some of the local schools, seeking possible participants.

We realise that February does not give much time for preparation, but February is an ideal time for this event. The end of year school holidays are a great time to plan and prepare an entry.

Exhibitors will still have the opportunity to have their material reviewed, with the Youth displays being an additional attraction. The next major exhibition in Australia will be in Canberra, a half-national from 16 to 18 March. To have you material reviewed please contact the PDC Secretary, John Sadler, by email at jpsadler@bigpond.com.au, or by telephone on (02) 9529 7152. If you are not entering Canberra, but would like to have your exhibit reviewed, contact the PDC Secretary to check that space is still available.

Everyone taking advantage of this facility will be allocated one of the PHILAS frames, 25 to 29 sheets. You will need the final title page, or as near to the final draft as is possible, and those sections considered to need strengthening, pages where you are uncertain about the layout or content. The remaining 26 pages should be those where you consider you need some assistance. Try not to simply bring the first 27 pages of your exhibit unless this is the area in which you require help.

This offer is open to any other exhibitor, new or established, who would like to take advantage of a judges' review. However, if we have too many seeking to have their material reviewed, preference will be given to those who have been accepted for Canberra.

So if you would like to be part of this day's activities, make your intentions known early.

16th June 2018

Currently it is planned to display the PHILAS collection donated by Helen Cockburn, "Women on Stamps"

For future June Open Days consideration is being given to running limited State level exhibitions using the 12 frames at PHILAS House each of which holds 27 sheets. With the discontinuation of the Northern Beaches exhibitions, there is an ongoing need to provide opportunities for our State Level Judges.

20th October 2018

The Smithfield Stamp Club is already planning to hold another popular inter-club competition on this date. If your club has not previously participated in this event, find three willing members and give it a go, but try and get in early to avoid disappointment.

Conclusion

These PHILAS Open Days are an important part of the philatelic calendar in NSW. To boost the interest and attendance at these events, why not include the three dates on your club's annual program?

We now have one well-attended day, and are hoping the February Open Day will also attract a large number of visitors. If we assume the planned February event will be successful, we now have two Days where the variety of philatelic material on display can initiate an interest, or expand an existing interest, to participate in our activities.

The June Open Day is a problem in this respect, even though the display may very well be eye-catching. We need to give serious thought to developing an event more likely to entice visitors to discover what stamp collecting is all about. Can State level exhibitions be the answer?

Alfred Grech of the Smithfield club presents the Open Day Inter-Club Competition Shield to Barbara Hancock of the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club.



Sydney Youth Stamp Group Workshop

5 October 2017 ~ Theme: New Zealand

The theme was *New Zealand*. **Paul Storm** ran the Seniors Group program with 13 participants. He was assisted by **Michael Gortley**, **Linda Lee** and **Ruth Mitchell**. **David Miner** provided a wonderful display on modern New Zealand issues which included *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* sets and the road safety 1996 Health stamp with and without the Teddy Bear. A question sheet on the display was distributed and the Seniors were asked to hand in their completed copies for marking.

An extra table was provided, as requested, which meant that the participants could comfortably spread out. The Seniors then completed the *Entires* exercise left over from the July Open Day. Paul showed them how to make an entire and provided copies of imperforate Chalon heads stamps to paste in the stamp area. The group then used a lino cut to cancel the stamp. The Seniors really enjoyed this exercise and the entires were really attractive. The Seniors then completed their *Postcard to Nanna* exercise which picked up some gaps in knowledge about addressing postcards. Why can't you just put 'To Mum'? Answers were quickly supplied.

The first session after lunch was *Swaps and Buying* which was very popular, as usual. Packets of New Zealand stamps were then distributed and the Seniors had to choose 10 stamps to mount on a page showing a New Zealand map and using their NZ catalogue mount the stamps in date issue order. Paul's quiz consisted of cards with half the name of New Zealand places such as Mitre Peak. The group really enjoyed this quiz.

Lenore welcomed 7 participants to the junior workshop. Lenore was ably assisted by **Mal Nicholson**, and **Ken Ryan**. Illness prevented 3 registered juniors from attending but we were pleased to welcome 3 new juniors to the group. The day commenced with Lenore giving a brief outline of New Zealand's definitive and commemorative stamps. After this the juniors then selected, with the help of their catalogues, 5 of each stamp and learnt how to soak them off paper, to later be hinged into their workbooks. The juniors then viewed David Miner's display of *New Zealand Health Minisheets* and *Lord of the Rings* stamps. David's display created a lot of interest from the juniors who showed keen eyes by finding the errors in stamps displayed. After this presentation the juniors completed a lengthy exercise selecting and naming different 'types' of New Zealand stamps.

After lunch the juniors enjoyed a swapping session followed by a lengthy session of hinging, dating and naming the stamps they had selected during the morning session into their workbooks. They then moved on to activities of decorating *Shaun the sheep*, spot the difference, and a word search of New Zealand themes. The afternoon ended with the ever popular game of Bird Stamp Bingo, presentation of prizes and 'goodie bags'.

Philas Executive Meeting & PDC Meeting October 2017 – Exhibitions Report

Adelaide Stampex 2017- 6-8 October 2017

Adelaide hosted a half national between Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October 2017.

Peter Brigden is the jury member from New South Wales. Applications closed on 21 July 2017

FIP classes include: Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Open Class, Maximaphily, Revenues and Literature

APF classes include: First Day Covers (FDC's), Frugal Philately, Polar Philately, Cinderellas and Picture Postcards.

National One Frame exhibition for FIP and National classes

NSW Entrants are:

Muli Frame entries

- Kevin Dwyer. FDC of Australian Antarctic territory 1957-173 – 4 Frames- FDC
- 77 Vermeil Best in Class
- Kevin Dwyer Aubrey Gottley and the ANARE base Heard Island 1947-1955 – 5 Frames- Polar-88 Gold Best in class
- Kim Dwyer Amazing Antarctica- 7 Frames- Polar 78 Vermeil
- Peter Koffler AAT stamps displaying Australia's Antarctic achievement -2 Frames- Polar 56 Bronze
- John Sadler. From Fabric and Wire to DC3- - 8 Frames –Aerophilately 86 Gold
- Ed Wolf Developing Europe- Australia airmail routes - 5 Frames Aerophilately
- 88 Gold Best in class
- Ed Wolf Qantas international competitors during Fysh's tenure-5 Frames – Aerophilately 79 Vermeil
- David Collyer. Postal Charges on airmail France- Australasia 1933-1993-6 Frames – Aerophilately 80 Large Vermeil
- John Gibson Sudan- the development of airmail services 1927-1945 -5 Frames- Aerophilately 73 Large Silver
- Andrew Small. The MacRobertson air race London –Melbourne 1934-2 -frames – Open Philately.68 Silver
- Lynn Kitchen-. Sydney Harbour Bridge- 5 Frames- Open Philately 73 Large Silver
- John Moore Vale of Gloucester -2 Frames- Picture Postcards 83 Large Vermeil
- John Moore Lord Howe Island -3 Frames – Picture Postcards.78 Vermeil (13)

