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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 June**, 2026, commencing at **7.30p.m****

THIS MEETING: Presentation by Harry Smith – “My Coin Collection”.

**SUBS OF \$20.00 ARE NOW DUE. METHODS OF PAYMENT: CASH AT A MEETING, OR CHEQUE TO ABOVE
ADDRESS, OR BY DIRECT DEPOSIT to Westpac: Wagga Stamp & Coin Club – BSB 032 769 A/c No. 931 564.**

2026 Calendar

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| July 1 | Large auction. |
| August 5 | Presentation by R Brennan – Unusual Australian gutters. |
| August 29 | Stamp & Coin Market by club members ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta Street, 9am until 3pm. Free admission. |
| Sept 2 | R Dooner, Queensland state stamps. |
| Sept 12 | Wodonga Coin & Stamp Fair, 15 Havelock St. Wodonga. 9.00a.m – 3.00p.m. |
| Oct 6 | Large auction. |
| Nov 4 | Annual five-page member's display |
| Nov 21/22 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorringal. |
| Dec 2 | G Hatty, Mounting a display part 4. |
| 2027 | Canberra Stampshow |

Enquiries for all events Phone 0488 081 933

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS FUNDRAISING THROUGH STAMPS

By Peter Simpfordorfer

It is now over 20 years since retired Anglican priest Reverend Bill Pryce wandered into one of the Wagga Stamps Club coin and stamp fairs at Sturt Public School. I recognised Father Bill as he had been the non-Catholic chaplain at St Michaels High School in Wagga Wagga and this was the school my sons attended.

Bill had seen one of our television ads and approached the club table stating "the Anglican Bishop of Adelaide raised \$2,000 last year for our missions by selling stamps. If I collect stamps, how do I go about selling them? Funds raised will be forwarded to the Anglican Board of Missions.

The Late Bruce Warren and myself had a discussion with him and explained some people may only want to buy what they perceived as good items and leave him with the balance of common material.

In the end Bruce and I agreed to purchase all the stamps he collected – Bruce would buy the Australian and I would buy the rest, price to be determined depending on the quality and quantity (I was still a whole world collector at that stage).

This arrangement continued for a couple of years when Bruce dropped out and I then purchased the lot.

The arrangement continues to this day and I collect material from him a couple of times each year with funds raised still passed on to the Anglican Board of Missions and applied to their missionary work. Father Bill did a lot of relief work post-retirement throughout southern and central west NSW and it was amazing what was donated to the cause over the years.

This article was prompted by an item Father Bill showed me from the Anglican Church archives detailing how the project originally started in 1920 (see right).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

ABM's Fundraising through Stamps goes back to 1920

In September 1920 the ABM Review carried the news that a Mr H.G. Simpson, a teacher on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait (formerly a member of the Yarrabah Mission Aboriginal School staff), had volunteered to coordinate the sale of new and used postage stamps for ABM. By December 1928 he had raised almost \$30,000 in today's money:

Stamps.

The Australian Board of Missions has a department for the sale of used and unused postage stamps to philatelists in aid of its funds. To date it has raised a sum approaching £300. The Hon. Secretary is Mr H.G. Simpson, Box 62, Thursday Island, Queensland, who will be pleased to answer any inquiries when accompanied by stamped addressed envelopes.



Packets are sold for five shillings to one pound, composed to suit the stated wants of purchasers as closely as possible. Approval selections are submitted to collectors known to the Honorary Secretary, or who furnish references.

Gifts are solicited of collections and albums or loose stamps, especially early issues of the Australian States and the Pacific Islands. Common used stamps under twopence are not required. High values Commonwealth are sought after, especially kangaroos and kookaburras.

Just the kind of stamp that H.G. Simpson was looking for – a threepenny kingfisher.

May auction report:

8 vendors presented 67 lots for auction, 45 lots (67%) selling to 9 different purchasers for a total of \$291.10. Best stamp lot was a FDC binder selling for \$25.00 and coins a 20cent coin collection selling for \$40.00.

ICONIC AUSTRALIAN SIXPENCE

The 1918 sixpence was minted in Melbourne and is considered a key date in the King George V sixpence series due to its low mintage of 915,000 coins, making it one of the rarer issues of the George V reign.

The low mintage was brought about because of a silver shortage, and soaring silver value, due to World War I.

