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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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There is one vacant Director's position. The Board is seeking a suitably-qualified person to second.

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Philas premises are on the ground floor of this building at 2 City View Rd, Pennant Hills.



Bill Mair 1936 - 2026

Bill Mair was well known to the many volunteers at Philas House in Brisbane St, Sydney, where he worked for over 40 years managing the Philas Auctions, Open Days & other events.

His collecting interests included early G.B. stamps and postal history. He joined the Parramatta Philatelic Society, where he was President for many years. He was also a member of the Eastwood-Epping Philatelic Society and the Smithfield Stamp Club.

For most of his life he worked for the Kraft Food Company in various country towns before moving back to Sydney to work as a manager at the Kraft head office at North Sydney. Following his retirement, he had more time to spend on stamps. In the early 1980's he volunteered to work at Philas, where his management skills were soon put to good use with work on the Philas Stamp Auctions.

In 1987 he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Philas Committee. At the 1988 *Sydney Stamp Exhibition* he managed the Philas Stand and staffing. In 1989 he was appointed Philas Vice

President. For his work he was awarded the *Philas Medal* in 2002.

In 2000, Bill was a volunteer driver for the Olympic Games.

Bill continued to manage the auctions and other events with many happy volunteers until 2022, when he retired due to his increasing health problems.

Bill was a Life member of Parramatta Philatelic Society, first serving on the committee in 1983. He then became Vice President in 1984 and President in 1986, a position he retained until 2023, making it 40 years as an executive of the Club. He was integral in making the annual *Open Day* in May the success it now is. He was always happy to impart his knowledge of stamps which covered a large area due his involvement in the Philas Auctions. Typically, Bill didn't want any fuss on his passing so there was no funeral, just a private cremation. It is a sad loss for the club and he will be missed by his many friends in philately.

Barbara Hancock & Dee Collins



Parramatta Philatelic Society secretary Dee Collins with President Bill Mair

Presidents of the Parramatta Philatelic Society

This photo was taken at the Smith Street Parramatta premises in 1989. It shows, from left to right:

Norman Sturton-Hale (President Parramatta Philatelic Society 1969) Ed Wolf (1970-1971 & 1974) Sonja Juel(1975) Bill Banks (1972-1988) Bill Mair (1989-2024).



President's Views

Hi all,

Hoping this finds you safe and avoiding all of the flus and colds that are doing the rounds at present. The flu at the moment seems to have a degree of lingering latency so something to avoid if you can.

Just a quick update to keep you in touch with what is happening in the world of philately in NSW.

CLUB NEWS

I would like on behalf of all our Philas members and the wider philatelic community to acknowledge the recent passing of two stalwarts of NSW philately, **Bill Mair** and **John Batson**. Both served Philas for long periods of time, both were friendly and well respected and will be missed within our community. It is also sad to note that the long-time Sutherland club delegate to Philas, **John Hoppitt**, has passed.

I had the pleasure of attending the Wagga Stamp & Coin club meeting at the beginning of April and participating in their auction event. More importantly I was there to recognise and present Peter Simpfendorfer with the Stanley Griffiths Award. Peter's contribution to philately in Wagga Wagga is significant and sustained, having been President for 10 years and holding down the Secretary's role for the last 25 years. He is also heavily involved in running the club auctions.



Given that I stole the image from the Wagga Wagga club's newsletter, I am going to borrow their captioning as well:

'Bruce Chadderton (the short bloke) presenting Peter Simpfendorfer (the real short bloke) with the *Stanley Griffith Award*'.

Philas now presents a certificate and a small clock as the *Stanley Griffith Award*, recognizing that certificates often don't get displayed for long but everyone can always use a small clock,



Bruce Chadderton

particularly in their stamp room or shed, so they know when to come up for air or a cup of tea.

The Wagga club itself runs a very good evening in a local community group hall with the standard meeting formats observed. The focus is heavily Australian (stamps and coins) and an almost continuous supper is provided during the meetings, which I enjoyed but won't talk about with my doctor next time she points out my weight isn't going down very quickly.

Thank you Rob, Peter and the team for a warm welcome and a very enjoyable evening.

Since our last *Philas News* I have managed to get in visits to the **Parramatta Open Day**, a **Turrumurra** club night, where I presented a talk on *Maori postcards*, and the **Toronto** club where I will be presenting **Lucy and Howard Fisher** with their much deserved *Stanley Griffiths Award* (a fuller report will be in next *Philas News*).

For those who are keen to catch up and chat about what is going on with Philas, or offer advice or support, I am in at City View Road most Saturdays, a semi-regular attendee of the **Sydney Anglican** club's meetings and will be at a **Shoalhaven** meeting on Kings Birthday. I also try to make as many of the club open days or fairs around the Sydney area as I can, so don't be shy to say hello ... I am the short bloke with the bushy beard.

PHILAS NEWS

The DA for the change of use of our premises at City View Road has been approved with no onerous conditions. We are in the process of getting a construction certificate approved and final approvals from the owners' group at the property. Once these have been received we will seek quotes for the building work and get under way.