One frame entries:

By FIP Rules entries in this class can be deducted 1-5 points if the entry can consist of more than one frame of material

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| • Vijay Shukla. India: the early Lithograph issues of 1854 | 70 Large Silver |
| • Roger Eggleton- Australia: Parcels Post Label PP1 | 92 Large Gold |
| • Gert Ebing- French occupation of Germany 1945-1948 | 79 Vermeil |
| • Barbara Hancock- NSW datestamps years of change 1850's | 79 Vermeil |
| • David Burke – Low denomination solo covers | 70 Large Silver |
| • David Burke- The "Mt Pinatubo Fund" postal tax stamps | 83 Large Vermeil |
| • Kevin Dwyer. AAT FDC of ANARE 3½d stamp of 1954-1955 | 76 Vermeil |
| • Jon Tiernan. Tasmania Beer Duty stamps 1880-1902 | 78 Vermeil |
| • Jon Tiernan Victoria Railway freight stamps owners risk 1877-1897 | 92 Large Gold. Novice Encouragement award |
| • Jon Tiernan. Victoria Railway freight stamps Winged stamps 1917-1941 | 89 Gold |

Brazilia FIP Exhibition 24-29 October 2017

John Moore had replaced Raymond Todd as Australian Commissioner Dr Kellow is on the expert group and a judge in the postal history class. Entries closed on 30 April 2017. The classes available are: Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Thematics, Youth, Literature, One Frame

The NSW entrants:

Zac Franklin. Cricket	Youth (b)	4 Frames	81 Vermeil
John Moore. Australia 1989-1991 Sports Definitive.			
Modern Traditional.	5 Frames		85 Large Vermeil
John Pugsley. Boer War 1899-1902- Prisoner of War Mail.			
Postal History.	5 Frames		85 Vermeil
Roger Eggleton. Australia: Parcels Post Label PP1.			
One Frame			85

Royalpex 2017, Hamilton, NZ 24-26 November 2017

The second part of Australian and New Zealand nationals will be held at the Distinction Hotel, Te Rapa, Hamilton, NZ from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November 2017. Linda Lee has been appointed Australian Commissioner Judge, Murray Collins and Gary Brown are Assistant Commissions. Entries closed on 30th August 2017

Classes available are: Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Thematic Philately, Modern Traditional Philately, Modern Postal stationery and Youth Philately. New Zealand national classes include First Day Covers (FDC's), Cinderella's, and Frugal Philately

The Classes Modern Traditional Philately and Modern Postal Stationery are for entries of material from 1980 onwards. The marking criteria is different from the normal criteria.

Royalpex 2017 is also running a Teams competition for Societies with the prefix "Royal" check the exhibition website for details.

NSW entrants are:

- Jonathan Pinckard: 1958 NZ QEII Twopence Stars Overprint – Traditional. 2 Frames 73 Large Silver
- Nancy Gray: The Last Line engraved stamps of Australia 1966-1974- Traditional 8 Frames 93 Large Gold
- Sarah Harvey: Hong Kong Definitive 1912-1921 and 1921-1937 including CHINA overprints. Traditional. 3 Frames 83 Large Vermeil
- John Moore: Australia Living Together. Traditional Modern. 5 Frames 79 Vermeil
- Tracy Bradberry: Australian Commonwealth surface mail postcard rates and regulations. Postal History 5 Frames 77 Vermeil
- David Burke: Missent- Modern Era. Postal History. 5 Frames 78 Vermeil
- David Collyer: Postal charges on airmail France-Australasia 1930-1993. Postal History. 6 Frames 86 Gold
- Lionel Savins: The Department of Education postcards of New Zealand. Postal Stationery. 5 Frames 84 Large Vermeil +SP

Royal Sydney Philatelic Club entry in Inter Royal Competition

- Barbara Hancock: Australia's Peel and Stick revolution. 88 Gold + SP
 - Traditional 8 Frames 88 Gold + SP
 - Tony Griffin: Postal and letter card development in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Postal Stationery 5 Frames 80 Large Vermeil
 - Geoffrey Kellow: Sierra Leone-the postal history of the King George VI period 1937-1956. Postal History 8 Frames 83 Large Vermeil
 - Peter Brigden; Falkland Islands-1878 – 1936 83 Large Vermeil
 - Traditional- 5 Frame Vermeils 83 Large Vermeil
- Total+ 334

Inter Royal Competition: 1) Royal of Victoria, 2) Royal of London and Royal of New Zealand, 3) Royal of Sydney

Canberra Stamp Show 2018

Canberra Stampshow 2018 will be held from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th March 2018 at the Hellenic Club, Woden.

The classes for this half national are: Traditional, Traditional Modern, Thematic, Youth, Topical, FDC's, Cinderellas, Open Class. The "Gold Challenge" will cater for entries that have scored 85-89 at either a National or International Exhibition. At State level there will be a Post Card Challenge for New picture postcard entries.

New South Wales judges for Canberra 2018 are: Peter Brigden, Bruce Chadderton and Geoffrey Kellow.

Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo– 25-27 May 2018

Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo 2018 is a half national to be held at the Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre, Broadmeadow, from 25-27 May 2018. The exhibition celebrates the Centenary of the Newcastle Philatelic Society – May 1918 to May 2018. Geoffrey Kellow will be jury chair and John Moore will be jury secretary. The classes for this half national are: Postal History, Postal Stationery, Revenues, Astrophilately, Aerophilately, Frugal Philately, Polar Philately, Picture Postcards, Literature, Youth Literature.

Toowpex 2017

Toowpex 2017 celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Toowoomba Philatelic Society. This was the first state level exhibition in South East Queensland held outside Brisbane. Over two days the attendance was over 500 with a mix of local collections from South East Queensland, Northern New South Wales and at least one overseas visitor. Over 15 clubs and the Philatelic Council supported the exhibition.

Any exhibition relies on the support of its sponsors - Toowoomba Regional Council and Heritage Bank- and a host of other supporters mostly local business houses that have supported us over many years. The various media outlets were greatly supportive in promoting the event

There were 15 competitive entries including three new exhibits. The Toowoomba Club held its *Heritage Trophy* competition in addition to an Inter-Club challenge that was conducted by popular vote. The jury consisted of Joan Orr, Paul Xavier, Murray Collins and Russell Boylan.

The exhibitors did a marvellous job and portrayed their interests extremely well. Those that were successful in receiving awards deserved to do so. As normal, the judges did their job admirably. Congratulations to all involved.

