



The Golden City Philatelist

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Diary of Future Events

- Tuesday September 7 Our 90th. Birthday.Meeting is Cancelled
- Tuesday October 5 AGM and Lois Whatley Competition Viewing

President's Message September 2021

Hello Fellow Members

The months sure do go round quickly, this is our September Newsletter and the blossoms are starting to come out so we know Spring is in the air.

Unfortunately we hoped that we could get together this month but I have been in contact with CGVT and the Kangaroo Flat RSL and they both say they have a limit of 10 and I'm not choosing which 10. So let's keep our fingers crossed for next month.

Since our last Newsletter we have had two birthdays that we have known about. Firstly our wonderful exchange superintendent who keeps us in stamps whilst in lock down. Lyn had a very special birthday which we would have celebrated if we could have had a meeting, I won't tell you how old, as girls don't give out this information, but it did end in a 0. The next to have a birthday is our friend Myrtle the great cook, her birthday was this last week. On behalf of all the members we hope you both had very Happy Days.

Also a big welcome home to Joy and Geoff. We must get you and Laurie to give us a presentation on Gold Detecting one meeting ?

When you look at what is going on overseas and in other states we are all very lucky to live where we do, and to have such a wonderful Hobby as Stamp Collecting so we never get bored.

Let me finish off by saying TAKE CARE, we CARE and you are all 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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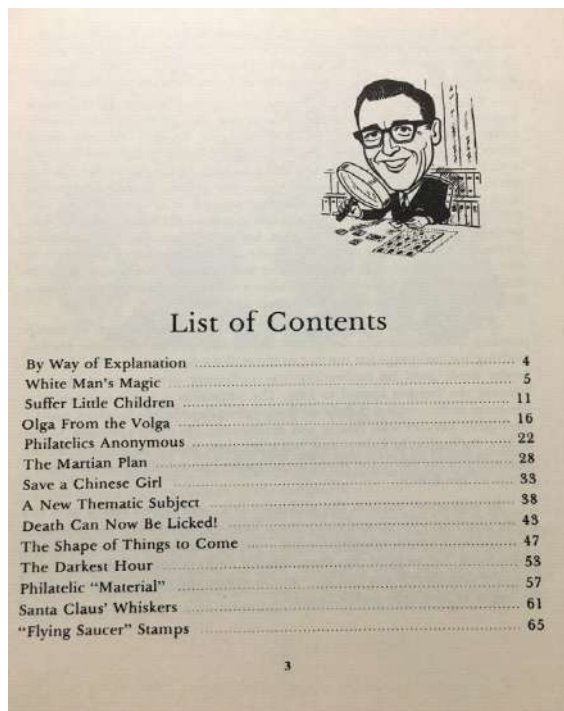
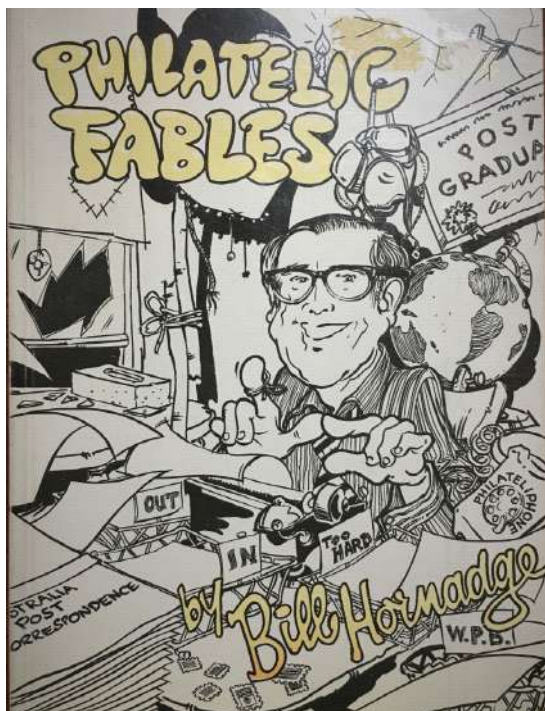
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David Robinson - August 2021