Having said that, we have not been waiting for the DA to come through as there are plenty of other tasks we can do to keep Philas running.

Firstly, the acquisition of City View Road came with a large volume of "bits and pieces", some we will keep to use when we are up and running, and some that we just need to move on. We have a surfeit of tables, a large collection of wine glasses, various catering paraphernalia and a vast array of chairs that we think are excess to requirements.

Sarah has compiled a list of the unwanted items, which includes the infamous green chairs that followed us from Brisbane Street to Silverwater and now clog up the hall way in the bar area, which we will be providing to a number of party hire businesses with a view to moving it all on, and hopefully making a bit of money in the process.

Secondly, we are about to close out our last auction and pay the last of our vendors. This has taken a disappointingly long time to resolve and I can only apologise on behalf of Philas. We have learned a lot from this process which will drive how we conduct auctions in the future. The changes will become obvious when we put out the details for our next auction, being planned for the third quarter of the year. Expect to see smaller auctions (5 – 600 lots); no after auction sales and room bidders required to pay and pick up their lots on the day of the auction (we waited a number of months for one or two room bidders to make good on their bids).

Auctions are an important part of the Philas culture, being a valued service we provide to collectors and to those who receive collections they neither want nor understand, and just want to be rid of. We have received a number of estate collections lately and have a queue of people wanting to come and drop more into us. The largest one we have received so far involved 34 very full large plastic tubs. The volunteers are working through these breaking them into saleable lots to be auctioned over the next 2 – 3 auctions.

And a number of people have been putting in the effort to get the library sorted and some elements of their collection into the first compactus that was set up, but I will leave the Library team to brief you on their progress in the attached Library News.

All the very best, stay warm and safe and philatelically active.

Bruce

Philas Exhibitions Report May 2026

Abbreviations

Fel – Felicitations for research or material

SP – Special Prize – Best in class or Challenge competitions

FIP One Frame entries are points only

Boston 2026, World Stamp Expo

23rd to 30th May 2026

The 12th International Philatelic Exhibition held in the USA. The exhibition was part of the 250th anniversary of the USA. The venue was the Boston Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) which is close to Logan International airport and the Amtrack South Station. Approximately 3,500 frame sides were available.

This exhibition hosted a *Polar Salon* for both the North & South Polar regions with 200 frame sides available. The *Polar Philately Salon* included a Court of Honor, polar exploration artefacts & documents, Polar Philatelic literature, & Polar Philatelic Society booths, as well competitive entries with its own jury. There was a special frame fee for this class.

Australian Commissioner: Glen Stafford

Email: stafford@southwest.com.au

Website: www.boston2026.org

NSW entrants:

Geoffrey Lewis	<i>New Orleans Postal History</i>	Postal History A award: 95	8 Frames Large Gold
Paula Sager	<i>1915-1916 Australian WW I Military Lettercards</i>	Postal stationery award: 86	5 Frames Large Vermeil
Dr Jeremy Hodes	<i>Queensland Stamp Numerals</i>	Literature award: 90	Gold

Macao 2026, FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition

26th June to 1st July 2026

Australian Commissioner: Stephanie Bromser

Email: sbromers@optusnet.com.au

Website: www.macao2026.org.mo

Brisbane 2026, Australian Full National Exhibition

13th to 16th August 2026

Commissioner General: Joan Orr,

NSW Commissioner: Bruce Chadderton

Email: kiwibrooce@yahoo.com

Entries are now open, closing 31st May 2026.

Website: www.qpc.org.au/queensland2026

Bandung 2026, FIAP Exhibition

27th to 31st August 2026

Australian Commissioner: John Dibiase Email: john_dibiase@yahoo.com**Ausvipex 2026, National On-line Exhibition**

Ausvipex 2026 offers a flexible and accessible exhibition format, welcoming entries ranging from 2 to 8 frames. Exhibits are to be submitted as digital scans and will be displayed online from November 2026 through to February 2027. Entries are evaluated by experienced Australian judges, with exhibitors receiving detailed written feedback — making this an excellent opportunity for both seasoned participants and those new to exhibiting.

The exhibition is open to both Australian and international exhibitors.

Prospectus and Rules: www.apfvirtual.com/how-to-enter-rules-regulations-ausvipex-2026

Entry form: www.apfvirtual.com/entry-form-ausvipex-2026

Enquiries to email: apfvirtual@gmail.com

Entries close: 30th September 2026

Launching online in the first week of November 2026.

Victoria National One-Frame Exhibition

6th to 8th November 2026

Venue: Brighton Town Hall

Contact: Charles Bromser

Email: chabro@optusnet.com.au**Phila Taipei 2026, FIP Exhibition**

20th to 25th November 2026

Australian Commissioner: Stephan Brown

Email: sji.browne@bigpond.com

Entries closed 31st March 2026

Canberra Stamp Show 2027, Australian National Exhibition

10th to 13th June 2027

Venue: Coorong & Conference Centre at Exhibition Park in Canberra, locally known as EPIC. The address is 10 Flemington Rd, Mitchell.

