

The Golden City Philatelist

BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. A0016241J

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Now in our 87th year

September 2017



Diary of Future Events

September 5	Tuesday	All members non-competitive 2 page display on a "Roman" theme.
September 6	Wednesday	Daytime Meeting at Golden Square
September 12	Tuesday	Visit to Maryborough. Please book with Viv early if you want a seat on the bus.
October 3rd	Tuesday	Member display from David Cotton
October 4th	Wednesday	Daytime Meeting at Golden Square
October 8th	Sunday	Ballarat Eureka Stamps and Coin Fair
November 7th	Tuesday	Annual Philatelic Competitions: Display and Judging
November 8th	Wednesday	Daytime Meeting at Golden Square

Please Note: The daytime meeting is on the Wednesday after the main meeting.

Get Well Soon, Bob!

Those who attended our fair will have heard that our hard-working Treasurer/Secretary, Bob Hayes, has been ill and will take a break from the role. Viv Martin has offered take over while Bob recovers and we all hope this will be very soon and wish Bob well. In the meantime, please use Viv's contact details below for any queries to allow Bob a complete rest.



2017 Bendigo Stamp Fair

Our stamp fair attracted some very enthusiastic members and visitors, some arriving well before the advertised opening time of 10am and by 11am, when these photos were taken, most dealers were being kept very busy. Fortunately as the day wore on, conditions became a little less frantic, allowing a more leisurely search for those hard to find items. Once again, visitors came from as far as Wangaratta and Traralgon, but all indicated that the trip had been worth it. Congratulations and thanks to Bill Trew and Bob Hayes who sweated blood to make our fair a success once again.

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 Meeting at Golden Square on the Wednesday after the main Tuesday meeting.

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings

EXCEPT MAY, JULY and NOVEMBER

5 items per member are allowed for auctions
except in December when **10 items per member**
are allowed for the Christmas bonanza auction.

Exchange sheets will be circulated at all meetings.

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President's message September 2017

Just to change, this shortened report is coming to you from the Sunshine Coast in Queensland but before this I am pleased to hear of the success of our Stamp Fair and to thank and congratulate all concerned.

Since arriving here on 24th July I have been to two stamp meetings and one Stamp Fair enjoying every one. Our immediate Past President David and I attended the Caloundra July meeting. This was the second one for David.

As usual we were made very welcome and purchased what we considered little bargains.

Tom and I attended the Nambour Stamp Club meeting which was very friendly and again I purchased many stamps from their great exchange books.

Cleveland Stamp Fair in a lovely venue was well patronised and we spent a lovely day there.

On the home front I am very sorry to hear of Secretary/ Treasurer Bob Hayes bout of indifferent health and wish him a speedy recovery.

I look forward to our return home and being with you all at our September meeting. Happy Stamping Libby.



Stamp Montage Competition

Yes, it was difficult wasn't it, as a few people commented. Our winner, David Cotton, scored 22 points for eleven of the 28 stamps correctly identified by year and country. Congratulations, David.

For those of you who would like to know the answers, they are shown on the next page. Here to save you searching for last month's newsletter, is the montage. Many thanks to our Canadian friend for supplying this.



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	Newfoundland 1941 SG275		France 1957 SG1341		Belgium 1963 SG1843		Vatican City 1964 SG4324
5		6		7		8	
	Czechoslovakia 1961 SG1229		Monaco 1980 SG1445		France 1957 SG1316		Belgium 1971 SG2187
9		10		11		12	
	Sweden 2002 SG2231		United States 1971 SG1438		Poland 1966 SG1686		United States 1933 SGA732
13		14		15		16	
	France 1949 SG1048		Tunisia 1956 SG433		France 1983 SG2581		France 1959 SG1413
17		18		19		20	
	Canada 1963 SG538		Canada 1949 SG413		Sweden 2002 SG2230		New Zealand 1945 SG666
21		22		23		24	
	Czechoslovakia 1954 SG844		Canada 1947 SG408		France 1938 SG595		Algeria 1952 SG315
25		26		27		Background	
	Canada 1932 SG317		Mauritania 1938 SG84		France 1953 SG1184		Austria 1976 SG1755A

Calling All Romans!

September marks a full year since the death of our previous Secretary-Treasurer, Roman Lemega. To mark this anniversary we are inviting all members to bring a two page display on a Roman theme to the September meeting. This will be non-competitive but will show that though gone, our friend Roman is not forgotten.



