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★ This is a bumper newsletter edition to help with Philatelic Withdrawal Syndrome (PWS) ★



A lovely proof sheet but what makes it so special?

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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President's Message May 2020

Another month of lockdown has passed and a little light at the end of the tunnel seems to be appearing. We are moving forward as much as the law of the land permits us.

Longevity first. We have several lots of Thanks, Appreciations and Good Wishes to announce.

You have all received from the Warragul Stamp Club information on their Online Auction. Have you found any proposed bargains ?

Congratulations to our Librarian Ian Kimpton and his wife Christine. 55 years of marriage Best wishes from us all.

Best wishes to Tom Harris who is recuperating in the Bendigo Hospital. We look forward to seeing you home and well soon Tom.

Apart from his recuperation Tom Harris has launched the Lois Whatley Treasure Hunt for 2021.

Birthday wishes to our Newsletter editor John Armstrong on his Birthday and to my husband Tom. John and Tom Share a birthday on the 1st June.

Not to be outdone Laurie Bryant is right behind them with a birthday on the 2nd June.

It would be very remiss of me if I did not say a big thank you to our Exchange Superintendent Lyn who has kept us all Philatelically minded during this difficult period.

Congratulations to David Cotton who has during this lockdown period become the King of the Exchange Sheet providers Well done David.

Let us all use that medium of the telephone and keep in contact during this difficult period. It is so nice to say hello to you all.

Hoping for a brighter month of June ?

Best wishes...Libby.



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Adrian Keppel lives in Scotland but has shared information with us in the past. He is a bit of a fanatic on stamp engravers and writes about them for Stamp magazine as well as on his website <https://stampengravers.blogspot.com/>. When he was shown the proof sheet on our front page he understood its significance. The proof is one for the 1967 Red Cross issue for Laos and is one that Gibbons and many others get wrong.

Gibbons list Rodboon as designer and Chamnane Prisayane as the engraver but those who study such things have always insisted that this was wrong as both of these were designers and Chamnane Prisayane is not known to have ever engraved. Also, at this time, stamps for Laos were designed there but the engraving and printing was done in Paris, France. Only one name is shown on the stamp, that of Chamnane Prisayane so he probably designed it for a French engraver, who neglected to add his signature.

The proof - is proof ☺ that this is the case. It has been signed by the French engraver Jacques Gauthier so one more mystery bites the dust. Proof sheets are the most valuable resource for study of issues such as this which is why the loss of the archives of the American Bank Note Company to a get-rich-quick corporate raid was such a crime.



Corona Virus: A New Collecting Theme

There have been few positive outcomes from the corona virus outbreak but for stamp collectors there is one at least. It has offered a new theme for collecting. Iran seems to have been the first to issue a virus-linked stamp which showed their appreciation of the national heroes who were fighting the outbreak.

These pictures were taken from the Stampboards discussion at <http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=89900&start=50> where these and many other images of stamps and postmarks on the theme are being discussed. If this concept appeals to you, then this would be the place to look for ideas about where to start.



WHAT'S IN AN ENVELOPE - APART FROM A LETTER

From David Somerton

The letter that was enclosed in the envelope displayed was posted from Geelong on 29th January, 1863. It appears to be addressed to a Mr. N Bowes c/o A.C. Cameron, "Congbool", Balmoral. Backstamps show receipt at Hamilton on 30th January, 1863, and Balmoral on 31st January, 1863. Where can these facts lead an enquiring mind?

They can lead one to uncover some intimate details of those who fought in fields of war. One can also uncover the identities of some of the people who have made significant contributions to the development of Australian technology and the social fabric of our society. Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, the record keeping capabilities of the National Archives of Australia, Schools and Community Societies, I have been able to draw together some interesting history. By now there must be quite a number of descendants who can be justly proud of their ancestry.