Contact: Christopher Smith

Email: president@CanberraStamps.org.au**Slovfilex 2027, FIP Exhibition**

30th June to 4th July 2027

Venue: Bratislava, Slovakia- Slovak National Gallery

Australian Commissioner: Bernard Beston

Email: bernardbeston@gmail.com

Entries close 31st July 2026

Frame Fee is 130 Euros plus APF charges

Melbourne 2027, FIAP Exhibition

The exhibition has once again needed to be rescheduled from 2025. Although the venue is the same, no specific date has been announced.

Commissioner General: Frank Pauer

Email: frankpauer2@bigpond.comWebsite: www.melbourne2025.com.au**Serbia 2027, FIP Exhibition**

October 2027

Venue: Belgrade, Serbia

Commissioner: Frank Pauer

Email: frankpauer2@bigpond.com**Perth (Rockingham) 2027, Australian National One-Frame Exhibition**

October 2027

Contact: Glen Stafford

Email: Glensan@pm.me**Hobart 2028, National One Frame Exhibition**

October / November 2028

Contact: Peter Allen

Email: hesperus@netspece.net.au

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.

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

20th June Display: Australian Franking Machine F\Dies by Ian Fuary
18th July Display: *Australian Postal Cards* by Michael Drury
15th August Display: *Royal Australian Navy* by Andrew Brockett
19th September Display: *Papua New Guinea, 1952 - 1966* by Lewis Webb

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

21st June Members' displays: *Fiji*
13th July Talk: *Numismatic Market Place* by Jim Noble
Venue: Noble Numismatics 169 Macquarie Street at 7.30pm
telephone 92234578

16th August Members' displays: *Error and Fake Items*

** Wednesday 16th September Auction 62 closes **

20th September Members' displays: *Thailand*



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.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/polarstamps

Email: penviews@hotmail.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/penguinviews

29th June 27th July 31st August 28th September

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

3rd June 1st July 5th August 2nd September

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

- 18th June *King's Birthday*. Meeting followed by *Royalty* displays by members
- 16th July AGM followed by *Going to Glasgow* – 1 page displays by medal winning members
- 20th August *The Horses Birthday*. Meeting followed by displays of stamps depicting *Horses*
- 17 September Meeting followed by displays and practical exercises on *Watermarks*

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

P O Box 478, Campbelltown NSW 2560 Telephone: 0400 285 805

- 10th June Display: *Our Society's Archives* by Frank Wirz
- 8th July AGM and display by Chantal Paris.
- 12th August Display: *Special Event Sheets* by Tony Bailey
- 9th September Display: *US Airships and Blimps* by Ian Dolstra

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

- 10th June Display: Australian Colonies – Part 1 by Phil Spender
- 8th July Display: *Sierra Leone QEII Definitives (1953-1963)* by Geoffrey Kellow
- 12th August *Eric Hutchens 6-Page Traditional Philately Competition*
- 9th September Display: *Japan* by Robert Fulton

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

- 3rd June Display: *Early Mail Routes using 1d Red Sydney Views* by Keith Arthur
- 1st July Display: *Conquest of the Skies* by Philippe L'Orguilloux
- 5th August Display: *Asterix* by Laurent Villoing
- 2nd September Talk: *Sydney Youth Stamp Group* by Andrew Tham

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.

Enquiries: P O Box 72, Annandale NSW 2038 Website: www.tinyurl.com/australasia

- 26th July Display: *Christmas* by Chantal Paris
- 25th October Display: *German Castles and Palaces* by Eddie Fischer
- 13th December End of Year social

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 Email: skozuruk@bigpond.net.au
Telephone: (02) 4365 6568

1st June 6th July 3rd August 7th September

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

6th June 4th July 1st August 5th September

ILLAWARRA PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC. has a new venue. We now meet on the third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Scribbly Gum Room, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93 – 109 Princes Highway, Dapto NSW. (This is our meeting venue until at least August. Check with the Society for later months). 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

17th June Display: by the President
15th July Annual General Meeting
19th August Display: *Italy* by F. Sanvitale
16th September Quiz: *Harry Lockrey Trophy*. Quiz presented by P. Gunning

MANLY WARRINGAH STAMP CLUB see next page.

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

23rd June 28th July 25th August 22nd September

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)

27th June 25th July 22nd August 26th September

MUDGEE 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: Alexandra Papworth, P O Box 275, Mudgee NSW 2850
Telephone: 0478 766 762 Email: mudgeecnsc@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MudCNSC

7th June 5th July 2nd August 6th September

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. 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: stampsnw@bizland.com.au

- 9th June Members' display: *A Country of Your Choice*
- 14th July Display: *New Zealand* by Graeme Morriss
- 11th August AGM and *Annual Competition*
- 8th September Display: *The Year of Older People* by Laurent Villoing

Northside Stamp Fair

First Saturday of every month

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Federal Parade car park meeting room

