



*Bendigo*

# The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 89<sup>th</sup> year

**December 2019**



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## *Diary of Future Events*

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 December 2019**

Greetings, My final monthly report for 2019.

It has been a great year membership is up! Finances are holding and the Fair was its usual success.

32 members plus two visitors enjoyed our November meeting and Auction. Congratulations to Ken and David for winning our annual competitions. Well done.

Our Daytime meeting had 10 members enjoying the Exchange sheets and our first Daytime Committee was a great success.

Now December is our annual get together, auction and party meal. Do not forget we start our celebrations at 6:30pm with a shared dinner so bring along your plate or plates of goodies to share. This will be followed by our monster Christmas Auction.

Two of our friends and members of Ballarat Philatelic Society joined with us at our last meeting and we look forward to having Ballarat members share our Christmas Festivities again this year.

At the December meeting you will receive a new Syllabus for 2020. We have added new ideas for 2020 and hope you all will participate in our changes.

Thank you to all who contributed Exchange sheets keep up the good work.

MERRY Christmas One and All stay safe and happy...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.

**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.

### **CLUB CONTACTS:**

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## Club News

November brought our club competitions which were won by David Cotton and Ken Datson. It takes a fair bit of work to enter but the effort is definitely worth it as preparing the pages forces you to have a very in-depth look at your collection. Often you will see things that you have never before noticed. Congratulations to our winners and also to all those who entered.



David (above left) and Ken (above) receive their trophies from club president Libby Luke.

Left: The entries on display.

### **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.

### **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.

# EXCHANGE SHEET DAY!!!

We all have trouble with setting aside time to make up exchange sheets so we have decided to have a combined members exchange sheet production day.

On Sunday the 19th January at 2pm at the home of Libby and Tom.

Please bring your own spare stamps and hinges, catalogues and pages. Afternoon tea will be available .

Come and enjoy an afternoon of friendship with your BPS friends.

Help the club and put a few more pennies in your pocket

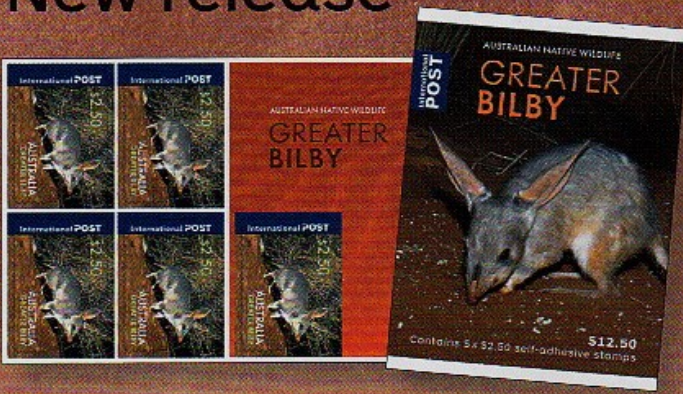
Technical details

Printer	EGO
Paper (s/a)	Arconvert Securpost MC90
Stamp size	37.5mm x 26mm

International Wildlife  
Greater Bilby  
sheetlet of 5 (s/a) x \$2.50

6997250  
\$12.50

New release



Hello Fellow Philatelists

Within this edition of the Bulletin on Page 32 there is a New Release advert (See Attached):

It's technically not a new release, as this stamp has been released before in 2006 Wildlife Int'l Series.

I am advised by Seven Seas Stamps they will be allocating ASC 2249a as its Catalogue Number.

There was no 1st Day Cover with this release or any other stationery on 1st October 2019 as issue date.

Let's keep on Stamping,

Paul

# Fair Dinkum Aussie Alphabet Stamps

News from Paul Brownlie

Lets just say that I'm impressed. The price is on a par with the recent coins set.

The stamps are arranged in a grid with a central title. The stamps are as follows:

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- B** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- C** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- D** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- E** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
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- P** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
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- T** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- U** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- V** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- W** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- X** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- Y** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia
- Z** is for... AUSTRALIA \$1 Australia

**Fair Dinkum AUSSIE Alphabet**

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The overwhelming thing about the internet is just how much there is of it. So much, in fact that the energy required to store it all is a measureable contributor to the current climate crisis. But setting aside the doom and gloom for a while, there are gems to be found there - and a few surprises.

A recent internet search turned up this news article from the Ballarat Courier (March 2017) about a participant at the Ballarat Stamp Fair - our own Ken Datson.

## Bendigo philatelist's elephant-sized stamp collection

By Jessica Black

Bendigo stamp collector Ken Datson has 500 stamps featuring elephants from more than 60 countries.

Mr Datson began collecting 15 years ago after first his daughter, and then his son, lost interest in their own collections.

“I was retrenched in 2000 so I thought ‘I need a hobby’ and took on stamp collecting. It’s just history from there.”



Elephant stamps: Bendigo philatelist Ken Datson with his catalogue of more than 500 elephant stamps from around the world. Picture: Kate Healy.

The gem of his collection is a Polish stamp of an elephant in black and white, which he has in used and mint – unused – condition.

Mr Datson’s collection includes stamps featuring elephants from Russia, Germany, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

“It was just something no one else collected and there are so many different variations,” Mr Datson said.

“Another one I really do like is of the elephants where they have their trunks in the form of an SOS.”

Mr Datson was at the Ballarat Begonia Festival Stamp and Coin Fair at Ballarat Special School on Monday.



Why do they deserve a stamp? This is the subject of this display.

Sometimes it is obvious why they are the chosen subject.

They are "Royals".

But can you recognise them?

There is a prize if you name them all.

No clues except in some cases the name of the country of issue.



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# **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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