

The Golden City Philatelist

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now in our 86th year

Greetings Members & Friends of the Society!

My term as Newsletter Editor will cease with the June 2018 edition *or earlier*. That should give us plenty of time to train (if necessary) anybody who would like to have a go; any volunteers? Please don't leave it to the last minute and don't leave it fall back on the Secretary.

Diary of Future Events

2016

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| August 02 | Tuesday | – Visit from Maryborough Stamp Club who will also supply the display for the evening. |
| August 13 | Saturday | – Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc: “Stamp Fair” |
| 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 | – Member Display by Libby Luke |
| March 7 | Tuesday | – What is in the Club Library? |
| TBA | | – Visit to St Arnaud Club |
| 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 | | |
| April 4 | Tuesday | – Member Display by Roman Lemega |
| May 2 | Tuesday | – Viewing of Lois Whatley Trophy competition entries ~ NO AUCTION |
| June 6 | Tuesday | – Philatelic Quiz |

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

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.

Diary of Further Future Events

2017

July 4 Tuesday – AGM ~ Presidents Display ~ **NO AUCTION**
August 1 Tuesday – All members one sheet display on their favourite stamp subject.

Presidents message August 2016

The ***MOST IMPORTANT*** date for August is the 13th ... the day of the great **Bendigo Stamp Fair**. ***Please be there*** to help co-ordinator **Roman** and the team.

I will not be there as will be having a re-organised holiday in Queensland. My wife is recovering from her operation and we await further developments. Thank you all for your best wishes.

At our AGM in July we held elections and then held over acceptance of annual finances. The reason for this is that we have to have an AGM within 5 months of the end of our financial year which is the 30 June. This has made it very difficult to have reports ready for the first week of July. Therefore, we will be having the annual financial report in September and from 2017 will hold future AGM's in September but retaining the end of financial year as 30 June.

Thank you for re-electing me to the Presidential chair. As I said when accepting the position, I will be 80 next March and really think it is time to hand over the reins at that time. I implore members to think now about the future direction of the club. Secretary Roman has also indicated he will retire next July and we thank Bob Hayes for volunteering to take over this position.

This August meeting, we will be hosting Maryborough club members. They always turn up with something different to show us so please come along and support them. We also have a club auction and exchange sheets; of course, that leads me into the monthly plea ***WE NEED HOME GROWN EXCHANGE SHEETS!***

Happy licking and hingeing **David**

Trivia question...How many \$1 stamps has Australia post issued since 1 January 2016 ?

Too many is not the answer!

Wanted ~ Buy or Exchange

AUSTRALIAN AEROGRAMMES & AIR LETTERS

Any Period

USED only. Preferably neatly opened.

Bob Hayes ~ bobh@netcon.net.au ~ Tel. 0407421940

From an article submitted by **David Cotton** to the free

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Collecting Stamps

"Philately" is a word concocted by a Frenchman c 1863 from Greek roots meaning "the collection and study of postage stamps and postal history." More commonly called 'stamp collecting' it is still a worldwide hobby enjoyed by persons of all ages and backgrounds.

The earliest stamps in Australia were issued by the State of New South Wales on 1 January 1850, followed by Victoria on 3 January. Van Diemen's Land came in 1853 changing to Tasmania in 1856. The other states followed soon after. The nation of Australia did not issue stamps until 1913.

All of these early stamps are part of our history and ones used in very small long-

forgotten townships are very hard to find.

The Bendigo Philatelic Society was founded on 5 August 1931 and still meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The venue is Kalianna School, Nolan Street Bendigo from 7.30pm. Members and guests may buy and sell stamps and get advice on all aspects of collecting.

An Annual Stamp Fair is being held on 13 August at St

Andrews Church Hall, Myers St Bendigo from 10am to 4pm, Dealers will be there to sell, buy and help with valuations of stamps and postal items.

We encourage you to bring your collections to the stamp fair and to re-invigorate your interest in the hobby by attending a club meeting.

