

# The Golden City Philatelist

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*now in our 86<sup>th</sup> year*

## ***Greetings Members & Friends of the Society!***

***Newsletter in Colour:*** Members and friends are reminded that you can receive your copy of the newsletter by email from which you can print and *in colour!* It will save the society the cost of printing, envelope, address label, etc. and the editor some time as well.

## ***Diary of Future Events***

### **2016**

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| May 03                | Tuesday               | – Member Display: <b><i>Roman Lemega</i></b>                 |
| <b><i>May 17</i></b>  | <b><i>Tuesday</i></b> | – <b><i>Committee Meeting</i></b> at President's residence.  |
| June 07               | Tuesday               | – Members Quiz: <b><i>Bob Hayes</i></b>                      |
| July 05               | Tuesday               | – <b><i>A.G.M.</i></b> and <b><i>President's Display</i></b> |
| <b><i>July 19</i></b> | <b><i>Tuesday</i></b> | – <b><i>Committee Meeting</i></b> at President's residence.  |
| August 02             | Tuesday               | – Member Display: <b><i>Rae Bryant</i></b>                   |
| August 13             | Saturday              | – Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc: <b><i>"Stamp Fair"</i></b> |

The general monthly meetings of the Bendigo Philatelic Society are held 7.30pm at "Kalianna", 200 Nolan St., Bendigo.

**CORRECTIONS – AMENDMENTS FROM LAST MONTH (THANKS TO LIBBY LUKE FOR NOTICING)!  
APOLOGIES TO ROMAN.**

## ***Wanted !***

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

<b>1934-1935</b>	<b>1935-1936</b>	<b>1939-1940</b>	<b>1940-1941</b>	<b>1941-1942</b>	<b>1962-1963</b>
<b>1970-1971</b>	<b>1977-1978</b>	<b>1981-1982</b>	<b>1985-1986</b>	<b>1993-1994</b>	

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.

## *Visit to St. Arnaud*

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we enjoyed the hospitality of the St. Arnaud club. The evening began with a welcome to visitors by St. Arnaud Secretary, **Diane Martin** followed by a general discussion of philatelic interest. It was a very pleasant evening with an auction, presentation and displays by **Roman Lemega** followed by a delicious and generous supper! Both groups discussed collecting formats and how each individual got interested in collecting stamps. Bendigo had 13 members present with 9 travelling in the mini-bus (many thanks to **David Somerton**), 2 by car and a further 2 encamped enjoying the district. There were six present from the St. Arnaud group.

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## *President's Message*

Well done to the **9 members** who entered **The Lois Whatley Competition**. **Ken Datson** is now sorting out the entries and will announce the winner at our May meeting. Please remember that the judges' decision is final. [*Members were able to view the entries & the winner has been decided but will not be announced until the May meeting. – Ed.*].

We now have the 2016/17 treasure hunt underway with questions set by Roman, a nice selection and plenty of variety. Please enter into the spirit of the competition which is run to honour the memory of our past Secretary Lois Whatley who held that position for over 30 years.

Victorian **Barred Numeral 787** was issued to the postmaster at **Diamond Hill** on 1 September 1872. [*closed 21<sup>st</sup> June 1947 but, of course, the barred numeral would have finished long before this! – Ed.*]. A friend is writing a history of Diamond Hill and mining activity there and would love to get a nice copy of 787 preferably on piece or cover to put in his publication. [*a member has since found & supplied – Ed.*]. According to Stamp boards it is RR which I think means “Really Rare” as opposed to “RRRR” really, really, really, rare”.

For non-Bendigonians the area of Diamond Hill is to the South East of Kangaroo Flat as you enter Bendigo on the Calder Highway. It is still quite scrubby and would have been tough work in 1872. The annual report of the Victorian Post Office and Telegraph Dept for 1873 says the Postmaster was Hugh Nixon who ran a store on Diamond Hill. To carry mail to and from Kangaroo Flat by horseback six days a week from 1 Sept to 31 Dec 1872 cost eight pounds.

**MEETING PROCEDURES** ..... A consensus decision made at our last meeting was that we would stop all activity at 10.45pm and jointly help pick up, clean up, wash up and tidy up so that we could vacate the building by 11 pm. Thank You.

**EXCHANGE SHEETS** .... It will be a great help to **Lyn** if you **clearly MARK YOUR NAME** for **any purchases** from exchange sheets. Initials, scribbles, runic writing and **blank spaces are not acceptable**. We are grateful to **Lyn** for taking over the exchange sheets. **Please** assist her.

Happy tweezering and hinge licking. David.

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FURTHER ERRORS FROM LAST MONTH ALSO CORRECTED HERE – APOLOGIES TO KEN.

### *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. **1-187, 194, 201, 203-222, 235, 236, 238-243**

**Extra set:** Issue Nos. **1-246, 262, 267, 268, 269, 271, 273, 305**

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## *Members' Interests*

The last list seemed to be in the August 2012 Newsletter. If members would like their interests published, please advise. If you do not wish to be identified, initials could be used **or** a code number allocated. It may help those wishing to submit Exchange Sheets or facilitate an exchange with those of similar interests.

