

NOVEMBER 2019 FAIR REPORT

Several early phone calls from across the region indicated that a good fair could be expected. The enquiries came from both prospective buyers and sellers.

Set-up of the hall went very smoothly with the seven dealers and the club table ready to go by 8:45 am. In fact, the first visitor, all the way from Tallangatta, came in at that time.

We were delighted with the new air-conditioning and it worked very well over the two days in the 31 degree heat.

The morning sessions were busier than the afternoons with Saturday morning seeing the largest turn-out and overall numbers seemed to be on a par with previous fairs. However, dealer feedback indicated that there were few large sales and that clients had tightened the belt a bit.

Some good purchases were reported including two old large suitcases of stamps (many AP annual albums) and an interesting collection of covers from Tibet including some Everest expedition covers.

It was also reported that two dealers left the Wagga RSL on Saturday night with much more by the way of funds than when they entered the club. Well done to both of you, we aim to please.

Once again members and dealers were amazed at the wide range of towns that collectors travelled from to attend the fair: Mildura, Beechworth, Wodonga and Tallangatta (Victoria), Coolamon, Ganmain, Albury, Sydney, Walla Walla, Stockinbingal, Uranquinty, Griffith, Gundagai, West Wyalong, Narrandera Junee, Marrar, Temora (NSW) plus Canberra.

As usual, our ladies worked hard on the catering side – Thanks Robyn, Gail, Dawn and Norma for your sterling efforts and also to those who brought in food, manned the door to welcome visitors and sell raffle tickets. Special thanks to Fred who did three hours straight on the door.

We had several enquiries regarding club membership and trust some of these will result in new members.

The raffle raised a healthy \$482.05 to help balance the books. Freakishly, both first and third prizes were won by Richard (a Wagga local) with second prize going to Win.

Dismantling of the hall and clean-up also went smoothly with the venue secured by 4:15pm So, thanks again everyone, see you at the next Stamp & Coin Fair on 16/17 May 2020.

Peter Simpfendorfer, Secretary