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PHILAS SERVICES FOR CLUBS

Philas services have been disrupted by our move to new premises.

When we re-open, we will resume making stamp collections available to clubs for display at meetings. As has been noted in previous communications, in 2026 Philas are seeking to scan pages from well performed exhibits to enlarge the range of material available to clubs. A full list of the currently available collections is on our website.

We will begin preparation for auctions once the administration and library areas are sorted out at the new location.

The Philas Library is a specialist philatelic library containing over 6000 books, journals and catalogues. It is currently closed although re-establishing it operationally is one of the key focuses for the first half of 2026. This will allow members of clubs to borrow items, undertake research or learn more about the philately they are interested in. Most books will be available for borrowing, for up to one month, by members of affiliated societies. Country members can arrange to borrow items through their society secretary. Much of the Library has been built up from donations and the many donors are warmly thanked for their contributions to the hobby.

Please remember that PHILAS services are provided on a volunteer basis and respect the people trying to assist you.

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Thanks to Antony Shen for designing the new *Philas News* graphic at the editor's request.

It is based on the tower atop the building occupied by the new Philas premises.



President's Views:

Hi,

Happy 2026 and I hope you are enjoying your summer wherever you are.

December was a busy month for PHILAS with the sale of Egerton Street and purchase of Lots 119 & 120 at 2 City View Road, Pennant Hills successfully completed just before Christmas. All that PHILAS and the PHILAS Library holds dear was moved to the new premises over three days, with a lot of help from willing volunteers. My thanks to all who gave up their time to ensure this transition went so well.

Since we moved in we have managed to set up the former café area so it can function as a meeting room and administrative office. The Philatelic Society of NSW have already held their first club meeting there, expressing a positive opinion of their first experience.

Despite a number of positive suggestions about how we might keep the hotel bar, it is slated for demolition so we can put our offices and strong room there. Given its impending fate we have nothing stored in that area, thus avoiding a lot of double handling in the future.

The main room is full to the brim with compactus panels, cabinets and boxes of library materials. Over Christmas and early January some space was cleared allowing us to paint the walls and roof in one corner, before setting up one very large compactus in that area for the Library team to use. Over the next 3 - 4 weeks another large compactus will be set up allowing us to start the process of getting books, journals and catalogues out of their boxes and onto shelves where they can be accessed.

Auction materials are all in secure storage and will stay there until we complete the balance of the set-up work. We are still receiving estates; the reality of an aging population of collectors and younger generations who have found other hobbies, or who have never even seen a stamp on an envelope, so there will be no shortage of material when the auctions get under way again.

We are completing final payments to vendors from Auction 145 at the moment, apologetically later than normal, but Christmas and displacement of records during the move has slowed us down.

On the plus side, I would like to congratulate **Michael Nibbs** for his efforts in developing the catalogue for that auction. The catalogue was recently awarded a Vermeil medal at the *19th NZ National Literature Exhibition* in Dec 2025 (award certificate at right). When informed of the result, Michael modestly stated that he thought "Any

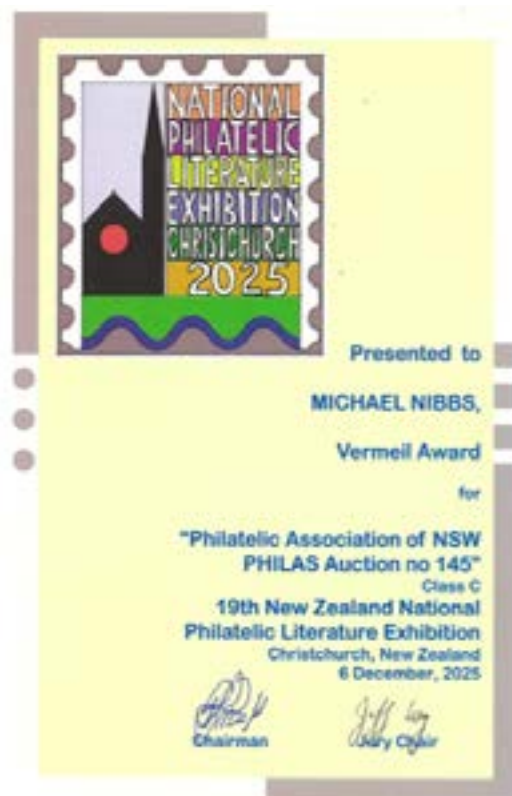


Bruce Chadderton

award rightly belongs to the PHILAS volunteer group," so congratulations to all involved.

A change of use Development Application has been lodged with the Hornsby Council. I have already met the planner on site. He seemed very positive about what we were proposing to do. Once, and assuming, we get the DA approved we will be sourcing a builder, via a competitive process, getting the bar removed and offices constructed. This is not a big job so the timeframes to when we are able to start getting everything in place and functioning isn't a long one.

I have met a number of our neighbours in the building and, apart from one disappointed lady who we were unable to sell a glass of wine to (when she saw us in the bar area), everyone seems positive about our presence. Another of the residents indicated she was happy to see the stamp people as we would be a lot less noisy than the previous users of the property who had events which kept her awake into the morning ... sometimes the typesetting of stamp collectors can be a bit who grew up with the Stones, punk rock, U2 and ACDC,



but it can also have a positive side.

So that's the building update which I know you are all keen to learn about ...

For those of you with exhibiting aspirations Australia's National Exhibition will be held this year in Brisbane; *Queensland Stamp and Coin Show 2026*, 13 - 16 August 2026. There is no national being held in New Zealand this year so this is your best opportunity to test your exhibiting skills or seek to qualify for international exhibitions (by achieving at least 75 marks at a national exhibition). Closing date for entries is 31 May and, given how well the *Sydney Stamp Show* was supported last year, I am hoping we put up a strong contingent of NSW entries to support our neighbours. The prospectus and entry details can be found on the APF website:

apf.org.au/stamp-shows/

I would like to thank the clubs who invited me to attend their Christmas functions and I apologise that I wasn't able to get to too many of them this year. Over the next few weeks I will be getting out around some of the clubs. Should you be keen to see myself or another member of the PHILAS Board attend one of your club events please don't be shy to reach out.

On that note, I will wrap it up. I again extend my thanks to the many people who have already volunteered some time to help at Pennant Hills and I look forward to welcoming you there soon.

Have a great 2026.

Our New Premises



Philas has bought two areas opening off the ground floor foyer of the building at 2 City View Road, Pennant Hills, only 500 metres from Pennant Hills railway station.

