

The Golden City Philatelist

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now in our 86th year

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Greetings Members & Friends of the Society!

Hearty *congratulations* to the *Maryborough Stamp Club* for hosting **VICPEX** with the associated displays, VPC Congress and their Stamp Fair, etc. Refreshments, lucky door prizes and dealer tables also gave variety to a well balanced event. Members from Maryborough, Ballarat and Bendigo were well represented and won some of the awards (see elsewhere in this newsletter). No doubt there were other visitors from further afield!

Diary of Future Events

2016

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| 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 | – <i>Committee Meeting</i> at residence of Edna Westhead, 19 Curtin St. Kennington. |
| August 02 | Tuesday | – Visit from Maryborough Stamp Club who will also supply the display for the evening. |
| August 13 | Saturday | – Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc: <i>“Stamp Fair”</i> |

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

Vale

Sympathy is extended to *Helga* and Family on the passing of *Robert Boniwell* and further sad news just received of *Klaus Brunhierl*, suddenly; our sympathy to *Marjory* at this sad time. Also, to *Roman & Lurlene* with the loss of her granddaughter at such an early age. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you all on these sad occasions.

President's Message June 2016

Our May meeting was a mix of celebration and sorrow. *Myrtle* produced a cake for us to celebrate the **90th birthday** of **Tom Glazebrook** (photo at right) and it was sadly reported that *Helga's* husband **Robert Boniwell** died during the month and we give our condolences to *Helga*.

We congratulated *Noel* for his gold medal entry at **VICPEX** in Maryborough and we acclaimed **Libby Luke** (photo below) for her win in the **2016 Lois Whatley** trophy competition.

It was very good to see the support we gave **VICPEX** both in displays and attendance. Well done. **Ken Datsun** had 9 entries to judge in the **Lois Whatley competition** and it was a close run event. The secret to success is to find an unusual item that no one else has seen or even heard of.



TOM GLAZEBOOK



LOIS WHATLEY TROPHY WINNER, LIBBY LUKE, WITH PRESIDENT, DAVID COTTON (left) and JUDGE KEN DATSON

Photographer *Tom* was in "Camera Heaven" with snaps of *Libby*, *Tom G* and *Noel* and promises they will all be on "The Net".

"Use it or lose it" is a common saying amongst the older generation stay active We decided to subscribe for another year to **Australian Stamp Monthly** magazine. It is a good philatelic read and we need you to "Borrow it, Read It, and Return It" to the club library. We cannot just store it away without usage.

Editor Viv's wife Freda is currently having eye surgery and we wish her well.

[Thank you. Ed.]

Roman entertained us with a show of his collection of "Airmail stickers". He has thousands of them but kept his display down to a few hundred. As we so often say ours is a hobby where you can collect anything. It is interesting that Airmail stickers started in France in 1919 and that is why we have the words Par Avion on them. One can imagine planning is going on now to celebrate the 100th year of them in 2019.

At our June meeting **Bob Hayes** will challenge us with a quiz about Australian stamps and we will have an auction. We VERY MUCH NEED a constant supply of **LOCALLY PRODUCED EXCHANGE SHEETS**. Please get licking and hinging.

July is the month of our AGM ... the month when the President runs away to his grandchildren in Queensland. This is the opportunity to renew and refresh ideas and for all members to have a say in the future direction of The Bendigo Philatelic Society. Please give it 10 minutes of your thinking time.

Happy Hinging

David

What Collecting Stamps Taught Me About Genealogy

check it out at:

<http://bit.ly/1rNd0vs>

Vandals' strike yet again!



“Dear Tom, These 2 Mini Sheets ruined with Textra [*sic* : ‘ = *Texta*’ - marking pen] from Phoenix [*philatelic auction house*] are so disappointing. Every time this happens, they [*Phoenix*] choose beautiful stamps for their customers only for the Post Office to ruin them. Can I do anything to stop it? - Ruth”

This complaint is now becoming common place. It seems that Australia Post do not acknowledge that the philatelist is one of their big money spinners. Some collectors buy only mint stamps from the post office for their collection for which no further service is required. [*Ed.*]

To all collectors this is abhorrent and does nothing for the public relations of Australia Post. The same thing happens here and I guess all over Australia? Why have a division called Philatelic produce wonderful stamps only to see them ruined by total incompetence?

