



# The Golden City Philatelist

BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. A0016241J

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

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2020  
HAPPY • NEW • YEAR

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## President's Message January 2020

Another year gone and a new decade is about to start for the Bendigo Philatelic Society.

Our 89th consecutive year !!! what will we do for our 90th all suggestions will be appreciated.

No wonder we are all so tired (Big Grin)

2019 gave us a great year and a lot of consolidation

First an average of 30 members at all night meetings and consolidation of our daytime meeting.

We now have a new committee, meeting place and time.

Do not forget our build up exchange sheet day on the 19th January at our home. Bring along all your spare stamps.

A relaxing afternoon for you and an increase to our numbers of exchange sheets to add to the club's viability.

Our news editor John has included all information in this newsletter.

We are considering having a training session on purchasing and selling on EBay.

More on this after consideration by our committee.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY STAMPING see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

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.

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Exchange sheets are the life blood of our club

### 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

### Wanted

2003 Australia Bugs and Butterflies Mini Sheet overprinted for Bangkok Stamp EXPO

A Danish friend of David Cotton is anxious to acquire one. If you can help, please see David

### 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.

## **BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY SYLLABUS 2020**

For those members and friends who did not get a copy of the 2020 syllabus at the last meeting, here is a listing of our activities for 2020.

- January 7 Stamps of 1920.  
January 8 Daytime Meeting. ( plus Committee meeting)  
January 19 Exchange Sheet Day (Sunday)  
February 4 (Chinese Year of the Rat).  
February 5 Daytime Meeting.  
March 3 International Year of Plants.  
March 4 Daytime Meeting. (plus Committee meeting)  
April 7 Richard Guy - Kangaroos  
(Hand in Lois Whatley entries at this meeting)  
April 8 Daytime Meeting.  
May 5 Lois Whatley Treasure Hunt Viewing.  
May 6 Daytime Meeting. (plus Committee meeting)  
June 2 Blood Donors.  
June 3 Daytime Meeting.  
July 7 NAIDOC Day.  
July 8 Daytime Meeting. (plus Committee meeting)  
August 4 Olympic Games.  
August 5 Daytime Meeting.  
September 1 Popular Vote 1 page Competition.  
September 2 Daytime Meeting. (plus Committee meeting)  
October 6 A.G.M.  
October 7 Daytime Meeting.  
November 3 Annual Club Competitions.  
November 4 Daytime Meeting. (plus Committee meeting)  
December 1 Christmas Eats and Auction.  
December 2 Daytime Meeting.



***Exchange Sheets are Circulated at Every Meeting.***

***Auctions will be held at all night meetings with a LIMIT of 10 Lots per Member.***

***A Bumper Auction will be held at our December meeting. The meeting starts at 6.30pm. so we can enjoy each other's company and Christmas Eats.***



**NIGHT** meetings are held at  
Old Long Gully School, (now CVGT)  
cnr. Stanfield and Jackson Streets,  
Long Gully on the first Tuesday of each  
month at commencing at 7.30pm.

**DAY** meetings are held at the  
Golden Square Community Hall (Senior Citizens Hall),  
9 Old High Street  
Golden Square on the Wednesday  
following the Tuesday Night Meeting.  
From 10am to 12 noon.



## 1936: When Italy changed sides.

Italy and Austria had been enemies for generations. During the first world war, Italy was firmly on the side of the allies but in 1936, they switched sides and supported Hitler's Germany. Why did this happen? Postal history can offer some insights into this.

Although Hitler modelled his version of Fascism on Mussolini's Italy, the two parties were very different, reflecting the differences in German and Italian temperaments and culture.

Hitler understood that an Italian army guarding his southern borders was desirable. Despite both nations being Fascist, this did not guarantee that they would be aligned. Italy had a history of conflict with Austria and Hitler was Austrian. Italy had fought the Germans in WW1, only eighteen years before.



*German postcard with Mussolini and Hitler in Munich, 1936. The decision to ally with Germany was unpopular with many Italians who saw Germans as no different to their Austrian enemies.*



*A better view of the Mussolini postmark.*

Mussolini did not like Hitler, and in private, called him a "monkey" but he was overwhelmed by the German military machine when he visited Munich in 1936 and signed the "Pact of Steel" believing the German army was invincible.