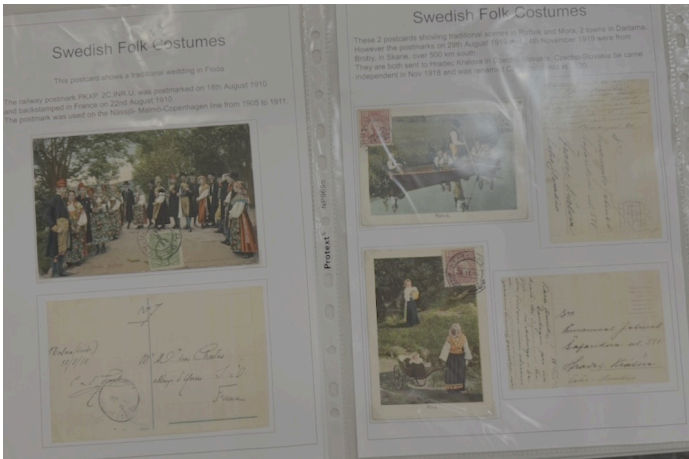
opposite Manly Warringah Rugby League Club
corner of Pittwater Road and Federal Parade,
Brookvale NSW



Manly Warringah Committee. From left:

- Graeme Morriss
- Secretary
- Bill Darcy
- President
- John Au
- Treasurer

Terry Bluett's display in May featured Swedish postcards sent by a postcard exchange club in the early 20th century. The club rule was to put the stamp on the picture side.



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

NEW SOUTH WALES POSTCARD COLLECTORS SOCIETY INC.

Imar Community Hall
2A Fitzroy Street



**POSTCARD, EPHEMERA
+ COLLECTABLES FAIR**

SUNDAY 22.FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY 28.JUNE 2026

SUNDAY 1.NOVEMBER 2026

All roads lead to the Croydon Postcard Fair.

9.00am - 2.00pm

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Check for any updates: www.postcardnsw.com or www.facebook.com/postcardnsw

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@newcastlephilatelicsociety.org.au

Website: www.newcastlephilatelicsociety.org.au

Thursday Meetings:

11th June Display: *Australian Parcel Rates* by John Moore
9th July 13th August 8th September

Wednesday Meetings:

17th June Display: *Early Czechoslovakia* by George Chalmers
15th July 19th August 16th September

NORTHERN SUBURBS PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except December) at St Leonard's Church Hall, 43 Donnelly Road (corner of Willoughby Road), Naremburn 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.

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

Email: paulgeraldstorm@hotmail.com

18th June Display: On Tour by Paul Storm
16th July Members' display: Small Islands
20th August Display: Around the World with
King George VI by James Ross
17th September Display: Greenland by John Higgs



Graeme Morriss showed *New Zealand Commemorative Stamps* at the Northern Suburbs May meeting

A Winter's Day with Stamps



Saturday 18th July 2026

from 9.30 AM

St Leonard's Church Hall

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Enquiries: Paul Storm (02) 9419 7354

paulgeraldstorm@hotmail.com

or Jill Hyslop 0424 469 220

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:

30th June

28th July

25th August

29th September

Saturday Fairs and swap meetings:

6th June

4th July

1st August

5th September

Report on the Orange Coin and Stamp Expo 2026

Orange Coin & Stamp Club had quite a successful 2-day show on the weekend of 23rd and 24th May 2026.

It was also very busy on the Saturday morning, with visitors from right around the region. Some even made the trek from as far away as the Central Coast. Attendance seemed to be around the 350 mark.

This year the Club, took a risk and spent extra money (\$600 plus GST) on digital advertising. It was in addition to the usual \$1,000 for TV ads on Chanel 7. The digital advertising paid dividends. It appears that about 70% of attendees came because they saw something on Facebook or the other social media sites.

Michael Burroughs, our publicity officer, gave the stats from our Expo social media campaign:

"The ad was shown to 46,432 people throughout the Central West. It was shown approximately 151,595 times. In other words, those 46,432 people, on average, saw the ad about 3-4 times each."

Derek Dolstra, the secretary, reported that he had a 15-minute interview on ABC Central West regional radio and two 15-minute interviews on the Bathurst and Orange community radio stations. The listeners were encouraged to come and get their stamps and coins to be valued. 6% of visitors

said they heard about Expo on radio.

Some members also did limited, letter-boxing around town, and there were the usual e-mails to regular visitors. This time though, we didn't advertise in any regional newspapers. Ads in them are getting expensive.

25 kids' show-bags with stamps and coins and a PNC cover were handed out to encourage junior collecting. The Club could have made up more. On-line advertising has brought along "younger" visitors, often in their 30s, who came with their kids.

The dealers (2 stamps and 5 coins) all seemed happy with their trading.

2026 Expo was also the Club's main competitive event of the year:

Rob Willis won the *M.R. Roberts Shield for Numismatics*, with his display of *Egyptian Banknotes*.

Colin Richardson won the *Col and Eileen Davidson Shield* for philately with his complete display of *Austro-Hungarian Empire Correspondence*.

Col Davidson won the Andy Auld Perpetual Shield for the most popular display for his *Primitive Money of the Pacific*.