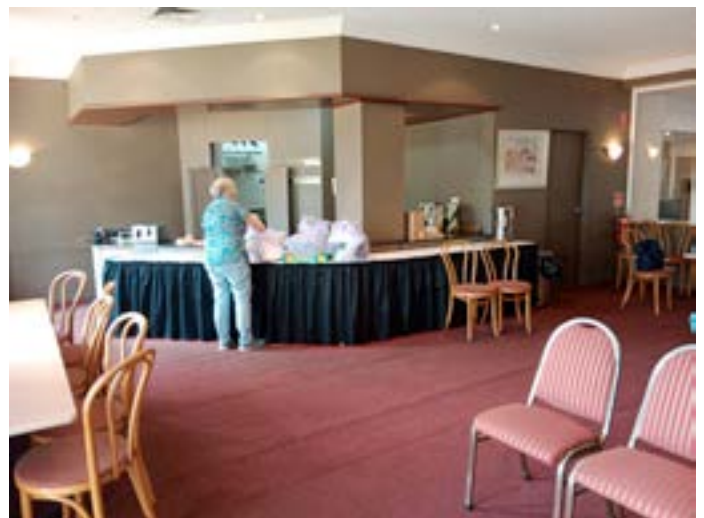
The photos show the exterior of the building and the main entrance from the street.

The interior shot shows the entrance from inside the foyer, with the future Philas office on the left (leading to the large work room and Library) and the meeting room / lunch room on the right.





Views of the building's foyer looking towards the Philas office area on the left and towards the meeting room on the right. The building entrance is between the two areas.



Views of the meeting room / lunch room, which was originally a hotel breakfast room. There is a fully-functioning kitchen behind the cafe counter. Sarah Harvey has been keeping things in as much order as possible during the chaos of the move.



The hotel bar will be demolished and office areas built in its place. The foyer is to the left.



The former function room is reached through the office area. It will become the Library and auction working area. It is currently packed with shelving, cabinets, furniture and hundreds of cartons of Library books.

Exhibitions Report

February 2026

Abbreviations

Fel – Felicitations for research or material

SP – Special Prize – Best in class or Challenge competitions

Entries shown only with points are one frame

Dubai 2026 World Stamp Exhibition – FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition

Date: 4th – 8th February 2026

Venue: Sheikh Matoum Hall, World Trade Centre, Dubai

Australian Commissioner: Frank Pauer, Email: frankpauer2@bigpond.com

Website: www.dubai2026wse.com

NSW entrant:

- David Collyer *Opening of the England-Australia airmail December 1934 to February 1935*
Aerophilately 1 Frame 81

Boston 2026 World Expo

Date: 23rd to 30th May 2026

The 12th International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in the USA. The exhibition is part of the 250th anniversary of the USA.

Venue: Boston Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) which is close to Logan International airport and the Amtrack South Station.

Approximately 3,500 frame sides will be available. This exhibition will host a *Polar Salon* for both the North & South Polar regions with 200 frame sides available. The *Polar Philately Salon* will include a Court of Honor, polar exploration artefacts & documents, Polar Philatelic literature, & Polar Philatelic Society booths, as well as competitive entries with its own jury. There is a special frame fee for this class. Australian acceptances should include the APF commissioners' charges.

Visit website: www.boston2026.org

Australian commissioner: Glen Stafford, Mandurah WA. Email: stafford@southwest.com.au

Macau 2026 FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition

26th June to 1st July 2026

Entries have closed.

Venue: Cotai Expo Hall A, The Venetian Hotel, Macao.

Australian Commissioner: Stephanie Bromser Email: sbromser@optusnet.com.au

Website: www.macao2026.org.mo

Brisbane 2026 – Australian Full National

Date: 13th to 16th August 2026

Venue: Sleeman Sports Complex, Old Cleveland Road and Tilley Road, Chandler, Qld

Entries close 31st May 2026

Contact: Joan Orr

NSW Commissioner: Bruce Chadderton Email: kiwibrooce@yahoo.com

Website: www.qpc.org.au/queensland2026

Bandung 2026, Indonesia – FIAP International Stamp Exhibition

27th to 31st August 2026

Australian Commissioner: John Dibiasse Email: john_dibiasse@yahoo.com

PhilaTaipei 2026 – FIP International Stamp Exhibition

20th to 25th November 2026

Australian Commissioner: Stephen Browne Email: sji.browne@bigpond.com

Entries close 31st March 2026.

Canberra Stamp Show 2027 – Australian National Exhibition

March or April 2027

Philatelic Society of Canberra

Contact: Christopher Smith

Email: president@CanberraStamps.org.au

SLOVFILEX 2027 – FIP International Stamp Exhibition

Date: June 2027

Venue: Bratislava, Slovakia

Australian Commissioner: Bernard Beston

Email: bernardbeston@gmail.com

Melbourne 2027 – FIAP International Stamp Exhibition

A firm date in 2027 will be announced. The venue will be the Caulfield Racecourse Exhibition Centre.

Commissioner General: Frank Pauer

Email: frankpauer2@bigpond.com

website: www.melbourne2025.com.au

Serbia 2027 – FIP

Date: October 2027

Venue: Belgrade, Serbia

Perth (Rockingham) – Australian National One Frame Exhibition

Date: October 2027

Contact: Email: Glensan@pm.me

Hobart 2028 – National One Frame Exhibition

Date: October / November 2028

Contact: Peter Allen Email: hesperus@netspece.net.au

The following exhibitions have ended**Hobart National One Frame**

Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November 2025

Venue: Hobart Town Hall

All entries at this exhibition are One Frame.

NSW Entrants:

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|-------------------|--|----|--------------------------------|
| • Darren Jones | <i>1d Black: World's First Adhesive Postage Stamp</i> | 82 | Traditional
Large Vermeil |
| • Darren Jones | <i>New Zealand- Great Barrier Island</i> | 80 | Open
Large Vermeil |
| • Boon-Swee Yen | <i>The BOAC Constellation Crash in Singapore 03/03/1954</i> | 75 | Aerophilately
Vermeil |
| • Andrew Small | <i>Kingsford Smith 1928-1930 Around the World by Air</i> | 83 | Aerophilately
Large Vermeil |
| • Geoffrey Kellow | <i>The 2/- "Bell" Design of Victoria 1880-1885</i> | 91 | Traditional
Large Gold |
| • Gregory Laidler | <i>Tour of Duty John Johnston RN</i> | 55 | Picture Postcards
Bronze |
| • Gregory Laidler | <i>Private (Commercial) Perfins Used in Tasmania 1897-1923</i> | 81 | Traditional
Large Vermeil |
| • Lian Zhang | <i>"Imperial Chinese Post" and "Chinese Imperial Post" Stamp Design Errors</i> | 74 | Traditional
Large Silver |