Sensing a coming war, Mussolini said he only needed a few thousand dead to be able to sit at the negotiating table and gain a share of the spoils.

The pledges were taken and the marriage was arranged but unfortunately for Italy, the honeymoon was soon over. Mussolini took his nation into a war that he could not afford and most Italians did not want.



*German postcard featuring Mussolini with special postmark.*

Hitler was a wily politician. What he could not get by threats he would pursue with flattery and in Mussolini he found a willing target. Mussolini was feted by the German leader with parades, military shows and grandiose displays of Germany's massive rebuilding programme. Special stamps, postmarks and souvenir cards were produced by the thousands to help lure Mussolini into the German fold.



*Hitler ordered a stamp with both leaders' images. Later Mussolini returned the compliment with a set of Italian stamps showing them both.*



## New Stamps Issued In December

News from Paul Brownlie



Just a last drop more for this year.  
Happy New Year, everyone.  
Paul

## Answers to last month's quiz

David's challenge to name the royals on these stamps was won by David Robinson. For those of you who might still be wondering, here are the identities of those depicted.



- 1 Queen Victoria
- 2 and 3 Queen Wilhelmina
- 4 Elizabeth II
- 5 George V
- 6 George VI and Queen Elizabeth (later the Queen Mother)
- 7 Harald V
- 8 Haakon VII
- 9 Gustav VI
- 10 Christian IX
- 11 and 12 Christian X
- 13 Carl XVI
- 14 Alfonso XIII of Spain
- 15 Albert of Belgium.
- 16 Leopold II
- 17 Leopold III
- 18 William III of Netherlands
- 19 Farouk of Egypt



## Thematic collecting: Tractors

Last month we ran an article about Ken Datson's thematic collection of elephant stamps. It seems that many of our members have a thematic collection tucked away somewhere, even if it isn't their main passion. I thought it would be good to encourage others to show theirs so, putting my money where my mouth is, so to speak, here is one of mine.

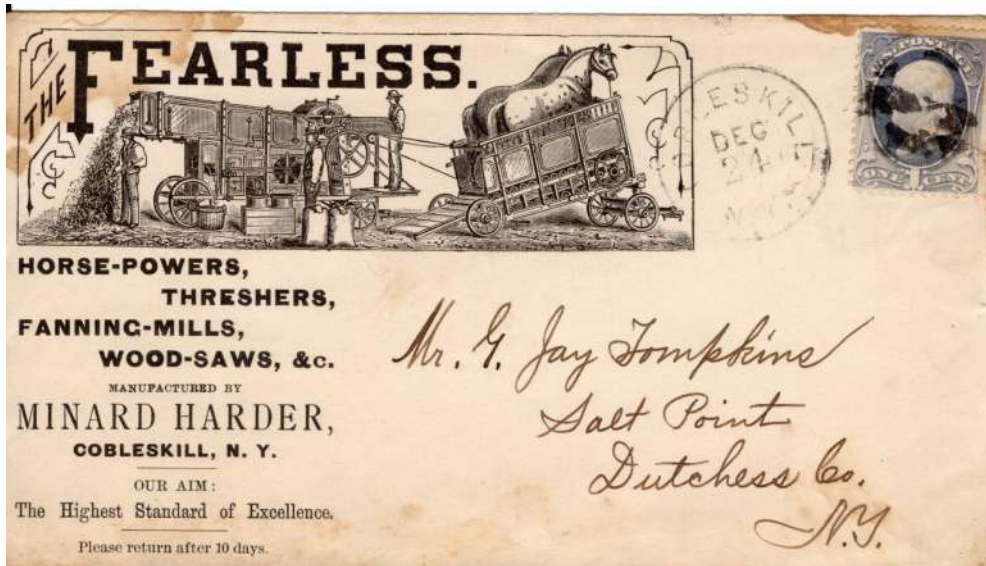
Like most boys of my generation, I spent a lot of time with my head under the bonnet of a car. Most of my friends had bought old cars and done them up but now we are getting older, laying under a vehicle and lifting a gearbox into place with your knees is no longer possible. Many of us tinkerers have kept the passion but not the body we had in our teens and twenties and so there has been a growth in the interest of working on old tractors. With an old tractor, you can even work on it while sitting down and they are simple things, like the cars of our youth, without all the computerised electronics breaking down all the time. Mine is a 1960s David Brown and I love it and it led me to putting away tractor stamps whenever I found them.