The Club is planning its next 2-day show, the *2026 Spring Fair* in October.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA meets from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December) 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. 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

17th June

Display: *South Atlantic Air Mail* by Ed Wolf

15th July

Display: *Japanese Occupation of Malaya* by Mark Alderson

19th August

Display: *Early Belgium* by Chantal Paris

16th September

Display: *Olympic Collectables* by Ray Woodbury

Scenes from the Orange Expo 2026



Greeting the many visitors.



Keeping the dealers busy.

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

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.

2nd July Group Display: *Stamps on Postcards*

Saturday 8th August Members' display: *Your collecting interest*. Note: this meeting is at 1:00 pm at the Canberra Baptist Church and replaces our usual Thursday night meeting.

3rd September Group display: *Australian Decimal Covers, 1966 - 1972*

Saturday Fair Days at Baptist Church: 4th July 26th September 12th December

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

5th June Display: *Hawaii* by Michael Hirschhorn

3rd July Display: *Members' Choice*

7th August Display: *Freaks & Oddities* by Ken Pullen

4th September AGM & *Presidents' Display*

Parramatta sadly closes the albums of former President **Bill Mair** (see page 3) and former Treasurer **John Batson** (see next page).

John Batson

9th October 1937 - 4th May 2026

John and Judy Batson were two of the best people you could meet in stamp collecting circles. John was Treasurer of the Philatelic Development Council from its inception, continuing as Treasurer of Philas from 2006 to 2012 and serving after that as Assistant Treasurer. He was awarded the *Philas Medal* in 2007. He also served as Treasurer for the Parramatta Philatelic Society for many years.

John and Judy provided the catering for Open Days at both Parramatta and at Philas House in the city.

John's first job was as an apprentice Butcher working at his Uncle's Butcher Shop in Balmain. In 1956, he was called up for National Service where he did 6 months in the RAAF at the Rathmines are base. He and Judy met on a blind date.

They had their own butcher shop in Haberfield for 3 years. After they sold it they moved to Girraween and John worked for Prospect Electricity as an Inventory Manager for 28 Years. At Girraween they raised children Lyn and Anthony. John built a chicken coop and sheds and also helped friends with odd jobs.

John and Judy retired 30 years ago to continue their volunteer work with their Church, Holroyd Rotary and Probus and as volunteers at Ronald McDonald House at Westmead. They were drivers for the 2000 Olympic Officials. They were close to their six grandchildren.

John passed away just 16 months after Judy who passed away on 14 December 2024 aged 83. John's collecting interest was Australian stamps. He made complete collections of Australian stamps for his children Lyn and Anthony. Judy supported John always with his interest and they worked together as a great team.

Thanks to Lyn Hughes for additional material.



Parramatta Open Day 2026



Philas President Bruce Chadderton and Paul Chisholm converse while Morgan Vallario checks stamps



Wilson Ilbery and Parramatta Past President Ed Wolf pose for the camera

Parramatta Open Day 2026

The weather was kind to us and we had a very good turnout. It was good to meet up again with people we hadn't seen since the last Open Day. Many clubs were there with their circuit books which proved very popular. Ken from Bexley Stamps was once again our auctioneer. The bids kept us on our toes and sellers were pleased with results. All in all a very good day and we look forward to Open Day 2027.

Dee Collins



George Petridis welcomed visitors



The auction lots were closely inspected.



Helen and Ann Garrick at the Richmond Club table



Paul Storm and Helen Dunn staffed the Northern Suburbs table

Richard Dabinett and Graeme Roberts staffed the refreshments counter



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.

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

Enquiries: Geoffrey Lewis P O Box 196, Randwick NSW 2031

Email: glewis@custom-made.com.au

27th June

25th July

22nd August

26th September

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

23rd June Display: *Dutch Numeral Cancels* by John Kerklaan

28th July Display: *Cinderellas – Worldwide - All Members*

25th August Display: *Australian States – Queensland* by G. Carter

22nd September Members' displays: *Other Collectibles*

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: Geoff Wotherspoon P O Box 784, Lismore NSW 2480

Telephone: 0416 216 040

Email: geoff@foodservicedesign.com.au

28 June

26th July

23rd August

27th September

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

11th June Display: *Rhodesia*

9th July Members' displays: *Native Flora and Fauna*

6th August (first Thursday) Display: *King George VI*

10th September Display: *Sydney Showground*

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

13th June

11th July

9th August

13th September

The Armidale Circle of RSPC meets in the Activities Room, Administration Building, Oak Tree Village, 89 Martin Street, Armidale on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm (ex December and January).

A fine monthly journal is produced.

Enquiries: Mal Hall (President) P O Box 273, Armidale NSW 2350

Telephone: 0478 520 652

Email: mnm5732@gmail.com

10th June Display: *Religion*

8th July AGM and Buy, Swap and Sell

12th August Display: *Motor Transport*

9th September Display: *Sport*

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

1st June

6th July

3rd August

7th September

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 Email: sps.nowra@gmail.com
Telephone: 0414 634 556

8th June Display: *China* by Bruce Chadderton
13th July Club auction
10th August Preparations for weekend stamp fair
14th September Display: *Belgium Railway Stamps* by Joe White

Shoalhaven Philatelic Society Stamp & Coin Day

Saturday 15th August 2026
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wesley Centre, 29 Berry Street, Nowra

Displays Prizes

Dealers Selling and Buying

Free Admission All welcome!

