



The Golden City Philatelist

BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. A0016241J

P.O. BOX 962 BENDIGO, VIC. 3552

Now in our 89th year

March 2021



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Diary of Future Events

Tuesday March 2 Richard Guy - Kangaroos.

Tuesday April 2 Easter Bunnies and Eggs.

President's Message March 2021

Hooray, Hooray, Hooray we have had our second monthly meeting and the deferred Annual General Meeting for 2020. 21 members attended.

The list of Office Bearers will be included in this Newsletter

In excess of 90 Auction lots were viewed and many were sold by our New Vice President and Auctioneer David Somerton.

After the Financial report by the Treasurer Margaret Brown it was good to see our finances are in a healthy condition so membership for 2021 will remain the same.

Like so many others we are hoping that the arrival of the Vaccination will expedite the return to normality for our meetings and the club.

We now have a new Webmaster, John Armstrong, so we should be able to read our own Webpage again and soon.

David Robinson has taken over the position of Librarian and we thank former Librarian Ian Kimpton and wish him all best in shifting to his new home later this year.

We congratulate Laurie and Rae Bryant on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Do not forget what an interesting meeting we have planned for March with our Richard Guy displaying Kangaroo's and the announcement of 2020 's Lois Whatley Treasure Hunt winner.

Keep the exchange sheets coming...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.

CLUB CONTACTS:

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Bendigo Philatelic Society Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2020

February 2nd. 2021 (Approved extension of time due to covid-19)

7.33 pm

CVGT Hall, Cnr. Stanfield and Jackson Streets, Long Gully.

CHAIR – President Libby Luke

WELCOME - Libby welcomed Members for the Annual Meeting.

APOLOGIES - Bill Trew, Amy Benjamin, John Armstrong, Myrtle Darby.

PRESENT - Tom & Libby Luke, Angela Verga, Margaret Brown, David Cotton, Rae & Laurie Bryant, Lyn Downward, Noel Earles, Lindsay Nicholls, Paul Brownlie, David Robinson, Andrew Palmer, Doug Pearse, Ian Kimpton, Tom Glazebrook, Tom Harris, Jim Garden, Ken Datson.

MINUTES of 2019 AGM taken as read. Tabled and circulated

Moved: David Cotton

Seconded: Rae Bryant

REPORTS –

President: Libby reported positives from the 2020 lockdown, including many more exchange sheets, and the delivery and pick up of exchange books. Members stood and gave Lyn resounding acclamation for her work in facilitating this. New books from South Australia also added to the mix. Libby thanked the Committee for their work. The year ended with an enjoyable picnic at White Hills.

Secretary: The corona virus lockdown gave people time for much more involvement in stamp collecting, facilitated by the circulation of Exchange sheets among members. Membership has been maintained at 31. The sad passing of Lyle Henderson was noted.

Treasurer:	The Balance in the Savings AS/c at 30 th . June 2020 was	\$3,247.50
	The Balance in the Statement A/c	\$1,621.58
	Cash on Hand (Petty Cash)	\$54.60
	Total	\$4,923.68

Reports Received Moved: Ken Datson Seconded: Lindsay Nicholls.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Subscriptions: (Currently \$30 & \$15 for second family member. Juniors \$2) to remain the same for 20/21.

Moved: Margaret Brown

Seconded: Jim Garden

- Honorariums (currently Secretary \$150
Treasurer \$150
Exchange Super. \$250)
To remain the same for the 20/21 year

Moved: Tom Luke

Seconded: Tom Glazebrook

CHAIR for ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS : David Cotton

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: All positions are declared vacant.

