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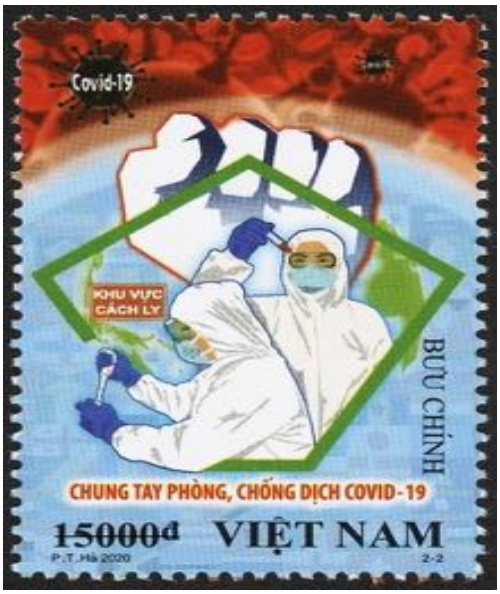

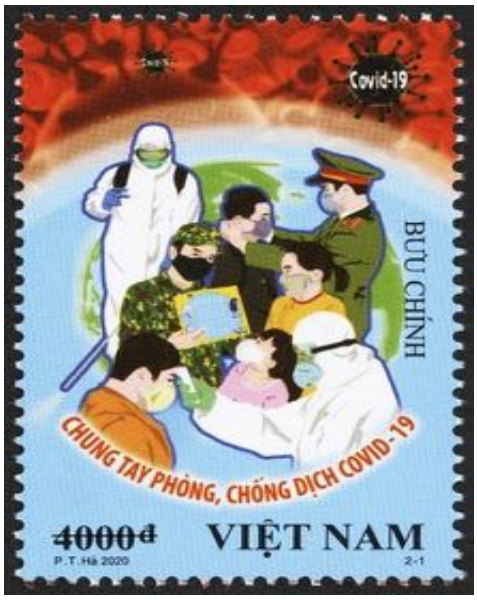

It had to happen. Yes ….there are Coronovirus-19 stamps.
On 2 April 2020 Vietnam released two stamps under the theme "Joining hands to prevent and combat COVID-19". They were issued Tuesday by the Ministries of Information and Communications and Health and Vietnam Post Corporation, in a bid to send a supportive message to front-line fighters, and raise citizens' knowledge, responsibility, and determination, amidst the straining COVID-19 combat.

The VND4,000 (US$0.16) stamp features pandemic fighting forces, namely health workers, soldiers and policemen in addition to normal citizens pushing the pandemic back.

The VND15,000 (US$0.63) stamp depicts images of scientists, physicians and doctors as research vaccines, preventive medicines and medical treatment needed to fight the virus.

Iran actually issued the first one on 17 March 2020. It is fair to say not many Australians collect modern Iranian stamps. The 18 000 reales stamp is worth A$0.71c

The virus is a momentous event in World history and we will see more stamp issues.

VALE – JIM STUBBERFIELD

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of member Jim Stubberfield. H Jim died on 30 March 2020.

His funeral notice posted on the internet by Penhall's Funerals read: - *STUBBERFIELD, James Colin 29.06.1940 - 30.03.2020 Loved son of Colin and Dulcie Stubberfield (both deceased). Loved partner of Beverly Troth (deceased). Much loved father and father-in-law of David and Lisa, Sharon and Pete, Peter and Bel. Much loved Poppy Stubb to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dearly loved brother to Ron (deceased), Colleen, Denise, Leanne. "Rest In Peace". A private family service was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. NORMAN J PENHALL FUNERALS AFDA, FDA of NSW 33 William Street, Orange Phone 63623751 Our family caring for your family.*

It also appeared in Saturday 4th April's *Central Western Daily*.

Jim Stubberfield (on the left) exchanging notes with Col Davidson (on the right) at our Spring Fair auction on 11th September 2014

Howard Lyons wrote in an e-mail:-

> *We have lost yet another member of our club. Jim passed away earlier this week at his residence in Prunus Lodge, Molong.*
> *Jim has not been in the best of health these past months and recently lost his mobility, thus not enabling him to visit anyone in Orange for some time. He was a big support to our club with supplying the circuit book manager with countless pages of stamps for purchase by Club members. In all honesty we may not have had the circuit book still available if it wasn't for Jim.*
> *Jim was a regular visitor to Philas auctions in Sydney and Edlin's in Canberra, where we spent many an early rise to be there at 8am for a viewing prior to auction. He enjoyed this part of the hobby immensely even if it did mean that you would come home empty handed at times.*

Jim joined the Club at our meeting on 28 June 2005.
His family used to run the post office at Wuuluman, east of Wellington and this had created an interest in stamps.