Coins from this year are highly sort after by collectors, especially in superior grades such as *About Uncirculated* and *Uncirculated*.

The composition of the 1918 sixpence is 92.5% silver (0.925 sterling silver), and 7.5% copper. The copper component adds rigidity to the otherwise “soft” coin.

The value of this sixpence varies significantly depending on condition. In fine condition it is valued at between \$50 and \$150; About uncirculated \$200 to \$600; Uncirculated, up to \$2,000; and with high lustre premium examples up to \$8,000 or more.



CLARE POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE – 1893



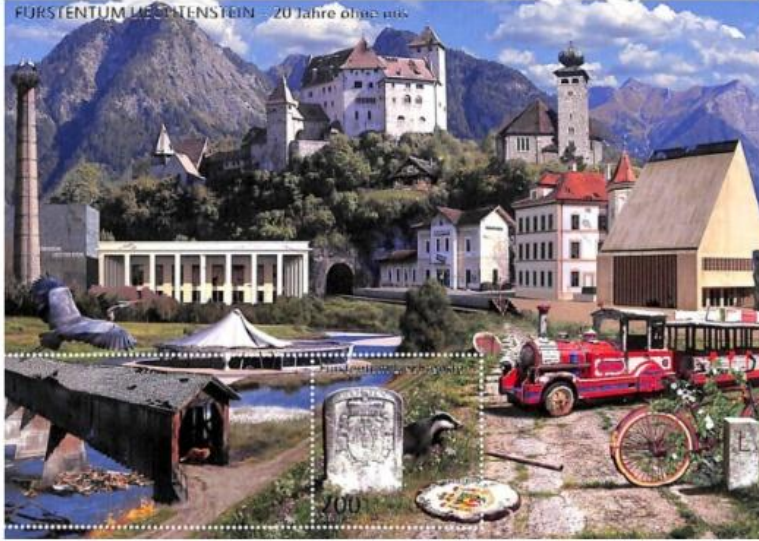
The coach, in front of the Clare Post and Telegraph Office in this photo was possibly heading out to Kapunda about 60kms to the south. The driver is thought to be Mr. R. G. Harmer.

Clare, South Australia, has been, since about the 1850's, recognised as a prominent grape and fruit growing region.

Because of these industries, the township has been rather well off, as can be seen by the grandeur of the 1893 buildings.

STAMPS THAT IMAGINE THE FUTURE by Rob Smit

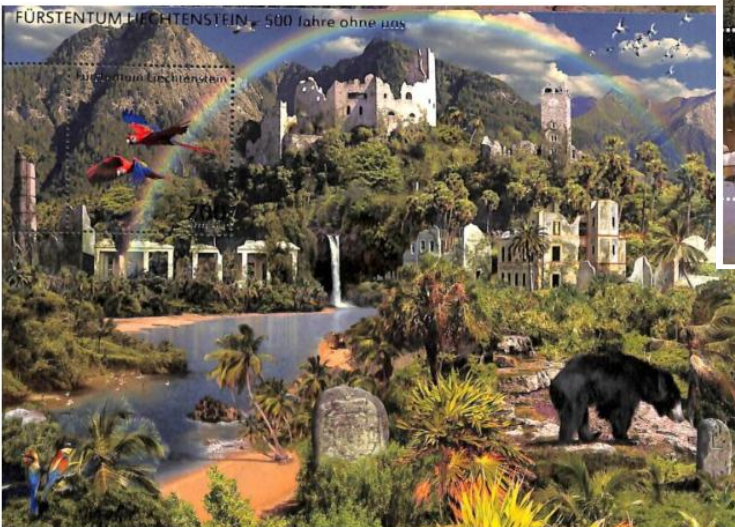
I'm often asked what I consider the most beautiful stamp. I'm not sure if I actually find it the most beautiful, but I certainly find the Liechtenstein stamps below to be the most fascinating. Every time I look at them, I'm fascinated by their appearance and comparisons. I'm referring to three Liechtenstein mini sheets. Issued together as a sort of leaflet in 2016, the mini sheets depict several iconic sights of Liechtenstein, all from the same vantage point. But what's unique is that they assume humans are extinct. The stamps were designed by Swiss artist Pierangelo Boog.



The first shows an imagined scene after 20 years (left).

