

The Golden City Philatelist

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now in our 86th year

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Greetings Members & Friends of the Society

You will notice from the last newsletter and this one, I have tried to maintain the appearance and style of the former editor, *Roman Lemega*. Am acutely aware that folk do not like change and that the earlier format worked as was! It is my intention to keep it reasonably simple, albeit done on a computer, so that the next editor will have minimal stress! Which reminds me, if you are at all interested, am already looking for an understudy! I believe, to preserve continuity, all office holders should have somebody learning the ropes in case of absence, ill health or unexpected demise! When can you start?
- *Viv Martin*

Diary of Future Events

2016

April 05	Tuesday	- <i>Lois Whatley Memorial Treasure Hunt</i> - <u>no auction</u>
April 23	Saturday	- <i>VICPEX 2016</i> hosted by the <i>Maryborough Stamp Club</i>
May 03	Tuesday	- Member Display: <i>Roman Lemega</i>
May 17	Tuesday	- Committee Meeting
June 07	Tuesday	- Members Quiz: <i>Bob Hayes</i>
July 05	Tuesday	- <i>A.G.M.</i> and <i>President's Display</i>
July 19	Tuesday	- Committee Meeting
August 02	Tuesday	- Member Display: <i>Rae Bryant</i>
August 13	Saturday	- Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc: " <i>Stamp Fair</i> "

Australian Stamp Bulletins ~ AVAILABLE FOR **FREE** - from *KEN DATSON*

<u>Issue</u>		<u>Issue</u>		<u>Issue</u>		<u>Issue</u>		<u>Issue</u>	
<u>No:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>
276	1	306	1						
277	2	308	2	316	7	323	4	331	7
278	1	310	7	317	7	324	3	332	1
279	1	311	2	318	8	325	6	333	2
287	2	312	2	319	4	326	7	334	3
298	2	313	4	320	8	327	1	335	3
303	1	314	11	321	3	328	5	336	1
304	1	315	3	322	6	330	2	337	6

(Dec 2015)

News from last meeting (March)

Members are reminded that a *gold coin donation* is requested for supper as an acknowledgement and a reimbursement to Myrtle Darby for her superb efforts in culinary art. Thank you.

Also, a big thank you again to Myrtle for donating this years' *Easter Raffle Prize*. The proceeds resulted in \$39.00 to the Society's coffers! Congratulations to the winner, Marjory Burnhierl.

The members' display was from our President, *David Cotton*, and we were treated to an interesting display of a variety of *shapes* other than the traditional shape(s). On display were: triangles, diamonds/rhombus, pentagonal, hexagonal, shapes of fruits, island nations such as Tonga & Norfolk Island, etc. It just goes to show that the hobby of philately has no boundaries and is limited only to ones' imagination which is evident by the calibre of displays and competition entries received over the past few years. Well done to all! (rl)



President's Message

April is *Lois Whatley competition month* and NO AUCTION. I hope you have all had a go at the challenge of finding the 50 items selected by winner Ken Datson who won last year. I look forward to comparing the items you have found with the ones I have located.

At the time of writing I still have at least 2 items to find a CDS from Menzies Creek and a stamp with a frog, peacock and a mouse in its design perhaps one will hop, fly or scuttle out?

"The Age" obituary of 3 March has the story of Max Stern and 68 years of stamp dealing in Melbourne. I would image that almost all of us have visited his shop and made a purchase. His was a post war immigrant success story and I like his formula for life. "Moderation in everything, keep active and take risks. The biggest risk is not to take risks" I suppose that you can translate that into "Don't sit on your backside and do nothing" or "Qui Patitur Vincit" a little Latin that our webmaster translated into "He who perseveres conquers" which appears on our website.

I challenge you to write to Tom and ask him where this Latin saying can be found in Bendigo. What's this got to do with stamps you ask? ... Well I just want you all to persevere with your licking and hinging on exchange sheets.

Davidius Caesar ... Emperor of The Bendigo Philatelic legion.

STOP PRESS ... Qui Patitur Vincit ... I have persevered & found a Frog, Peacock & a Mouse !!!!!

Wanted !

Information regarding the *Office Bearers* and/or the *Syllabi* of the following years for the *Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc*:

1934-1935	1935-1936	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1963-1963
1970-1971	1877-1978	1981-1982	1985-1986	1993-1994	

If any of our members or friends of the society has any information regarding the above request, please contact the Secretary, *Roman Lemega*, on (03) 5447 8610. This information is required to complete the documentation of the history of the Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc. A photocopy [*or a scan – Ed.*] of the information needed will be acceptable if the original document is required to be retained. Please check through those show boxes of material which have been sitting in the wardrobe for the past number of years; you never know what you may have been hoarding not knowing of its' importance! Thank you – *Roman Lemega*, Secretary/Treasurer.

MUH vs. Fine Used : A personal view.

I recently ordered a small number of decimal stamps from my favourite on line dealer.

The transaction proceeded in the familiar way with email confirmation of the stamps ordered, invoice sent,

EFT payment processed and finally an email informing that the stamps were on the way. Subsequently my package arrived (4 days later than it would have 6 months ago, thanks to Australia Post's new delivery procedures)

To my surprise on opening my little package I found, certainly the stamps that I had ordered, but alas, copies of stamps not in the condition that I had specified.