You may also like to visit our website www.bendigophilatelicociety.org

Bogus Countries: 2nd in a series

THULE

Thule in North-West Greenland is one of the most northerly towns in the world (Lat. 77° N) Despite it's remoteness and isolation, the area of **Thule** (pronounced Too-lee) is of interest to stamp collectors.

In 1910 the Arctic explorer and anthropologist, Knud Rasmussen (1879-1933) set up a small mission and trading post at Thule near Kap York (Cape York) in northwestern Greenland. They provided food and provisions in exchange for Eskimo furs and other locally produced products. Their main office was in Copenhagen, Denmark, since Greenland was (and still is) a Danish possession. The exploitation of deposits of cryolite which is used in the production of bauxite, turned Thule into a mining town.

It didn't really need stamps, because all mail from Greenland to the mother country, Denmark, was carried free of charge. Nevertheless in 1935 the town commissioned a set of four stamps to mark the anniversary of its founding. The stamps were to pay for mail transport in both directions between the Thule Station and the main office in Copenhagen, as there was no government mail service.

Mail addressed to other parts of Denmark or other countries required additional franking with Danish stamps. A secondary purpose of the stamps was to raise funds for the station via the sale of stamps to collectors.



The 10 øre value depicted Rasmussen, the 15 øre the Danish flag and the Thule mountain, the 30 øre some walruses, and the 45 øre a polar bear at Cape York.

A 5th stamp, a 25 øre value depicting the local church was added in 1936.

Used for local post until 1938, when the first stamps of Greenland were introduced, they were issued with the full permission of the postal authority, but it considered them to have the same status as Christmas seals.

All of these stamps have the inscription "1910 THULE 1935" across the top and the denomination of value at the bottom, except for the 25 øre stamp which has "1936 –

THULE – 1936" across the top. They were designed by the Danish painter Knud Kyhn and printed on un-watermarked paper in sheets of 50 at the Thiele printing works in Copenhagen.

Perforated 14 by 14.5 (horizontal stamps) or 14.5 by 14 (vertical stamps). There are many printing flaws which enable the plate position of each stamp to be easily determined.

A complete set of the five locals (mint or used) will cost about \$5-\$30. Used examples on cover, are much more expensive. They are not listed in standard catalogues but in the specialized Scandinavian catalogues.

The Danish Red Cross reprinted these stamps from the original plates in 1979, honouring Knud Rasmussen's birth centenary. The reprints are perforated 11 and have the Danish word for "reprint" on the back.

Thule is now known by the wonderful palindrome - Qaanaaq. It has a population of around 600 and enjoys a Polar climate with long cold winters and 24 hours of daylight in the summer (July) when temperatures rarely exceed 10 degrees Centigrade.

The area is now host to an American Air Base.

Next: Clipperton Island

Bob H

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the A.G.M. held in July, the following office bearers were elected:

President:	David Cotton
Vice-President:	Bill Trew
Secretary-Treasurer:	Roman Lemega
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:	Bob Hayes
Exchange Superintendents:	Lyn Downward, John Morvell
Webmaster:	Tom Luke
Photographers:	Libby & Tom Luke
Committee:	Noel Earles Libby Luke Doug Pearse Edna Westhead David Somerton
Newsletter Editor:	Viv Martin <i>ex officio</i>

The A.G.M. was adjourned until September 2016 meeting as it was impractical to complete the financial figures to 30th June and present them at the July meeting a few days later.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Members are reminded that the annual subscription is now due. **Adults/Families \$20.00** and **Juniors \$2.00**. Please remit to the Treasurer of the Society at: P.O. Box 962, Bendigo, Vic. 3552 or you may pay at a meeting.



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

– **JUST FOR FUN!** →

NEWSLETTER by eMAIL

To all members who have an email account, would you please consider receiving the Newsletter by this medium. It would be greatly appreciated and lighten my load with the present procedure of producing hard copy and sending by snail mail. If you have a colour printer, you will appreciate the copy much more and in addition you will/should receive it much earlier!

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