Alexander Clayhills Cameron 1823 – 1874 Born in Dundee Scotland

Married Janet, "Jessie", Robertson 1828 – 1895 Born Alvie Scotland

1842 Alexander travelled to Van Diemens Land (Now Tasmania). Was engaged by Russell family who were located in both Port Phillip Colony and Van Dieman's Land, to work in VDL.

1842 Congbool Station settled by Mather brothers. Appears likely that the adjacent creek named after them.

1845 Moved to Gippsland, Port Phillip. Station Manager at Terrinalum Station, Darlington, in the western district of Port Phillip/Victoria until 1858.

1846 George Fairbairn took up ownership of Congbool.

1858 Alexander Clayhills Cameron took up position as Station Manager at Congbool Station, later renamed "Kongbool". Adjacent to Mathers Creek. Now identified as 39 Kongbool Road, Balmoral.

1858 Married Janet Robertson and had 9 children, two of which were born at "Congbool".

Original homestead built between 1842 and 1859 and likely built before Fairbairn took up residence. Replaced in 1898 by new brick and stucco rendered mansion, designed by renowned architect Percy Richards of Ballarat.

1860 Child Margaret Ann Cameron born. Died Sydney 1901.

1861 Child Wilson Clayhills Cameron born. Died Kilmore 1931.

1890 Married Charlotte Walker. Lived Kilmore and Hawthorn. 6 sons, 4 of which served in WW1. 1 killed in action at Gallipoli. 1 awarded Military Medal in France.

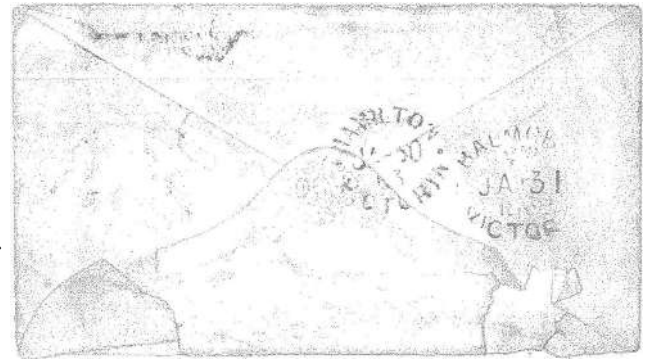
1891 Alasdair born, enlisted 18/1/16, Served in B Coy, 10th Bttn

1892 Colin Henry born, enlisted 12/9/14, Served 8th Lt. Horse, K.I.A. 7/8/15, "The Nek", Gallipoli.

1894 Neil Wilson born, enlisted 24/6/15, Served 11th Bty, 4th F.A. Awarded Military Medal. Founded property known as "Glenspean" near Meredith, Victoria. Died in New Zealand in 1952 when returning from world trip.

1925 Married Kathleen Gordon Browne, who founded Meredith Branch of CWA. Influential in women's movements through CWA and awarded OBE in 1970.

Children John Gordon born 1926, attended Geelong College. 1952 – Married Beverley Pearson. Property owner of "Camberley", Mt. Mercer. Inventor/Engineer. Influential in evolution of haymaking process in farming. Died 2019



