



The Golden City Philatelist

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Diary of Future Events

Tuesday September 3 Roman Numerals (1, for one, love Roman Numerals).
 Wednesday September 4 Daytime Meeting
 Tuesday October 1 A.G.M
 Wednesday October 2 Daytime Meeting
 Tuesday November 5 Club Competitions
 Wednesday November 6 Daytime Meeting
 Tuesday December 3 Club Competitions
 Wednesday December 4 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

President's Message September 2019

Greetings One and All,

Holidays are great fun !!! So great that if it had not been for our Newsletter Editor this report might not have seen the light of day.

Our Stamp Fair has come and gone and reports I have received here are all excellent. As a little aside this is the 80th Anniversary of the start of WW2.

Our holiday is fast coming to a close and I look forward to being with you all on Tuesday the 3rd. Our time up here has enabled us and our David Cotton to visit with Philatelic Clubs in this region. Tom and I had two days at Tweed Heads and access to their wonderful exchange sheets particularly those on Japan.

Nambour as usual produced a very interesting night particularly on philatelic knowledge and a great display by the guest speaker on the Lions Christmas Seals. David Cotton joined us on our visit to Nambour.

Caloundra still have wonderful books of Exchange sheets which kept myself and David busy. We have one more visit to Caloundra before returning home.

On the 10th August we travelled to Helensvale on the Gold Coast and participated in their "Afternoon Stamp Club". This was another eye opener.

I will elaborate more on the Queensland stamp world on my return.

Best wishes...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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Due to popular demand (and a wish not to see the doors broken down), the fair started earlier this year. This photo was taken before ten o'clock. By eleven, people were queueing for a seat at some of the tables.

Bendigo Philatelic Society Stamp Fair 2019

Cold, wild weather ripped through the state at the weekend. It was snowing heavily in Malmsbury as this editor was preparing to leave, in fact I almost stayed home as we have lambs being born at the moment.

I have a theory that a lamb being born on a freezing cold day does the same job as back in the old days when a midwife would lift a newborn baby by its feet and smack it smartly on the backside.

This caused the baby to take a large suck of air in order to protest loudly and was considered essential for getting the lungs working. I reckon that a lamb being forced out of a nice warm sheep and dropped onto the freezing ground gets a similar response. A quick look round showed that, despite a reputation for being stupid, sheep are actually quite good at getting out of the cold and lambs seem to have it as a built in instinct. Last year, I photographed this pair of twins climbing onto their mother's back on a cold morning. She was fine as she had a full fleece.



Bill Trew took on the massive job of fair coordinator again this year which included acting as MC and conducting the draw for door prizes. He still found time to run a stall.

What has this to do with the fair? Not much, but it was on my mind as I was driving that anyone who went out on a day like this would possibly not be as smart as the sheep so I had to include myself in that.

The first sign that all was well was that car parking places were at a premium when I arrived. Inside was a hive of activity as the photo above shows. It was taken well before ten o'clock. The fair started at 9.30 this year in response to the fact that people were queueing up by then last year and had to wait until 10 to get inside. This was obviously a popular decision. By eleven o'clock, the hall was packed with most dealers doing a very brisk trade.

Numbers were well up on last year with over 200 attendees. We are still getting them from all over the state. Some were from places as far away as Ballarat, Charlton, Daylesford, Kerang, Kyabram, Leitchville, Melbourne suburbs, Mildura, Nhill, Rushworth, Traralgon, Shepparton, Stanhope, Swan Hill, Warrnambool, Wedderburn, Yea, and of course a busload from the Warragul club. More than 25% of the attendees were made aware of the fair through the flyers, with reasonable numbers finding out through the media, online, and in the Royalauto magazine.

We need to thank the 4 amigos (Noel Earles, Doug Pearse, Jim Garden, and Peter Doxford) for setting up the hall on Friday afternoon. Also Ken Datson for all of his organising on the day, including that of the Front Bar. Thanks to all the members who assisted at the Front Bar, and to Myrtle Darby for the fantastic freshly baked scones.

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Ken did a fine job of coordinating volunteers on the door who made sure everyone was welcomed and offered tactful appraisals of the very mixed bag of old albums that were brought in by their hopeful owners.



Like most of us, Andrew was so focussed on the stamps on offer, he would not have noticed if the hall burnt down around him.



Ours is a wonderful hobby made so much better when it is shared.



This year attracted several coin and banknote dealers.



An empty chair! Grab it, quick!

Important Auction Reminder

Members are reminded that details of all items for the club auctions must be finalised with the treasurer by the 25th of the preceding month. Items will not be accepted after that date.

Why on earth would Trump want to buy Greenland?

The internet has been awash with comment about a report that Donald Trump wants the US to buy Greenland from Denmark. While some claim this as “fake news”, others say there is no smoke without fire. The rumours spread far enough for politicians from Denmark, Greenland and the US to add to the debate.

Former Danish prime minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said on Twitter, "It has to be an April Fool's joke. Totally out of season," while Soren Espersen of the Danish People's Party commented, "The thought of Denmark selling 50,000 citizens to the United States is completely ridiculous."

Greenland is an autonomous part of Denmark and shares Denmark's free healthcare and education as well as a much higher standard of living than many Americans. Denmark also has restrictive gun ownership laws similar to Australia and unlike the US, gun ownership is not a right.

Only a small section of the debate asked the question, “Why on earth would Trump want to buy Greenland?”

There are, of course some very good reasons. US companies would love to have access to the mineral riches believed to be there. The US military has also been pointing out for some time how both China and Russia are militarising the Arctic and although the United States has had military rights to Thule Air Base in Greenland since 1951, increasing their presence in the north is seen as essential by some military strategists.

All this makes perfect sense, I suppose, but in my opinion, my friend, Ed in Canada has seen the real reason behind all this. The US postal administration are still very reticent to put living people on their stamps whereas in Greenland, this is seen as OK. With this in mind, Ed has produced this stamp essay to help the Greenland post office get things ready, just in case...



Making America Laugh Again

Maryborough Stamp Club Annual Auction

8th October 7 p.m.

We have been advised by Grey Loyer that the ever-popular Maryborough Stamp Club annual auction is to be held on the 8th of October. BPS members are invited to submit up to fifteen items to the auction but all details must be received by Grey by the end of August - either by phone to 5460 5008 or email to gloyer@live.com.au.

This is always an event that is not to be missed and items usually attract some spirited bidding. The auction starts at 7 p.m. And lots will be available for viewing after 5.45.

Unanswered questions from the internet.

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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A keen collector

As the six family friends carried the coffin out of the church, a passer-by noted that on top was a stamp album, magnifying glass and tweezers. She remarked, "I suppose he must have been a keen stamp collector." "He still is," answered the person next to her. "He'll be off to the stamp club just as soon as they finish burying his wife."

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.

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.

Post Script

When you are five, success is not peeing in your pants. When you are twelve, success is having friends. By eighteen, success is being able to drive. By twenty, success is having sex. By your thirties, success is having money. By age fifty, success is having money. By sixty-five, success is having sex. By seventy, success is being able to drive. By seventy-five success is having friends. At age eighty, success is not peeing in your pants.



BENDIGO Stamp Fair

Saturday

8th August 2020

9.30am - 3.30pm

**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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