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The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 89th year

June 2019



Diary of Future Events

Saturday	June	1	Happy Birthday, Tom!
Tuesday	June	4	Philatelic Trivia Quiz.
Wednesday	June	5	Daytime Meeting.
Tuesday	July	2	Marine Life.
Wednesday	July	3	Daytime Meeting.
Tuesday	August	6	Women and Leadership.
Wednesday	August	7	Daytime Meeting

Please Note: The daytime meeting is on the Wednesday after the main meeting. This is not always the first Wednesday of the month

☆☆☆☆☆ Saturday August 10th 2019 ☆☆☆☆☆

☆☆☆☆☆ Bendigo Philatelic Society Annual Stamp Fair ☆☆☆☆☆

President's Message June 2019

What a wonderful meeting we had back in May. Over 30 members including three members from Ballarat Philatelic Society attended. It is always a pleasure to have our sister societies visit.

We expected this meeting to have a small attendance with so many of our members away !!!

The main event of the evening was the declaration of the winner of the Lois Whatley trophy. This year's winner was Tom Harris and he was roundly applauded by all. Congratulations Tom a worthy winner.

As time marches on our thoughts now turn to our Annual Stamp Fair which will be held on Saturday 10th August at the St. Andrew's Church Hall in Myers Street in Bendigo.

Our organizer Vice President Bill Trew is heading our committee in arranging same.

At our June meeting Past President David Cotton will be conducting a Philatelic Quiz. This should be an interesting evening.

Happy Stamping...Libby.



The general monthly meetings of the BPS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at

Old Long Gully School (now CVGT)

Cnr Stanfield and Jackson Streets, Long Gully

Extra Daytime Meeting at Golden Square on the Wednesday after the main Tuesday meeting.

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings

EXCEPT NOVEMBER

10 items per member are allowed for auctions

Christmas bonanza auction in **December** .

Exchange sheets will be circulated at all meetings.

More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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Club News

There was a good turnout to the May meeting and we were pleased to welcome our three visitors from Ballarat. It is a long drive on a cold night and we hope they felt it was worth the trip and managed to evade the kangaroos on the way home.

Please Note: David Somerton will be acting as secretary while Joy is away.
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Left: Tom Harris received his trophies from Libby as winner of the 2018-2019 Lois Whitley Memorial Competition. Well done, Tom!