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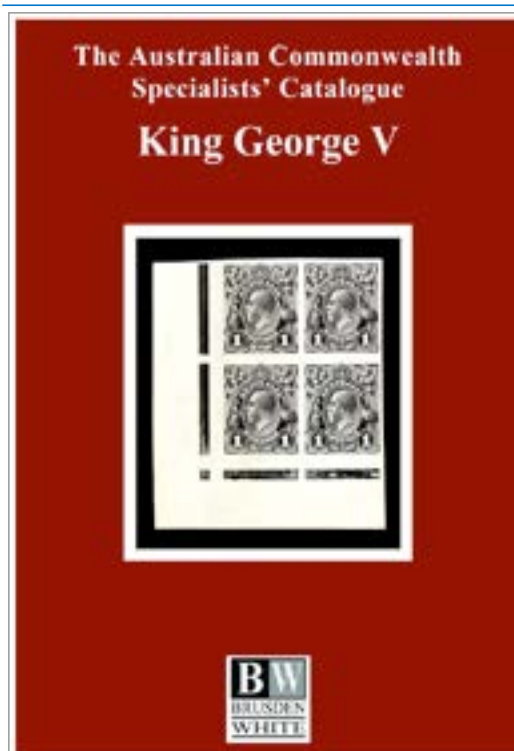
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| • Michael Drury | <i>Australian Postal Cards – the 1917 Provisional Use of Separated “Reply Cards”</i> | Postal Stationery | 95 | Large Gold |
| • Qayyum Ghazi | <i>Paddling Through the Ages – the Story of Canoes</i> | | 87 | Topical Gold |
| • Stephen Browne | <i>New South Wales Stampless Mail 1850-1852</i> | | 95 | Postal History Large Gold |
| • Stephen Browne | <i>The Postal History of Van Diemen’s Land to 1825</i> | | 95 | Postal History Large Gold |
| • Vijay Shukla | <i>Mahatma Gandhi Memorial issues of 1948</i> | | 82 | Traditional Large Vermeil |

AUSVIPEX 2025 - Australian Virtual Philatelic Exhibition

27th November 2025 – 28th February 2026.

Website: www.ausvipex2025.com**NSW Entrants:**

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|---------------------|---|----------|----|-----------------------------------|
| • Joh Tieman | <i>The railway parcel stamps of South Australian Railways, Commonwealth Railways and Australian National Railways</i> | 2 Frames | 82 | Traditional Large Verneil |
| • Vjay Shukla- | <i>India-Handstruck Scind Dawk & Lithographs 1685-1857</i> | 5 Frames | 83 | Traditional Large Vermeil |
| • Pichard Peck- | <i>Travelling Post Offices of NSW 1870-1985</i> | | 70 | Postal History 2c Large Silver |
| • Timmothy Kennaway | <i>1962 USA 4c Project Mercury stamp issue FCC; Cachet Makers and America’s Third Astronaut in Space</i> | 2 Frames | | Astrophilately Silver |
| • Ann Garrick | <i>Soil Science and World Medical Association Assembly Congress</i> | 2 Frames | 76 | First Day Covers Vermeil |
| • Jeremy Hodes | <i>Queensland Registered handstamps and Labels</i> | | 90 | Literature - Blog site Large Gold |

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SOCIETY SCENE: Philas sends out an email requesting club news and meeting details a few weeks before each issue is printed. If your club is not receiving these emails, please contact the editor at the email address below and provide your contact details.

The editor's email address is: editor@philas.org.au
Or mail items to PHILAS at the address on page 2.

Editor's note: Thanks to the many club's who sent news and photos for this edition of *Philas News*. I apologise for not replying to some of the emails - you can see in the newsletter that your contributions arrived safely.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH COLLECTORS CLUB OF N.S.W.

Meets on the third Saturday of month, at 2:30 pm, St Marks Church Hall, 1 Greenoaks Ave, Darling Point.

Displays cover a wide range of Australian Philately and the quarterly *Bulletin* features research articles from Roos and KGV to moderns, including postal history. Members of the KGV Study Group are present at each meeting and are happy to assist new-comers to this major study area. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries: P O Box 227 Darlinghurst NSW 1300 Geoff Kellow, telephone 0409 982 473

website: www.accnsw.com.au

21st February 21st March 18th April 16th May 20th June

Sub-club:

ACCC QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN NSW STUDY CIRCLE

Enquiries for meeting dates in northern NSW and south Queensland:

Geoff Wotherspoon, Email: geoff@foodservicedesign.com.au

AUSTRALIAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - NSW BRANCH meets on the third Sunday at 10:45 am in the Chatswood RSL Club, 446 Victoria Avenue, next to the train station for displays and discussion of coins, notes and medals, unless another venue is specified. All are welcome to stay for lunch after the meeting.

Enquiries: P O Box 830 Manly NSW, 1655.

Website: www.the-ans.com Email: anseditor@hotmail.com or rodsell@rodsell.com

9th March Talk: *Numismatic Market Place* by Jim Noble

Venue: Noble Numismatics 169 Macquarie Street at 7:30 pm

19th April Members' displays: *India*

** Wednesday 12th May Auction 61 closes **

17th May Members' displays: *Earliest Items Collected*

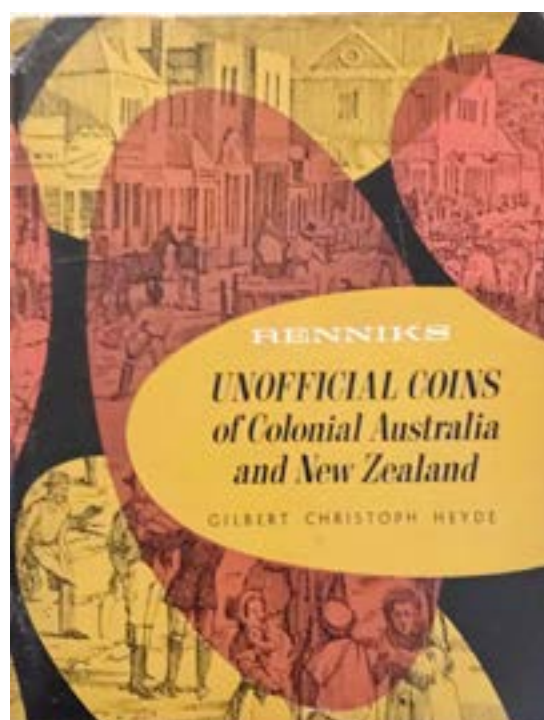
21st June Members' displays: *Fiji*

Report of the ANS Sydney Meeting 1267 Sunday 18th January 2026

Frank Chauvier opened the meeting and welcomed the 10 members. Members present were Frank Chauvier, Matthew Lloyd, Rod Sell, Tony Hoare, Peter Atherden, Grant Chauvier, Graham Howard, Maurcie Lyons, John Minucos and Andrew Cope.

The new edition of the club's *Journal* and winning auction lots for members present were distributed.

The Topic for the meeting was *Numismatic Literature*. Andrew Cope was the first to display. His first item was *Rennicks Unofficial Coins of Colonial Australia and New Zealand*, the first of the Merchant Tokens, by Gilbert Heyde.



AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR POLAR PHILATELY meets on the last Monday of every month (except January) at 8:00 pm AEST, online via Zoom. The Zoom link is circulated to all interested parties via email and can be found on our Facebook page one week in advance of each meeting.



The Society's Journal – *Penguin Views*, is published three times per year and is currently celebrating 50 years of publication. The Society is active at stamp shows and provides assistance to members who want to exhibit in Polar philatelic events. We are a proud part of the Polar international philatelic community. Our members are from around the world and visitors are most welcome.

