



The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 90th year

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Diary of Future Events

Tuesday	August	3	Olympic Games.
Saturday	August	7	Stamp Fair
Tuesday	September	7	90th. Birthday. Popular Vote One Page Competition
Tuesday	October	5	AGM and Lois Whatley Competition Viewing

President's Message August 2021

Greetings Fellow Members on a Cold and Wintery late July afternoon.

Well, here we go again another month, another lock down. Life has become a day to day proposition.

At this stage in time we are planning to have our next meeting on the 3rd of August, back at CVGT but who knows!!!

Last month's meeting at the Kangaroo Flat R.S.L. worked very well and we had three new prospective members joining our Philatelic Family. We are growing, which is wonderful. Thoughts are being given to this venue for future meetings. It was a long meeting as we had quite a few items for discussion.

My other "Hobby or Collection" proved a great success with many members contributing, collectors are very interesting people with wide and varied interests.

Committee members voted on still having the Stamp Fair, so at this stage we are moving forward, and keeping positive but each and every day brings further worries.

We will keep you all in the loop immediately as any changes occur.

Paul has been working hard on our 90th Anniversary Souvenir Covers and they look very classy. At this stage we hope to have a 90th Anniversary dinner on Tuesday the 19th of October 2021 with Members and Partners so keep this date clear as we would love to have your company.

Let me finish off by saying TAKE CARE We CARE and you are all so important.....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**

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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Rules for attendees at Bendigo Philatelic Society Stamp Fair 2021

After having to cancel our annual Fair last year, the Society is looking forward to hopefully conducting a Covid-safe Fair this year on Saturday the 7th of August.

Bendigo Philatelic Society extends an invitation to you to attend this annual Stamp Fair.

Rule Number One

Common Sense is better than Coercion. Please Use Yours!

Government Regulations

- **All attendees must log in. The hall has QR Codes in place for those who have a suitable mobile phone to use. We will be recording a manual list of name and contact number for those unable to use the QR Codes.**
- **Everyone must wear a mask.**
- **Social distancing is mandatory. A minimum of 1½ metres between yourself and others is necessary.**
- **A maximum of 75 visitors can enter the hall at any one time.**
- **There will be only one designated entry and exit point.**

We don't foresee the easing of any restrictions that would apply to our event before the end of the year but if significant easements do occur, we will let everyone know.

News from Paul Brownlie



Here is a cover from back in 2015. What a great FDC it is, topic and postmark alike. The stamps were a clever design as well.



Now I know that some members are keen on collecting stamps with the selvedge that shows what reprint they are. I just noticed this koala, underneath peel and stick stamps from back in 1992. so I'm wondering, is this the only way to know if a peel and stick stamp has been reprinted and do the same rules apply as to sheet stamps? I'm hoping one of you knows the answer.

Yours in philately

Paul

History of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists Catalogue - a website worth viewing.

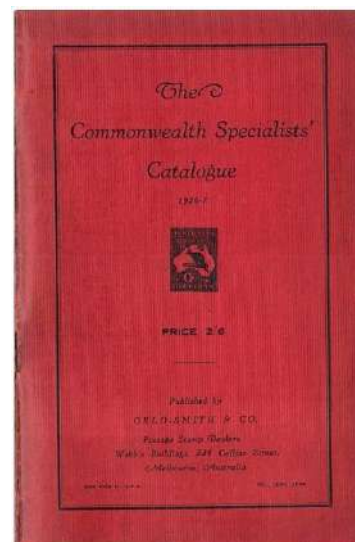
Recently, scrolling through Google for info on some stamps of interest, I found the following web site that was basic information on water marks, perforations and general terms associated with philately.

<http://www.acsc-history.info/misc.aspx>

One section listed at the top of page, as "Miscellaneous Information" was of particular interest. The website should be of interest to anyone who collects the stamps of Australia.

Regards

Ken Datson



Bendigo Philatelic Society Library

by: David Robinson - July 2021

The Wonderful World of Stamps - BPS 0007



This is a soft cover booklet issued in 1987 by the United States Postal Service. Its full of interesting information for anyone starting out on their collecting journey.

Standard Catalogue of Malaysia & Brunei - BPS 0008



This 1985 edition is divided into two parts. The first, covers stamps of the territories which include Bangkok (British Post Offices in Siam), Labuan, Kedah, North Borneo, Sarawak to name a few. This book also covers stamps issued by the territories occupied by the Japanese during WW2. Part two covers Postal Stationery issues covering such items as Stamp Booklets, Registered Envelopes, Post Cards & Air Letter sheets. The book includes maps of Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak & Brunei. Also covered are watermarks and perforations used during the stamp's production.

[Our library stocks an extensive range of books, leaflets & magazines, which are available to members.](#)

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Gandon's Birds and Butterflies

Pierre Gandon was born in 1899, the son of the famous stamp engraver, Gaston Gandon. He soon showed promise and his career went on to outshine even that of his father. It almost didn't happen as at the end of the second world war, he was blacklisted, somewhat unfairly, by the French authorities for producing stamps for the Vichy government. They were considered to show support for the Axis forces, which included a French division. If De Gaulle had not chosen his design for the 1945 Marianne stamp, without knowing the creator, his career could have ended there but the blacklisting was lifted and he went on to become one of the greatest stamp engravers France, or indeed the world, has ever known.



and showed him that seagulls were indeed common around the River Seine and the stamp went ahead. Two years later, when the International Telephone and Telegraph Congress came to Paris he did another stamp showing the Alexander III Bridge but this time, he avoided controversy by putting swallows in the air over the bridge.

Gandon was a keen bird watcher/ornithologist and never lost an opportunity to get out and study them. He also always tried to be involved whenever a bird stamp was suggested for France or one of its colonies as well as often incorporating birds into his designs. His stamp of the bridges of Paris, issued for the UPU congress in 1947, was rejected by the minister in charge of stamp issues who thought it was stupid to show a seagull so far from the ocean. Gandon patiently took him down to the river bank



Pierre Gandon was also a keen butterfly collector and would often show his extensive collection to friends. It has been suggested that the collection was why he was able to engrave butterflies on stamps with such great detail and accuracy as he had the example to hand, rather than relying on drawings or photographs.

Many of his stamps were the high values from a set and can now be quite expensive. What follows is a gallery of some of Gandon's butterflies and birds.

Gandon's Birds and Butterflies - The Gallery



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BENDIGO Stamp Fair



We will be back!

7th. August 2021

*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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