He had a reasonably large collection of World stamps and a very carefully selected collection of Chinese stamps.

Since the death of his partner, Beverly, Jim had been living in Queensland and then with his family in Molong. As his health and mobility decreased he had lately been a resident at Prunus Lodge in Molong.

His death is a big loss.

OUR CLUB CIRCUIT BOOK HAS HAD TOP BE PUT IN LIMBO

Colin Richardson, our circuit book manager has wisely pointed out that the COVID19 landscape is changing rapidly, and he wondered if it would be wise to close down the circuit book circulation for the time being. Colin said from what he was hearing, the police, even here in Orange, are beginning to challenge people and fine them for infringing the lock-down. He was not certain if people calling at his home might be at risk of a fine - and he for meeting them. The circuit book is not an essential service.

Colin has been taking all the risks to date and has been advised on 6 April to suspend the book(s) circulation for the present.

OUR CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Orange Cultural Centre from Sale St

The next Club meeting could be a long time coming. The "two-is-crowd" regulations are on force until 30th June 2020.

Club meetings are normally held in the Orange Cultural Centre in Sale St. . Orange Council has closed all of its meeting venues down "for the duration.

Our next monthly Coin & Stamp Fair was to be held on **Saturday 2nd May 2020** in the main meeting room of the Orange Cultural Centre in Sale St. But this will have to be postponed till at least early-July.

The NSW Dept Fair Trading have advised that annual general meetings of Clubs (ours is due in July 2020) can be postponed for 6 months without penalty.

Orange Spring Fair 2019 participating dealers – please continue to support them:-

Wynyard Coin Centre (M.R. Roberts), 3 Barrack St, Sydney, 2000 Ph (02) 9299 2047. Fax (02)9290 3710
www.wynyardcoins.com.au

A. Byrne Coins (Tony Byrne from Canberra) – PO Box 53, MITCHELL, A.C.T. 2911, ph (02) 6255 4044) Buying and Selling

Orange Stamps & Coins (Howard Lyons), PO Box 9288, Orange, 2800;
Mobile 0427 107 554
Phone/fax (02) 6362 2368,
E-mail: howard.lyons@bigpond.com
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Phil & Win Morehouse, Bankstown. NSW 2200 Ph: (02)9707 4087, Email – wmorehouse@netspace.net.au. World-wide stamps bought and sold

AAA Stamps (Steve Burton) of Long Jetty. Phone 0432 540 760. Email: - aaastamps@yahoo.com.au
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ITEMS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CLUB

Items for this newsletter could be posted to the Secretary at the Club's postal address: -PO Box 324 ORANGE 2800
Better still you could e-mailed to: - ddolstra@bigpond.net.au
-Or phone 63 614 872

DATES FOR LATER IN 2020 & EVEN 2021

Everything should be cancelled until at least 30th June 2020

PHILAS Auction #136, PHILAS House, Saturday 11th July 2020. PHILAS announced on 4 April 2020 that THIS AUCTION IS NOW CANCELLED.

Canberra Fair, 18 July 2020, Kingston Baptist Hall

Bendigo Stamp Fair, 8th August 2020, St Andrews Uniting Church Hall, 24 Myers St, Bendigo, Victoria

SCDAA Petersham Fair 30 August 2020

Newcastle Half-National Exhibition 2-4 October 2020, Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre, Broadmeadow

Canberra Fair, 10 October 2020

Orange Stamp & Coin Spring Fair, Orange High School 17 & 18 October 2020. **THIS HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE THE HALL IS UNAVAILABLE**

PHILAS Open Day, PHILAS House, Saturday 17th October 2020

ANDA Sydney Money Show, 24 & 25 October 2020, Lower Town Hall, Sydney

Perth Stamp & Coin Fair 30 October-1 November 2020.

Brisbane Stamp & Coin Fair, 7 & 8 November 2020.

Hobart Stamp Show 2010: National One Frame Exhibition 13-15 November, 2020. Hobart Town Hall
hobartstampshow2020.com.au

PHILAS Auction#137, PHILAS House, Saturday 14th November 2020

Wagga Stamp & Coin Fair, 21 & 22 November 2020, Sturt Primary School

SCDAA Petersham Stamp, Coin & Banknote Fair, Petersham Town Hall, 29 November 2020. SCDAA Petersham Fair

Toowoomba National One-Frame Stamp Show, 9-10 October 2021

- Now when the postman (post person?) delivers a Registered mail item – you don't have to sign for it anymore. It saves a 'contact' with the hand-held device on which you scrawled your initials with pointed.