Philatelic souvenirs that were available from QPC and the Toowoomba Stamp Club were very popular. The covers and the postmark design artwork were done by Craig Chappell and the outcome was very attractive, portraying two of Toowoomba's landmark buildings very well. Those that missed out will have to contact us very quickly.

SOCIETY SCENE

The *PHILAS News* editor sends out an email requesting club news and meeting details a few weeks before each issue is printed. If your club is not receiving these emails, please contact the editor at the email address below and provide your contact details.

The editor's email address is: stampsnw@bizland.com.au .

Or mail items to PHILAS House at the address on page 2.

Please check that your club details are up to date on the website: club.philas.org.au
Advise the webmaster via the email link on the site of any changes.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH COLLECTORS CLUB OF N.S.W. meets at PHILAS House on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.45pm. Displays cover a wide range of Australian Philately and the quarterly *Bulletin* features research articles from Roos and KGV to moderns, including postal history. Members of the KGV Study Group are present at each meeting and are happy to assist new-comers to this major study area. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries: PO Box 227, Darlinghurst NSW 1300 Ph 9264 8301 Fax 9267 4741

15 January	Display: <i>Queen Elizabeth II pre-Decimals</i> by Wilson Ilbery
19 February	Members' display: <i>Paper Ephemera</i>
19 March	Display: <i>Postal Mechanisation</i> by David Collyer
16 April	Display: <i>Postcards of German New Guinea, Mandate Territory & Papua to 1942</i> by Gordon Towell

AUSTRALIAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - NSW BRANCH meets in PHILAS House on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30 pm for displays and discussion of coins, notes and medals.

Contact details: P O Box 830, Manly, NSW, 830.

Website: <http://the-ans.com> email: anseditor@hotmail.com or rodsell@rodsell.com

8 January	<i>Methods of Collecting, Storing & Disposing of Collections</i>
12 February	Display: <i>Travels</i> by Colin Pitchfork (venue: 169 Macquarie Street)
12 March	Display: <i>Numismatic Market Place</i> by Jim Noble (venue: 169 Macquarie Street)
9 April	<i>NZ and South Pacific</i>

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR POLAR PHILATELY was established in 1974 to promote and develop Polar Philately. The society meets at the Ryde Ex-Services Club, 724 - 730 Victoria Road, Ryde, commencing at 8.00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the odd numbered months: Feb, then March, May, July, September, November. The society welcomes visitors interested in Antarctic and Arctic postal history, covers and stamps. A regular journal, *Penguin Views*, with articles on Polar Philately is published. The Society has a blog site available for members.

Enquiries: PO Box 7068, Bondi Beach, NSW, 1655.

Telephone 0407 277 223.

Email: penviews@hotmail.com

14 February	14 March	9 May	11 July
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BATHURST STAMP, COIN, COLLECTABLES & LAPIDARY CLUB Inc. meets in their clubhouse in Park Street, Eglinton (next to the Tennis Courts and opposite the Eglinton Store). Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of each month (ex Jan). Juniors are most welcome. The club produces a newsletter for members. Meetings are varied with the emphasis on lapidary and collectables. Many field trips are held.

Enquiries to the secretary, PO Box 9156, Bathurst NSW 2795.

Ph. (02) 6331 5404 (business hours).

Email Club Publicity Officer: Alan McRae FAIHA at amcrae@lisp.com.au

5 February	5 March	9 April
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BLUE MOUNTAINS STAMP CLUB meets at 8.00pm on the 4th Friday of the month (except December) at Katoomba Public School, Merriwa St, Katoomba.

Enquiries to the Secretary, PO Box 76 Blackheath NSW 2785.

Email: Sue Cottier at: suzanne.cottier@det.nsw.edu.au

26 January

24 February

23 March

27 April

BOAMBEE EAST PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except January) commencing at 6.30 pm at the Balydon Community Centre, Toormina Road. This vibrant club on the NSW North Coast makes visitors most welcome. A newsletter keeps all country members in touch.

Enquiries: PO Box 229 Toormina NSW 2452, phone (02) 6658 4585

Email: robertcox415@gmail.com

15 February

15 March

19 April

17 May

BURWOOD AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB meets at Concord RSL & Community Club, Nirranda Street, Concord West, NSW 2138 on the 4th Wednesday of the month (ex Dec) at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Ph. 0421 429 942.

24 January Display: *Europa - Pot Pourri* by Laurent Villoing

28 February Display: *Lord Howe Island* by Anne Garrick

28 March Display: *Aden and States* by Frank Cook

25 April Display: *Women on Stamps* a PHILAS collection

CLUB WILLOUGHBY PHILATELIC SECTION meets on the 4th Thursday of each month (ex Dec) at the Annex (Bowling Club House) of Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Ave, Willoughby. Club Willoughby Philatelic Section was inaugurated in June 1980 and is one of several sections within the Club Willoughby. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Enquiries to the Secretary at the same address.

Telephone: Wilson Ilbery 9437 6782 or Paul Storm 9419 7354.

Email: paulgeraldstorm@hotmail.com

25 January Display: *Czeslaw Slania, Engraver* by Brian Philpott

22 February Member's display: *Small Islands*

22 March Display by members of the Manly-Warringah Stamp Club

26 April t.b.a.



August Kangro

25 May 1926 – 11 November 2017

August was a founding member of the Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society and a staunch supporter of the Club Willoughby Philatelic Section.

He kept in touch with his Estonian heritage - visiting the old country after the withdrawal of Soviet domination in the 1980s.

His collection of banknotes was possibly unique and those of us lucky enough to have seen it and to have known August were privileged. He was always a gentleman.

CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (the 4th Wed in January) at 7.30pm at the St Thomas More Church Hall, Acacia Street, RUSE.

Enquiries to the Secretary, PO Box 478 Campbelltown, NSW 2560.

Email: brendaandgordonhoward@yahoo.com.au

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| 24 January | Stamp quiz |
| 14 February | President's display by David Miner |
| 14 March | Display: <i>1d and 2d Kangaroo and Map</i> |
| 11 April | Display: <i>Flags on Stamps</i> by Alan Mayhew |

CASTLE HILL STAMP CLUB meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Hills District Bowling Club, Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills (car park entry is from Jenner St).

Enquiries to PO Box 151 Castle Hill NSW 1765. Secretary: Rosalind Lean.

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| 14 February | Display: <i>Early Competitors to Qantas</i> by Ed Wolf |
| 14 March | AGM and 1-page competition |
| 11 April | PHILAS Open Day entries from Frank Cook, Robert Layzell and Ted Lean. |

CINDERELLA STAMP CLUB OF AUSTRALASIA holds meetings at national Stamp Exhibitions.

Contacts: Wilson Ilbery 9437 6782 or Paul Storm 9419 7354.