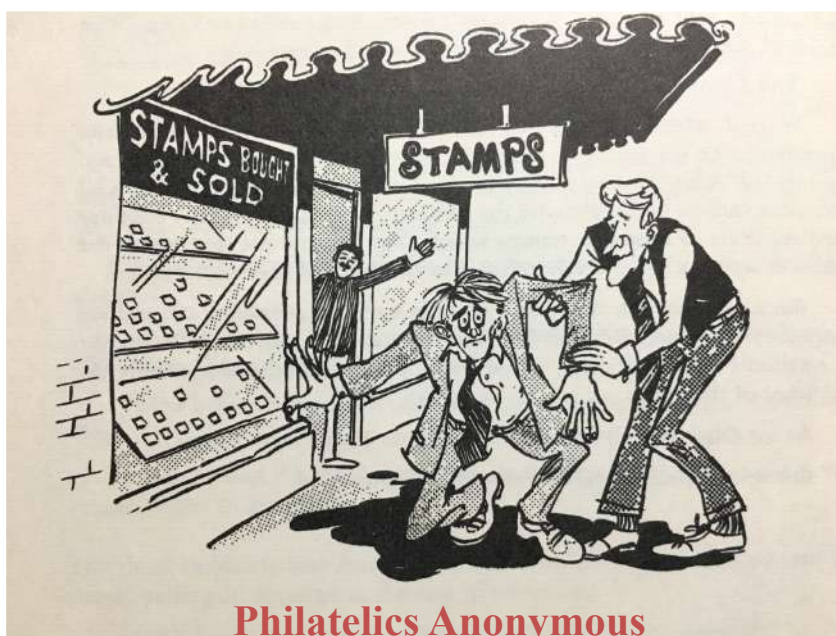
Philatelic Fables

by Bill Hornadge 1980 - Illustrated by Bob Swinfield - BPS 0010

Philatelic Fables is a fun to read collection of humorous short stories, covering some of the odd aspects of the hobby of stamp collecting.



No one in the stamp collecting world is immune from Bill's light hearted satirical sendups. He pokes fun at at the behavioral oddities of both collectors and dealers.



Philatelics Anonymous

"I think many of us have felt a little like this, having spent more than we intended on stamps and our philatelic collection".

Bill Hornadge has been an author of numerous historical documents, philatelic books and magazines.

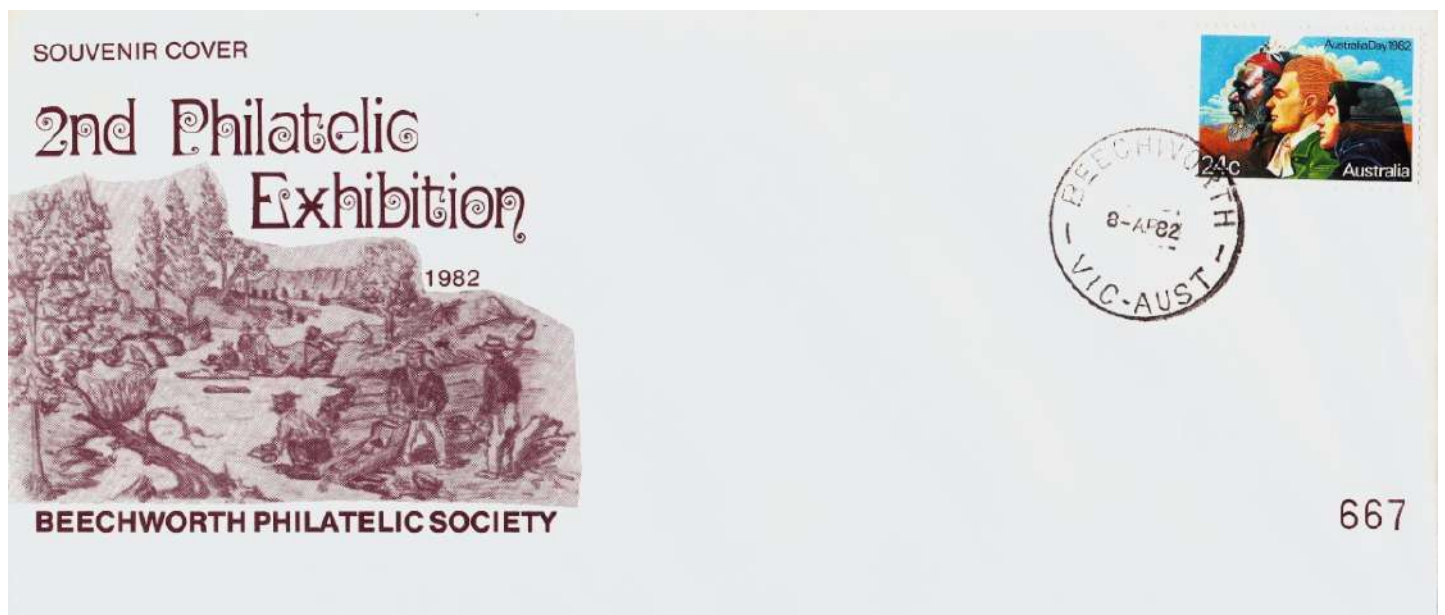
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News from Paul Brownlie



Australia Post has issued a set of eight stamps honouring our gold medallists at the Tokyo Olympics. (I bet they were hoping for a ninth one to make the sheet even)



I found this cover from 1982 for the Beechworth Philatelic Society. Does anyone know if this society still exists?

Here is another great cover I found. This time it is the postmark that really impresses me.



Meanwhile, closer to home, the Bendigo Times interviewed our President for the club's birthday. The article was an excellent promotion for our hobby. Well done, Libby!

Something to write home about

Stamp Club marks 90 years

BY KATIE MARTIN

MORE than one hundred and fifty albums make up Libby Luke's stamp collection, but that's only a fraction of what the Bendigo Philatelic Society collectively own.

Formed exactly 90 years ago to the day, the society now brings together some 45 collectors as passionate as their founding members in 1931.

Ms Luke has led the group as president for the last five years, but stamp collecting has been her hobby since she was only a child.

"I have been involved with stamps since I was five. Most kids play with stamps, but they give it up, and I never did.