- The New Zealand Philatelic Bureau in Wanganui has closed up for 3 months. Australia Post's Philatelic Bureau seems to be still working

M.R.Roberts
WYNYARD COIN CENTRE

3 Barrack St Sydney 2000

Ph (02) 9299 2047 & Fax (02) 9290 3710 remains the same. Their e-mail address is sales@wynyardcoins.com.au

Whether you want advice or can't find what you're looking for, contact us. We have a wide array of collectables in our store and our friendly team will be happy to assist you. Call us today on +612 9299 2047, or send an email to **sales@wynyardcoins.com.au** or visit our Sydney store.

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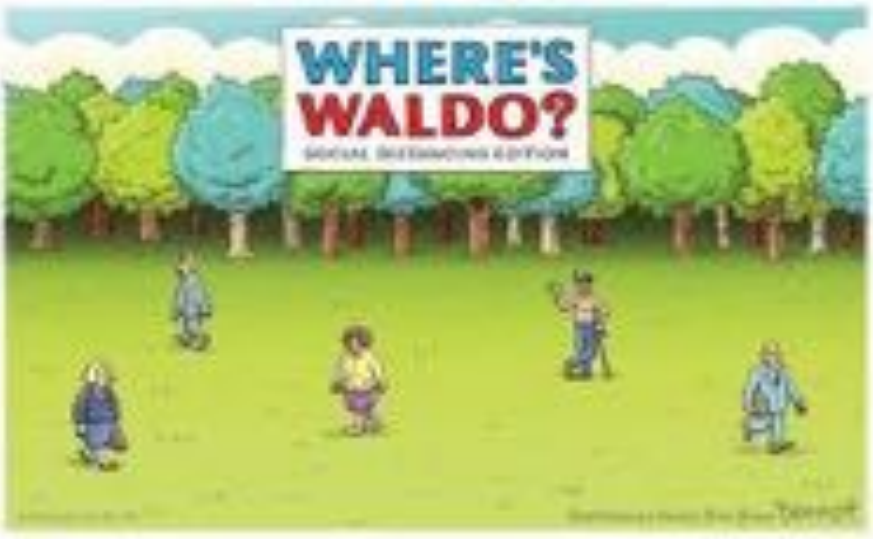

Some home-baking ideas

The cleaning lady just called & told us she will be working from home & will send us instructions on what to do.

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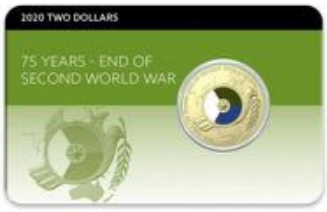


2020 End WW2 $2 NO mintmark **$12-50**

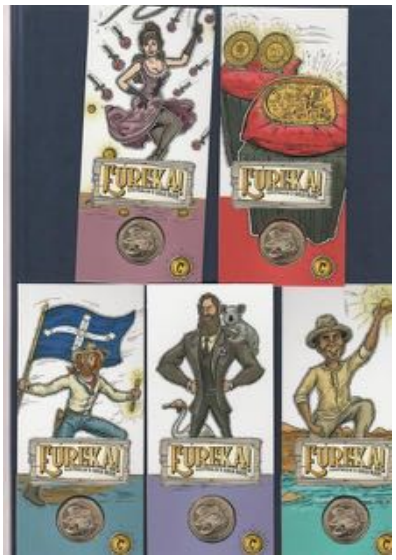
2020 End WW2 $2 'C' mintmark **$25-00**

2020 Afghan Cameleers $10-00

2020 Qantas $1 100 years - $12-50

2020 Australian Olympic Team - Ambassador $15-00

2020 Australian Paralympic Team – Ambassador $15-00



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ADVICE FROM THE EDITOR OF THE *PHILAS NEWS* - PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

Government restrictions because of the coronavirus have effectively shut PHILAS House down. Most clubs have cancelled meetings.

So, for these and other reasons - no *PHILAS News* in its usual form at present. BUT . . . . we are trying to use the PHILAS website as a news medium for NSW stamp collecting. The website has the latest on what is happening to PHILAS House under lockdown. Also, clubs which have told me that they have cancelled meetings will see that this has been noted on their web page.

Some clubs have sent news and photos for *PHILAS News*. These will be added to the club's webpage in the next few days.

Remember you must use the correct address of the website (there is still some old stuff out there on an older website but we are working on it). The correct address is philas.net.au .

While we are restricted from leaving home, let's keep in touch.