Journal editor: Marilyn Gendek: mahgen@tpg.com.au

EASTWOOD-EPPING PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Epping Presbyterian Church Hall, corner Rawson & Bridge Streets, Epping. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries to PO Box 165 Eastwood NSW 2122. Telephone: Keith Emery on (02) 9809 1584.

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| 2 January | Exchange night and sale-by-tender |
| 6 February | Members' display: <i>The World of Postcards</i> |
| 6 March | Display: <i>Great Britain - Mail & Letter Markings before 1840</i>
by Daphne Martin |
| 3 April | Display: by Darren Jones |



Paul Storm introduces Laurent Villoing to members of the Eastwood-Epping club.
Laurent displayed an instalment of his *Europa* collection.

EARLWOOD & DISTRICTS STAMP CLUB meets at 7.30pm in the Earlwood Senior Citizens Club Hall, 362 Homer Street, Earlwood on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January). The club publishes an award-winning quarterly journal, *Waratah Philatelist*, containing a wide range of interesting articles. Enquiries to: PO Box 345 Marrickville NSW 1475.

email: wmorehouse@netspace.net.au

telephone: (02) 9707 4087.

7 February Display: *Colonial Stamps of South Australia* by John Pearson

7 March Display: *Botanicals* by Wendy Ferguson

4 April Display: *Got You Covered* by Darren Jones

2 May Display: *Liechtenstein* by Paul Storm

GOSFORD PHILATELIC CLUB meets in the Arts & Crafts Centre, Henry Kendall Village, Wyoming. The afternoon meeting is held on the 1st Monday at 1.30pm (except January).

Enquiries to PO Box 4216, East Gosford, NSW 2250 or telephone (02) 4325 7317.

5 February

5 March

2 April

7 May

GREAT LAKES STAMP CLUB meets on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.00 am to 11.30 am at the Salvation Army Citadel, 7 South Street, Tuncurry NSW 2428. The Club members invite any interested persons to come along to our monthly stamp workshop and market.

Enquiries to: 23 Cocos Crescent, Forster NSW 2428.

Telephone (02) 6555 5664.

Email: garrymunro5@gmail.com

3 February

3 March

7 April

5 May

ILLAWARRA PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Oasis Room, Illawarra Master Builders Club, 61 Church St, Wollongong. Visitors & juniors welcome. Come and join us to discuss, swap, sell, buy and display stamps.

Enquires to the Secretary, PO Box 194 Wollongong East NSW 2520.

Email: Illawarra.Philatelic.Society@gmail.com

17 January Display: *Papuan Postmarks* by Jeff

21 February Display: *Pre-decimal Postmarks* by Bob

21 March Display by Noel

18 April Display: *Great Britain Booklets* by David

KEMPSEY - MACLEAY RSL CLUB PHILATELIC SOCIETY is currently in recess.

Enquiries to the former Secretary, 71 Rudder St, Kempsey, NSW 2440.

Ph. 6562 5491 Email: d.britten01@bigpond.com.au

MACQUARIE VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY is currently in recess.

Enquiries to MS7, 14L Kurrajong Drive, Dubbo NSW 2830 Email: dandh@ipstarmail.com.au

MAITLAND STAMP CLUB meets at East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank St, East Maitland at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday each month (ex January).

Enquiries to PO Box 2078 Green Hills NSW 2323.

Email: carrotspatch@tpg.com.au

12 February President's Display by Mark Saxby

12 March Display by David Carratt

9 April Auction

MILTON ULLADULLA STAMP CLUB Meets at 1.00 pm in the Ulladulla Bowling Club, St Vincent Street, on the 4th Monday each month (ex Dec). Attractions include circuit books from various clubs and six-monthly auctions. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries to the Secretary, PO Box 670, Ulladulla NSW, 2539.

Telephone (02) 4455 5214.

Email: barbarasmith3@bigpond.com

22 January

26 February

26 March

23 April

MANLY – WARRINGAH STAMP CLUB meets in the Manly-Warringah Rugby League Club, Federal Parade, Brookvale, at 8.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This club combines two previous local clubs. Enquiries to the Secretary: PO Box 6541, Frenchs Forest DF, NSW 2086.

9 January	Display: <i>Camels</i> by Peter Lehmann
13 February	Display: <i>Colonial Stamps of Tasmania</i> by John Pearson
13 March	Members' display: <i>The letter 'G'</i>
10 April	Members' display: <i>Olympic and Commonwealth Games</i>



Manly - Warringah's

New Year Stamp Fair

was again a great success!

MORISSET UNITING CHURCH STAMP CLUB meets from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm on the 4th Saturday of each month (ex Dec) at the Morisset Uniting Church Hall, cnr. Kahibah & Awaba Streets, Morisset, NSW, 2264. The club has numerous part time dealers buying & selling, lucky door prize, raffle, sales by tender, library, & displays all in an air-conditioned pleasant environment. Plenty of parking with refreshments & lunch available for a small fee. Visitors are always welcome.

Enquiries: PO Box 533 Morisset, NSW 2264

Email: skozuruk@bigpond.net.au

Phone: (02) 4365 6568 (ask for Steve)

27 January	Display: <i>Pre-decimal Australian Stamp Varieties</i> by Greg Dalla-Vecchia
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24 February

24 March

28 April

MUDGEES COIN, NOTE & STAMP CLUB Inc meets at Club Mudgee, 99 Mortimer Street, on the 1st Sunday of each month (incl. public holiday weekends & January) at 10.30 am.

Contact: Elizabeth Pratt, 39 White Cedars Rd, Kains Flat, Mudgee, NSW 2850.

Telephone: (02) 6373 5324.

Email: pratte99@gmail.com

7 January

4 February

4 March

1 April

NEWCASTLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc. meets at Mayfield Senior Citizens' Centre, 81 Hanbury Street, Mayfield, on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Pedestrian access is through the Hanbury Street entrance. There is car parking at the back of the adjoining library as well as opposite behind the Stag and Hunter Hotel. Auction night is on the 4th Thursday from 7.00 pm.

Daytime meetings are also held on the 3rd Wednesday each month (except December) at Studio 48, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Visitors welcome. A regular quarterly newsletter with interesting articles is produced by the society.

The Society conducts Junior Activities on the 3rd Sunday each month at 11am at the Wallsend Pioneers Hall (same date and venue as several stamp dealers hold a fair).

