

The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 87th year

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Diary of Future Events

2017

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.

Tickets \$10 for one day or \$25 for all four days.

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

April 4 Tuesday Member Display by John Armstrong – when asked what he would be talking about, he replied, “It’s a secret!”

*** Don’t forget The Lois Whatley treasure hunt entries are due in at our April meeting. This year we are going to collect the entries in APRIL. They will be judged and the winner announced in MAY when we can view all entries and compare what we entered with the entries of other members.

Changes to your newsletter

When Viv Martin took over the newsletter, it was on the understanding that it was to be temporary. That was more than a year ago but finally, I’ve kept my promise to move from the position of assistant editor, where I did basically nothing, to editor, where from now on it’s my fault if anything goes wrong.

For those of you who don’t get to the club meetings often, I’ll introduce myself. My name is John Armstrong and I live in Drummond, about 75km from Bendigo. I bought my first stamp sixty years ago, which I still have, and still haven’t kicked the habit. My main interests are in the postal history of world war two in Italy and in line engraved and recess printed stamps of the world. No doubt I’ll bore you silly with discussions about those addictions before too long.



Vale Bob Hamilton

Sadly, another of our members passed away on the fourteenth of February. Bob Hamilton, from Castlemaine, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer six weeks ago. His wife, Dorothy, assures us that he enjoyed his time with our philatelic society. Our thoughts go out to Dorothy and to all his loved ones at this time.

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.

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“CHANGING OF THE GUARD”

Bendigo Philatelic Society is to have a new President following the resignation of David Cotton.

David has been the very proactive President for the last 10 years and under his stewardship the Society has gone from strength to strength. His many innovations have all produced outstanding results and membership during his tenure has continued to rise.

We wish David a happy retirement and sure he will use the added time to continue to “lick and stick” and support us all with his outstanding Philatelic knowledge.



At the January meeting of the Society, Libby Luke was unanimously elected as President Elect and will assume this office from our next meeting on the 7th March. Libby has been an active member of the Society since 2008 and has a Philatelic background having been an avid Philatelist since the age of 5.

She was a member of the “Stamps and Philatelic” Section of Australia Post for 18 years and was also the “Archival Collection Manager” for that organization. Part of her duties were to keep the Royal Collection of Australian Stamps up to date for presentation to the Queen on her visits to Australia.

She was also the President of the Australian Postal Institute Philatelic Society for in excess of 20 years.

Thanks David for a job so well done and Welcome Libby.

Editor's note: We seem to be doing a lot better with our presidents than the Americans.

President's message March 2017

A President retires.

I am handing over the mantle of the Presidential office at our March meeting to Libby Luke. Thank you all for your membership of our club and supporting me on this 10 year journey.

We all belong to our stamp collecting club because we enjoy the company, the buying and selling of stamps and sharing information and knowledge.

Libby is an outstanding collector of stamps and has many years experience. She will need your support with AUCTION ITEMS, EXCHANGE SHEETS and OUR ANNUAL FAIR. I could not write a Presidents message without mentioning these!!!!

A combined effort from everyone with their talent, expertise, willingness and cooperation will see our club continuing to thrive. May you all keep happily playing with your tweezers.

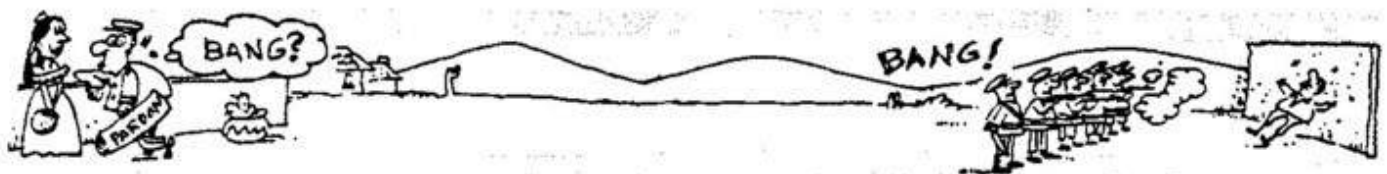
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Change is ever present.

In addition to my retirement Viv Martin is handing over the editor's job to John Armstrong.

I thank Viv for taking over this task 18 months ago. Please support John. All Editors I have ever known like a steady flow of articles.

Every member should have something that John can show in our newsletter. David .



Newsletter Archive

In building the digital archive, there are quite a number of Newsletters required. At the present time these are the only issues scanned to disk:

1971 - Vol 1 No. 4 ~ July only	1980 - July only	2008-2016 Complete
1973 - Vol 1 No. 8 ~ July only	1981 - July only	
1974 - Vol 1 No. 9 ~ January only	2007 - November-December only	

If members have copies of any missing issues, Viv would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to *loan* for scanning (and they then *will be returned* to you).

Please contact *Viv Martin*. Ph: 03 5439 3655 email: vivmartin37@gmail.com

Show and Tell

Do you have something in your collection that you find interesting? Of course you do. That's why you collect in the first place. I would like to invite everyone to share a stamp or other item from their collection and tell us all what it is that you like about it. Here are a couple from me to start it off.