Email: penviews@hotmail.com

Keep up to date by joining us on Facebook www.facebook.com/polarstamps

or Instagram www.instagram.com/penguinviews

30th March

27th April

25th May

29th June

BATHURST LAPIDARY & COLLECTORS' CLUB Inc. meets in our clubhouse in Park Street, Eglinton (next to the Tennis Courts and opposite the Eglinton Store). Meetings are held at 12:00 noon on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except January). Doors open 9:00 am. Juniors are most welcome. The club produces a newsletter for members. The newsletter can be read on the Philas website. Meetings are varied with the emphasis on lapidary and collectables. Many field trips are held.

Enquiries: the Secretary, Craig Email: bathurstlcc@gmail.com

4th March

1st April

6th May

3rd June

BOAMBEE EAST PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except January) commencing at 6:30 pm at CWA Hall, in Elizabeth Street, Sawtell 2452, on the corner of 8th Avenue. This vibrant club on the NSW North Coast makes visitors most welcome. A newsletter keeps all country members in touch. Email: robertcox415@gmail.com

19th March

16th April

21st May

18th June

BURWOOD AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB is no longer holding its own meetings. Members are now attending the Earlwood and Districts Stamp Club.

CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at St Thomas More Church Hall, 43 Acacia Avenue, Ruse 2560. Joining fee is \$5 to cover cost of name badge. Annual fee is also \$5.00.

Enquiries: Secretary, David Huxley

Email: secretarycdps@outlook.com

Telephone: 0400 285 805

P O Box 478 Campbelltown NSW 2560

11th March Display: *Early Mail Routes Using 1d Red Sydney Views* by Keith Arthur

8th April Display: *Beards on Stamps* by Bill Richardson

13th May Display: *Aircraft on Stamps* by David Miner

10th June Display: *Our Society's Archives* by Frank Wirz

CASTLE HILL STAMP CLUB meets at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Hills District Bowling Club, Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills (car park entry is from Jenner St). Visitors welcome. Membership fee \$10.00 per annum. Secretary: Rosalind Lean.

Enquiries: P O Box 151 Castle Hill NSW 1765. Email: roslean@bigpond.net.au

11th March Display: *Nyasaland* by Frank Cook

8th April 8 Display: *Triangles* by Colin Thompson

13th May Display: *Qatar* by Neil D'souza

10th June Display: *Australian Colonies – Part 1* by Phil Spender

CINDERELLA STAMP CLUB OF AUSTRALASIA holds meetings at national Stamp Exhibitions.

Enquiries: P O Box 889, Chatswood, NSW 2057.

Wilson Ilbery, telephone 0435 300 974 or Paul Storm, telephone (02) 9419 7354.

EARLWOOD & DISTRICTS STAMP CLUB meets at 7:30pm in the Earlwood Senior Citizens Club Hall, 362 Homer Street, Earlwood on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January). The club publishes an award-winning quarterly journal, *Waratah Philatelist*, containing a wide range of interesting articles. Enquiries: P O Box 345 Marrickville NSW 1475.

Email: phillipmorehouse401@gmail.com

Telephone: (02) 9707 4087

4th March	Display: <i>Circumnavigating the World</i> by Ian Dolstra
1st April	Display: <i>How We Became Bexley Stamps</i> by Ken Pullen
6th May	Display: <i>Pacific Naval Campaign, August 1914 - March 1915</i> by Peter Brigden
3rd June	Display: <i>Early Mail Routes using 1d Red Sydney Views</i> by Keith Arthur

EASTWOOD - EPPING PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Epping Presbyterian Church Hall, corner Rawson & Bridge Streets, Epping. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries: P O Box 413 Ryde NSW 1680.

Telephone: Keith Emery, (02) 9809 1584.

3rd March	7th April	5th May	2nd June
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EUROPA COLLECTORS STAMP SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA meets four times per year from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the last Sunday of a month as advised, at 216 Parramatta Road, Stanmore NSW 2048. A newsletter twice a year has information on Europa stamp issues. The Society is an affiliate of the Europa Study Unit, www.europastudyunit.org. Coffee (made by Antony) and snacks (made by Laurent) are provided.

Postal address: P O Box 72 Annandale NSW 2038.

website: www.tinyurl.com/australiasia

26th April	Display: <i>Euromed 2024/2025</i> by Laurent Villoing
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GOSFORD PHILATELIC CLUB meets in the Community Centre, Evergreen Village, 22 / 32 Yallambee Avenue, West Gosford, NSW, 2250.

The daytime meeting is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 10:00 am (except January).

Enquiries: P O Box 4216, East Gosford, NSW 2250

Telephone: (02) 4365 6568

Email: skozuruk@bigpond.net.au

2nd March	6th April	4th May	1 June
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GREAT LAKES STAMP CLUB meets on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Salvation Army Citadel, 7 South Street, Tuncurry NSW 2428. The Club members invite any interested persons to come along to our monthly stamp workshop and market.

Enquiries: 23 Cocos Crescent Forster NSW 2428.

Telephone: (02) 6555 5664.

Email: garrymunro5@gmail.com

7th March	4th April	2nd May	6th June
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ILLAWARRA PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. has a new venue. We now meet on the third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Grevillea Hall 2, Corrimal Library and Community Centre, 15 Short Street, Corrimal. Visitors and juniors welcome. Come and join us to discuss, swap, sell, buy and display stamps.

Enquires: Harry De Bruin, P O Box 194 Wollongong East NSW 2520.

Email: ipsinc45@gmail.com

Telephone: 0491 682 633

18th March	Display: (Ian Muir) <i>Queen Mother 100th</i> by H.de Bruin
15th April	Display: <i>Norfolk Island</i> by J.Feltham
20th May	Display: <i>History of Stamp Collecting</i> by P.Gunning
17th June	Display: Presidents' Night

MAITLAND STAMP CLUB ceased holding meetings from the end of 2024.

MUDGEES COIN, NOTE & STAMP CLUB Inc meets at Club Mudgee, 99 Mortimer Street, on the first Sunday of each month (except public holiday weekends) at 10:30 am.

Enquiries: P O Box 275 Mudgee NSW 2850

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MudCNSC

Alexandra Papworth

Telephone: 0478 766 762

Email: mudgeecnsc@gmail.com

1st March	No April meeting	3rd May	7 June
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MANLY WARRINGAH STAMP CLUB meets in the Manly Warringah Rugby League Club, Federal Parade, Brookvale, at 8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This club combines two previous local clubs. Most members meet in the League Club restaurant for dinner at 6.30 pm – visitors welcome to join us. Enquiries: Secretary, 563 Pittwater Rd, Brookvale NSW 2100.
Email: stampsmw@bizland.com.au

10th March	Members' display: <i>The Letter 'O'</i>
14th April	Display: <i>How I Built My Stamp Collection</i> by Des Beechey
12th May	Display: <i>Swedish Postcards</i> by Terry Bluett
9th June	Members' display: <i>A Country of Your Choice</i>

Northside Stamp Fair
 First Saturday of every month
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Federal Parade car park meeting room
 opposite Manly Warringah Rugby League Club
 corner of Pittwater Road and Federal Parade, Brookvale NSW

News from Manly Warringah:

New Manly Warringah President, **Bill Darcy**, instigated a programme to award Life Memberships to members who have contributed to the Club over the years.