- President – Libby Luke
Moved: David Cotton Seconded: Tom Glazebrook
- Vice President – David Somerton
Moved: David Robinson Seconded: Noel Earles
- Secretary – Joy Watters
Moved: Laurie Bryant Seconded: Tom Gazebrook.
- Treasurer – Margaret Brown
Moved: Tom Luke Seconded: Rae Bryant
- Exchange Superintendent – Lyn Downward
Moved: Libby Luke Seconded: Doug Pearse
- Publicity Officer/Newsletter – John Armstrong
Moved: Margaret Brown Seconded: Noel Earles
- Librarian – David Robinson
Moved: Ian Kimpton Seconded: Margaret Brown
- Web Master – John Armstrong
Moved: Lyn Downward Seconded: David Somerton
- General Committee Members
Ken Datson, Noel Earles, Angelo Verga, Paul Brownlie
Moved: Libby Luke Seconded: Joy Watters

Immediate Past President David Cotton is automatically elected to the Committee.

AGM CLOSED: 7.58 pm

Roman's headstone is finally ready

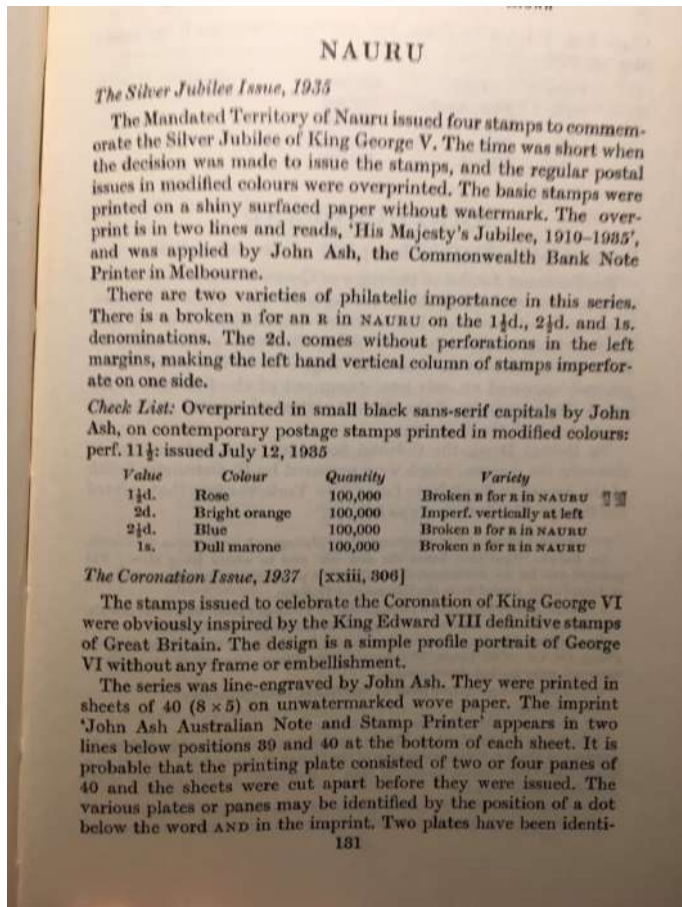
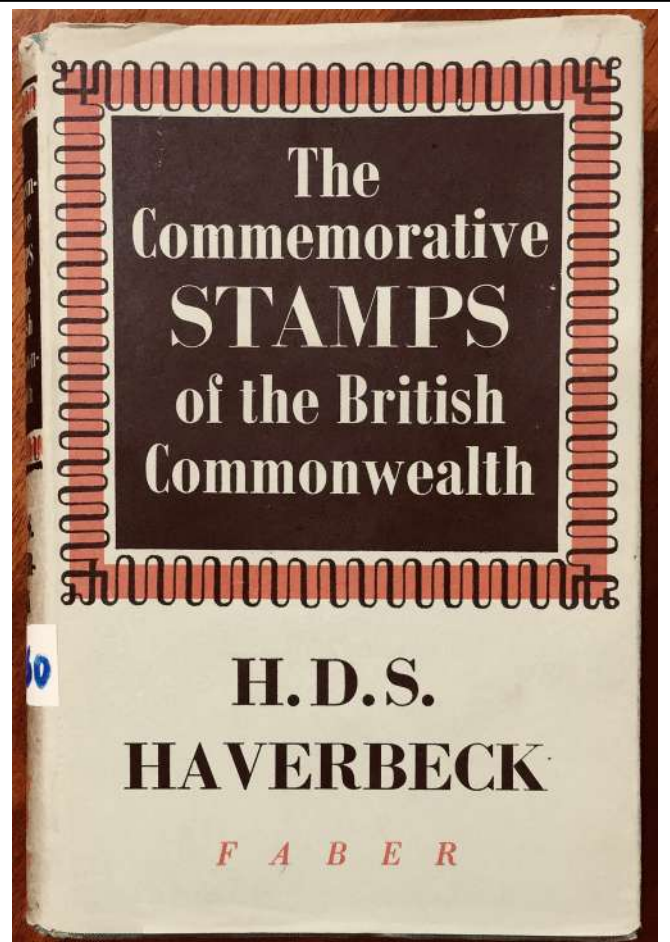
For those who were wondering, here it is at last. As it says, "Gone too soon."