Enquiries to PO Box 34, Jesmond, NSW 2299. Email: moore.john@optusnet.com.au
www.newcastlephilatelicsociety.org.au

Evening Meetings:

11 January	Display: <i>Hunter Valley Postmarks</i> by John Lavender & Mark Saxby
8 February	Display: <i>New South Wales</i> by Warren Oliver
8 March	Auction

Daytime Meetings:

17 January	Display: <i>Design Errors on Stamps</i> by Anna Hill
21 February	Display: <i>Recent Great Britain & NZ</i> by Ed Burnard
21 March	Members' display of <i>local Newcastle / Hunters Valley material</i>

Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo

Friday 25 May 2018, 10am to 5pm
 Saturday 26 May 2018, 10am to 5pm
 Sunday 27 May 2018, 9am to 3pm



includes the Newcastle Philatelic Society Centenary Exhibition, a National Philatelic Exhibition with the classes Postal History, Postal Stationery, Frugal, Picture Postcards, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Polar Philately and Literature

Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre

150 metres from Broadmeadow Railway Station (take the Brown Street exit)



Cafeteria and all facilities (including toilets) are inside the venue. No stairs, disabled access

Free parking (except Sunday morning when the Farmers' Market is open, when parking on the grounds is \$2, free parking on the street).

Dealers attending:

1. Pitwater Philatelics, Sydney. John Pearson has the largest stock of any travelling dealer in Australia.
2. Ace Philatelics, Perth (Ian Boulton). Ian conducts auctions and has a retail shop.
3. Kanton Philatelics, Perth stamp dealer. (Terry Finlayson)
- 4 & 5. Renniks, Sydney. Ian Pitt sells accessories, Lighthouse, Gibbons, Dansco, Hagner, Seven Seas
6. Edith & Herman Oczewaschek, Old Bar, all types of small antiques and collectables.
- 7 & 8. Pacific Rim Coins, North Sydney.
9. Brisbane Stamps (Troy Sequeira)
10. Town Hall Coins & Collectables, Sydney (Matt Thompson), Downie's Sydney
11. Pat's Stamps, Perth now Newcastle (Patricia Palmer), stamp dealer
12. currently vacant
13. David R Byron, stamp dealer, Yeppoon, Qld
14. Burstamps, stamp dealer, Brisbane (Stewart Robbins)
15. Craig Chappell, stamp dealer, Brisbane, retail mail order and auctions
16. Richard Juzwin, Melbourne (Richard & Andy Juzwin).
17. Tony Shields, Melbourne, one of the largest stamp dealers in Australia
18. M&S Coins & Banknotes, Maitland (Michelle Richard), check out their range
19. Ham 4 Stamps, stamp dealer, Forster (Steve Hamilton)
20. Mossgreen & Torsten Weller postal history
21. Ken Pullen, Bexley Stamps, sells many accessories, is Australian agent for Davo products.
22. Phillip Morehouse, stamp dealer, Bankstown
23. AAA Stamps, stamp dealer, Central Coast (Steve Burton)
24. Empire Coins (Don Gleale)


Details on the website - www.newcastlephilatelicsociety.org.au
 John Moore Commissioner
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 Greg Laidler Secretary / Publicity glaidler@bigpond.com

Organised by the Newcastle Philatelic Society in their centenary year, May 1918 to May 2018

Souvenirs available

Free entry

Australia Post attending

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N.S.W. POSTCARD COLLECTORS SOCIETY Inc meets at PHILAS House on the 1st Wednesday of February, May, August and November at 7.30pm. The Society produces a quarterly Bulletin.

Postcard Fairs will be held on the 4th Sunday of February, May, August & November from 9.30am to 3.00pm at the Imar Community Hall, 2A Fitzroy St, Croydon.

Enquiries: PO Box 193 Rozelle NSW 2030. email: jeffitz@inet.net.au

Wednesday meeting: 7 February 2 May 1 August 7 November

Stamp Fair Sundays: 25 February 27 May 19 August 25 November

Join our online discussion forum for postcards: <http://postcardnsw.com>

NORTHERN SUBURBS PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome. Come along and enjoy the friendly and informative meetings. Displays of interest are presented. There are excellent exchange books as well as monthly Club auctions. Light refreshments are served.

New venue: St Leonard's Church Hall, 43 Donnelly Road (corner of Willoughby Road), Naremburn.

Enquiries to: PO Box 889, Chatswood, NSW 2057. Telephone: (02) 9419 7354.

Email: paulgeraldstorm@hotmail.com

15 February Display: *Australian Poster Stamps* by Roger Eggleton

15 March Display: *Australian Pre-Decimal Aerogrammes*

19 April Display: *Colonial South Australian Stamps* by John Pearson

17 May Display: *Algeria Pre-Independence* by Linda Lee

ORANGE COIN & STAMP CLUB Inc. meets on the last Tuesday of each month (ex Dec.) at the Orange Community & Information Centre, 79 Kite St, Orange at 7.30pm. There are less-formal lunchtime meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at midday, at the same venue. Fairs are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Cultural Centre in Sale Street, Orange, from 9.00am to 3.00pm with sales, valuations & advice given by Club members. A monthly Newsletter is produced which can be accessed on the PHILAS website. No evening meeting in December. Telephone (02) 6361 4872.

Enquiries: Secretary, PO Box 324 Orange NSW 2800

Email: ddolstra@bigpond.net.au

Evening meetings: 30 January

27 February

27 March

24 April

Lunchtime meetings: 9 January

13 February

13 March

10 April

The Orange Coin & Stamp Club invite you to come along to the

ORANGE COIN & STAMP EXPO 2018

Kenna Hall, 90 Hill St Orange
just off Byng St, behind St Joseph's Catholic Church & part of Mary McAuley School

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th April 2018

9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday

9.00 am to 3.00 pm on Sunday

Stamp & Coin dealers from around the State and the A.C.T. are offering a range of Australian & World stamps, coins & accessories.

Valuations and appraisals

Stamp & coin displays

Expo Admission is \$2.00, accompanied children always free

The Orange club has resolved to hold a

State-level, 1-frame show for Orange on 17 - 18 November 2018.

More details will be announced as planning proceeds.

PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY - SYDNEY CHAPTER meets on an ad hoc basis (usually at PHILAS House). For details on specific times and dates please email: lakatoistamps@gmail.com

Contacts: Tony Griffen, Secretary, 0421 058 623 or Michael Ryan, President, (02) 9439 3795

Report on the November 2017 Orange Spring Fair

The Kenna Hall was busiest on the Saturday morning and moderately so on the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday. There was always someone there, even late in the day. The number of visitors, inquirers, buyers and sellers coming through the door was everything we had expected.

The four visiting dealers all seemed happy with their sales and all but one, who has another commitment, said they would return to a 2-day Spring Fair next year.

Visitors came from right around the region: from Forbes, Bathurst, Dubbo, Cowra, Werris Creek, Mudgee and Parkes as well as from Sydney and Canberra. The TV ads on Prime and 7Two seemed to have worked the best. Other visitors said they heard about the show by the E-mails and postcards sent out by Howard Lyons. A few said

they heard about the Spring Fair on community radio 107.5FM.

Members' displays were mounted on three rows of trestle tables in the middle of the Hall. There were no display competitions so the number of displays was adequate, but less than at our Expo. Several visitors complimented the Club on the quality of the displays.