The November 2025 Life Member was **Rod Sell**.



The December 2025 Life Member was **Ed Wolf**.

News from Manly Warringah:



The January 2026 Life Member was **Darren Jones**.



Paul Storm was a category winner in the club's annual competition, held in four categories.



At its January 2026 meeting, **Darren Jones** showed the club this cover flown by balloon from Paris during the 1870 - 71 siege of the city by the Prussians.

MILTON ULLADULLA STAMP CLUB meets at 10:30 am in the Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club, St Vincent Street, on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December). Attractions include circuit books from various clubs and six-monthly auctions. Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries: Secretary, P O Box 670 Ulladulla NSW 2539.

Email: clambert@westnet.com.au

24th March

28th April

26th May

23rd June

STAMP & COIN FAIR



MILTON ULLADULLA STAMP CLUB

Saturday 11th April 2026 * 9.30am to 3pm *

St Martin Church Hall Ulladulla
 Crn. Princes H/Way & Green Street

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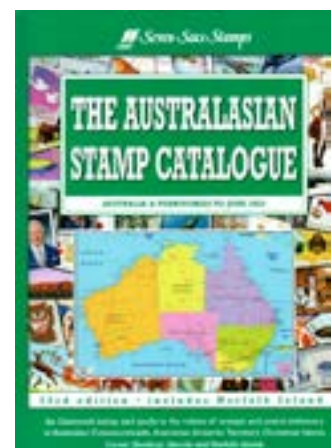
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The new 600 page *Australasian Stamp Catalogue* is now available. The pre-decimal section revised by Melbourne-based leading specialist dealers. It is now the most authoritative guide to pre-decimal values available.

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Enquiries to www.sevenseas.com.au Ask about club members' discount.



MORISSET UNITING CHURCH STAMP CLUB meets from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the 4th Saturday of each month (ex December) at the Morisset Uniting Church Hall, cnr. Kahibah & Awaba Streets, Morisset NSW 2264. The club has numerous part-time dealers buying & selling, lucky door prize, raffle, sales by tender, library and displays all in an air-conditioned pleasant environment. Plenty of parking with refreshments and lunch available for a small fee. Visitors are always welcome.

Enquiries: P O Box 533 Morisset NSW 2264

Email: skozuruk@bigpond.net.au

Telephone: (02) 4365 6568 (ask for Steve)

28th March

25th April

23rd May

27 June

N.S.W. POSTCARD COLLECTORS SOCIETY Inc meets in the Imar Community Hall at 3:00 pm following every Postcard Fair. Postcard Fairs are held in February, June and November from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Imar Community Hall, 2A Fitzroy St, Croydon. The Society produces a quarterly *Bulletin*. The AGM follows the November Fair.

Join our online discussion forum for postcards: www.postcardnsw.com

Enquiries: P O Box 193 Rozelle NSW 2039.

Email: jeffitz@outlook.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/postcardnsw

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News from the postcard collectors:

Ron and Maureen Pollard were presented with a NSWPCS Life Membership certificate at November's Postcard Fair. Ron commented 'It's not often that one is rewarded for doing things that one has enjoyed for 30 odd years' and thanked the Society for entrusting them with the responsibilities of Secretary/Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, refreshments, etc., jobs at times frustrating. but always rewarding. He said that over the years they had met many interesting people, in person and online, and had made many friends in Australia and overseas.



NEWCASTLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc. meets at Pasterfield Community Centre, Horizon Drive, Cameron Park on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. Meetings are also held on the 3rd Wednesday each month (except December) at the same venue at 2:00 pm. Visitors welcome. A regular quarterly newsletter with interesting articles is produced by the society.

Enquiries: P O Box 34 Jesmond NSW 2299. Email: admin@newcastlephilatelicociety.org.au

Website: www.newcastlephilatelicociety.org.au

Thursday Meetings:

12th March	Display: <i>Australian parcel rates</i> by John Moore
9th April	Members' competition: <i>The letter 'H'</i>
14th May	11 June

Wednesday Meetings:

18th March	Display by Don Rutherford
15th April	Display: <i>Hardly Ever Heard of Countries, part 2</i> by Ron Davis
20th May	17th June

NORTHERN SUBURBS PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except December) at 7:30pm. Visitors are always welcome. Come along and enjoy the friendly and informative meetings. Displays of interest are presented. There are excellent exchange books as well as monthly Club auctions. Light refreshments are served.

Venue: St Leonard's Church Hall, 43 Donnelly Road (corner of Willoughby Road), Naremburn.

Enquiries: P O Box 889 Chatswood NSW 2057 Telephone: (02) 9419 7354.

Email: paulgeraldstorm@hotmail.com

19th March	16th April	21st May	18th June
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At its November 2025 meeting, members of the Manly Warringah club visited Northern Suburbs. The photo shows Michael Gortley (on the left) presenting Manly Warringah club President Bill Darcy with a certificate of appreciation.



PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA meets from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Crows Nest Community Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest. The venue is only 4 - 7 minutes from the city by Metro to the Clarke Street station. Exit from the Metro station, the road makes a curve, turn left into Willoughby Road and Ernest Place is a few steps across the road. The 144 bus route runs from the Mosman - Northern Beaches area.

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (ex Dec.). All visitors are most welcome to this daytime meeting.

Enquiries: A. Wright 10/1 Pelican Street Surry Hills NSW 2010 Email: alanw1@iinet.net.au

18th March	22nd April	20 May	16 June
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ORANGE COIN & STAMP CLUB Inc. meets on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Orange Cultural Centre in Sale Street, Orange at 7:30 pm. The hall is on the right hand side as you enter the Woolworths Car Park.

Fairs are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at the same venue from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with sales, valuations and advice given by Club members. An informal club stamp and coin swap meeting is held from 12:00 noon at the Fair.

A monthly *Newsletter* is produced which can be accessed on our web page on the PHILAS website.

Enquiries: Secretary P O Box 9113 Orange NSW 2800

Telephone: (02) 6361 4872

Email: ddolstra@bigpond.net.au

Tuesday evening meetings:

31st March

28th April

26th May

30th June

Saturday Fairs and swap meetings:

7th March

4th April

2nd May

6th June

Orange Spring Fair

15th - 16th November 2025



Spring Fair visitors were attracted to Phil and Win Morehouses' table.

It was the busiest 2-day Spring Fair in years. On the Saturday morning the Orange High School car park was full. It was full inside of the High School hall too.

Visitors were asked at the front desk how they found about the Show. About 45% said they saw it on Facebook. About 40% said they saw the Channel 7 ads. During the repeat of the Edinburgh Tattoo, for instance, on the Thursday previous, 8 of our ads were broadcast.

Some heard about the Spring Fair on the Central West ABC radio, the 2 community radio stations, and others, regulars, "just knew it was on".

Dealers all seemed very happy with sales, although it was noted that those at the back of the Hall did less well. It's a problem we need to look at for 2026.

As well as the 2 stamp dealers and the five coin/notes dealers this year we had Glenn Deveigne & Michael Brough as silver bullion dealers. A lot of the excitement in the numismatic world is coming from very high silver and gold prices.