Someone swapped the towers!

Stamp designers aren't always completely true to the thing they are depicting. A good example of this is this fairly simple Swiss stamp. It shows the Cathedral of St. Pierre, in Geneva where the Reformation was first proclaimed in 1536, and in which Calvin then preached for 30 years. As you can see from the stamp, the cathedral is a real hodge-podge of different styles all tacked together to give what eventually became a very interesting and quite beautiful building. The building incorporates more different architectural styles than any other in Switzerland and deserved being chosen for the Swiss architecture series. The problem that the designer had was one of balance because he not only had to show as much of the church as possible (he has cheated a bit there) but also had to find room for all the lettering and the value figure. The cathedral is shown as if you are standing in front of the portico but as you can see, one of the outside towers is slightly taller than the other and the taller one was interfering with the space where the value tablet was to go. The problem was solved by reversing the towers. In reality, the tower on the right should be on the left and vice versa. They may have thought that nobody would notice. At right, the cathedral seen from the rear. Looking from the front, the taller tower should be on the left.



As many of you know, I help out with the mail at the Malmsbury Post Office, a good place for someone interested in the post. I have a friend in Canada who sends me stamps occasionally and like most of us, he haunts the local stamp shops and bourses. He told me how he had bought a box of Australian stamps the other day and when he was sorting through it he found this one and asked if I would like it. I wonder what the chances are of a stamp leaving Malmsbury, travelling to Canada, getting soaked off and ending up with a dealer to then be sold to someone who sends stamps to Malmsbury. About the same as winning the lottery, I suspect.



You hear a lot of complaints about Australia Post these days, not always undeserved but knockers of AP might consider themselves lucky compared to people in some countries. Posters on the Stampboards discussion website called my attention to incidents in Canada and Russia that made me realize just how bad it can be for some people. Here is the text from the first article, from CBS News, Toronto.

“A Toronto woman says she's filed a complaint to Canada Post after a postcard sent to her by a friend in Argentina appears to have been intercepted and marked up in red ink with the words "Learn English!!"



Mirella Zisko told CBC News she was pleasantly surprised to receive a postcard in the mail on Jan. 12, especially since it arrived at her workplace.

But then she turned it over.

Someone, it seemed, had taken a red pen to the simple message from her long-time friend Oscar, crossing out words as a teacher would and correcting them for apparent grammar mistakes. “

Zisko describes Oscar as a man in his 60s, a former co-worker who grew up in and emigrated from the South American country, and recently went back to visit. English is his second language, the Vaughan, Ont., woman says.

When she received the card, she was stunned.

"First I was mad, and then I just felt upset for him," she said. "He's such a good friend, and he's an older gentleman, and I just felt hurt for him that someone would go out of their way to be mean."

Read More: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/postcard-complaint-canada-1.3941321>

Meanwhile In Russia...

This postman grew tired of all the doors being frozen shut so he found a solution. As the security camera later showed he put his boot through the glass panel and threw the mail through the hole. Ingenious!

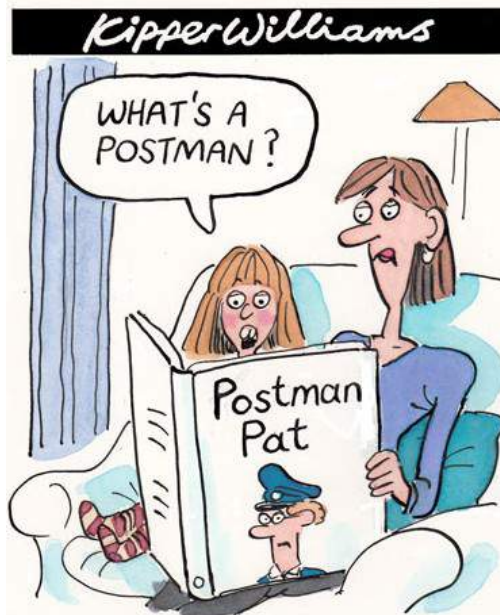


I saw this cartoon on the internet and realized that although I still handle a lot of letters (I deliver the mail a couple of days a week), I hardly remember the last time I actually wrote one. Perhaps we are getting the postal service we deserve.

I was about to send a long email to my local council about my annoyance with their handling of a particular issue. I think I might send a letter instead. They are a lot harder to delete.

My Canadian friend is getting ready for a big stamp fair in May. He tells me that his method is to put every five dollar note that comes his way in a box and that is his stamp fair money. With luck he may accumulate a couple of hundred dollars over the year.

Now might be a good time to mention our Stamp Fair is coming in August.





BENDIGO Stamp Fair Saturday

12th August 2017

10am - 4pm

Local & Melbourne
Stamp and Coin Dealers

St Andrews

Uniting Church Hall

24 Myers Street Bendigo

Free Entry

Food and Drinks Available

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