Perhaps someone who reads this may pass this disgusting photograph and this email to someone in this huge conglomerate who can right this wrong.

Our Philatelic Society wrote many letters which undoubtedly were passed on to an underling and the usual Public Service Gobbledygook was the answer.

To the hierarchy of Australia Post I say: "If stamps are not cancelled as they should at point of first contact then issue the Delivery Officer with a small self-inking post marker to cancel appropriately." Surely this is not hard?

To those of you on this mailing List who read this and know the email address of the Mr. Ahmed Fahour the CEO of Australia Post I would appreciate if you could forward him a copy. He should be made aware of this practice which leaves so many unhappy Philatelist's right around Australia.

Hopefully this will in some small way bring a better day in our hobby.

Tom Luke.

From Australia Post (email) – What's New for MyPost Digital Mailbox



We need your help!

We welcome constructive feedback that helps us improve our services. If you're interested in making a difference, join our feedback panel¹.

(right folks; here's your chance)!

<http://www.digitalmailboxuserpanel.com.au>

Register

VICPEX Maryborough – Displays by Bendigo Members

It was gratifying to note that Bendigo members rallied around in support of the valiant efforts demonstrated by the Maryborough folk. Displays were submitted by **John Armstrong** – *Coffee & Marianne-Symbol of France* ~ **Roman Lemega** – *P-Stamps & Essays* ~ **Noel Earles** – *King George V issues of Australia* – along with other displays from Maryborough & Ballarat members



VICPEX Maryborough – Winners! Congratulations – well done

Victoria – A Study of the “De La Rue” 2d
← *Noel Earles* – 77 points
Gold Award
Prize for **Best In Show**



Australian Birds
on
Australian Stamps
David Cotton →
– 50 points
Bronze Award

Our Electronic Newsletter

Welcome to our Electronic Newsletter to members of the **Ballarat Stamp Club**.
Great to have you with us.

Eclectic Treasures Bendigo’s private collections

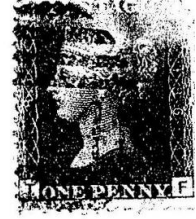
Post Office Gallery

**24th March
to
14th August
2016**



Libby Luke is pictured with her contribution to the collectors’ exhibition.

Libby Luke



Libby is a philatelist. She began stamp collecting at the age of five after her sister gave her duplicate stamps from her own collection. When her sister went overseas she gave instructions to her mum and dad to keep the collection going, buy new Australian Issue stamps while she was away. Mum and Dad caught the bug and they were all collecting stamps ...

Libby's parents then decided to join a stamp club.

It met on a Saturday night and needless to say I was the only child in attendance, I would have been seven. Mr Ayling came up to me that night after just returning home from a trip to England and said it was his duty to encourage youth philately and gave me some stamps. We became great friends and would spend many hours together with stamps. He had the sixth best Austrian collection in the world. So guess what? Austrian Stamps became my first love. Their designs are very beautiful with fine engraving and are still my favourite collection. I entered stamp competitions winning-prizes and put on small exhibitions. One display was entitled, 'Austria -The Land of The Waltz

and Beautiful Stamps'. Unlike many other children's hobbies which chop and change, mine has never strayed. That means I have been collecting stamps for more than 50 years! At ten years of age I was made an honorary member of the Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain.

Libby's parents encouraged this passion and opened a standing order with the Austrian Post Office so that Libby would receive all the new issues. Mr Ayling from the stamp club kept in touch and would pay Libby 50 cents an hour in stamps.

Her professional life led Libby to work as the 'Archival Collection Manager' at Australia Post within the Stamps and Philatelic Group. She was a member of this group for 18 years. This role required managing the huge collection of stamps and compiling albums for the Queen to mark her visits to Australia.

For Libby, stamp collecting is a wonderful hobby that teaches you so much about different themes and subjects. It has enabled her to make life-long friends through the common pursuit of that elusive stamp which will complete a set or fill a gap in the collection.

Melbourne 2017

The Melbourne 2017 Stamp show will be an international stamp exhibition. The venue is the Caulfield Racecourse Function room from Thursday March 30 to Sunday April 2.

- 60 dealer tables
- 1400 frames of exhibits

www.melbourne2017.com.au

A Century of Science on Stamps

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