Thanks to those members who worked on the front desk. Genise did a fantastic job in 'pushing' raffle-ticket sales and encouraging visitors to join our Club, or at least come to our mini-fairs. Bill Marshall and Kevin Capnerhurst also did a great job as did Graham Doherty and Bruce Chadderton. Several of the front-door 'regulars' were missing because of health issues. Thanks to all those too, who collected and returned the Club's trestle tables.

PARRAMATTA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 1st Friday each month at 7:30pm at the O.E.S. Hall, Railway Street, Wentworthville (opposite Police Station). Visitors always welcome.

Enquiries: P O Box 219 Wentworthville NSW 2145.

Telephone: 0414 435 778

Email: dcollins47c@gmail.com

6th March Display: *Specialised QEII Pre-decimal* by Wilson Ilbery

3rd April Members' Other Hobbies

1st May Display: *QEII Pre-decimal Covers and Stamps* by Philip Green

5th June Display: *Hawaii* by Michael Hirschhorn

PARRAMATTA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Invites you to our Open Day

Saturday 9 May 2026

O.E.S. Hall, Railway Street
Wentworthville

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

A whole day of stamps!

Club circuit books tables

Stamp dealers

Lucky Door Prizes

Sale by Tender at 1:30 pm

All welcome for a sociable day out.



The OES Hall, Wentworthville

PENRITH & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

This club is no longer meeting. Enquiries: Ivan Email: ivan.baza@bigpond.com

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA details are on page 16.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF N.S.W. meets at the Philas premises, 2 City View Road, Pennant Hills, on the 4th Saturday of the month (except December) from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

Enquiries: Geoffrey Lewis P O Box 196 Randwick NSW 2031

Email: glewis@custom-made.com.au

Until display frames are installed at the Philas premises, meetings will consist of members bringing and discussing items of interest.

28th February

28th March

25th April

23rd May

27th June

Report on the PSNSW January Meeting:

The PSNSW made history, by being the first club to hold a philatelic meeting at the new Philas site at Pennant Hills. This happened on the afternoon of Saturday 24 January.

We urge other clubs who may be experiencing problems with their existing meeting places to consider the Philas venue.

The PSNSW continues to meet on the afternoon of the fourth Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 28 February.

Geoff Lewis
Secretary

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANBERRA Inc. holds a display meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Griffin Centre, Genge Street. It meets at 7:00 pm in Room 9 (second floor).

There is also an *Exchange Night* which meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, also in Room 9, second floor.

There is a *Picture Postcards Collectors Group* which meets at 7:45 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Clubroom.

The Society also produces a newsletter as well as the on-line journal *Capital Philately*.

Enquiries: GPO Box 1840 Canberra ACT 2601

Telephone: 0476 886 707 (voice mail)

Website: www.canberrastamps.org

Email: psc@luckhurst.com.au

7th March (Saturday) Display: *The Blau Family Correspondence* by Paul Storm.

Note: this meeting is at 1:00 pm at the Canberra Baptist Church and replaces our usual Thursday night meeting.

2nd April Display: *Paraguay / Canal Zone Airmails* by Richard Gurevitch

7th May Display: *GB Postal Strike of 1971* by Tony Luckhurst

6th June Group Display: *Australian Territories*. Note: this meeting is at 1:00 pm at the Canberra Baptist Church and replaces our usual Thursday night meeting.

Saturday Stamp Markets

The Canberra Society holds stamp markets four times a year at

Kingston Baptist Church, 11 Currie Crescent

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Next markets: 4th April 4th July 26th September 12th December



Scenes from Canberra's December 2025 Stamp Market.

PIALLAWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc. meets at Catholic Church Hall, 74 - 86 Dewhurst Street, Werris Creek on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm.

Enquiries: P O Box 112 Werris Creek NSW 2341 email: piallawayphilatelic@gmail.com

24th March Display: *Great Britain Omnibus Editions* by Mike McHugh
 28th April Display: *Coin Collecting* by Brien Uren
 26th May Quiz night. Topic: *Australia*. Quiz naster Geoff Carter
 23rd June Display: *Dutch Numeral Cancels* by John Kerklaan

RICHMOND RIVER PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets at 45 Wyrallah Road, Girard's Hill, Lismore, NSW 2480 (this is the Wotherspoon's retail store) on the 4th Sunday of each month (except December) at 10:00 am. Enquiries: P O Box 784 Lismore NSW 2480.

Geoff Wotherspoon Telephone: 0416 216 040 Email: geoff@foodservicedesign.com.au
 22nd March 26 April 24 May 28 June

RICHMOND STAMP CLUB (formerly Hawkesbury) meets at 10:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except January) at various members' houses.

Enquiries: P O Box 222 Windsor NSW 2756. Email: richmondstampclub@gmail.com

Telephone: (02) 4576 5031, (02) 4578 8911 or 0407 104 733

12th March Display: *Red Cross*
 9th April Display: *Israel*
 14th May Display: *Thailand*
 11th June Display: *Rhodesia*

ST GEORGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets in private homes on the first Monday of the month, except January, at 8:00 pm.

Enquiries: Geoff Maxwell Email: geoff@hilton.id.au Telephone: 0422 294 546
 2nd March 6th April 4th May 1st June

THE ROYAL SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB meets at Crown Gardens, 63 Crown Street, Woolloomooloo, NSW 2011 at 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month.

Enquiries: GPO Box 1751 Sydney NSW 2001 Telephone: Peter Brigden (02) 9499 8358

14th March 13th April 9th May 13th June

The Armidale Circle of RSPC meets in the Main Meeting Room at the rear of Kent House, 141 Faulkner St, Armidale, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm (ex December and January). A fine monthly journal is produced.

Enquiries: P O Box 273 Armidale NSW 2350 Telephone: (02) 6778 3198

Email: rspcarm@gmail.com

11th March Display by Albert Wynter

** Saturday 21st March Tamworth & Armidale Club Meeting at Bendemeer at 10:00 am **

8th April Display: *Postmarks*
 13th May Display: *Polar Regions*
 10th June Display: *Religion*

The Australian States Study Circle of RSPC

Members are meeting in private homes until renovations at Philas premises are completed. The meetings are held at 7.00 pm on the 4th Wednesday.

Enquiries: GPO Box 1751 Sydney NSW 2001.

A quarterly journal, *Sydney Views*, is produced featuring research articles on Australian States and Colonial stamps and postal history.

25th March 22 April 27 May 24 June

SYDNEY ANGLICAN STAMP SOCIETY meets at the Anglican Church, Carlingford, from 9:30 am on 4th Saturday of the odd numbered months. Address: St Pauls, Carlingford, corner of Mosely Street and Vickery Ave, Carlingford. The best parking is from Mosely Street car park. Lift or stairs to the meeting room. Enquiries: P O Box 72 Kurrajong NSW 2758

Email: g.anderson@sass.asn.au Website: www.sass.asn.au

28th March 6th June * 1st August * * Dates changed to fit availability of church hall.

SHOALHAVEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc. meets at Nowra Bowling Club, 40 Junction Street, Nowra, on the 2nd Monday of each month (except January) at 7:00 pm. All visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries: P O Box 4047 Nowra East NSW 2541 Telephone: 0414 634 556

Email: sps.nowra@gmail.com

- 9th March Display: *Malta* by S.Searle
- 13th April Club Auction
- 11th May Display: *Belgium Railway Stamps* by Joe White
- 8th June Display: *China* by Bruce Chadderton

SMITHFIELD STAMP CLUB Inc meets at the Brenan Park Community Hall, Bourke St, Smithfield (near the T intersection with Charles Street) on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Sale-by-tender at each meeting.

Enquiries: P O Box 2612 Smithfield NSW 2164.

Email: robert.layzell@bigpond.com Telephone: (02) 9629 2454

- 9th March Display: *Philatelic Envelopes sent from New Guinea Patrol Officer Harold Woodman* by David Miner
- 13th April BBQ and Easter Egg Give-away
- 11th May Display: *Sierra Leone Self-Adhesive Issues (1964-1970)* by Geoff Kellow
- 8th June Display: *Fine Art on Australian Stamps* by Graeme Roberts



In 2025, the Smithfield club awarded *Life Membership* to **George Petridis** (above).

Also, **Michael Nibbs** successfully defended his title in the annual *Marks Shield Competition*.



SUTHERLAND SHIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets at the Miranda Uniting Church Hall, 15 - 17 Central Road, Miranda on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. There is on-site, near and street car parking. It is an 8 minute walk fro Miranda Train Station (via Kiara Road and Kingsway).

See the map on our web page at www.philas.org.au . Sales tables or auctions are held at most meetings.

Enquiries: P O Box 339 Sutherland NSW 1499.

Email: lenorecallender1@gmail.com Telephone: 0408 383 442

10th March	Display: <i>The Hendersons</i> by Paul Storm
14th April	Display: <i>Philately on Stamps</i> by Wendy Ferguson
12th May	Display: Qantas's International Competitors during the Tenure of Hudson Fysh by Ed Wolf
9th June	Members' displays: <i>A Country of your Choice</i>



The Sutherland club's annual Christmas photo. How many can you name?

The Shire Stamp and Coin Collectors' Fair

Church Hall at rear of Gymea Anglican Church
131 Gymea Bay Road, Gymea

Fair dates: 7th March
No Fair in April
2nd May
6th June

Plenty of off street parking available and close to Gymea railway station.

Enquiries: Lenore Callender Telephone: 0408 383 442
lenorecallender@gmail.com

TORONTO STAMP CLUB meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7:30 pm, in the Bolton Point Community Hall, 68A Middle Point Road.

Enquiries: Ross Zimmerman

Email: ssoross1@gmail.com Telephone: 0455 433 755

4th March Members' display: *The letter 'C'*

The President of Philas, Bruce Chadderton, will attend our March meeting to present the *Stanley Griffiths Award for Meritorious Service to a Club* to our members **Howard** and **Lucy Fisher**.

1st April Members' Competition and AGM

6th May Display: *Cuba* by Jeff Kaiser

3rd June Display: *Australian Postage Dues and NSW Revenues* by Bob Glendinning

Vale: Mark Saxby

Toronto Stamp Club sadly reports the sudden passing of our long-term member **Mark Lenard Saxby** (25 Sep 1961 – 17 Jan 2026). He was a member of our club for more than two decades. We echo the apt words delivered at his graveside: 'Mark lived his life with loyalty, humour, and a fierce devotion to the people he loved.'

Mark was a multi-dimensional man but here we shall focus on recording his deep connection with stamps, the stamp collecting community, and advanced philately.

After training as a postal worker in Strathfield, Mark soon returned to his home territory in the Hunter, where he was a cheerful, customer-oriented face of Australia Post throughout his 40-year career. His Australia Post service culminated as Postmaster at Singleton Post Office, 136 - 140 John St, Singleton, NSW 2330, a position he vacated when he retired to give full-time care to his aging father. For him, the post office was not just a job. It was part of who he was, and resonated with his lifelong involvement with stamps.

Mark was a member of multiple stamp clubs, including the Singleton Stamp Club until it finally closed. He was a highly engaged member of Maitland Stamp Club and served as its President from July 2006 until December 2024, when diminishing numbers saw the club hold its final meeting.

Mark was a serious collector of private perfins. Typical of his hobby-related community service was his membership of the *Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia [PCNZA]*. He held various committee positions, including Circuit Book Manager and, most notably, as President 2012 - 2015. His five-frame entry *Australian Private Perfins in Canberra Stampshow 2012* included the gem 5 shilling Sydney Harbour Bridge with private perfin and parcel post cancel. This exhibit was awarded Gold (89) with Special Prize.



Mark developed many in-depth collections. In addition to his collection of Australian private perfins, his special collections included the notoriously difficult *South Australian Departmentals*, early postmarks and postal history of New South Wales and Queensland, studies of almost all South American countries, especially Peru, and modern China (PRC), emblematic of his affection for fiancée Su Min and her family.

Mark, we expected to enjoy your friendship and shared enthusiasm for philately long into the future, so we miss you all the more for your sudden passing. We extend our sympathy to your family and many friends.

Roger Eggleton
President, Toronto Stamp Club

Footnote: An obituary for Mark also appears in the official publication of PCNZA — the *South Pacific Perfin Bulletin*, No. 152, Jan 2026, p.17.

TAMWORTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY Inc meets on the 4th Monday of each month (except January) at 7:00 pm in the Tamworth Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner of Kent and Dianne Streets. A monthly *Newsletter* keeps all the members in touch.

Enquiries: P O Box 678 Tamworth NSW 2340.

Secretary: Martin O'Rourke Telephone: 0409 036 668 Email: blotcb67@gmail.com

** Saturday 21st March Tamworth & Armidale Club Meeting at Bendemeer at 10:00 am **

23rd March Display by Warren Brown

27th April Quiz by Geoff Carter

25th May Display by Brian Uren

22nd June Display by John Vickery

TURRAMURRA STAMP CLUB meets at Turramurra Uniting Church Hall, Turramurra Ave, Turramurra at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. Visitors are most welcome.

Telephone: 0414 445 361 Email: rno00230@bigpond.net.au

9th March Display: *Australian QE II - Pre-Decimal Varieties* by Wilson Ilbery

13th April Display: *On Tour* by Paul Storm

11th May Display: *New Zealand Postcards* by Bruce Chadderton

8th June Display: *Australia - Counter Printed Stamps 1991-2016* by Peter Myers

TWIN TOWNS STAMP CLUB Inc. meets in the Tweed Heads Masonic Centre, 8 Boyd Street on the first Monday of the month (except January) at 7:30 pm.*

*NSW Daylight Savings Time meetings will begin at 7:30 pm (which is 6:30 pm, Qld time). Each meeting there is usually a mini-auction, raffle, bargain table, club circuit books and a competition.

Enquiries: P O Box 1013 Coolangatta Qld 4225.

