



The Golden City Philatelist

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Diary of Future Events

Tues. 5th April 7.30pm	90th Anniversary Dinner
Tues. 3rd May 7.30pm	One Sheet Popular Vote Competition
Tues. 7th June 7.30pm	Talk by Maryborough Stamp Club

President's Message April 2022

Our next meeting will be on the 5th of April. It will be our long awaited 90th Anniversary Dinner, so if you want to come please contact our Secretary, Joy. It will be a night of getting to know each other, presentation of "Lois Whatley Award" by David C., and a short presentation By Tom G. and a few surprises for those who attend.

On Tuesday the 8th of March our professional driver David S. took us by bus to the Maryborough stamp auction. Although our numbers were not as good as usual we all had a fun night, great supper and comradeship with fellow stamp collectors. The bus was a lot heavier on the way home with all our purchases. Thanks David S. It was very much appreciated.

Three of our Members are celebrating their Birthday this month, Rae on the 7th, Jim on the 20th and our past president David C. on the 30th, Happy Birthday from your Philatelic Family.

Last meeting we gained a new member "Geoff Crawford" - Welcome Geoff and we hope you will enjoy our club and friendship.

On the 3rd of May we will be continuing our 90th Birthday by having a one page, popular vote competition. There are no rules - it can be on a specialist subject or a whimsical idea. I think we can all put together a one page entry. Please have a go !!! after all you have to be in it to win it.

Let me finish with my little phrase 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

**Kangaroo Flat R.S.L.
Station St. Kangaroo Flat**

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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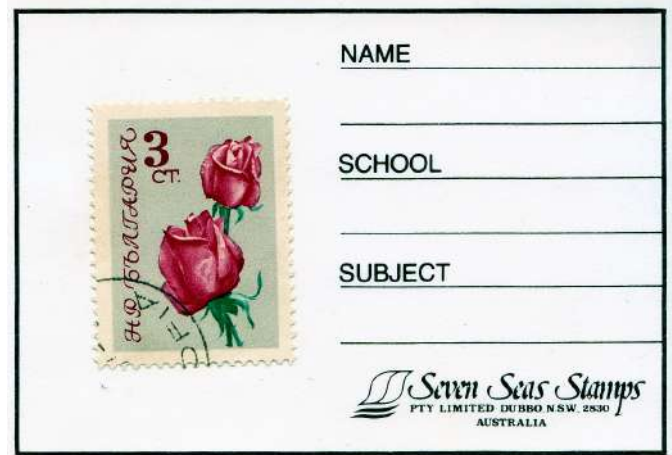
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News from Paul Brownlie

Hello fellow Philatelists

Anybody remember these beauties? Bill Hornage founded Seven Seas stamps in 1951 in Dubbo, N.S.W. and in 1953 started the magazine, Stamp News. Seven Seas approvals were the collection foundation for thousands of young Australians in an age when almost every child collected stamps.

How many of us boosted our collections by insisting that Dad bought his petrol at Ampol because you got a free pack of stamps with every dollar spent? The success of that promotion, organised by Bill, was astounding with 20 million packs given away containing 70 million stamps at a time when our population was only 10 million. It also boosted the career of a young Max Stern who was sent by Bill to Europe to buy as many attractive stamps as he could find to fill the packs. Thousands of these stamps, some in unopened packs, are still around but the book labels, which were generally thrown away with the books at the end of each year, are now quite rare and even Google seems unable to find them.



Australia Post has issued its latest Australian Legends stamps, this time honouring film-makers, Baz Luhrmann, Warwick Thornton, Gillian Armstrong AM, Peter Weir AM and George Miller AO. As usual, there is a plethora of ways that a collector with deep pockets can get these, ranging from \$5.50 up to \$220. Details are shown on the AP website.

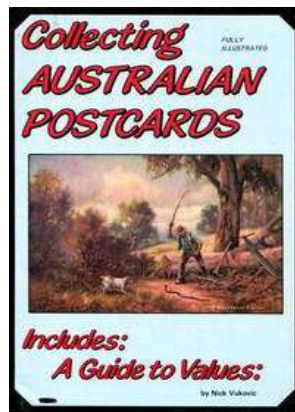
Yours in Philately

Paul

PS: Thanks David for driving us to Maryborough.

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COLLECTING AUSTRALIAN POSTCARDS



A soft cover booklet By Nick Vukovic BPS0018

What is a postcard?