Audrey Ferris operated the kids' activities table over the two days. The Sunday was the busiest for kids. Kids' from the junior's group at Catherine McAuley Primary School provided the 6 individual entries that were incorporated into their display frame. Prizes were awarded by Audrey to the entrants.



Club members Eileen & Col Davidson & Ron Mills on the front desk.

The frame of children's exhibits.



PARRAMATTA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 1st Friday each month at 7.30pm at the O.E.S. Hall, Railway Street, Wentworthville (opposite Police Station). Visitors always welcome. Enquiries to PO Box 219 Wentworthville NSW 2145.

Telephone (02) 9636 1175.

parrastampclub@tpg.com.au

2 February	Display: <i>Old Times</i> by Col Ryan
2 March	Members' display: <i>The World of Animals</i>
6 April	Display: <i>The World of Women</i> from the PHILAS collections
4 May	Display: <i>German tidbits</i> by Paul Storm

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the 1st Floor at PHILAS House on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (ex Dec.). All visitors are most welcome to this daytime meeting. Enquiries: Secretary PSA, c/ PHILAS, PO Box 220, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300.

Telephone: (02) 9524 3353 Email: jeff_and_dorothy@hotmail.com

17 January	Display: <i>Siam (Thailand)</i> by Jeff Newman
21 February	Display: <i>Lions Club Philately</i> by Ted Henebery
21 March	Display: <i>Bermuda</i> by Peter Brigden
18 April	Display: <i>Life in the Navy</i> by Laurent Villoing



Philatelic Society of Australia office holders Jeff Newman, Patrick Gunning and Alan Wright presided over the September 2017 meeting where Laurent Villoing presented the opening display of his *Europa* collection. Laurent showed the collection in 8 different instalments to different Sydney clubs over a 2-month period.



RICHMOND RIVER PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets in Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore on the 4th Thursday of each month (ex Dec) at 6.30 pm. Enquiries: PO Box 784 Lismore NSW 2480.

Secretary, Lynn Kitchen.

Email address: andrew@onlinecoins.com.au

25 January	22 February	22 March	26 April
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PENRITH & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 1st Thursday each month (ex Jan), at 8.00pm in the Old Penrith School of Arts, Room 1, 3 Castlereagh St U3A, Penrith. The club welcomes visitors and has displays and club sales at meetings, plus a free colour newsletter with articles of interest and a listing of the latest stamp issues. Enquiries: PO Box 252, Kingswood NSW 2747.

email: rabit5540@gmail.com or ivan.baza@bigpond.com

1 February

1 March

5 April

3 May

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF N.S.W. meets at PHILAS House on the 4th Saturday of each month (ex Dec) commencing at 2.00 pm. Additional meetings with the Postal History Group are held at the Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood on the 3rd Tuesday of the odd months at 7.30pm. Enquiries: PO Box 220, Darlinghurst NSW 1300.

Email: glewis@custom-made.com.au

website: club.philas.org.au/psnsw

Main Meetings at PHILAS House on the 4th Saturday (ex public holidays), 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm:

27 January	New acquisitions & Exhibiting Workshop
24 February	Group display: <i>Aerophilately</i>
24 March	Display: <i>Crossing the South Atlantic by Air, 1922 - 1940</i> by Ed Wolf
28 April	Annie Powell Memorial Cup Competition; Group display: <i>Thematics; Revenues; Modern Philately; Open Philately</i>

Meetings at Chatswood on the 3rd Tuesday of odd months, at 7.30pm.

20 March	Group display: <i>Fractions in Stamp Denominations, Rate Markings, etc</i>
15 May	Group display: <i>Advertising Covers & Hotel Mails</i>
17 July	Group display: <i>Registered Mail</i>

The China Study Group of PSNSW meets at PHILAS House on the 4th Monday, at 7.30 pm.
Enquiries: PO Box 258, Earlwood, NSW 2206.

26 February	Display: <i>Hong Kong Landmarks</i> by Rod Sell
26 March	Display: <i>Anti-Bandit Stamps</i> by Garry Francis
28 May	Display: <i>Tibet</i> by Robert Herlinger

PIALLAWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc. meets at Church of England Hall, 6 - 8 Anzac Parade, Werris Creek on the 2nd Monday of each month (ex January) at 7.00 pm.

Enquiries: P O Box 112 Werris Creek NSW 2341

email: piallawayphilatelic@gmail.com

Phone: Warren 0434 027 927

12 February	Display: <i>Bayern</i> by Geoff Carter
12 March	<i>Treasure Hunt</i>
14 May	Display: <i>KGV Red Varieties</i> by Warren Brown
25 June	Display: <i>Russian Post Offices in China</i> by Albert Cheung

Piallaway Philatelic Society Inc

Stamps, Coins and Collectables Fair

Currabubula Hall, Werris Creek Road, Currabubula NSW 2342

Saturday 21 April 9am to 4pm

Sunday 22 April 9am to 3pm

ST GEORGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets in the Senior Citizens Centre, 36 George St, Rockdale, on the 1st Monday of the month (except Jan.) at 7.45pm. Enquiries: PO Box 112 Kogarah 2217.

5 February

5 March

2 April

7 May

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. holds a display meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7.45pm in Room 10 on level 2 (2nd floor) in the New Griffin Centre, Bunda St, Canberra City, and an exchange and trading meeting on the 3rd Thursday. An afternoon meeting is also held on the 3rd Thursday at 2.00pm. There are several other groups that meet regularly. The Society has an extensive library and produces a newsletter in addition to the journal *Capital Philately*.

Enquiries: GPO Box 1840 Canberra ACT 2601

Telephone: 0479 169 596 a.h.

Website: www.canberrastamps.org

Email: psc@luckhurst.com.au

4 January	Members' night - group display
1 February	Display: <i>The Henning Family Letters</i> by Paul Storm
1 March	Members' display: <i>Exhibition Souvenirs</i> coordinated by Dingle Smith
5 April	Display: <i>Papua & New Guinea Covers</i> by David Miner

Richmond River club news:

Sadly in 2017 we lost our long time member and club president, Andrew Thurgate. At our recent annual fair in November, a lifetime membership was posthumously awarded to him.

Andrew Thurgate was a hard worker for our club and an exemplary president and is missed by us all. The award was presented by current president Geoff Wothersoon to Andrew's wife, Marg. The photo is taken in front of one of Andrew's displays that we put on show for the fair.



RICHMOND STAMP CLUB (formerly Hawkesbury Valley Philatelic Society) meets at 7.00pm on the 2nd Thursday each month (ex Jan). The club meets at St Monica's Church Hall, corner of Windsor & Bourke Streets, Richmond. The club produces an informative booklet listing all the stamp clubs in NSW, together with details of fairs, dealers and auctions with contact details – a very useful publication.