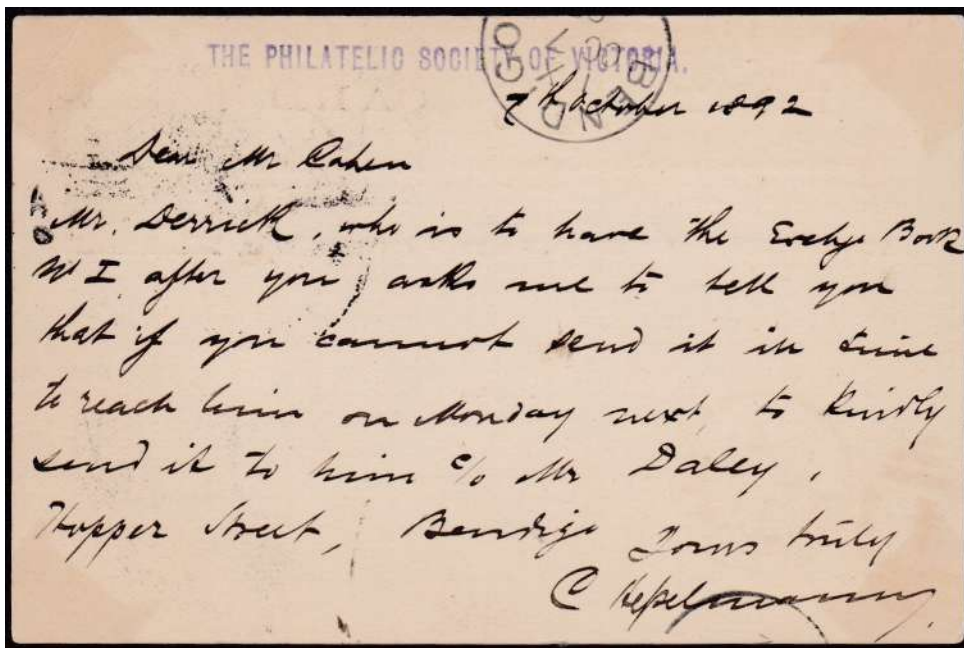
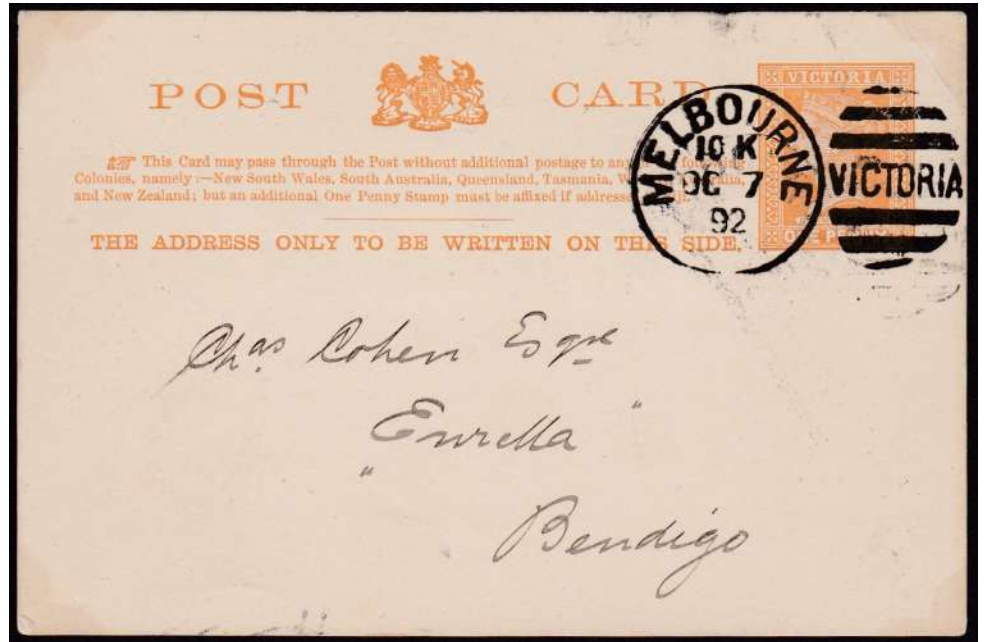
Stamp Bulletins Needed

We now only need a few to complete the collection, either as an original or alternatively a photocopy or digital copy. The numbers required are: 100, 101, 102, 103. If you can help with any of these, please contact the club or give them to Ian Kimpton at our meeting.

A Card to Charles Cohen

As you may remember from our recent newsletters, Charles Cohen of Bendigo was a member of the Philatelic Society of Victoria back in the 1890s. The articles reminded our member, Viv Martin, of a card that passed through his hands some time ago and he was able to find some images of it which he has kindly sent to us for other members to enjoy.

The message is about the passing of an exchange book to the next person on the list so it ties in nicely with our previous articles.



“The Philatelic Society of Victoria
Dear Mr Cohen
Mr Derrick, who is to have the
Exchange Book No. 1 after you asks
me to tell you that if you cannot
send it in time to reach him on
Monday next to kindly send it to him
C/o Mr Daley,
Hopper Street, Bendigo
Yours truly
C. Kepelmann”

Note the Melbourne postmark and
the Bendigo postmark dated the
same day! (and earlier than our
article)
Thanks, Viv.

At our club we seem to have a voracious appetite for exchange books and we are constantly being asked to “lick and stick” some more. It is quite time consuming and sometimes difficult to find the time in our busy lives. The 1890s must have been a much more leisurely time as the club’s philatelic magazines of the time tell how there were so many members wishing to supply exchange sheets, as a new book was being prepared, space in the book was sold by auction! How times have changed. Then again, looking at the prices on the old exchange sheets that David Cotton showed, it could have been quite a lucrative business.

So what is a philatelist anyway?

Georges Herpin was a French collector who is attributed with coining the word “philately”. He used two Greek words, *philos* and *atelia*. *Philos*, meaning “a love of” is a prefix that has been used many times in the English language but the other word, *atelia*, is a bit harder to justify as a choice as it means “freedom from tax”. Georges chose this because, he argued, once the right stamp is placed on a letter it is free from any further charges.

Perhaps Georges could see into the future to a time when many people would take up philately as a retirement hobby. After a lifetime of working and paying much of what was earned to the government to squander, it was finally time to stop work, accept that hard-earned pension and be finally free of paying tax (well, almost).

Where's our mail?

We often hear complaints about Australia Post but spare a thought for some of those whose mail service is far worse. A friend in Thailand sent me this article, originally shown on Thaivisa.com, and it shows just how hard it is in some places to make a postal service work.