For more information contact: John 0414 634 556

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 7:30 pm. Sale-by-tender at each meeting.

Enquiries: P O Box 2612, Smithfield NSW 2164 Email: robert.layzell@bigpond.com
Telephone: (02) 9629 2454

8th June Display: *Fine Art on Australian Stamps* by Graeme Roberts
Thursday 2nd July *Christmas in July Dinner* at Merrylands Bowling Club, 7:30 pm
13th July Display: *Circumnavigating the World* by Ian Dolstra
10th August *Six Page Interclub Competition*
14th September *Around the World with King George VI* by James Ross

SUTHERLAND SHIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY details are on the next page.

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

6th June * 1st August * 26th September 28th November

* Dates changed to fit availability of church hall

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: Secretary, Martin O'Rourke P O Box 678, Tamworth NSW 2340.
Telephone: 0409 036 668 Email: blotchb67@gmail.com

22nd June Display by John Vickery
27th July Display by Martin O'Rourke
24th August AGM and the Brian Williams Trophy
Saturday 12th September Combined Meeting with Armidale at Bendemeer (date to be confirmed)
28th September Display by Geoff Carter

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

9th June Members' displays: *A Country of your Choice*
 14th July Display: A mystery display by Andrew Verditch
 11th August Display: *Australian Cinderellas* by Wilson Ilbery
 8th September Display: *Hutt River* by Heather Graham

The Shire Stamp and Coin Collectors' Fair

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

Fair dates:

6th June
 4th July
 2nd August
 6th September

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

Enquiries: Lenore Callender

Telephone: 0408 383 442

Email: lenorecallender@gmail.com

Vale ~ JOHN HOPPITT

There was a large gathering of Sutherland Shire Philatelic members at the recent funeral of John Hoppitt who passed away on 20th March 2026 aged 86.

John was a Justice of The Peace, an avid stamp collector and had a very good complete and up to date mint collection of Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain stamps and yet philately was only one of his hobbies. He was also a Justice of The Peace, a keen gardener and President of Engadine Garden Club and an expert on "string art". He was granted the *Hughes Award* for community service by the Local Member of Parliament.

John had been a member of the Sutherland Philatelic Society for over 40 Years. During that period John served the club in various roles. Most notably, he was the Society's President for over 20 years. He stood down from that role only 18 months ago due to ill health. He was also one of the Club's Philas Representatives for nearly the same length of time. John was always the first person in and last person out of every meeting and was always a willing and cheerful helper at various club functions, never being afraid to "get his hands dirty" by carrying out any task required to ensure the smooth running of these functions. He was made a Life Member of the Society and was also a recipient of the Stanley Griffith Award for his outstanding service given so willingly to the Society.



John Hoppitt receiving the
Stanley Griffith Award in 2025.

Lenore Callender

Aerophilately Night at Sutherland

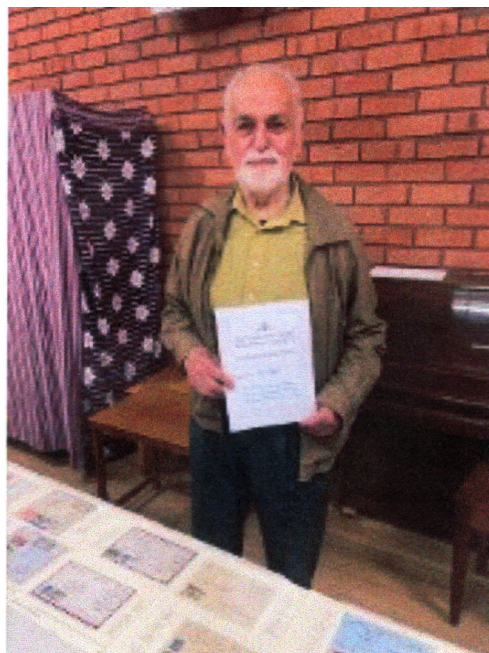
Sutherland Shire Philatelic Society was honoured to have **Ed Wolf** spend an evening with us.

Ed gave us an outline of exactly what *Aero Philately* is and what it can include with examples of different themes that can be collected in this area of philately.

He then gave a presentation on his outstanding display of *International Aero Philatelic Covers issued by Qantas's Competitors During the Tenure of Hudson Fysh as Head of Qantas* as well as enlightening us on some of the measures used to keep competitors out of the Australian's attempts to become an international airline.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Ed was presented with a Certificate Appreciation by our President **Peter Kitt** who is also a keen Aero Philatelic collector.

Ed Wolf with his Certificate of Appreciation



TORONTO STAMP CLUB details are on the next page.