## ***'State of Victoria Barred Numeral Cancels & Rarity Ratings' (abbreviated)***

NNR =..... Number Not Recorded  
RRRR =.... 4 to 12 copies recorded  
RR =..... 25 to 50 copies recorded  
SS =..... 101 to 200 copies recorded

RRRRR =.. 1 to 3 copies recorded  
RRR =..... 13 to 24 copies recorded  
R =..... 51 to 100 copies recorded  
S =..... 201 to 300 copies recorded

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### ***Educational Display/Show & Tell***

At the April meeting, **Peter Matthews** presented an interesting display of **Frama Labels** which were unprinted. Labels as well as 2 strips of approximately 10cm which would be the equivalent of 4 labels. In comparison, Peter also included several printed Frama Labels issued for postal use. A very interesting item of Postal Stationery.

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### ***Australian Stamps Professional – Renewal ?***

With the increase in postage costs, this subscription has been increased from \$44.00 to \$77.00 p.a. The society's renewal was discussed at the April meeting and as the precise reason was not known, the decision to cancel was held over to the May meeting.

The April meeting was also advised that the back page of the current issue of this magazine contained an advert from the "**Velvet Collectables Group**" of Sydney & Melbourne now in liquidation. A lot of people may have lost a lot of money in the process?

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### ***DocX – How to View, Print or Copy***

Occasionally you may receive a document in a newer format than what you have on your computer or you may not even have **Word** on your computer? Do not despair, the answer is right here:-

#### **Word Viewer**

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/download/details.aspx?id=4>

or - <http://bit.ly/1UMVuTT>

View, print and copy Word documents, even if you don't have Word installed. This download is a replacement for Word Viewer 2003 and all previous Word Viewer versions.

#### **DocX Viewer**

[http://download.cnet.com/DocX-Viewer/3000-18483\\_4-75179715.html](http://download.cnet.com/DocX-Viewer/3000-18483_4-75179715.html)

or - <http://dlcom.co/1WhnYEF>

DocX Viewer gives you the ability to open, view, and print files in DOCX format, even if you don't have an up-to-date version of Word. When you open a file in this app, you can also copy and paste the text into the word processing program of your choice for quick and easy editing.

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

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

<http://www.ballaratstampclub.com.au/> – **Ballarat Philatelic Society Inc** was founded in 1904 and is one of the oldest and most active stamp clubs within regional Victoria.

[bit.ly/1OeDjkw](http://bit.ly/1OeDjkw) – **Australia Post Stamp Bulletin Archives** – downloadable copies of previous editions of the Stamp Bulletins in **Adobe PDF** format. Appears to be complete back to No.247 (Oct-Dec) 1998, but also No.1 August 1953 is listed. Makes one wonder if they are missing entirely the gap between or they just haven't got around to it?

## The Four Chaplains

My father, having been a Chaplain in the Australia Army during World War II, had a copy of this stamp, albeit somewhat heavily cancelled, in his collection. There was also a newspaper clipping with abbreviated information as follows:



*“Illustrated here is an unusual stamp from the U.S.A. depicting four Chaplains (or Padres) of different faiths. It commemorates the Revs. George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling, who were Protestants, the Rev. Father John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic and the Rev. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi. When the U.S. transport ‘Dorchester’ was torpedoed off Greenland in 1943, they helped to hand out life jackets and encouraged panicking soldiers to jump. When all the jackets had gone the four chaplains gave away their own. They were last seen standing with arms linked on the deck as the ship went down, praying together. The issuance of the stamp was unique because it was issued less than ten years after the men died. Customarily, the Post Office Department (now the U.S. Postal Service) did not issue commemorative stamps until ten years after the person had died. Historically, this may be the first stamp commemorating a Jew. It is undoubtedly, the first U.S. postage stamp designed by a Jew that commemorates a Jew.” (vgm)*

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## William Penn Adair "Will" Rogers

Wish I could be like that! This man inspired me from a very early age but I knew nothing about him! (vgm)



*William Penn Adair "Will" Rogers (November 4, 1879 – August 15, 1935) was an American cowboy, vaudeville performer, humourist, newspaper columnist, social commentator, and stage and motion picture actor.*

*Known as "Oklahoma's Favourite Son", Rogers was born to a prominent Cherokee Nation family in Indian Territory (now part of Oklahoma). He travelled around the world three times, made 71 movies (50 silent films and 21 "talkies"), and wrote more than 4,000 nationally syndicated newspaper columns. By the mid-1930s, the American people adored Rogers. He was the leading political wit of his time, and was the highest paid Hollywood movie star. Rogers died in 1935 with aviator Wiley Post, when their small airplane crashed in northern Alaska.*

*Rogers's vaudeville rope act led to success in the Ziegfeld Follies, which in turn led to the first of his many movie contracts. His 1920s syndicated newspaper column and his radio appearances increased his visibility and popularity. Rogers crusaded for aviation expansion, and provided Americans with first-hand accounts of his world travels. His earthy anecdotes and folksy style allowed him to poke fun at gangsters, prohibition, politicians, government programs, and a host of other controversial topics in a way that was appreciated by a national audience, with no one offended. His aphorisms, couched in humorous terms, were widely quoted: "I am not a member of an organized political party. I am a Democrat." Another widely quoted Will Rogers comment was "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."*

*Rogers even provided an epigram on his most famous epigram:*

*When I die, my epitaph, or whatever you call those signs on gravestones, is going to read: "I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didnt [sic] like." I am so proud of that, I can hardly wait to die so it can be carved.*

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Larry's stamp collection was stolen, and Susan, his wife, called the insurance company: "We had that collection insured for fifty thousand and I want my money". Agent: "Whoa there just a minute, Susan. It doesn't work quite like that. We will ascertain the value of the collection and provide you with a similar one of comparable worth". Susan, after a pause: "I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband ..."