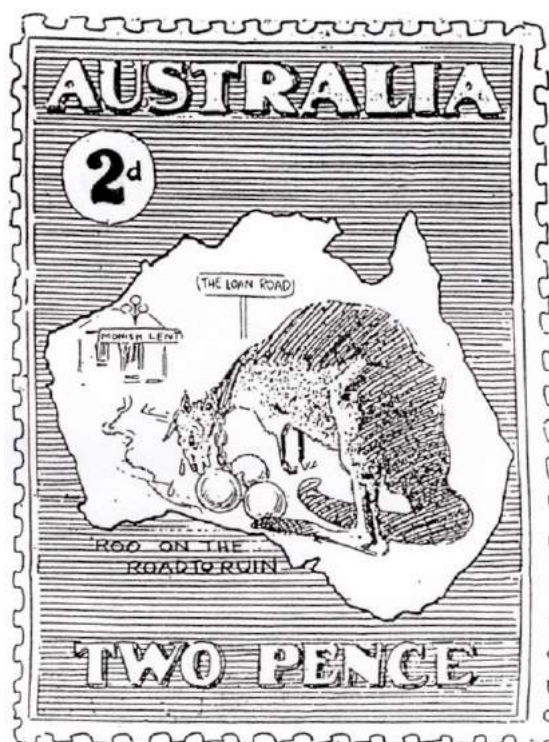
Ballarat Stamp and Coin Fair

Members are reminded that the fair season is not yet over with the fast approaching Ballarat stamp fair on the 8th of October. The Ballarat club has two special items being produced for the fair, a first day cover and an overprinted miniature sheet. Both of these items are limited to 100 and they usually go fast. Full details are shown on page five.

Roo On The Road To Ruin

Stamps have often been politically motivated. The Italian East Africa stamp shown above was a reflection of the Fascists obsession with themselves as builders of a new Roman Empire. Australia has also used stamps for political purposes. The first States stamps bore Queen Victoria's head to leave no doubt about who was in charge. This was to change when the Labour Party finally came to power bringing new ideas and slogans like "Jack is as good as his master". These were mostly born in the Shearers' Union and spread around the country by the itinerant work force that kept the country profitable. It was also reflected in the first Australian stamps, the Kangaroo and Map issue that showed no deference to a monarch.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. C.E. Frazer was less than impressed with the new issue that was being forced upon him and in April 1912 (before the real stamps were released) he released a cartoon to the press of what he said the new stamps should look like. It showed a kangaroo, bowed down by a ball and chain, heading along "The Loan Road" to visit the money lenders. When he drew criticism for this, he agreed to modify the design - which he did by adding the word "Postage".



Extra Daytime Meeting of the Bendigo Philatelic Society.

If you are unable to get to our regular evening meeting, or want more time to pursue your collecting interests, we now have a daytime meeting on the morning after our main meeting.

Members are welcome to attend both meetings. Daytime meetings will not be formal meetings.

Venue: Golden Square Hall, 9 Old High St.
(Bendigo Field Naturalists Club rooms)
(Behind the Golden Square Fire Station)

Date and time: Wednesday September 8th. at 10.00am
(Then every Wednesday following the Tuesday meeting)

Coffee, Tea, biscuits etc, available throughout the meeting.

The venue has lots of free parking, has ground floor and ramp access and is close to a bus stop in High street. Further details if required can be obtained from the club secretary.

Visit to Maryborough Stamp Club and Auction.

Yes, it's that time of the year again already. Our annual visits to Maryborough for their big auction is a highlight of the year and always brings out some spirited competition in the bidding. As usual, BPS will hopefully fill a bus and if previous efforts are anything to go by, some may miss out. Viv is co-ordinating this and he advises that places will be allotted on a first book-first accepted basis. Seat confirmations will be made at the September meeting. Members are also advised that they are invited to offer lots for sale at the auction. This has always been popular in the past as the night attracts members from Ballarat, Bendigo, Maryborough and even sometimes from as far as St Arnaud so it is an ideal place to present your better items to a large audience. Viv has circulated the auction details for prospective sellers in a separate email.

Soaking Rare Beauties

We received an email from Bernard which echoes a problem many people find. Bernard writes:

“This may not be news to you but I have just tried soaking some of the “Rare Beauties” issue from the covers, with disastrous results. With modern “peel and stick” I have always used very hot water. This time the stamps came off the cover and the design came off the stamps. I have no more copies to try other methods, but if you have found a way to do it please let me know. “

Bernard can be contacted at [bernardbuckland\[at\]bigpond.com](mailto:bernardbuckland[at]bigpond.com) if you would like to share ideas. Perhaps we need to get used to collecting p&s on neatly cut paper.



