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**THE NEXT MEETING of the Wagga Stamp Club (Inc.) will be held at the ARCC hall
in Tarcutta Street on **Wednesday 3rd September, 2025**, commencing at **7.30p.m****

THIS MEETING: Presentation by Peter Simpfendorfer – Cinderellas

2025 – 26 Calendar

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| October 1 | Large Auction |
| Nov 5 | Five Page Member's Display Competition |
| Nov 22/23 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorinal. |
| October 4 | Market Day – ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta St. Wagga. 9.00a.m to 4.00p.m. |
| Nov 5 | Annual Five Page Member's Display Competition |
| Nov 22/23 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorinal. |
| Dec 3 | Presentation by Grace Hatty – Mounting a Display (Part III) |
| May 16/17
2026 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
Koorinal. |
| Nov 21/22
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WAGGA STAMP & COIN CLUB 2004 - 2012

- 2004:** Rod Dooner won the Five Page Member's Display in November.
- 2005:** In February, Treasure Neil Dallinger was awarded the inaugural "Stan Griffith Award for Meritorious Service to Philately in NSW at Club Level" by the Philatelic Association on NSW.
Jo Melville and John Ross were joint winners of the Five Page Member's Display in November.
- 2006:** The Club mounted a permanent display in the Travelling Post Office (TPO) van at the Junee Roundhouse in November.
The Five Page Member's Display in November was won by Gary Croker.
- 2007:** Bruce Warren was awarded Life Membership at the March AGM.
D. Jessiman was elected President after P. Wood's eight years at the helm.
John Ross won the Five Page Member's Display in November.
- 2008:** The first January club meeting was held on the 2nd with an attendance of fifteen members.
Club stalwart and foundation member Charles Houen passed away in March.
Bruce Warren won the Five Page Member's Display in November and became the first winner of the Charles Houen Memorial Shield.
- 2009:** The Club celebrated its 30th birthday in April with a celebratory dinner at the Thomas Blamey Hotel function room.
Club T shirts were first purchased in October.
The Five Page Member's Display was again won by Bruce Warren.
- 2010:** A special "Wagga Show" postmark was used on the October Club newsletter.
The Five Page Member's Display was won by Graeme Allen.
- 2011:** The meeting in April was advised that nine archive size boxes of donated philatelic material were sent free by Land Transport of Bomen to the Toowoomba Stamp Club for victims of the Queensland floods.
Graeme Allen won the Five Page Member's Display.
- 2012:** The first Stamp Market was conducted at the ARCC Hall in June.
The Five Page Member's Display was won by Gary Croker.

FROM DES ROSE: A postscript from an article in the August Newsletter



Ionian Islands SG2 (1d) blue MINT

Just a postscript to your item on the 1859 Ionian Stamp , here is a scan of one I have - it is imperforate and has full gum though a bit aged.

I got it back in the 1970's when Stanley Gibbons catalogue valued it at £6 mint & £55 used.



FROM OUR LAST MARKET DAY



Shane with a lineup of customers



Life Member Bob making deals with Col



August auction report: 4 vendors presented 36 lots of which 23 (63%) sold. Due to a small number of buyers (4) most of the lots sold were at the reserve price.

A Philatelist's Psalm

by Emma F. Berkley
With apologies to David

Stamp Collecting is my hobby, I shall not
be bored.
It maketh me to do research in far places;
It causeth me to correspond with odd
people;
It keepeth me alert;
It leadeth me into areas of understanding
for curiosity's sake.
Yea, though I live through a Winter of
inclement weather,
I will fear no boredom, for my stamps are
with me:
Their beauty and their history they
intrigue me;
They provideth me a means of escaping
from the tensions of my responsibilities;
They filleth my house with books;
My rash runneth lower,
Surely interest and knowledge shall follow
me all the days of my life,
And I will be listed in the ranks
of the philatelists forever.

FROM THE PRESIDENT / NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Welcome back Karel. Also, a big welcome to our newest member, Anita.