Bendigo Philatelic Society Library

I have been thinking it may be a good idea to promote the club library, by including in the monthly newsletter some information on one of the many books we have in stock.

This month I would like to feature the book "The Commemorative Stamps of the British Commonwealth", This hard cover book is presented by HDS Haverbeck of New York and was printed by the Universal Press in Glasgow. Although no printing or issue date appear I found the information covers the years up until the early 1950's. The description's are quite detailed.



The book is basically in two part's, the first part of the book describes various commemorative stamps specially issued by each domination, colony and states or territories of the British Empire, as well as Great Britain, up to the end of the reign of King George VI.

The second part gives, in tabulated form "The uniform series of stamps" of the commemorative series issued by the colonies and dependencies in the same period. A check list is printed in every instance and contains, in logical sequence, all the information required for developing your collection.

Many stamps are pictured throughout the book, giving us a valuable and (although in black and white) an attractive record of about six hundred stamps.

Our library stocks an extensive range of books, leaflets & magazines, which are available to members.

Please contact me, Dave Robinson, on 0428 821 221 or email me at ddusa@live.com.au

Regards Dave



New Zealand 1931 'Smiling Boy Stamps'

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

A BRIEF HISTORICAL OUTLINE



A mint pair of the famous stamps.

Prices for a Mint pair \$180 upwards

Prices for a MUH pair \$450 upwards

Prices for a Used pair \$180 upwards

The first 'Health' stamp was issued in 1929. The idea behind it was to raise money for Health, particular Anti-Tuberculosis. The standard letter rate was 1d (within New Zealand), but the Health stamp would carry a surcharge of an additional 1d. The stamp could only be used as 1d postage, but it cost 2d to buy, with the additional 1d going to Health.



The first Health stamp of October, 1929. **It was at the suggestion of the Health Department that the proceeds raised would go to Children's Health Camps.**

For the following year 1930 another health stamp was planned. The design was prepared in London at the Royal Mint. It featured a '*smiling boy*', in front of a landscape scene of trees, a lake, mountains, with the Anti-Tuberculosis Cross in the top left-hand corner together with the NZ four stars of the Southern Cross constellation.

Unfortunately, when the plates arrived from England in mid to late 1930, it was immediately recognized that the *vertical spacing* between the stamps was not *wide enough* for the use of the comb perforating machine. Subsequently, the plates were *cut* and **metal spacers** inserted between the rows which solved the problem but somehow created **uneven** spacing; some rows were wider than others, so often the stamps are not well centered.

The Great Depression, beginning in late 1929, now began to affect the entire world. The New Zealand Government decided to increase the standard letter rate in June, 1931 from 1d to 2d. Consequently, the Postal Department decided to issue a second stamp, and commissioned a local engraver, W.R. Bock to produce a new 2d plate from the original 1d plate.