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

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| 8th June | Display: <i>Australia - Counter Printed Stamps 1991-2016</i> by Peter Myers |
| 13th July | Annual Dinner and <i>Tech Night: using Chat GTP</i> to compare watermarks etc, convened by James Ross |
| 10th August | Display: <i>Sweden - 2nd Coat of Arms Issue 1858-1872</i> by Wayne Donaldson |
| 14th September | Display: <i>NSW Railway Parcel Stamps</i> by Wilson Ilbery |

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: Secretary: Richard Mills P O Box 1013, Coolangatta Qld 4225.

Telephone: (07) 5535 3168

Email: rmills2@optusnet.com.au

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| 1st June | Members' Alphabet display competition (Letter O) |
| 6th July | Members' Alphabet display competition (Letter P) |
| 3rd August | Members' Alphabet display competition (Letter Q); Secretary's scavenger hunt handout |
| 7th September | AGM; Members' Alphabet display competition (Letter R) |

WYONG & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm at 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.

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

Enquiries: Dennis Sonter Email: dandasonter@bigpond.com

Evening meetings:

17th June	15th July	19th August	16th September
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Daytime meetings:

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| 3rd June | Exchange and King George V Study Group |
| 1st July | Exchange and King George V Study Group |
| 5th August | Exchange and King George V Study Group |
| 2nd September | Exchange and King George V Study Group |

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
Telephone: 0455 433 755

Email: ssoross1@gmail.com

3rd June Display: *Australian Postage Dues and NSW Revenues* by Bob Glendinning
1st July Display: *Frank Hurley in Antarctica* by Ross Zimmerman
5th August Display: *Australian Monograms and Imprints* by John Edwards
2nd September Quiz by Howard Fisher

Toronto Stamp Club News

The 2025-2026 *Warren J Oliver Perpetual Trophy* for the best display by a member in the preceding year was awarded to **John Moore** for his presentation of *Early Australian Airmail Rates from 1921 to the commencement of WWII*.

John is the second recipient of the trophy, which was started to memorialize our immediate past-president, who passed away on 9th September 2024.

John Moore receiving the *Warren J Oliver Perpetual Trophy* from Toronto Club President **Roger Eggleton**.



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 Simpfordorfer P O Box 2099, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 (note new P O Box no.)
Telephone: 0488 081 933 Email: simpy19@bigpond.com

3rd June Display: *Australian Coins* by H. Smith
1st July Large Auction
5th August Display: *Australian Gutters* by R. Brennan
2nd September Display: *Queensland State Stamps* by R. Dooner

Wagga Stamp & Coin Market

Date: Sat, Aug 29th, 2026 9:00 am

Location: ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Market

ARCC Hall
131 Tarcutta Street, Tarcutta

Saturday 29 August, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Next market: 3rd October