By George - He's Popular!

One of the places we promote our fair is on Stampboards, the online discussion group that has fifteen thousand philatelists on its worldwide member list. Long before the fair, members McGooley, and Traralgon3844 (sometimes known as Paul) were asking if dealer George was going to be there and after finding that he was, started looking for ways in which they could compete for his wares. True to form, on arrival, after a quick cuppa to wash away the long journey, McGooley and Paul headed for George's table, from where they hardly strayed.

After the sort of attention normally reserved for rock stars, George also needed a cup of tea leaving McGooley and Paul to diligently study his stock books.



When did back-stamping letters on receipt finish?

Postal history collectors love old letters that have back-stamps which were added by the receiving post office. They allow you to see how long the letter took and can be made even more interesting if stops along the way have also added marks. This was done to early Australian mail but it is a bit of a shock to realize that the practice was discontinued in Australia as long ago as 1911.

After the United States and New Zealand both ended the practice in 1909 without the sky falling, the Postmaster-General, Mr. Josiah Thomas, announced that he could see no useful purpose for continuing the practice that would justify the considerable expense being incurred. In a statement to the Sydney Morning Herald he stated, “Millions of letters pass through the Department. Why spend valuable time in date stamping that vast amount of correspondence in order that we may be able to trace the movements of an occasional letter delayed in delivery?” Of course, he has a point but economics gain was certainly philately's loss.



Ballarat Stamp Club

Cover & Mini sheet sales

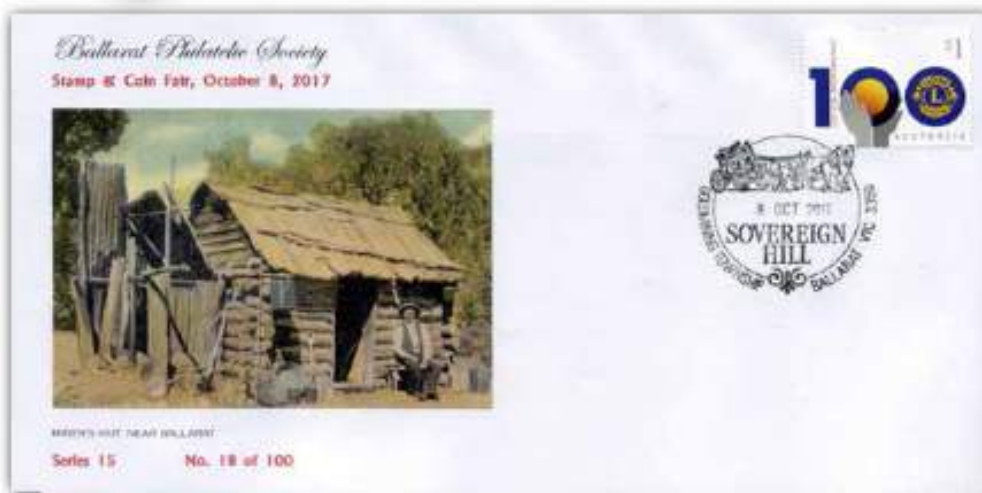
ballaratstampclub.com.au

Ballarat Eureka Stamps & Coin Fair

SUNDAY October 8th 2017 ~ 9.30am until 3.30pm ~ Free Entry

Ballarat Specialist School (Farm Campus) 800 Norman Street North Ballarat

It will feature the following cover and mini sheet for sale and, more importantly, these are for sale to collectors **PRIOR** to the fair ...



Cover: Series 15 of the Ballarat Historical Scenes covers featuring:
Miner's Hut, near Ballarat

Mini-Sheet: Henry Lawson 2017 (overprinted)

Both of these are strictly limited to 100 and they will sell so please be **QUICK!**

Note:

- Orders will be processed in order of receipt with payment
- Covers \$3 and mini sheets \$15
- Allow \$2 for postage or \$4.50 registered
- Overseas clients please allow 15% for PayPal
- Cheques payable to Ballarat Philatelic Society

To order:

- mail: Ballarat Philatelic Society ~ P.O. BOX 337 ~ Wendouree VIC 3355
- email: Peter Morey petermorey05@gmail.com
- mobile: 0435 601 673 (please leave a message)



Normal Club Nights

We meet at:
7pm ~ every 3rd and 5th Monday of each month (except DEC & JAN)
New venue:
Sunways Function Room Enter from:
1311 Gregory Street Lake Wendouree 3350



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