Puzzle: What Every Motorist Should Know

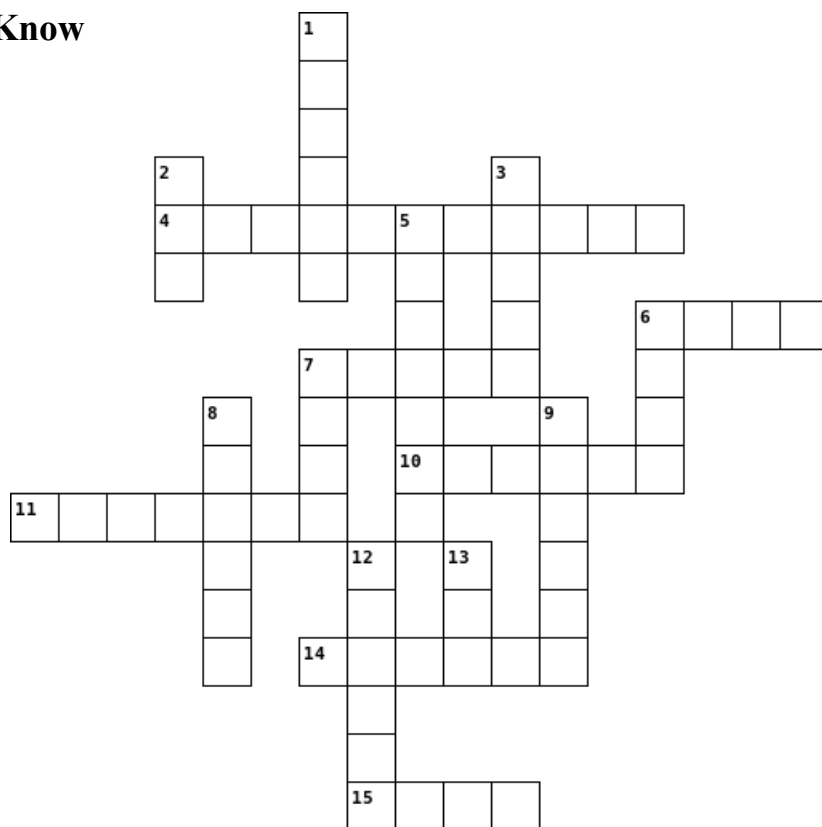
Clues supplied by Doug Pearce

Across

4. person hurrying up
6. used for drawing water
7. a badly spelled smash
10. if you sit on a tack
11. how to put a tack in
14. he runs into you
15. bit of a cow

Down

1. a lady's hat
2. a movie enthusiast
3. part of the heart
5. to really tire
6. compressed tobacco
7. don't need braces with this
8. on the bus go round and round
9. women carry in handbag
12. to grasp
13. a boy's hat



Answers on page 11.

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Neil Gordon born 1928, attended Geelong College. Married June ?. Took over the running of "Glenspean", now known as Meredith Dairy. Business now run by son Sandy Cameron and his wife Julie.

1895 Evan Hugh born, enlisted 12/2/15, Served Gallipoli 23rd Inf. Btn., 6th Brigade.

Married Fanny Groom and lived at property known as "Mt. Chalambar", Ararat, to 1967.

Children Colin Groom born 1924. Attended Geelong College. Died 2013. Married Lucy Beatrice Heath in England. Settled Yalla - y - Poora, Mt. William Rd., Tatyoon. Later settled "Kimberley", Broadford.

1897 Norman Alfred born.

1899 Malcolm Charles born.

1863 Child James Alexander Cameron born. Died 1888 Naracoorte, South Australia.

1865 Child Jessie Cameron born. Died 1943 Melbourne. Married George Oliphant DUNCAN. 7 children.

1867 Child Annie Cameron born. Died 1948 West Australia. Married Joseph Marychurch JENKINS. 4 children.

1869 Child Duncan Angus Cameron born. Died 1941.

1871 Child Mary Robertson "May" Cameron born. (A twin). Died 1956. Married Henry McMEEKIN.

1871 Child Edith Emilie Cameron born. (A twin). Died 1945 Naracoorte, South Australia. 1897 - Married Samuel Fordham GRIEVE. 5 children

1873 Child Alexandrina "Lexie" Cameron born. Died 1957 Adelaide, South Australia. 1896 - Married Walter PATERSON.

I have followed the family tree of only one of the children of Alexander Clayhills Cameron, that of Wilson. It is also interesting to note that Janet Robertson was forced to raise 9 children aged 14 and under after Alexander died in 1874. Janet also signed the Women's Suffrage Petition in 1891, perhaps underlining where the true strength in the family was derived from.

When we are able to meet together in person I would like to give a short talk about how it all came about.

Regards,

David S.

Captain Tom Moore gets Royal Mail birthday postmark (From the BBC website)



The 99-year-old war veteran who has raised £29m for the NHS by walking laps of his garden has been honoured with a special postmark.

