

The Golden City Philatelist

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now in our 86th year

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Greetings Members & Friends of the Society!

My apologies to the email recipients of our Newsletter with the supply of an earlier draft issue to Tom Luke who sent it out in good faith. A bit of panic on my part when Tom returned from a few days away and hand't received the final copy to email out. The only consolation is that we have developed a fresh technique to reduce the size (in Kb) to travel faster over the air waves and not use up the receivers band-width. Can I *please* have a volunteer to proof-read before I send out for transmission? Thank you to those who have prepared articles for the newsletter and have supplied in a workable format. Regret that I do not have the time to re-type articles from newspapers or magazines & we may also need permission to reproduce? As requested, have added my contact details in the banner above. *VGM*

Diary of Future Events

2016

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| July 05 | Tuesday | – <i>A.G.M. and President's Display ~ NO AUCTION</i> |
| <i>July 19</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | – <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> |
| September 6 | Tuesday | – Display by John Armstrong |
| October 4 | Tuesday | – Panel Discussion |
| TBA | | – Visit to Maryborough Club |
| November 1 | Tuesday | – Club Annual Competitions ~ NO AUCTION |
| December 6 | Tuesday | – Christmas Eats and Mammoth auction |

2017

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| January 3 | Tuesday | – Stamps of 1917 |
| February 7 | Tuesday | – Display by Libby Luke |
| March 7 | Tuesday | – What is in the Club Library? |

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

- 60 dealer tables
- 1400 frames of exhibits ~ www.melbourne2017.com.au

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

President's message July 2016

Sadly, we have to report that **Klaus** died in May. He had been a member for many years and we will miss his cheery presence at meetings along with **Marjorie**. Not only will we miss his auction bidding but his supplies of honey from his Lockwood property. Take care **Marjorie** and we hope you stay in touch with us.

June saw us tackling a stamp quiz from **Bob Hayes**. **Ken Datson** won showing his knowledge of modern Australia whilst a good many of us showed we need to take more notice of the subjects and design of our stamps. **David Somerton** won the elimination raffle that **Bob** conducted. It is good to see members prepared to take part in our meetings and to help organise them. Thank you **Bob**. Our 2016/17 syllabus will be out shortly and we want a real team effort to take part in whatever is on offer.

July is our AGM meeting. This is an opportunity for members to have their say in what they wish from their club. I will be "missing", visiting grandchildren in Queensland but offer a few items for discussion [Late News: President may be with us owing to unforeseen unfortunate circumstances]?

Club Auctions ... Have you ideas on their frequency, number of lots per meeting, methods of conducting them, any other comments?

Club Hours ... Are you satisfied with closing at 10.45 pm and being out by 11pm?

Club Exchange Sheets ... How can we make more of our own?

Club Visits ... Do you want to continue supporting visits to Maryborough and St Arnaud?

How many people should be on the Club Committee?

Any other items?

In the many various organisations that I have belonged to Annual General Meetings are seen as a necessary legal obstacle best not attended in case you get landed with a job. And yet it is at AGMs when you should be prepared to give time and thought as to the progress of your club. It is no good grizzling behind the scenes. Please come along and make a positive contribution.

Happy hinging and licking. I will be thinking of you on The Sunshine Coast and visiting Caloundra Stamp Club to find some Lois Whatley items.

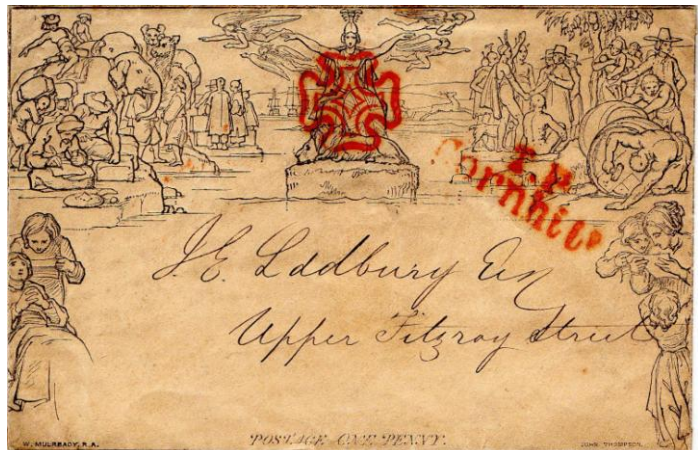
President **David**.

GREAT BRITAIN - MULREADY LETTER SHEETS and ENVELOPES

Designer - William Mulready R.A. Henry Cole (Rowland Hill's assistant) consulted Mulready on 13.12.1839; two days later he produced the design approved on 04.01.1840. On 10.04.1840 Rowland Hill took examples of the Mulready letter sheets to the Council of The Royal Academy, which enthusiastically endorsed the design.

Engraver - John Thompson's engraving on brass was completed on 01.04.1840.

The Printer - William Clowes was approved as printer on 06.04.1840.



Prices, colour and paper - 1d paid letter sheets and envelopes in black and 2d paid letter sheets and envelopes in blue on Dickinson's paper with embedded silk threads as a security measure against forgery. They went on sale on 01.05.1840 for use from 6 May and were sold singly at 1d and 2-1-cl and at lesser rates in quantity.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF

Usage - Any excess weight was paid by adhesive stamps. They were cancelled (in red ink during 1840) by the Maltese Cross obliterator which was to be applied to the figure of Britannia.