Enquiries: PO Box 28 Richmond NSW 2753.

Email: richmondstampclub@ozemail.com.au

Telephone 4576 5031, 4578 1527 or 0407 104 733

8 February	Circuit book night
8 March	AGM and display: <i>Personalised Stamps</i> by Helen
12 April	Display: <i>NSW Country Towns</i> by Ann
10 May	Display: <i>Thailand</i> by Brian

Richmond Stamps, Coins and Collectables Fair

Saturday 14 April	9.00 - 3.00 pm
Sunday 15 April	9.00 - 1.00 pm

East Kurrajong School of Arts
1090 East Kurrajong Road

ROYAL SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB meets at PHILAS House on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (ex Jan) at 7.15 pm. Members have access to the extensive Club Library, and receive the quarterly journal. Enquiries: GPO Box 1751 Sydney NSW 2001.

13 February	Display: <i>Errors of Design on Stamps</i> by Paul Rheuben
13 March	Display: <i>New Zealand 1935 Pictorial Definitives</i> by Graeme Morriss
10 April	Display: <i>South Atlantic Airmail Routes</i> by Ed Wolf
8 May	Members' night

The Armidale Circle of RSPC meets in the Main Meeting Room at the rear of Kent House, Faulkner St, Armidale, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm (ex Dec & Jan). A fine monthly journal is produced. Enquiries: PO Box 273 Armidale NSW 2350.

14 February	14 March	11 April	9 May
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The Australian States Study Circle of RSPC meets at PHILAS House on the 4th Wednesday each month (ex Dec) at 7.30pm, with interesting discussions and items on display. Visitors are most welcome. A quarterly journal, Sydney Views, is produced featuring research articles on Australian States & Colonial stamps and postal history. Enquiries to GPO Box 1751 Sydney NSW 2001.

28 February	28 March	[25 April - meeting date may change]
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SAPPHIRE COAST STAMP & COIN CLUB meets at the Pambula Court House, corner Toalla and Monaro Streets, on the 2nd Thursday at 7.00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (Oct to Apr, ex Dec & Jan) and on the 3rd Saturday at 2.00 pm Eastern Standard Time (May to Sep). Visitors are always welcome. Enquiries: PO Box 285 Pambula NSW 2549. Telephone (02) 6495 7308

Thursdays:	8 February	8 March	12 April
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SHOALHAVEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. meets at Nowra Bowling Club, Osborne St, Nowra, on the 2nd Monday (ex Jan) at 7.00pm. All visitors are most welcome. A regular newsletter is produced for members. Enquiries: PO Box 4047 Nowra East, NSW 2541.

Telephone (02) 4421 4624 email: johndi@shoalhaven.net.au

12 February	Club auction
12 March	Display by David Payne
9 April	Club auction
14 May	Display: <i>Andorra</i> by Tony Weston

SMITHFIELD STAMP CLUB Inc meets at the Brenan Park Community Hall, Bourke St, Smithfield (near the T intersection with Charles St) on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Sale by Tender at each meeting. Enquiries: PO Box 2612 Smithfield NSW 2164.

Email: alfred_grech@iprimus.com.au or prhill2011@hotmail.com

Telephone: (02) 9630 8093, 9726 1962 or 9681 2341.

12 February	Display: <i>Worldwide Covers (5th in a series)</i> by Alfred Grech
12 March	Displays: <i>Swiss Stamps with Surcharges</i> by Gloria Bradley <u>and</u> <i>On Tour in Switzerland</i> by Paul Storm
9 April	Display: <i>Europa and Art</i> by Laurent Villoing
14 May	Display: <i>The Eiffel Tower</i> from the PHILAS collections

SUSSEX INLET & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (ex Jan) in the Bluebell Room, Inasmuch Retirement Village, Iverison Road, Sussex Inlet at 2.00pm. Visitors to the area are welcome. A junior group is conducted at the local primary school.

Enquiries: PO Box 6140 Sussex Inlet, NSW 2540.

21 February	21 March	18 April	16 May
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SYDNEY ANGLICAN STAMP SOCIETY meets at the North Rocks Community Church, 132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks, from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm on 2nd Saturday of the even numbered months.

Enquiries: Secretary, 3/24 Beattie Ave, Denistone East, NSW 2112. Website: www.sass.asn.au

10 February

14 April

9 June

SUTHERLAND SHIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets at the Sutherland United Services Club, First Floor, 7 East Street, Sutherland on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Sales tables or auctions are held at most meetings. Enquiries: PO Box 339 Sutherland NSW 1499.

13 February Display: *Richard Bates, Stamp Designer* from the PHILAS collections

13 March Quiz night, from Phil Morehouse

10 April Display: *Iceland* by Helen Dunn

8 May Display: *Stamps on Stamps* by Hugo Ferguson

TAMWORTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc meets on the 1st Monday of each month (ex Jan) at 7.30pm in the Tamworth Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner of Kent & Dianne Streets. Monthly Newsletter keeps all the members in touch. Enquiries: PO Box 678 Tamworth NSW 2340.

Telephone (02) 6761 6574 email: bsec1@bigpond.com or graemar@tpg.com.au

5 February What did Santa bring?

5 March Group display: *Thematics*

2 April Visit from the Royal Philatelic Society of Sydney's Armidale Circle

7 May Quiz Night

TORONTO STAMP CLUB meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Bolton Point Community Hall, 68A Middle Point Road. Juniors meet on the 3rd Saturday each month at 21 Bolton Close, Bolton Point, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Enquiries: Secretary, 20 Bellbird Close, Cooranbong NSW 2265.

Telephone 4977 1327.

Email: howard.fisher@bigpond.com

7 February

7 March

4 April

2 May

TURRAMURRA STAMP CLUB meets at Turramurra Uniting Church Hall, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra at 7.45pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. Visitors are most welcome. Enquiries: Secretary, 26 / 578 Pacific Highway, Killara, NSW 2071.

Telephone: (02) 9498 3762

Email: jeff_and_dorothy@hotmail.com

12 February Display: *South Australian Centenary stamps* by Greg Laidler (Newcastle)

12 March Display: *Richard Bates, Stamp Designer* from the PHILAS collections

9 April Display: *Singapor Postcards* by Jeff Newman

14 May Display: *Columbia* by James Ross

TWIN TOWNS STAMP CLUB INC. meets in the Tweed Heads Masonic Centre, 8 Boyd Street at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of the month (ex Jan). Each meeting there is usually a mini-auction, raffle, bargain table, club circuit books and a competition. Enquiries: PO Box 432 Coolangatta Qld 4225.

President: Allan Morris

Secretary: Richard Mills (mobile - 0402 868 134)

Treasurer: Sonia Davys

Publicity Officer: Dan Waters (07) 5598 7629.