According to the Bible, God said, "*Let us make man in our image and likeness to rule the fish in the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all wild animals on earth, and all reptiles that crawl upon the earth.*" Genesis 1:26.

To many people, over the last few thousand years, this was used as a licence to treat other species (and even humans that they considered inferior) in any way that suited them. A horse could be worked until it could no longer stand, after which it would be sent to the knackery and turned into fertiliser or glue.



*Michelangelo, Creation of Adam, from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, Rome, 1508-1512*



This advertising cover illustrates the sort of work a horse might be expected to perform, walking uphill all day on a treadmill to power a thresher.

In fact, any job that required power and strength could be given to an animal, as the selection of stamps below illustrates.



By end of the 1930s, this



had been replaced by this.



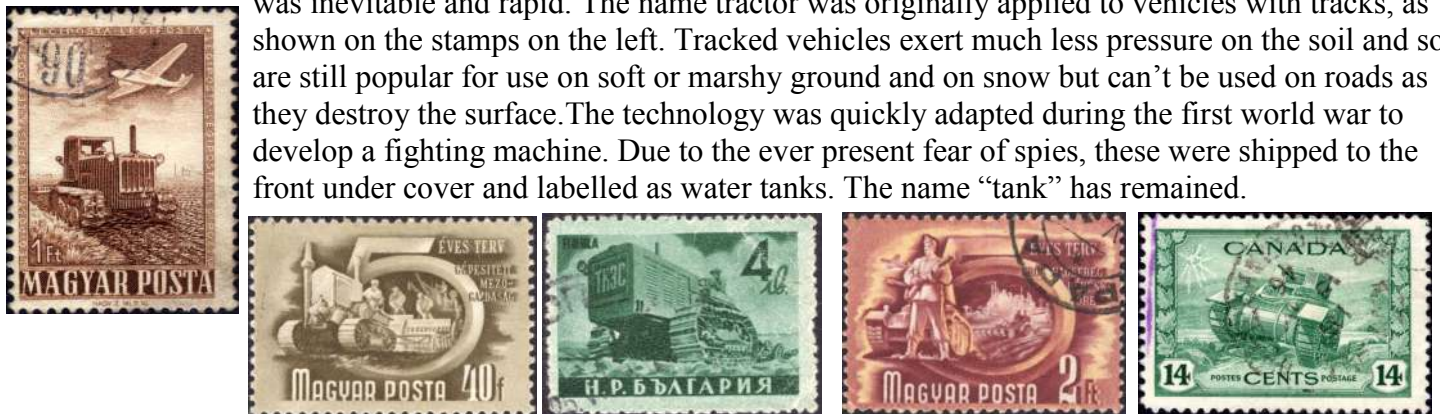


## Thematic collecting: Tractors

The early tractors were mostly driven by steam. Although steam engines replaced horses for some jobs on farms, the earliest ones did not move under their own power and were pulled by horses. They didn't truly become tractors until they could be actually driven to where they were needed. The postcards below show an early tractor that has been restored on the left and a farmer's ingenuity in converting an old steam locomotive for farm work on the right.



Steam engines take a long time to get going and the change to internal combustion engines was inevitable and rapid. The name tractor was originally applied to vehicles with tracks, as shown on the stamps on the left. Tracked vehicles exert much less pressure on the soil and so are still popular for use on soft or marshy ground and on snow but can't be used on roads as they destroy the surface. The technology was quickly adapted during the first world war to develop a fighting machine. Due to the ever present fear of spies, these were shipped to the front under cover and labelled as water tanks. The name "tank" has remained.



Tractor stamps come in two types, those where the type of tractor can be recognised:



Two stamps featuring versions of the iconic Lanz "Bulldog", a Ford, a Ferguson and a Universal from Brasov, Romania.

and those which offer a stylised image that we all recognise as a tractor. Sometimes the two can cross over. The Polish stamp below is obviously modelled on the Lanz "Bulldog".



Well, that's a glimpse of some of mine. What do you collect and would you like to show them?







# **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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