



The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 90th year

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Diary of Future Events

Tuesday February 2 A.G.M. & Lois Whatley Treasure Hunt Viewing.

Tuesday March 2 Richard Guy - Kangaroos.

Tuesday April 6 Easter Bunnies and Eggs.

President's Message February 2021

Well, it finally happened !!! 21 of us had an enjoyable January Meeting and Auction at CVGT.

Time to enjoy one another's company and further our Philatelic interests.

We have some issues to resolve on a Meeting place for this year as CVGT has plans to re stump our meeting room. Our executive will keep you posted.

We are having consultations with other available venues. This has been and is quite a job.

Our next meeting will be our postponed 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

At this meeting we will be viewing last year's Lois Whatley entries, we all should have had plenty of time to put our entries together. Please bring along your entries.

March Meeting will be something to look forward to, Richard Guy will be showing us some of his Philatelic treasures and at this uncertain time we all need something to look forward to.

Over the last COVID 19 months many of our members have been making up "Exchange Sheets" well done and now we have to keep up the good work.

Hope to see you all soon and take care. 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 Meetings on the Wednesday after the main Tuesday meeting are currently on hold.

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions

Christmas bonanza auction in **December** .

Exchange sheets will no longer be circulated at meetings. Please see Lyn to access sheets at home.

More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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Looking forward to the year ahead

Below is the syllabus for the current year. We hope there will be something to please everyone.

Please Note: At this stage, we are unable to hold our daytime meetings the morning after the main one. We cannot currently share exchange sheets at meetings. Please see Lyn if you would like to access sheets at home.

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SYLLABUS - 2021

January 5 Stamps issued in 1921.
100 years ago.

February 2 Deferred : 2020 A.G.M. &
2020 Lois Whatley Viewing

March 2 Richard Guy - Kangaroos

April 6 Easter Bunnies and Eggs.

May 4 Mothers Day.

June 1 1 other Hobby or Collections.

July 6 NAIDOC Day.

August 3 Olympic Games.

September 7 90th – Anniversary.
Popular Vote 1 page Competition.

October 5 A.G.M. & Lois Whatley Viewing.

November 2 Annual Club Competitions.

December 7 Christmas Eats and Auction.

*Exchange Sheets will no longer be
circulated at Meetings.*

Due to our box of books circulation.

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

*The December Christmas Social Meeting
starts at 6.30pm so we can enjoy each
other's company and Christmas Eats.*

Different Drop Bears

Some members have shown an interest in the kangaroos and koalas in the selvedge which denote which reprint the sheet comes from. The 2004 “blue-banded eggfly” stamp is interesting in that not only does it seem to break the rules governing these symbols but there are also variations that most people would not know about.

There was a change of printer during the fourth printing which in itself should have been classed as a new reprint.



Not only that, but there are variations in the size of the koalas and two different perforations. They can be found as follows.

1. Perf 14 x 14.4 with koalas 19mm high
2. Perf 14 x 13.7 with koalas 19mm high
3. Perf 14 x 14.4 with koalas 22mm high

As these must surely have been from at least two printings, one of them should have had a kangaroo denoting a fifth print run but for some reason this did not happen. Did anyone get all three?

Greenland and its stamps

by Grey Loyer, Hon. Sec., Maryborough Stamp Club (Vic), Founded 14.7.1971.

A brief historical view:

Visited for hundreds of years by traders and explorers from Scandinavia, the island was mainly under the influence of Norway & Denmark until 1814 when sovereignty was granted to Denmark. As Denmark & Norway were occupied by German troops in 1940, Greenland, a Danish colony became more and more under the control of the American Coastguard virtually becoming an American 'protectorate' from 1942 until 1945. Even so, the Germans managed to establish a small number of 'weather stations' on eastern Greenland where there was some fighting from 1942 to 1944 to close these stations down. After the war in 1945 the colony was returned to Denmark. Greenland only became fully a part of the Danish realm in 1953, and in 1979 'home rule' was granted. In 2008 Greenlanders voted and obtained Self-Government. The capital is Nuuk (formerly Godthaab). All Greenlanders are EU citizens. The population today is approx. 57,000 people. The Queen of Denmark, Margrethe II, remains Greenland's head of state.

All letters were carried 'free-of-charge' until 1938 when the first postage stamps were issued, but parcels were not, hence parcel stamps from 1905.