A **postcard** is an envelope-size piece of cardboard, often with a picture on one side and on the other room to write a message, add an address, attach a stamp and send to people without an envelope. Like postage stamps, postcards are often collected thematically. The first use of postcards issued in Australia, was back in December of 1875. by the New South Wales postal authorities and issued in two sizes.

“Collecting Australian Postcards” discusses many of the common themes collected. They include Advertising, Animals, Artists, Boy Scouts, Fire Services, History, Maps, Novelty, Railways, Shipping, Topographical to name but a few. Under the topic of Australian Artists, postcards that are most sought after are those displaying the works of the following artists, JA Turner, j Hutching, LD Davey, May Gibbs and Charles Young.



By **The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica** : **philately**, the study of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postmarks, **postcards**, and other materials relating to postal delivery. The term philately also denotes the collecting of these items. The term was coined in 1864 by a Frenchman, Georges Herpin, who invented it from the Greek *philos*, “love,” and *ateleia*, “that which is tax-free”; the postage stamp permitted the letter to come free of charge to the recipient, rendering it untaxed

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The Press have re-discovered stamps.

Can you remember the time when newspapers had a regular stamp column. It doesn't seem that long ago though as we get older we tend to be surprised when something comes up for a 30, 40 or 50 year anniversary and we find ourselves thinking, "It seems like only yesterday!" Well it seems like stamps are in the news these days once again. Two articles jumped out at me this week, reprinted on the internet. They are worth passing on here.

The first came from the New York Post and like much of the news at the moment, it refers to the war in Ukraine.

Ukraine launches postage stamp honoring Snake Island soldiers by Callie Patteson

Ukraine's government is introducing a new postage stamp to honor the 13 brave soldiers who were reportedly captured after defending Snake Island last month at the start of Russia's brutal invasion.

The postage stamp, named "Russian warship, go f-k yourself!," was shared on social media by Ukrainian First Deputy Foreign Minister Emine Dzhaparova. It features a single Ukrainian soldier standing along the shore, flipping the middle finger at a warship passing by.

"The postage stamp named 'Russian warship, go f**k yourself!' will be issued by Ukraine," Dzhaparova revealed.

"The sketch by artist Boris Groh received the most votes and will soon be published by Ukraine's state postal company."



The stamp design was chosen through a public vote with Ukraine's postal service Ukrposhta. Social media users voted on 20 different postage stamp designs honoring the soldiers before ultimately picking artist Groh's design. The title of the postage stamp refers to the reply the soldiers gave to two Russian warships that identified themselves to the small island near the Romanian border, calling for surrender.

"This is a Russian warship," an unidentified voice was heard saying in a recording from the Feb. 24 incident. "I propose you lay down your weapons and surrender to avoid bloodshed and unnecessary victims. Otherwise you will be bombed."

"Russian warship, go f-k yourself," the Ukrainians replied.

The soldiers were quickly presumed dead, but Russian officials claimed the soldiers surrendered.

In the wake of the audio clip going viral, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed to give the 13 soldiers the nation's highest honor: Hero of Ukraine.

"On our Zmiinyi Island, defending it to the last, all the border guards died heroically. But they did not give up. All of them will be posthumously awarded the title of Hero of Ukraine," he said on his website. Days later, Ukraine's navy claimed the 13 guards were alive and had been taken captive by the Russians. "We are very happy to learn that our brothers are alive and well," the navy wrote in a Facebook post.

It is unclear if Zelensky's awards will remain in effect if the soldiers are returned alive.

The soldiers' defiant reply to the Russian ships has gone viral since last month, being printed on flags and T-shirts. It has also been the subject of many memes on social media. You can find the original article here:

https://nypost.com/2022/03/14/ukraine-launches-stamp-honoring-snake-island-soldiers/?utm_source=email_sitebuttons&utm_medium=site%20buttons&utm_campaign=site%20buttons

The second article refers to our own Australia Post but the article comes from the Daily Mail in Britain.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9796909/Australia-Posts-stunning-error-stamp-series-marking-nations-volcanic-past-spot-it.html>

“Australia Post makes a stunning error in series of stamps created to mark nation's volcanic past - can you spot the huge stuff-up?”

The release of a stunning national stamp series has been marred by a huge error in one of the collectables.