Royal Mail will stamp all letters with the message to celebrate Captain Tom Moore's 100th birthday on Thursday.

All stamped post up until Friday will be marked with: "Happy 100th Birthday Captain Thomas Moore NHS fundraising hero 30th April 2020."

Royal Mail said it was "honoured" to issue the postmark.

World War Two veteran Capt Tom, from Marston Moretaine in Bedfordshire, has extended his challenge to 200 laps after he completed the first 100 laps 14 days ahead of schedule.

His initial £1,000 fundraising target was broken in about 24 hours and he has now raised more than £29m for the NHS.



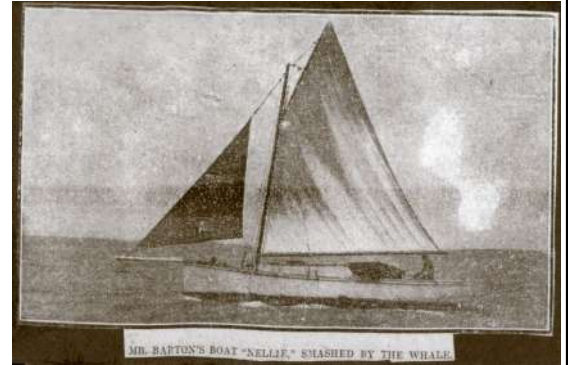
Attention: Collectors of New Zealand Stamps

Margaret Brown has informed us that the album of New Zealand stamps that belong to the club has been returned to her. If any member is interested in looking through these, Margaret's contact details are on page one.

The Yeppoon Fishing Disaster

Many of our members collect coins and medallions as well as stamps and a few may remember how some years ago, Tom Glazebrook showed us a medal that had been won by his father, Frank. For those who missed it and the rest of us who would like to hear the tale again, Tom has prepared this article about the adventure.

Newton Barton, Edward "Jack" Horton and Frank Glazebrook set off on a fishing trip on Monday 30th July 1928. They left Yeppoon between nine and ten o'clock that night in Newton Barton's yacht, *The Nellie*. They had rations for about a week and intended to go as far as Percy Island, near Mackay.



After lunch on Tuesday 31st July, they were about a mile from Quoin Island and sailing along at their leisure. Jack was sitting on an ice-chest just below the mast of the yacht, and Newton and Frank were sitting in the stern. A whale suddenly rose vertically out of the water, about 12 feet from the yacht and then crashed across the mast. The whale appeared to be about 8 to 10 feet thick and 40 to 50 feet long.

The *Nellie* was smashed to pieces. The three men were thrown into the sea, which was infested with sharks. Jack Horton was seriously injured and completely disabled. Newton Barton received a severe gash on his shin, possibly from being brushed with the tail of the whale. Frank Glazebrook was uninjured.

A dinghy, which had been lashed to the boat, floated free. Newton retrieved the dinghy while Frank supported Jack on the ice chest in the water. Frank and Newton "floated" Jack into the dinghy then bailed it from the outside before getting in themselves. The three men spent about an hour in the water before they were all in the dinghy. The dinghy swamped, but was righted again through Newton's seamanship.

The men had a difficult time with the dinghy. One of the rowlocks had broken away and Newton made an improvised one with his belt. The dinghy was half submerged due to the weight of the three men. While Newton rowed, Frank feverishly bailed out water. Jack was lying in the centre of the dinghy, in terrible pain due to his injuries. Newton and Frank were unable to change positions in the dinghy for fear of swamping it.

Newton had rowed about five miles, and the men were within half a mile of Port Clinton, when they spotted the launch, the *Viking* with Joseph Carpentier and Bert Cambridge aboard, making north. Frank attracted their attention by waving his shirt attached to an oar. The crew of the *Viking* rescued the three men, making Jack as comfortable as possible. The *Viking* took them back to Yeppoon, arriving shortly before midnight. They were fortunate to find the *Viking*, which had been delayed from its own departure while getting supplies of bait for a fishing trip.