Stamps:

The first 'parcel stamps' were issued in 1905 by the Royal Danish Trading Department. Between 1905 and 1937 there were 14 different parcel stamps issued.



Some Parcel stamps.

They show the Arms of Greenland.

This selection is currently on Ebay for sale at around \$A.1,000.

Local Issue: 'Ivigut' 1922



The small town 'Ivigut' (now abandoned), via the Cryolite Mining Company, issued at least one mail delivery stamp. Inscribed: 'Ivigut Kryolithbrud Bypost 1922'.

Interesting note on the mineral 'Cryolite'. *Used as an ore of aluminum and later in the electrolytic processing of bauxite. The difficulty of separating aluminum from oxygen was overcome by the use of cryolite. The once-large deposit at Ivigtut was depleted by 1987. **Due to its rarity, it is possibly the only mineral on Earth ever to be mined to commercial extinction!** Today, only very small deposits are located in Spain, Canada, USA and Russia. A synthetic cryolite has been developed.*



1st Printing left, 2nd Printing right.

1931. Known as the ‘Rockwell Kent **private** airmail’ stamp. Around 200-400 issued ?, w/o gum. Worth around \$800 each. Rockwell Kent was an American artist who lived in far Northern Greenland from 1929 to 1932. Kent made these by way of a crude woodblock while on a film-making expedition. They were used on letters flown from his base camp to a working camp. Hard to find.



Censored cover 1941 from Egedesminde, Greenland via Lisbon to New-York.

On Ebay for \$400



1943 Official cover’ from Godthaab to Jakobshavn. On Ebay at \$350. No postage stamp, only cancellation stamp.



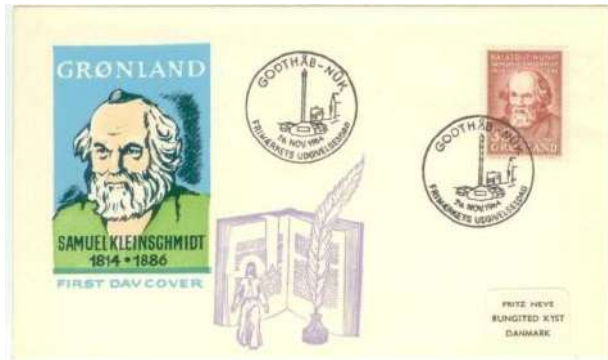
1945 USA printed stamps for Greenland.

Set worth around \$300



‘Liberation’ stamps of 1945 overprinted:
 “Danmark befriet 5 Mai 1945” (Denmark Free 5 May, 1945).

This set is worth around \$1,300.



First Day Cover 26 November, 1964.

Samuel Petrus Kleinschmidt (27 February 1814–9 February 1886) was a German/Danish missionary linguist born in Greenland known for having written extensively about the Greenlandic language and having invented the orthography used for writing this language from 1851 to 1973.

In 1969 the words: Kalatdlit Nunat (Greenlandic for Grønland) also first appeared on postage stamps.



The island name now in both Danish and Greenlandic. Greenlandic has a number of dialects, basically Western (the dominant dialect), East, North, and others. The Western is Kalaallisut, hence the stamp name variation.



In 1978 the new spelling in Greenlandic of **Kalaallit Nunaat** was introduced. This set shows a portrait of Queen Margrethe.



Larger image to show superb engraving by Slania.

News from Paul Brownlie

These sheetlets were listed in the Impressions Catalogue available to Collector's Club Members of Aust. Post.



Grevillea iaspicula



Banksia marginata



Born in 1936, graphic designer, Robert Ingpen, is one of Australia's treasures. He is best known for his book illustrations such as the 1964 "Storm Boy" by Colin Thiele.



He has also produced stamps for Australia and while browsing recently, I came across this blast from the past.





Found this by chance.

Product is available for pre-order online from 11 November until 18 November 2019 via email invitation to the Collecting Community. Once purchased, orders will be distributed to the buyer from the end of January 2020.

Did anyone get this ??I didn't.

Yours in Philately

The Stamp House, North Bersted



From my mother's postcard collection. A discussion about this card and the house can be seen at:

<https://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=20634&p=6768874#p6768874>

John Armstrong



BENDIGO Stamp Fair 2021



We'll be back!

*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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