Secretary: Richard Mills, telephone (07) 5535 3168 Email: rmills2@optusnet.com.au

2nd March

6th April

4th May

1st June

WAGGA STAMP & COIN CLUB meets in the ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Enquiries: Peter Simpfendorfer, telephone 0488 081 933. Email: simpy19@bigpond.com
P O Box 2099 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

5th March AGM and Small Auction

1st April Large Auction

7th May Display: *Royalty Stamps Update* by D. Blackman

3rd June Display: *Australian Coins* by H. Smith

Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Market

ARCC Hall

131 Tarcutta Street, Tarcutta

Saturday 4th April, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Next markets: 29 August, 3rd October

WAGGA WAGGA STAMP & COIN FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 16

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY MAY 17

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

At Sturt Primary School Hall
White Avenue, Koorungal

Adult Entry (over 16) \$2

Hosted by The Wagga Stamp & Coin Club
Enquiries phone 0488 081 933

Next fair: 21st - 22nd November

WYONG & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm at our **new venue**, Toukley & Districts Art Society Building, Wallarah Point Peace Park, 1 Wallarah Rd, Gorokan.

There is also a daytime meeting: 1st Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the Masonic Village Centre, 12 - 16 Christopher Crescent, Lakehaven.

Enquiries: Dennis Sonter Email: dandasonter@bigpond.com

Evening meetings:

18th March	Workshop on flaws, varieties, identifying problems, etc
15th April	Display: <i>Cinderellas</i> by Dennis Sonter
20th May	Display: <i>Dutch Indies</i> by Peter Van de Ven
17th June	t.b.a.

Daytime meetings:

4th March	Exchange and King George V Study Group
1st April	Exchange and King George V Study Group
6th May	Exchange and King George V Study Group
3rd June	Exchange and King George V Study Group

The Wyong club's *Bulletin* features articles of considerable philatelic interest. All the *Bulletins* can be read on the club's webpage www.tinyurl.com/wyongdps



The Wyong club's new venue:

Toukley and District Art Society Building
Walarah Point Peace Park, Wallarah Road
Gorokan (Immediately on left, before the Toukley Bridge)

This is how Wyong club members keep busy when there is not a meeting.



Sydney Youth Stamp Group

On Monday 19th January, the Sydney Youth Stamp Group (SYSG) ran two workshops at Chatswood Library. With 35 registrations and around 30 in attendance (including parents, guardians and carers), the day was educational, fun and engaging.

The theme focused on *Odd Shaped Stamps* and again with the support of our generous donors, we were able to provide a mixture of unusual stamps from Australia to Tonga. Every attendee received a start kit, several hagner pages, a bunch of covers and a mixture of on-paper kiloware. The activities ranged from soaking stamps, learning about the history of odd shaped Stamps, mounting stamps on pages, worksheet puzzles, writing postcards and concluded with the much anticipated game of 'Concentration'.

With an average age of 10 to 12, we were able to cater for the educational and collecting interests of the children including those with learning or physical disabilities.

A big thank you to Ilana Cohen, Jane Wallace, Michael Gortley and Paul Storm who were kept busy throughout the day, to the parents/guardians who registered their children and to Lee Abrahamart and Eleni Tsakiris from Chatswood Library.

Our April school holiday workshop will focus on *Australian Territories* and cataloguing stamps. The date for the next workshop will be announced in mid-February. We have to make arrangements based on the availability of the Library room so cannot determine the date very far in advance.

Andrew Tham

Photo from the Sydney Youth Stamp Group January Workshop



Sydney Youth Stamp Group

Next workshop date will be in the April school holidays.

Two sessions available:

10:00 am to midday

or

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Theme: *Australian Territories*

To enquire about attending the workshop, email: sydneyyouthstampgroup@gmail.com

Details of the Youth Group are on the website:

www.sydneyyouthstampgroup.org.au

Bookings are essential.



The young-at-heart Sydney Youth Stamp Group volunteers:
 Michael Gortley, Ilana Cohen, Paul Storm, Andrew Tham, Jane Wallace.

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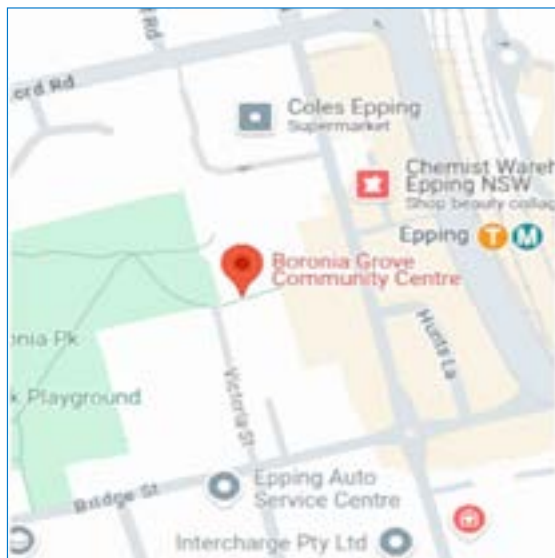
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 29th March 31st May,
 30th August 29th November

9:30 am - 3:00 pm



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COMING EVENTS

School Holidays, April	Sydney Youth Workshop (see p. 27)
Saturday 4th April	Canberra Stamp Markey (see p. 19)
Saturday 4th April	Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Market (see p. 24)
Saturday 11th April	Milton Ulladulla Stamp Fair (see p. 14)
Saturday 9th May	Parramatta Open Day (see p. 18)
Saturday 16th May - Sunday 17th May	Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Fair (see p. 24)
Sunday 28th June	Postcard Fair (see p. 15)

MONTHLY STAMP FAIRS

1 st Saturday	<i>Orange Coin & Stamp Club Market Day</i> , Cultural Centre, Sale St, Orange (see p. 17)
1 st Saturday	<i>The Shire Stamp & Coin Collectors' Fair</i> , Gymea Anglican Church (see p. 22) [<u>No Shire Stamp Fair in April</u>]
1 st Saturday	<i>Northside Stamp Fair</i> , corner Pittwater Rd & Federal Parade, Brookvale (see p. 12)
2 nd Saturday	<i>Epping Stamps & Coins Fair</i> (see p. 27)

PETERSHAM TOWN HALL STAMP DEALERS' MARKET

Sunday 29th March and Sunday 31 May

107 Crystal Street, Petersham
(see p. 27)

Future market dates at www.scdaa.com.au

EXHIBITIONS

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2026

Brisbane National Exhibition
13th - 16th August

2027

Canberra National Stamp Show
March or April

Melbourne 2027 - FIAP International Stamp Exhibition
Date to be announced.

Perth (Rockingham) National 1-Frame Exhibition
October

2028

Hobart 2028 – National One Frame Exhibition
October / November

INTERSTATE EVENTS**Wodonga Coin & Stamp Fair**

Saturday 11th April, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

15 Havelock Street, Wodonga

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**Devonport Stamp & Collectables Fair
Tasmania**

Dates for 2026:

18th April 4th July 7th November

Latrobe Memorial Hall 10 kms from Devonport