A postman in the Bang Saphan area of Prajuab Khiri Khan has been sacked after "a thousand" items of mail including parcels were found dumped at his house.

Pictures of what Sanook said were at least 1,000 items appeared on the page of an admin for a Bang Saphan Facebook page.

Many people commented on the Santhat That Dechakert page that they had not received their mail for months.

Some faced being imprisoned for failing to respond to important court requests through no fault of their own.

Complaints were made by many people but the cause was not discovered until a probationary review of a new staff member was carried out.

The postman had been on the job seven months and has now been sacked, said provincial chief postmaster Theeraphong Thepmanee who said that he was "shocked" by what has happened.

He promised that all mail will be sent on, albeit many months late in some cases.

Source: <https://www.sanook.com/news/7693510/>

Extra Daytime Meeting of the Bendigo Philatelic Society.

If you are unable to get to our regular evening meeting, or want more time to pursue your collecting interests, we now have a daytime meeting on the morning after our main meeting.

Members are welcome to attend both meetings. Daytime meetings are not formal meetings.

Venue: Golden Square Hall, 9 Old High St.
(Bendigo Field Naturalists Club rooms)
(Behind the Golden Square Fire Station)

Date and time: Every Wednesday following the Tuesday night meeting)

Coffee, Tea, biscuits etc, available throughout the meeting. The venue has lots of free parking, has ground floor and ramp access and is close to a bus stop in High street. Further details can be obtained from the club secretary.

Facial Recognition

You may have read in the papers about the efforts to ban the use of facial recognition technology from a lot of areas. This is not simply due to a luddite view of artificial intelligence but is more because it only seems to work if the subject is a white caucasian. It gets confused and doesn't work well with coloured or asian faces and has led to a few wrongful arrests overseas. Today, we will see if you are smarter than your computer.

Below are images of people who were famous enough to warrant being portrayed on a postage stamp. Many of you will have at least some of these stamps in your collections but will you recognise who they are when they are taken off of the stamp. Answers are on the next page.



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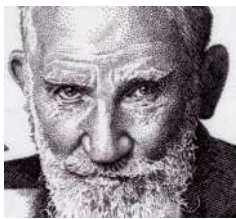
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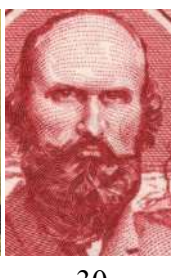
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What would *you* have paid for this strip?



The above strip of two cent Harding stamps were found in shoe boxes that contained around one hundred and fifty thousand of the same stamp. Collectors of American stamps would normally expect to pay a few cents for this but the keen eyed collector who spent hours going through the boxes knew exactly what to look for. The stamp is found in two forms, a flat bed printing and a rotary printing. They are difficult to tell apart by the size of the image as the difference between them can be as little as a quarter of a millimetre.

The rotary press stamps are perforated 10 x 10 while the flat plate perforation is 11 x 11 but for some unexplained reason a few sheets of rotary pressed stamps were perforated 11 x 11 and this was what the collector, Lawrence Cohen, was looking for and finally found in the above strip.

Because the size on these was so close to the flat press print size there was considerable argument among the experts before, after eighteen months it was finally decided that it was indeed the elusive Scott 613 and it gained its certificate.

It was subsequently sold at auction for \$165,000. Patience and persistence certainly paid off in the end.

Facial Recognition

1. Mawson; 2. Beethoven; 3. Henri Dunant, founder of Red Cross; 4. Karl Marx; 5. Goya; 6. Sun Yat Sen; 7. Captain Cook;
8. George Washington; 9. Mozart; 10. Albert Namatjira; 11. Greta Garbo; 12. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands; 13. Rembrandt;
14. Abraham Lincoln; 15. King George V; 16. Billy Hughes; 17. Rene Descartes; 18. Buffalo Bill Cody; 19. Queen Elisabeth of Belgium;
20. George Bernard Shaw; 21. Walter Burley Griffin; 22. Leonardo Da Vinci; 23. Henry Lawson; 24. Marlene Dietrich; 25. Helen Keller;
26. Napoleon Bonaparte; 27. Sir Rowland Hill; 28. Marshal Petain; 29. Dame Mary Gilmour; 30. John McDouall Stuart; 31. Christopher Columbus; 32. Joseph Stalin.

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Food and Drinks Available

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