An enclosed note read

"Hello, we have had difficulty sourcing Fine Used copies of the issues that you requested. Where this occurred I have substituted MUH or CTO copies. No extra charge. Regards etc..."

NO, NO, MR Dealer. I ordered genuine postally used fine copies, because that is what I collect.

Pristine pieces of paper with gum on the reverse, I do not want.

I want my stamps to have done what they are created for, to have been adhered to an envelope or parcel, bear the evidence that they have been "through the hoops", been reclaimed and can be admired for what they have done.

Pampered, protected, unspoilt, inexperienced, gummed pieces of paper that promise much but have done nothing are not my preference.

"No extra charge"

Indeed, there shouldn't be! Why a premium for MUH? Much more time, effort and expense goes into a fine used copy of a stamp than buying it over the counter at the P. O.

Furthermore: The genuinely postally used fine copies in my order were costed at \$19.55. The same stamps MUH according to my dealers list would cost \$31.50. More than 60% extra, how ridiculous!

To paraphrase one well known philatelist ***"Why pay for gum"?***

I rest my case.

For this collector Fine Used beats MUH every time. I look forward to an alternate view.

Bob H.

Postal District Numbers of Melbourne

In 1967 ***Postcodes*** were introduced Australia wide. (No specific date known; maybe it was a gradual process?)

Earlier, Melbourne had Postal District Numbers based on the London codes with a letter (or letters) denoting the direction from the main city post office and a number appended to, generally, to correlate with the relative distance (in miles). An earlier system from around 1923 with twelve districts or 54 (unsure why there is doubt about this number) which had failed due to neglect was replaced. For more detail and a listing, check out this URL on your computer browser –

bit.ly/1TsWJ8O –



Illustrated: **HAMPTON S7**
PRAHRAN S 1:

Australian Stamp Bulletins ~ WANTS LIST - Ken Datson

- Missing -** Issue Nos. 1-129, 138, 142, 147, 156, 177 & 178, 208, 210, 211, 212, 243
Spare set: Issue Nos. 1-129, 194, 201, 203-222, 235, 236, 238-243
Extra set: Issue Nos. 1-246, 262, 257, 268, 269, 271, 273, 305



Wanted:

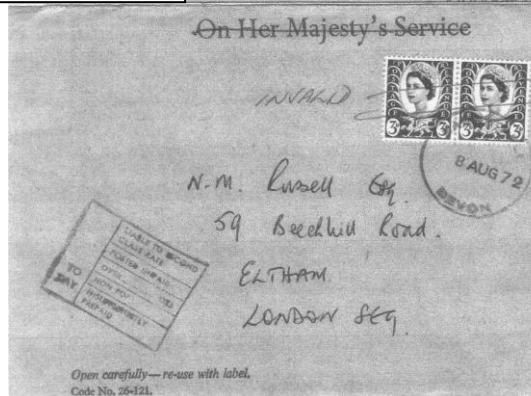
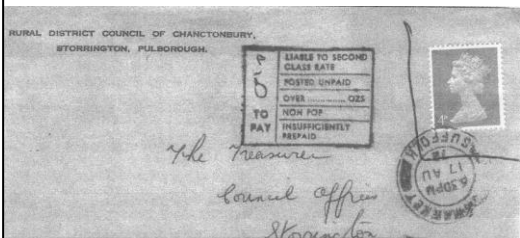
1974 October 9th – Bendigo Stamp Week – Coach Mail – offers (with a fair and reasonable price please) to Viv Martin
03 5439 3655 – or eMail to vivmartin37@gmail.com

Great Britain – Invalidation of Pre-Decimal Postage Stamps – John Ogle

Pre-decimal postage stamps were invalidated from 1st March, 1972, little over two years from the issue of low value decimal definitive. Many European countries, switching to the Euro from traditional currencies, allowed longer periods to use ‘old currency’ stamps. Was the Post Office, mindful of the vast stocks of mint stamps held by speculators, dealers, and the general public? Their impending invalidity made dispersal of large stocks very difficult even on the ‘cheap postage’ market where huge discounts on face value were available.

Wilding definitives, not previously sold out, were withdrawn from sale at the Philatelic Bureau on 27th February, 1970. Similarly, all pre-decimal Regional, **Machin** definitives (excepting the £1 value) and Special Issues were withdrawn from sale on 25th November, 1971.

17 AU 72 – 4d
MACHIN
IDENTIFIED AS
INVALID. 5p
POSTAGE DUE
CHARGED,
DOUBLE THE
CLASS 2 LETTER
RATE OF 2½p.



8 AUG 72 – 2 x 3d
WELSH
REGIONAL ISSUES
IDENTIFIED AS
INVALID;
POSTAGE DUE
CACHET
WITHOUT
INDICATION OF
AMOUNT
PAYABLE
PRESUMABLY 6p,
DOUBLE THE
CLASS 1 LETTER
RATE OF 3p.

Some interesting URL's (web addresses; computer links):

URL = Uniform Resource Locator (in case you are wondering)!

<http://www.stampboards.com> – **Postage Stamp Chat Board** & Stamp Bulletin Board Forum - World's No.1 place to discuss Stamp Collecting & Philately - ZERO cost to ANYONE - NO annoying ads everywhere!

<https://www.postcrossing.com/> – **Postcrossing** is a project that allows anyone to receive postcards (real ones, not electronic) from random places in the world.