



The Golden City Philatelist

BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. A0016241J

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Now in our 89th year
October 2019



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Diary of Future Events

Tuesday	October	1	A.G.M
Wednesday	October	2	Daytime Meeting
Tuesday	November	5	Club Competitions
Wednesday	November	6	Daytime Meeting
Tuesday	December	3	Christmas Party and Special Auction
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 October 2019

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at our October Meeting on 1st of October. We hope to have all positions filled and perhaps!!! Some more nominations? A BIG thank you to all Office Bearers for the last year for a job well done.

There will be an official note elsewhere in this Newsletter on the Annual General Meeting. The AGM also means subs are due for the year 2019-2020.

It would appear to me that the number of people wishing to sell collections has increased this year and we have endeavored to assist people whenever possible.

Have you bought or sold Stamps on eBay? It is a very interesting pastime and sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. I have had some interesting wins BUT lost out on some I had the feeling were going to be mine. Perhaps we should have a discussion about eBay at one of our future meetings?

From my visits to other clubs recently it has become very apparent to me that the success or otherwise of Philatelic Clubs can be gauged by the quality and quantity of their exchange sheets.

What say we all make a dedicated effort to add to our Exchange sheet total and quality during this next month. Perhaps even a club get together to "Lick and Stick"?

Looking forward to our October meeting together
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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Webmaster: Situation vacant

Club News

Our New Webmaster - Could it be you?

You may have noticed on the front page that we need a new webmaster. After many years of dedicated service to the club, Tom Luke has decided to pull back from his official roles and lead a more relaxed life around the club. Managing the club web page is quite a commitment and we all thank Tom for the work that he has done since he took on the role. *(Personally, I hope he continues to carry a camera. Editor's note)*

The club's web page is viewed around Australia and overseas and is how we present ourselves to the world. Could you be our new webmaster? If you think you could, Tom will happily set you on the way. Why not nominate yourself at the AGM.

Annual General Meeting (Official Notification sort of)

The 1st October meeting is our AGM where each year reports are read and we reassess the various positions at the club. It may seem a little dull but it is a legal requirement for all clubs and believe me, ours are better than some other AGMs I've been unfortunate enough to attend over the last few years where everyone was shouting and throwing things. We are fortunate to have such a friendly bunch as members of our club.

Please make an effort to attend. It shows the outgoing committee that you appreciate their efforts or gives you a chance to vote for new club officials if for some reason, you don't. It would be good to see more people nominate (as long as you don't nominate as newsletter editor or I might start throwing things. I'm having fun doing this!)

Finally, take a look at page five. We have a week of philatelic events coming up at Maryborough, Geelong and Ballarat. Start saving now and you could really enhance your collection.

Finally, a reminder that the \$30 membership fees are now due.



Welcome to our AGM

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.

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: 10 am 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.

Bendigo philatelists are revolting!

Well, if not revolting, protesting at the very least. Viv Martin found an article in the Melbourne Age from Thursday 9th May 1935 (Page 7) which detailed how the Bendigo Philatelic Society formally complained about the Post Office's habit of issuing high value stamps where there was little need for them for postage. Obviously, these were issued purely to make money from collectors.

A similar protest was heard in the 1880s from members of the Philatelic Society of Victoria (later, Royal) with members vowing to refuse to purchase such stamps. Also, in Britain in 1929, philatelists denounced the issue of the totally needless £1 black for the ninth U.P.U. Congress that was held in London.



Other values in the set were ½d, 1d, 1½d and 2½d and the £1 value could have easily been issued as a 1s. This would have made it much more accessible to less wealthy collectors and the post office would surely have made much more than they made from those who could afford to spend half a working man's (or all of a working woman's) weekly wage on one stamp. It may have been this British protest that spurred the Bendigo members to do something similar a few years later.

These days, most of the grumbles that you hear are about the sheer bulk of new issues with many countries' issues numbering in the hundreds every year. You hear a lot of collectors saying things like, "I only collect up to 1970" and suchlike but like the issue of the £1 stamp, this is only a ripple on the market.

Many collectors who could have afforded to buy the £1 stamp at the time refused to do so on principle but later had a change of heart. Then when they later went to buy a copy the price had risen dramatically due to the low numbers that were available. Even today, it will set you back hundreds of dollars for a good example.

Similarly, I saw an article by a stamp dealer where he was claiming that he could supply all the issues that philatelists had ignored in recent times and which were now hard to find. He had a ready market as there are still those who seek completeness in their collections.

So what is the answer if you want to collect a country but don't want to get caught up buying every new issue. One change that has come over our hobby in recent times, and is probably a direct consequence of the above, is the rise of thematic collecting. If, for example, you collect cats on stamps, you then have a reason to look at the whole world issues. I suppose your editor falls into this group as he now collects line engraved, recess printed stamps from the whole world. This would include the £1 issue shown above which is a masterpiece of the engraver's art but it is unfortunately still outside his budget as even a fine used example can cost over \$500.

Another idea is to collect a period, or even a "dead" country. This is a country that independently issued stamps for a period and then stopped, perhaps absorbed into a larger entity. There are many collectors who focus on a single type, such as the KGV penny reds. They may have thousands of this stamp, constantly searching them for the minute variations and flaws that separate them.

The answer then is to collect stamps that you like. If an issue doesn't please you or won't fit with your budget restrictions, leave it. Collecting is about more than simple accumulation. It is about pleasure and relaxation. My engraved stamps are a miniature art gallery and I get great pleasure from examining them and admiring the skill involved in their production.

So if Australia Post want to release hundreds of stamps each year, then let them do it. Who knows? One set might just kindle the enthusiasm of a young mind, as for most of us, it was one stamp that set us on the path to collecting. That young mind may go on to become one of the next generation of collectors.

Fair Dinkum Aussie Alphabet Stamps

News from Paul Brownlie

At long last, the final issues of the Fair Dinkum Aussie Alphabet Stamps are being released this month, October 2019. This has been a very popular set with the public as well as collectors.

The first issue was in 2016 when they issued the letters N,Q,S,V and W. Later that year they followed up with A,R,C,L and T. The third group was released in 2017 comprising B,G,J,K, and U. This was followed in 2018 by E,O,X,Y, and Z. As you can see, each of these issues was five stamps but we rather inconveniently have twenty-six letters in our alphabet so this new issue has one more, finishing the set with D,F,H,I,M and P. Judging by the



The four previous issues

Post Script. When your bladder starts to leak, urine trouble

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.

For details contact Grey on 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.

Stamp & Coin Fair

Saturday 12th October 2019

9am-3pm

Geelong West Town Hall
Pakington St Geelong West

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8th August 2020

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