Graeme Morriss
Editor

As of 30 March 2020 the following clubs have advised that they will not be holding meetings or other public events in the immediate future:
Armidale Circle of Royal Sydney Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club Australian Society for Polar Philately Bathurst Blue Mountains Burwood Campbelltown Canberra Castle Hill Earlwood & District Eastwood-Epping Gosford Great Lakes Illawarra Maitland Manly-Warringah Milton-Ulladulla (incl. Easter stamp fair) Morisset Mudgee Newcastle Northern Suburbs Orange Parramatta (including the May Open Day) Philatelic Society of NSW Piallaway Richmond River St George Shoalhaven (August market day tba) Smithfield States Study Circle of Royal Sydney Sutherland (includes cancelation of Gymea Stamps Fairs & Captain Cook show) Sydney Anglicans Turramurra Twin Towns Uniting Church Wagga Wagga Willoughby Wyong
The following clubs will try to continue to operate, subject to the availability of premises:
China Study Group
Philatelic Society of Australia

AUSTRALIA POST HAVE ADVISED ON 3 APRIL 2020 THAT THESE POST OFFICES HAVE SHUT DOWN:

- Brooklyn LPO
  All letters and parcels will be available for collection over the counter at the Berowra Post Office.

- Clovelly West LPO
  All PO Box mail will be available over the counter at the Randwick Post Office.

- Freshwater LPO
  All letters and parcels will be available for collection over the counter at the Manly Post Shop.

- Pilliga LPO

- All letters, parcels and PO Box mail will be available for collections over the counter at the Wee Waa Post Office.

- Richmond North LPO
  PO Box mail will be accessible at a reduced rate of service, with oversize and registered mail available from the side door on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-10:30am.

- Spencer CPA
  All mail and parcels will be available over the counter at Wisemans Ferry LPO.

- Sydney International Airport LPO
  PO Box mail will still be accessible, with oversize and registered mail available from the post office's collection window 8:00am-12:00pm.

- Sydney Parliament House LPO
  All carded mail will be available over the counter at the Sydney GPO.

- Wilcannia LPO
  PO Box mail will still be accessible, and customers with oversize and registered mail will be given instructions on collecting these items.

Mail & parcel services to China and Hong Kong resumed on 1 April 2020. There are mail delays to a whole range of countries because of no, or limited, air services.

From 30 March it is illegal to send by post any personal protective equipment, masks and sanitisers to overseas countries.

DIRTY MONEY

Governments worldwide are quarantining bank notes, as the coronavirus pandemic puts the spotlight on the germ-spreading properties of 'real' money.

The US, South Korea and China have all been taking action amid concerns that the disease could be spread by paper money and coins.

The US Federal Reserve ('The Fed') has been quarantining dollars repatriated from Asia before recirculating them, as a precautionary measure against spreading the virus, according to a Reuters report.
The Fed has sought advice from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before taking other measures regarding cash. Meanwhile, industry groups and banks have been urging the Fed and US Treasury Department to issue a statement assuring people that using cash poses minimal risk, according to news agency Bloomberg.
In South Korea, the country's central bank has been removing bank notes from circulation for two weeks to remove traces of coronavirus – and even burning some as it attempts to stem the outbreak, according to Reuters.
"For all cash coming to the central bank from local banks, the Bank of Korea will keep it in a safe for two weeks, given that the virus usually dies out after nine days," a Bank of Korea official told Reuters.

Earlier measures to tackle the cash risk in China have included 'deep cleaning' and destroying potentially infected cash, according to reports. Measures have included disinfecting notes with either ultraviolet light or high temperatures, then storing them for between seven to 14 days before returning them to circulation.

Bank of England: Cash risk 'no greater than other surfaces'

As coronavirus spreads, public health authorities worldwide are urging people to regularly wash their hands and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as smartphone screens.

UK government institutions have not advised people to avoid cash, although the Bank of England (BoE) has acknowledged that banknotes "can carry bacteria or viruses" and urged people to wash their hands regularly. The BoE has introduced polymer notes in recent years, which are considered more durable and cleaner than old paper versions.

The BoE said: "Like any other surface that large numbers of people come into contact with, notes can carry bacteria or viruses. However, the risk posed by handling a polymer note is no greater than touching any other common surface, such as handrails, doorknobs or credit cards."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has pushed back on a report in UK newspaper The Telegraph that quoted a WHO official as saying: "We know that money changes hands frequently and can pick up all sorts of bacteria and viruses. We would advise people to wash their hands after handling banknotes, and avoid touching their face. When possible, it would also be advisable to use contactless payments to reduce the risk of transmission." The Switzerland-headquartered WHO has since sought to emphasise that it had not said that cash was transmitting coronavirus.

Nonetheless, some visitor attractions have moved to encourage non-cash payments. These include the Louvre art museum in Paris, which has shifted to card-only payments among various anti-virus measures. This is despite the Bank of France warning that refusing cash is unnecessary and illegal.

Change in payments habits

Payments technologies commentators are already considering whether the crisis could accelerate the trend towards non-cash payment methods, with Payments Source saying that corona could trigger a "drastic" change in payment habits.
However, the short-term uncertainty and concern among populations about what the future holds could actually prompt some people to stockpile cash, according to a piece in the Wall Street Journal.

From the Golbal Government Forumwebsite 13 March 2020