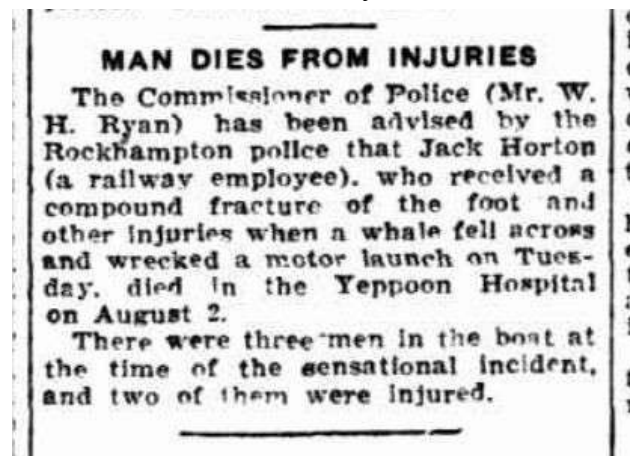
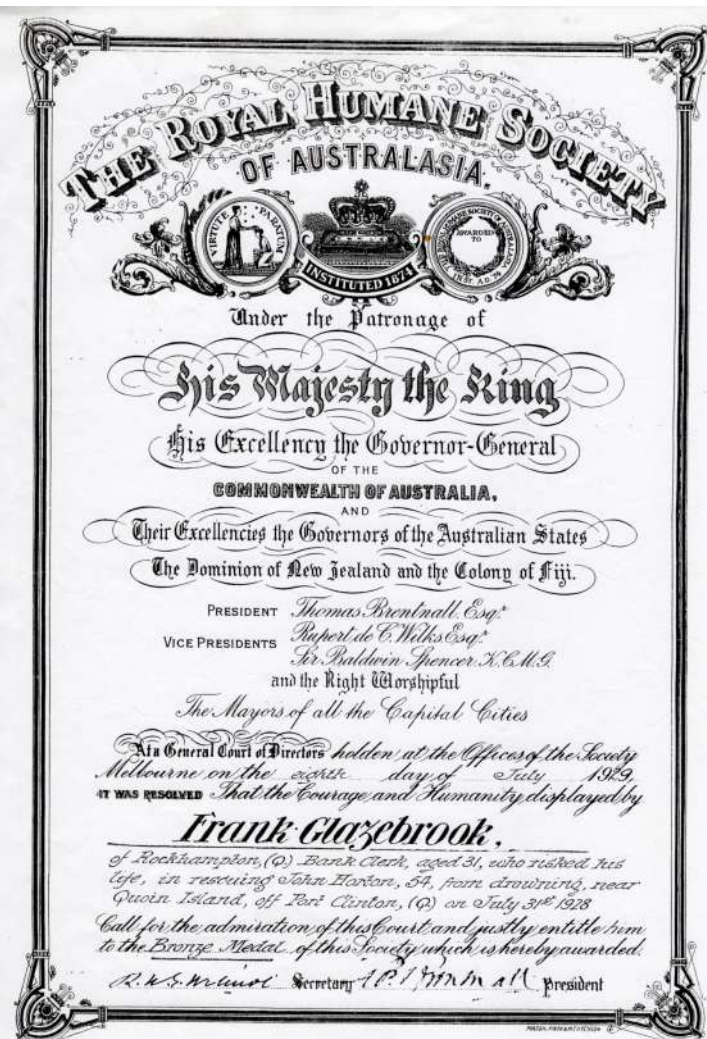
Frank Glazebrook took a small leather case containing his clothes on board the *Nellie*. This half sovereign note was found in the leather case when it was washed up on to the shore some time after the *Nellie* was sunk by the whale.