Please be aware that the Five Page Member's Display is coming up soon, so please start working on your display.

To all those that have submitted articles for newsletters (Bob, Peter, Des, Neil, Gary, Harry) over that past year, many thanks. It does make the editors job a lot easier.

There is a bit of a backlog at the moment, but please be assured that all articles will be used – eventually.

This psalm was submitted by Des Rose

KIANDRA POST OFFICE



This photo was taken in 1957.

The postman, wearing skis, is Bill Paterick. His wife, Thelma (nee Lucas, of Tumut) was the postmistress from 1955 to 1964, at which time the Snowy Mountains Authority (now Snowy -Hydro) took over the management of the post office in an effort to facilitate movement of mail to workers on the Tumut Pond section of the Snowy Hydro Scheme.

The post office was demolished (along with most of the town) by National

Parks and Wildlife Service when they took control of the township in 1974.



This photo was taken c1900's and shows the mailman (thought to be Ben Hoag) arriving in Kiandra.

The mail run in 1900's was from Talbingo to Kiandra, with stops at Juonama Homestead and Yarrangobilly Village (Caves), a distance of about 45 kilometres.

When the snow conditions made horse drawn vehicles and horse riding unsuitable, the intrepid postman skied, usually from Jounama Homestead, which was about half-way between Talbingo and Kiandra on the old route.

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## INTERESTING STAMP FACT



Mark Twain was born and died in the same years as the Halley's Comet flew by Earth (1910 and 1986). He even predicted that he would 'go out with the comet' a year before its arrival.

Because of this connection the Turks and Caicos Postal Administration created a commemorative stamp with Mark Twain riding Halley's Comet.

## KGVI 2d COMB VARIATIONS (By the Editor)



Fig 1: Approx 0.89mm

Fig 2: Approx 0.95mm ↑

Fig 3 is a pasted joined pair, hence the rough appearance of the holes.

Fig 3: Approx 1.02mm



Fig 4: Approx 0.89mm

Fig 5: Approx 0.98mm ↑

## WARNING!!

**Ed.'s note:** A lot of the information below has been garnered from Brusden White's KGVI catalogue.

The measurements of Figs: 2 and 5 were performed by me and maybe a little inaccurate.

Also, comments regarding Figs: 4 and 5 are my conclusions and to their accuracy or correctness, others should not hold dear and fast. This exercise has proven to be a bit of a minefield and needs to have a thorough investigation by those better equipped than I.

Over the course of the printing of the KGVI 2d red Die II issue (1938 to 1941) at least four comb sizes were used. The initial printing in 1938 had a comb size of 0.89mm (Figs: 1 & 4). ACSC has this comb stated as COMB C1. As the paper was fairly tough and hard, the small holes were determined to be inadequate for easy separation of the stamps.

So COMB C2 (Fig: 2) was introduced – no extension holes at base. This change in gauge proved satisfactory and was subsequently used on all small stamps from 1941 up to the introduction of decimal currency.

Fig: 3 shows the “uniformly large” holes used on coil stamps and measures 1.02mm

Fig: 5 – COMB C3 – has extension holes at base and the holes appear to be slightly larger than in Fig: 2. This is probably due to re-engraved dies that required new perforating machines and perforating technique. These stamps are about 0.2mm wider overall. It should be noted that the pointy perforations usually found on coils also appear on combs measuring 0.98mm. It makes one think of how many collectors have pairs or blocks of these thinking they are coils.

In Brusden White's catalogue it is stated that **all** the stamps surcharged with the War Tax in 1941 were “**perforated after the application of the surcharge**”. Remembering that COMBS C2 and C3 (Figs: 2 and 5) had replaced COMB 1 (Fig: 4) by 1941, this statement may in fact be incorrect, as Figs: 4 and 5 demonstrates. The possibility here is that the original perforating machine was re-introduced to help perforate the large number of stamps required before the introduction of the

2½d KGV in January, 1942. Another possibility is, as it was war time and rationing being introduced, old **perforated** stock of the 2d was also utilised.