WAGGA WAGGA STAMP & COIN FAIR

SATURDAY 21st November
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

At Sturt Primary School Hall
White Avenue, Koorinal

Adult Entry (over 16) \$2.00

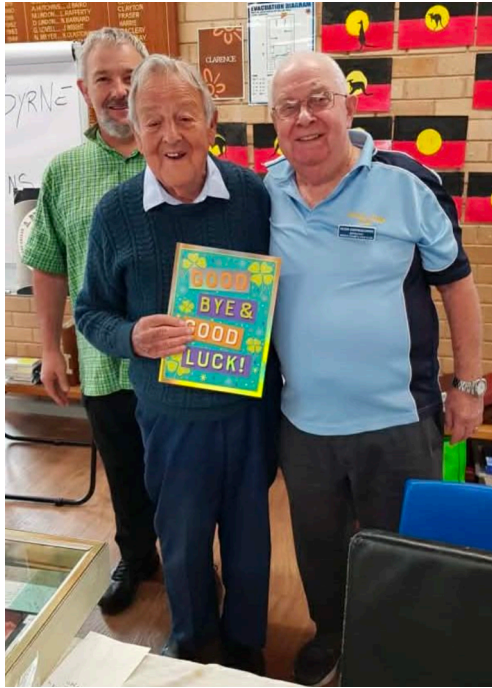
Hosted by The Wagga Stamp & Coin Club

Enquiries: telephone 0488 081 933

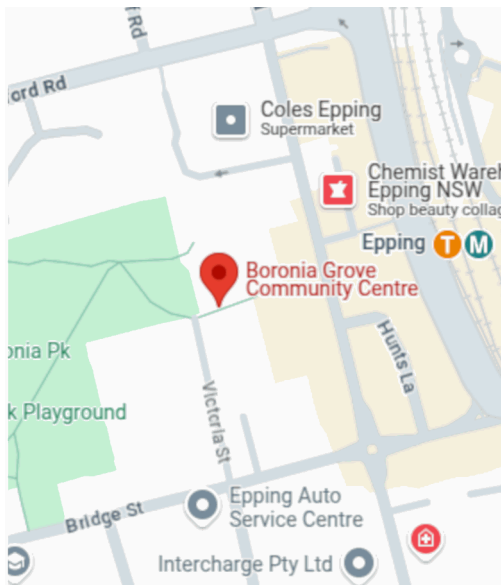
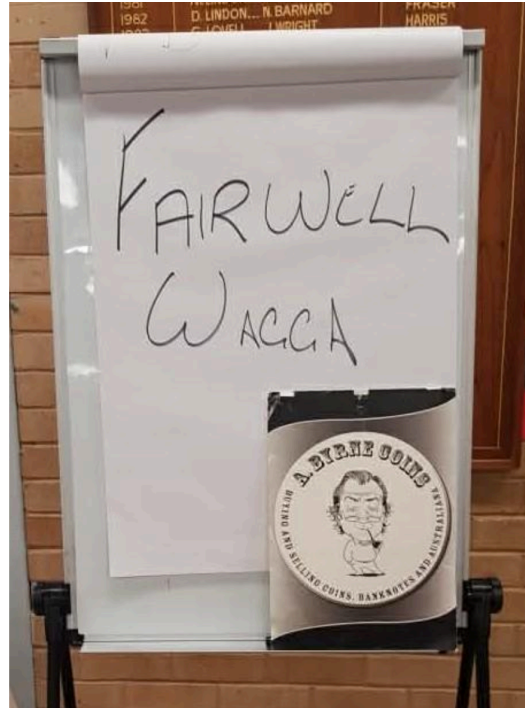
Wagga Farewells Tony and Scott Byrne

Members of the Wagga Stamp & Coin Club, along with other dealers, buyers and sellers, extend our best wishes to **Tony and Scott Byrne** for the future as they are retiring from attending fairs. **Byrne's Coins** have been attendees as a dealer to our Fair for over forty years. Their

friendliness, popularity, integrity and quality of material ensured a continuity of local customers. They will be sorely missed. Tony and Scott's response to our farewells is shown in the adjacent photo.



(L to R) Scott and Tony Byrne with Wagga Club secretary Peter Simpfendorfer



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SYDNEY YOUTH STAMP GROUP



On Monday 13th April, the Sydney Youth Stamp Group (SYSG) held two educational workshops on Australian External Territories focused on the history, local flora and fauna and stamp issuing policy over the years. We hosted 28 children in total. Starting with the Indian Ocean territories of Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Islands, we then touched on Papua & New Guinea, proceeded to the Pacific Islands of Norfolk and Nauru and finally ended up with a brief overview of the Australian Antarctic Territory.

Jane Wallace did a marvellous presentation on her collection of Norfolk Island stamps sharing her personal experience visiting this isolated part of the world. The children had many inquisitive questions about the unique flora and fauna living on the island. Other activities included soaking and sorting through stamps, identifying the different historical names of each territory and ending with the ever popular Concentration Game.

We have managed to give away all our donated albums as well as a large volume of covers, on-paper and off-paper Australian and World stamps. This would not have been possible without the support from all our supporting donors!

To the staff of Chatswood Library, the parents/guardians of the children and our loyal volunteers (Paul Storm, Ilana Cohen, David Koffel & Jane Wallace), a massive vote of thanks for making the day possible.

We are always on the lookout for donations of small stock books and albums preferably A5 in size to give away to new and upcoming young collectors.

Our next youth workshop is scheduled for the July school holidays.



Paul Storm and Jane Wallace
address the junior stamp collectors

Andrew Tham
(Admin & Media Officer, SYSG)

Devonport Stamp & Collectables Fair
Tasmania
Remaining date for 2026:
7th November

Latrobe Memorial Hall, 10 kms from Devonport

48 - 50 tables trading at each fair



Elizabeth Page
for the
Fair Organising Group (FOG)

SEPTEMBER 12TH 9AM - 3PM 15 HAVELOCK STREET, WADONGA VIC 3690

COIN & STAMP FAIR

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Petersham Dates

Sundays:

30th August 29th November

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 28th June	Postcard Fair (see p. 10)
Saturday 4th July	Canberra Stamp Fair (see p. 13)
Saturday 18th July	<i>A Winter's Day with Stamps</i> (see p. 11)
Saturday 15th August	Shoalhaven Stamp & Coin Day (see p. 17)
Saturday 29th August	Wagga Wagga Stamp & Coin Day (see p. 20)

MONTHLY STAMP FAIRS

1st Saturday	<i>Orange Coin & Stamp Club Market Day</i> , Cultural Centre, Sale St, Orange (see p. 12)
1st Saturday	The Shire Stamp & Coin Collectors' Fair, Gymea Anglican Church (see p. 18)
1st Saturday	Northside Stamp Fair, corner Pittwater Rd & Federal Parade, Brookvale (see p. 10)
2nd Saturday	Epping Stamps & Coins Fair (see p. 21)

PETERSHAM TOWN HALL STAMP DEALERS' MARKET

Sunday 30th August and Sunday 29th November
 107 Crystal Street, Petersham (see p. 23)
 see www.scdaa.com.au

EXHIBITIONS

(See pages 5 - 6)

2026

Brisbane National Exhibition
 13th - 16th August

2027

Canberra National Stamp Show
 10th - 13th June

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

Devenport (Tas.)
 Saturday 7th November (see p. 22)

Wodonga (Vic.)
 Saturday 12th September (see p. 23)