The Yeppoon Fishing Disaster

Jack Horton was admitted to Yeppoon Hospital. He died from his injuries early on Thursday morning, the 2nd August 1928. Newton Barton took many weeks to recover from his injuries and shock. Frank Glazebrook was not injured physically but suffered shock from the accident.

In 1929, Newton Barton and Frank Glazebrook were awarded Bronze medals from the Royal Humane Society for their rescue of Jack Horton.

This account is based on several newspaper reports of the accident as well as family memories.



From "The Week" Brisbane 10th August 1928

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/181121257/20906517>





June Collage Challenge: Which stamps did all these characters come from.

Just in case you thought the other competitions lately were a bit easy, here is one to really test your knowledge (and patience). Our friend, Ed, in Canada seems to have crammed about as many characters into this collage as he could possibly fit, so many in fact, we are giving clues to what you are looking for. Answers next month.



A Corona Competition

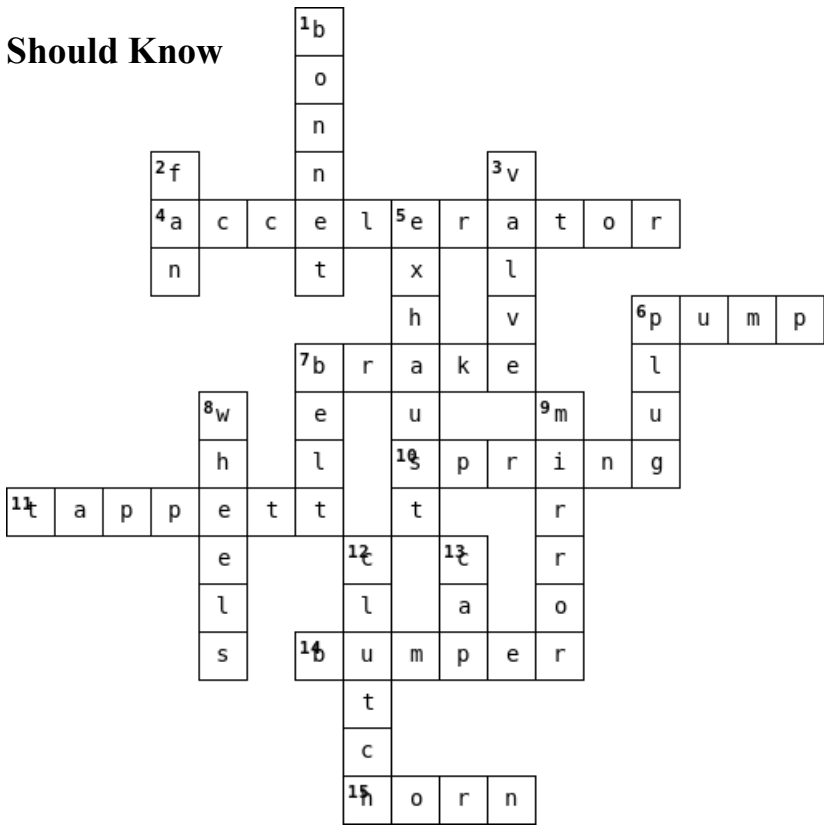
For those who tried to find the crowns last month, here are the stamps that you were seeking.



The answer to the question about the monarch with two crowns was the first issue for the Commonwealth (or was it still the Empire back then?) in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The set of stamps had been engraved ready for printing when King George VI died. As the royal portrait of him had been bare-headed, a crown was added into the frame design to sit above his head. Unfortunately, the only portrait of the new queen that was ready to go showed her wearing a crown, (actually a tiara). This looks to be the portrait from the coronation issue which was engraved by Robert Godbehear. Many later issues show the Queen bare-headed but the crown in the border of the stamp was dropped.

Answers To Puzzles

What Every Motorist Should Know



For those who tried to identify the stamps in Ed's collage that we sent out to members last month, here they are.





BENDIGO Stamp Fair

Saturday
8th August 2020

9.30am - 5.30pm

Local & Melbourne
Stamp and Coin Dealers
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Free Entry

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