The second (below), shows how the landscape could change after 100 years.

And the third (bottom left image) is what it could look like after 500 years with nature recovering to reclaim the land.



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**PLEASE NOTE:** PHILAS NSW Limited & PHILAS Library Incorporated have relocated.

**Our new address is: PHILAS, Ground Floor, 2 City View Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.** Contact phone remains the same: 02 9264 8301. Email addresses are unchanged.

Visitors will find us on the Ground Floor of the Nesuto Apartment Hotel. PHILAS has 26 parking spaces in the underground Car Park. The new location has a 24/7 Concierge Service.

**Note: the PHILAS PO Box has been CLOSED.** All mail to be directed to our new address above. Mail redirection is in place to 30 June 2026.

# FAREWELL TONY & SCOTT BYRNE

Members of the Wagga Stamp & Coin Club, along with other dealers, buyers and sellers, extend our



best wishes to Tony & 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 is in the photo above right.

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

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## WANTED

At our May meeting it was decided that we will again have a bus for members to attend the Canberra National Fair next March.

To pay for the hire of the bus it was decided to again run a 100 Club. The 100 Club is: 100 envelopes with a minimum of about \$10 and one with about \$100 in value of collectable material for sale at \$5.00 each.

To that end **we seek donations of philatelic and numismatic items in very good condition.** All contributions will be very much appreciated.

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Every time you lick a stamp you are consuming one-tenth of a calorie.

MAY FAIR REPORT

A brilliant autumn morning welcomed members as they arrived to set-up the hall. This task proceeded smoothly and dealers were setting up their sites from 7:45am with the fair opening to the public around 8:50am.

Prior to opening, a moments silence was held as a mark of respect re the recent sudden passing of dealer John Watson of J.P.W. Coins.

Saturday morning saw brisk trading with many visitors. The fair was less busy Saturday afternoon and Sunday but still good numbers. I personally spoke with visitors from Melbourne, Canberra, Young, Junee, Coolamon, Albury (several), Adelong, Griffith and Stockinbingal.



It was good to see John Pearson and Paul Storm from Pittwater Philatelic Services return after missing the last couple of fairs. Following the passing of John Watson, Orange Stamps & Coins occupied the site in front of the stage. There was good trading by members on the club table. John had a bit of a conundrum when setting up, but the issue was resolved with the assistance of Kevin Prior and two car jacks. Well done, Kevin!

Over the two days, there were many requests for valuations of both stamps, notes and coins with most being purchased by dealers or club members. One album of coins I saw included four 1937 Crowns

One new member was signed up and there were several other enquiries. Another former member rejoined the club.

Tony and Scott Byrne were attending their last fair. Tony has been coming twice a year for over forty years. They are well known for their honest, fair and reliable service and it has been a pleasure to have them attend. Club secretary Peter Simpfordorfer presented them with a large card signed by club members and fellow dealers plus a suitable gift. Tony and Scott each replied saying what a pleasure it had been for them to attend the Wagga fairs.

The weather turned on Sunday afternoon with light rain commencing around 2pm. Dealers started packing up around 2:30pm. Graeme Allen accurately forecast the weather and had a large umbrella to assist people stay dry whilst loading their vehicles. Great work Graeme!

Pack-up of the hall went smoothly with the site cleared by 3:30pm.

A huge thankyou to all members who helped in any way, including set-up/pack up the hall, manning the door and welcoming people, helping dealers/members with their stock etc. We really have a great team.

Overall, a good solid fair.

Peter Simpfordorfer
Secretary

The Belgian writer and artist Pierre Culliford (1928 – 1992), also known as Peyo, was the creator of the very popular Smurf cartoon characters depicted on these stamps. He once said: “As a child I already liked to draw, but actually all children like to draw. Some of the grow up, serious people. Others refuse to take that step and make comic book characters”.

On the stamps, the Smurfs, as ambassadors of the United Nations, show their contributions to the organisation's seventeen goals for a better world: Reduce inequality; Life on land / Climate action; Industry, innovation and infrastructure; Decent work and economic growth / Quality education; Life below water / Clean water and sanitation; Affordable and clean energy / Sustainable cities and communities; Good health and well-being; No poverty / Gender equality; Peace, justice and strong institutions.



Yes, you guessed correctly, it's a space filler.