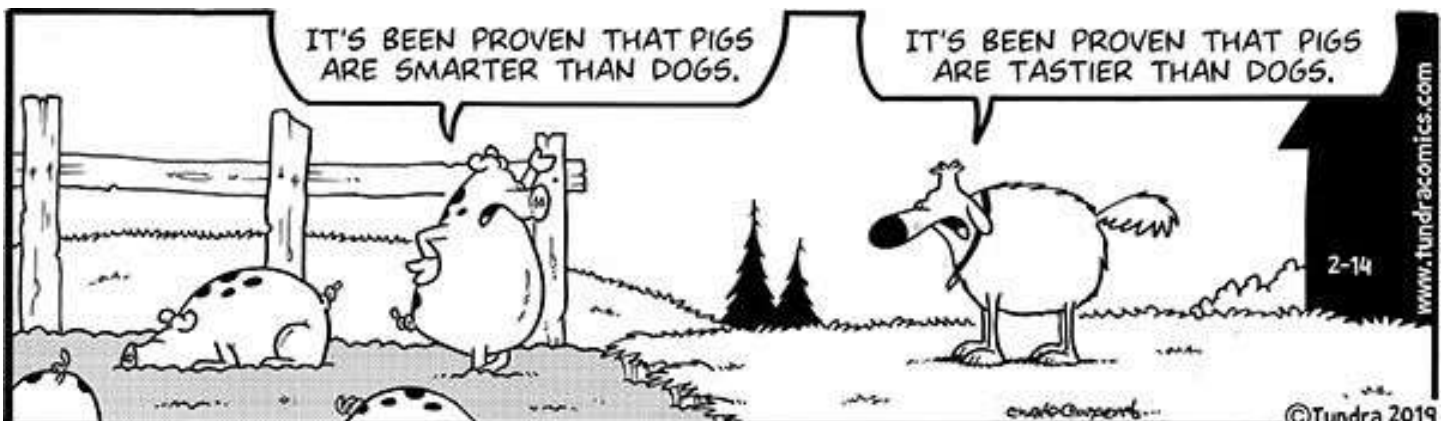
New Zealand 1931 'Smiling Boy Stamps'

Thus, two stamps were finally printed and issued in October, 1931. The 1d Red carried a surcharge of 1d, whilst the 2d Blue also carried a surcharge of 1d. Unfortunately, with money scarce, the public did not buy these stamps. Only 74,802 of the 1d Red, and 111,929 of the 2d Blue stamps were bought. A mere 778 pounds (\$1,556) was raised for the camps, the lowest total ever on record for any health stamps. Although not listed in any catalogue, there are a number of small errors on both stamps which are to do with color imperfections.

The New Zealand Post Office continues to issue an annual health stamp (or pair) and today these are popular collectable items.

Smiling Boy stamps on covers/envelopes command premium prices as most stamps were torn off and sold as used copies.

The Te Papa Tongarewa Museum (or National Museum of New Zealand) is located in Wellington and holds some significant Smiling Boys material, including the Royal Mint die Proofs and relating correspondence as well as specimens of the stamps and the promotional poster.



News from Paul Brownlie



An upcoming set from Australia Post features Australian cricketers. There is a fair bit of talent amongst these players. Some would call them heroes, though for a set featuring genuine heroes check out this set that has just been released. I know the last year has been hard but if you can still read this, it is mainly due to the efforts of these people.



Australia Post also a special offer for those who get their newsletter. Order by 5pm, Friday 12 March 2021 and save up to 20% off the RRP of first day covers and maxicards issued between January 2021 and March 2021. Free standard postage and handling applies to all orders for delivery in Australia. The offer is only available while stocks last and will close at 5pm (AEDT), Friday 12 March 2021. This pre-order offer will be determined on a first come basis, and in the event that they are unable to fulfil your pre-order due to a higher than expected demand, a full refund will be provided.

Yours in philately
Paul



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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