"It's a hobby but it becomes part of your life," she said. "It's just been all consuming at some stages."

A particularly special addition to members' collections will be the society's specially made 90th



Passion: Stamp collecting has been Libby Luke's lifelong hobby, and today she leads the Bendigo Philatelic Society in their 90th birthday celebrations. Photo: BRENDAN McCARTHY

anniversary souvenir cover, which Ms Luke said is currently being stamped and postmarked.

She said the group has continued to thrive throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, welcoming three new members in just the last month.

Stamp trading normally undertaken at the group's monthly meetings has also been reimaged to continue during lockdowns.

"We've had lots of people who, when it was all closed down, put together these exchange sheets and

they go from person to person, and you take what you would like and that keeps the interest going," she said. "We've tried to, if people are getting away from it, give them a call and include them."

Amid the birthday celebrations the society is also looking to track down decedents of their original members, including Mr F E Wood, Dr A L Beischer, Mr A Alderdice, Mr J B Ross, E S Cahill, C E Neal, W H Bain, W J McLay and H Hillman.

Anyone related can contact Ms Luke on 0448 120 066, and more information on the Bendigo Philatelic Society can be found at bendigophilatelic.org.



Now this is an interesting cover from 1963. How many of us have ever heard of hovercraft mail. Was this just a gimmick for the exhibition? This is from the days before the freeways led out to the eastern suburbs and congestion on the arterial roads was already becoming an issue. Perhaps this was a serious proposal to use the river to get mail out to the suburbs. Again, does anyone know more about it?



I've been noticing how many countries feature Australian animals on their stamps. It occurred to me that this might make a good show and tell topic for a future meeting (whenever that may be). I'm sure that if we all look through our collections, we will find many examples. How many can you find?

Yours in philately,
Paul

Maryborough Club Auction

This is a reminder to Bendigo Members that the Maryborough Club Auction will take place on the evening of Tuesday, 12th October, 2021 starting at 7pm in St Augustine's Hall (viewing from 5.30pm).

(If Covid restricts this from happening the Auction will be re-scheduled for the following month on Tuesday, 9th November).

Red Dot system applies, as does Buyer Number Registration.

Light Refreshments provided free with tea/coffee.

Your members may submit up to 15 items per person but these details and items MUST be received by me no later than 3rd September and Club will take 5% commission on any sales.

Auction List to be sent out mid-September.

Post bids by email, in writing, or by phone accepted up to 7th October and sent to me Grey Loyer: gloyer@live.com.au or phone 5460 5008.



Slania's 100th Birthday



Czeslaw Slania (1921-2005)



The American Philatelic Society offered a free subscription to their newsletter during last year's covid lockdowns and it is always a wealth of interesting articles. I'm not sure how long it will last without actually joining the society but it is still arriving so I'm not complaining.

This month they carried an article about the joint issue from the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Denmark to honour the 100th birthday of the late, great stamp engraver Czeslaw Slania. The work of Slania has been the introduction for many of us to the engraver's art, which in my own case has grown to include engraved stamps from around the world. We live in a different world to the one where an engraver could take weeks to produce a small masterpiece, carving the image on steel, life-sized and in reverse. Here in Australia, we had engravers who were equal to the best around the world but sadly, that is all relegated to history now.

The Scandinavian countries have now (since the end of 2017) ceased engraving their stamps, but for this issue, they asked Martin Morck to engrave them. Martin Morck is one of the finest engravers still working and the issued miniature sheets are well worth seeking if engraved stamps are your passion.

In recent years, Martin spent time in China, teaching the art of stamp engraving so now China has become one of the few countries to embrace stamp engraving for some new issues. France, by law, engraves about half of their stamps so there are still plenty of new issues to keep us poor.



Martin Morck

And finally, let's hear some good news... Spring has sprung!

For many of us, the daily news, both locally and internationally, is a source of depression and even anger. The current Victorian covid outbreaks were possibly inevitable but became certain when so many people believed that the rules did not apply to them.

This is nothing new. Drive at the speed limit on the freeway and every other car will overtake you. We have become so used to this that mostly we just shrug and get on with things. It was a bit of a shock, however to read that in Bendigo alone last weekend, just one restaurant caught out fifty, yes fifty people who had ignored the restrictions and come up from Melbourne for a drive. Add that to the truck drivers whose antics got us into this mess and cost us our stamp fair. Then there was the party that spread the outbreak from St Kilda to Caulfield.... At least we're not in Afghanistan or Haiti. It's time for some good news!

Possibly by the time you read this, Spring will have sprung and we can all look forward to some better weather and being able to enjoy the great outdoors. It seems to be early this year with the wattles and daffodils well established, though previous years might suggest caution as the first few weeks of spring can revert back to winter.

Nevertheless, I've been wandering round with a Max Bygraves song from my childhood in the 1950s going round my head.

Trees everywhere. With flowers in their hair
 Mother Nature wears her newest gown...
Out of Town from the movie Charley Moon, 1956



So in case you are still locked away, or the weather turns nasty and you can't get outside, here are a few echoes of spring from my collection. I'll bet you can find many more in yours.