Public reaction - The Mulready design was widely greeted with ridicule, abuse and derision; within a week of issue Rowland Hill recognised that they would have to be replaced. Subsequently numerous caricatures appeared lampooning the design. The 1d envelope was withdrawn by the end of January 1841 and the 2d envelope in April 1841 and replaced by envelopes bearing Wyon's embossed design. The letter sheets were replaced in 1844. Unsold stocks of the Mulready stationery were destroyed in 1862.

1d envelope from stereo A180, used in London District 09.07.1840.

Receiving office datestamp '6 evening' on reverse; on front T.P. Cornhill receiving office handstamp and Maltese Cross cancellation. All applied in orange-red.

Bogus Nations and their Stamps: No. 1 in a series.



The Island of Pabay

In the 16th century, Pabay, a tiny island at the end of the Inner Sound off the east coast of The Isle of Skye was the haunt of pirates, murderers and others seeking refuge from the law.

Situated 2.5 miles from the town of Broadford, Pabay, now privately owned, often has a population of up to 20 in the holiday season.

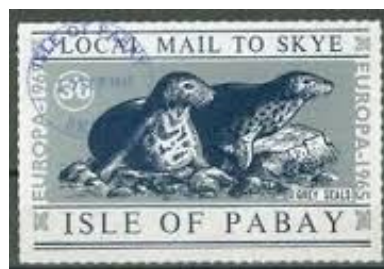
In the 1960s the owners – the Whatley Family - whilst trying to conduct a Pottery and Knitwear business on Pabay had a dispute with the General Post Office over the frequency of the postal service to & from the Island.

Taking matters into their own hands the Whatleys used a converted lifeboat to act as a delivery conveyance and issued their own local postage stamps.

The first issue in 1962 a 2d value depicting the mail boat framed by the inscription “Isle of Pabay Skye / Mail service/ Postcard 2’ has been followed by a succession of rouletted sets often boldly inscribed “Europa”.

Many small islands produce ”Stamps” to raise revenue. Pabay stamps are genuinely used in small quantities to pay for the delivery of mail to the mainland.

Issues include a Mini sheet for the “68 Mexico Olympics, a Gold Foil JFK and Churchill issue in 1967, a Cats set overprinted to celebrate the investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, an emergency post issue during the Postal strike of 1970 and cheekily, a stamp to commemorate the removal of tolls on the Skye Bridge.



Generally available for a modest cost, The island of Pabay offers an interesting quirky collecting option.

Next in the series. Thule

Bob H.

Diary of Further Future Events

2017

TBA		– Visit to St Arnaud Club	
April 4	Tuesday	– Display by Roman Lemega	
May 2	Tuesday	– Viewing of Lois Whatley Trophy competition entries ~	NO AUCTION
June 6	Tuesday	– Philatelic Quiz	
July 4	Tuesday	– AGM ~ Presidents Display ~	NO AUCTION
August 1	Tuesday	– All members one sheet display on their favourite stamp subject.	

Auctions will be held at all meetings **EXCEPT JULY, NOVEMBER and MAY**
5 items per member are allowed for auctions *except in December* when
10 items per member are allowed for the Christmas bonanza.
Exchange sheets will be circulated at all meetings.

FIFTY EXCUSES FOR A CLOSED MIND

1. We tried that before.
 2. Our club is different.
 3. It costs too much.
 4. Leave it until we are not so busy.
 5. We don't have the time.
 6. Our club/premises is too small.
 7. It's too big a change.
 8. The members will scream.
 9. The members will never accept it.
 10. We've never done it before.
 11. It's against club policy.
 12. It will run up our overheads.
 13. We don't have the authority.
 14. We like change - so long as it involves no alterations.
 15. That's too ivory tower (theoretical).
 16. Let's get back to reality.
 17. That's not our problem.
 18. Why change it; its working alright.
 19. I don't like the idea.
 20. You're right - BUT.
 21. We're not ready for that yet.
 22. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
 23. It isn't in the budget.
 24. Good thought - but impracticable.
 25. Let's hold it in abeyance.
 26. We'll be the laughing stock.
 27. Let's give it more thought.
 28. My mind is made up - don't confuse me with facts.
 29. Not that again.
 30. We'll lose money in the long run.
 31. Where did you dig that one up from?
 32. We did all right without it.
 33. That's what we can expect from the members.
 34. It's never been tried before.
 35. Let's form a committee.
 36. Members will not like it.
 37. Has anyone else tried it?
 38. We're all too busy to do it.
 39. It will not work in our club.
 40. Who's trying to teach me my job?
 41. That will work in your club but it will not work in mine.
 42. I'm not convinced.
 43. Let' sleep on it.
 44. Think of the disruption it will cause.
 45. It will make equipment obsolete.
 46. It cannot be done.
 47. It's too much trouble to change.
 48. It will not pay for itself.
 49. I know a colleague who tried it.
 50. We've always done it this way.
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A Century of Science on Stamps

Check out - <http://bit.ly/1OpUm6J>

Thorstein Veblen

Here and now, as always and everywhere, invention is the mother of necessity.

[Thorstein Bunde Veblen (30 July 1857 – 3 August 1929), born Tosten Bunde Veblen, was a Norwegian-American sociologist and economist and a leader of the Efficiency Movement, most famous for The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899).]