Australia Post's new series depicting 'Australia's volcanic past' includes four stamps each with an image of a different ancient volcano - except the stamp labelled Wollumbin Mount Warning shows a different NSW peak.

That stamp has the nearby Mount Doughboy in the foreground, with Mount Warning just visible at the very top right hand corner, under the \$1.10 value.

Both peaks are part of the huge extinct Tweed volcano, which was more than 100km in diameter and last erupted 23 million years ago.

Australia Post said the choice was deliberate in a statement to Daily Mail Australia and maintained the stamp was 'accurate'.

'All the features represented on the stamp are features of the Tweed Volcano, which is often called Mt Warning volcano in literature,' it said.

'Wollumbin is the central plug of the volcano, and the "Doughboy" is a lump of more resistant lava from the volcano. 'While we can understand that locals might have expected that Wollumbin Mt Warning would be featured in the foreground, the decision was made to caption the stamps with the common geographic names.'

Tweed Shire Mayor Chris Cherry described the mistake as 'unfortunate' but was pleased the area would receive national exposure through the stamp series, the Courier Mail reported.

She invited Australia Post representatives to come to the Tweed and 'enjoy the majesty of Wollumbin and its iconic presence'.

The volcanos shown on the other three stamps - Table Cape in Tasmania; Mount Elephant, Victoria; and Lord Howe Island, NSW - all match the captions on the stamps.

Australia Post's Group Philatelic Manager Michael Zsolt said the new stamp issue highlighted the country's rich volcanic history and would appeal to those interested in geology and the Australian landscape.

'More than 4,000km of Australia's east coast was forged by volcanic activity from tens of millions of years ago to just 5,000 years ago,' he said.

'This stamp issue will hopefully encourage more people to visit one of Australia's many fascinating and beautiful volcanoes.'"

We hope it will encourage more people to get interested in Australia's many fascinating and beautiful stamps!



Why is this person on a stamp No.4

This month's choice is a bit of a digression from the previous articles for two reasons. Firstly, the person is not shown on the stamp. It honours artist, writer and musician, Shel Silverstein with only his name and his illustration from one of his most popular children's stories, *The Giving Tree*. The USPS article about the stamp notes:

"The Giving Tree," published in 1964 by Harper & Row, is about a friendship between a motherly tree and a boy. As the child grows older, the tree gives him its shade, apples, branches and trunk. The story ends with the boy, now an old man, returning to rest against the tree's stump. The best-selling tale of selflessness, which is accompanied by the author's elegantly simple black-and-white illustrations, is considered a classic of children's literature".

Although some of us may not be aware of who Shel Silverstein was, there can be few in the "baby boomer" generation who can't recall at least one of the songs he wrote. Although he was a prolific recording artist in his own right, his main success as a songwriter came from other people recording his songs. Here are just a few of his many hit songs.

"The Unicorn" recorded by Irish Rovers.

"A Boy Named Sue" and "25 Minutes to Go" recorded by Johnny Cash.

"One's On the Way" by recorded Loretta Lynn.

"Sylvia's Mother" a hit for both Dr Hook and Bobby Bare.

Other songs included "Put Another Log On the Fire", "I'm being eaten by a Boa Constrictor" and "You're always welcome at our house", the last two being favourites of my children when they were small.

Closer to home, Shel wrote the music score for the Ned Kelly film that starred Mick Jagger in an unlikely portrayal of Ned. Except for the one Jagger sang, "The Wild Colonial Boy", Shel wrote all the songs, performed by Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Tom Ghent.



GARDENER

We gave you a chance
To water the plants.
We didn't mean that way—
Now zip up your pants.



His books of poetry for children are world-wide favourites. The New York Times named "Where the Sidewalk Ends" an Outstanding Book of 1974; Silverstein's album version of the book earned a Grammy Award for Best Recording for Children. He also wrote and illustrated books for adults, wrote plays and music scores for films.

His work has been translated into 47 languages, and is loved by adults and children alike. Shel Silverstein died of a heart attack in 1999 at the age of 68. In 2002, he was posthumously inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

On June 25, 2019, two decades after Silverstein's death, The New York Times Magazine listed him among hundreds of artists whose material had been destroyed in the 2008 Universal Studios fire.

The second reason this is a digression from previous articles is that the stamp has not been released yet. The first-day-of-issue event will be held at the school Shel Silverstein attended, Chicago's Darwin Elementary School on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 11 a.m.