5 February

5 March

2 April

7 May

UNITING CHURCH STAMP COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon and on Fridays from 9.00 am to 11.30 am to trim, sort and trade in bulk stamps. Volunteers needed. Pilgrim House, 2nd Floor, 222 Pitt St, Sydney. See more details on page 30.

WAGGA WAGGA STAMP CLUB meets in the ARCC Hall, Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Enquiries: President (02) 6924 2889. PO Box 2099, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650.

3 January	Display: <i>Antarctica</i> by A Barbour
7 February	Library night
7 March	AGM and auction
4 April	Large auction

VALE BRUCE WARREN

Life Member of the Wagga Stamp Club

Wagga Wagga club members were saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Warren on 11 October 2017. In his last weeks Bruce had been in and out of hospital and the Home of Compassion and had suffered a broken hip.

Bruce was a stamp collector for most of his life and had an extensive world collection plus Australian circular date stamps and meters (franking machine impressions). He attended his first meeting of the Wagga Stamp Club on 7 May 1980 and the last meeting he attended was on 2 December 2015, a period of over 35 years. His total meeting attendance was 273, the third highest by any member.

Bruce usually supplied the February display each year and also regularly entered the five page members' display. He won the inaugural five page members' competition for the *Charles Houen Memorial Shield* and retained it the following year.

Around 2010, Bruce started to downsize his collection, disposing of much of his world collection to club members. This was followed by his postmark collection that I purchased in 2013 – it numbered in excess of 16,000! His meter collection was vast and numbered in the ten of thousands and this is still being disposed of.

Bruce was both proud and excited when the club bestowed Life Membership on him at the AGM in 2007 – a just reward for his service to the club. Unfortunately we did not see much of Bruce during the past eighteen months due to his failing health. However, he will be remembered as a staunch and reliable club member.

Flowers have been sent on behalf of the club to Sandra and the family and several club members attended the funeral service in June.

Rest In Peace, Bruce.

Peter Simpfendorfer

Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Market Day

17 March

ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta Street

From 9.00 am

Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Fair

19 - 20 May

9.00 am - 4.00 pm each day

Sturt Public School Hall, White Avernue, Koorringal

Seven dealers in attendance. Club bargain table. Free admission.

WYONG & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7.00 pm at the Canton Beach Sports Club in Toukley. There is also a daytime meeting: 1st Wednesday at 1.00 pm at the Masonic Village Centre, Lakehaven. Enquiries: 13 Moola Road, Buff Point, NSW 2262.

Telephone (02) 4392 3610 or 4390 2087

Email: organicm9@gmail.com

Evening meetings:

16 January

20 February

20 March

17 April

Daytime meetings:

7 February

7 March

4 April

2 May

WYONG AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Dennis Sonter

By far the biggest event for the society since the last *PHILAS News* has been the **Annual Stamp and Coin Fair**. The Fair has now grown to be known as the **Central Coast Stamp and Coin Fair**. In fact, it has been written up in some newspaper articles as the “collectables roadshow” of the Central Coast.

To illustrate the growth and interest in the Fair, the attendance figures for 2015 and 2016 were 240 and 210 respectively. This year (2017) we had 429 people visit the fair over the 2 days. A massive increase which kept all the club members, dealers and advisors on collecting, valuations etc. extremely busy.

By far the greatest advantage of organising / running the fair is the gain in club membership it generates. People / collectors still do not know that they have a growing Stamp club within the Coast. The club has gained 6 new members to our Tuesday night meeting (taking members to nearly 40) and 3 new members to our Wednesday daytime meeting.

Other advantages of the Fair are demonstrated by the cooperation of members working together, in members participating in the organisation of Displays (in a number of cases their first attempts) and the assistance for the public in “valuing” a range of collectables.

The publicity regarding the Fair which the club generates also has a very positive role in generating interest in collecting and membership drives.

A number of better quality stamps and coins were seen and given estimates, some even changing hands. E.g. a few higher value kangaroo stamps, a 1923 half penny and some circa 1910 NSW postcards.

One aspect of our Fair which has never been totally successful over the years is the timing of our Fair Auction. We have tried various times on the Saturday, have had a morning and afternoon auction and even one on Saturday. and another on Sunday. Perhaps other clubs have had greater success and can offer advice.

The overall consensus of the Fair was that it was a remarkable result when you consider the visitor numbers and the flow on effects to the society.

Each month now, the Society has as part of its meetings, a members display, lucky door prize, a stamp quiz, a club auction and a member-generated auction if required.

A general view of the successful Wyong Stamp & Coin Fair held in November.



COMING EVENTS

Mar. 17	Wagga Wagga Stamp Market (see page 28)
Apr. 7 - 8	Orange Coin & Stamp Expo (see page 21)
Apr. 14 - 15	Richmond Stamps, Coins & Collectables Fair (see page 25)
Apr. 21 - 22	Piallaway Stamps, Coins & Collectables Fair (see page 24)
Apr. 29	Dealers' Sunday Market, Petersham Town Hall
May 19 - 20	Wagga Wagga Stamp Fair (see page 28)

MONTHLY STAMP FAIRS

1 st Saturday	<i>Northside Stamp Fair</i> 10 am-4 pm, Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale
1 st Saturday	<i>Stamp & Coin Collectors Fair</i> , Anglican Church Hall, 131 Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea
1 st Saturday	<i>Orange Coin & Stamp Club Market Day</i> , Cultural Centre, Sale St, Orange.

Epping Stamp & Coin Fair

10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Sundays 28 January 25 February 25 March 22 April
Epping Community Hall, 9 Oxford Street, Epping

THE STAMP ROOM AT PILGRIM HOUSE

The Uniting Church in Australia raises funds by selling stamps at The Stamp Room at Pilgrim House, 2nd Floor, 262 Pitt Street, Sydney (near Park Street) on Tuesdays (9.00 am – 12 noon) and Fridays (9.00 am to 11.30 am). They sell a diverse range of stamps and postcards for collectors with stock books containing a range of reasonably priced stamps from many countries.

EXHIBITIONS

March 16 - 18	Canberra Stamp Show 2018 (see www.canberrastamps.org)
May 25 - 27	Newcastle Stamp & Coin Expo (see pages 19 - 20)
Nov. 17 - 18	Orange One-Frame Exhibition
Nov. 9 - 11	Armistice Stamp Show, Dunedin, NZ
Nov. 28 - Dec. 3	Thailand 2018 (see www.thailand2018.org)

Dates for PHILAS Open Days

Saturdays 17 February 16 June 20 October

Dates for PHILAS Auctions

Saturdays 10 March 14 July 10 November

Viewing of Lots available on the preceding:

Saturday from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Thursday from 9.30 am to 7.00 pm
Friday from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm
auction day from 8.30 am to 11.30 am

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