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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, 5th August, 2026**, commencing at **7.30p.m****

THIS MEETING: Presentation by Rob Brennan – Unusual Australian Gutters.

2026-27 Calendar

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| August 9 | Yarra Valley Coin & Collectables Expo |
| August 29 | Stamp & Coin Market by club members at ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta Street.
9am until 3pm. Free admission |
| Sept 2 | Presentation by R Dooner – Queensland stamps. |
| Sept 12 | Wodonga Coin & Stamp Fair, 15 Havelock St. Wodonga. 9.00a.m – 3.00p.m |
| Sept 26 | Echuca Coin & Collectables Expo |
| October 3 | Stamp & Coin Market by club members. ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta Street,
9am until 3pm. Free admission |
| October 6 | Large auction. |
| Nov 4 | Five Page Members Display |
| Nov 21/22 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
Koorinal. |
| Dec 2 | G Hatty, Mounting a display part IV. |
| May 15/16 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
Koorinal. |
| June 10-13 | Canberra Stampshow |
| Nov 27/28 | Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
Koorinal. |

Enquiries for all events Phone 0488 081 933

FARINA POST OFFICE (Photo from Sydney Phillips Archives - photographer)



This delightful photo from about 1900 shows the Farina Post Office.

Originally called Government Gums, Farina is located in the arid Lake Eyre Basin, about 600 km north of Adelaide. Established in 1878, it was once a thriving railway town and agricultural settlement, reaching a peak population of 619 in 1898. Today, the town is largely abandoned, with

stone ruins, an elevated railway water tank, and a seasonally operated underground bakery remaining. (*The bakery is now open for business until the 15th August.....Ed*).

Farina was founded by the South Australian Government on a gibber plain, with settlers hoping to grow wheat and barley, inspired by the “rain follows the plough” belief. The town became the railhead for Central Australia Railway in 1882, serving as a hub for livestock, mining, and supplies for remote outposts. Its decline began when the railway extended to Maree in 1884, and further north to Oodnadatta in 1891, combined with droughts and competition from nearby towns. The last permanent residents left in the early 1980’s

The photo shows a group of young children in front of the Post Office. All the girls are wearing white as they have just been “confirmed” in the Catholic church that was located adjacent to the post office.

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JULY AUCTION REPORT:

Nine vendors presented 127 lots for auction with 25 lots (36%) selling to ten different purchasers for a total Of \$298.60.

Just to clarify, visitors are allowed to bid in our auctions but require approval if they wish to sell material.

Third parties eg deceased estates, can provide auction material. The club usually negotiates to keep a percentage of such sales.

There is no restriction on bids from club members and what they do with the material they purchase.

BLAST FROM THE PAST NO 36 WITH “Simpy”

The following information is sourced from Australian Stamp Bulletin magazines as indicated.

No 256 August-September 2000: Emphasis was on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games with the first 16 pages being devoted to the event and including stamps, mini sheets, maximum cards, postal stationery, gold medallist stamps, postmarks and coins.

The rear cover advised the availability of “Personalised Stamps for your wedding”.

No 257 October-December 2000: Stamp Collecting Month featured “Space” with 6 x 45 cent stamps and a mini sheet.

The 2000 Annual Collection was also detailed and cost \$82.50 for the Deluxe edition and \$112.50 for the Executive edition.

A new Stamp Collecting Starter Kit was available at a cost of \$14.95 and contained “one 3 ring binder, 5 stock sheets, a sheet of stickers, one magnifying glass, a packet of 50 used stamps, a Stamp Explorer membership form and a booklet about stamp collecting.”

No 258 January-February 2001: The Centenary of Federation article covered the first 7 pages followed by Paralympian of the Year (Siobhan Paton).

Specialist Notes explained the introduction of an International Post Signifier for International Post and Personalised Stamps commencing July 2000.

No 259 March-May 2001: Slim Dusty was the subject of the 2001 Australian Legends series (I am a big fan of Slim and have over 100 of his music albums – all his songs tell a story).

A sheetlet of ten stamps on the subject of Australian Rock ‘n’ Roll featured Cold Chisel, Men at Work, Midnight Oil, INXS, John Farnham, Crowded House, Yothu Yindi, Silverchair, Kylie Minogue and Savage Garden. Collectors could also purchase a CD titled “Rock Australia Songs of the 80s and 90s” at a cost of \$19.95.

The Irish Post Office (An Post) celebrated Irish heritage in Australia with a set of two sheetlets depicting Peter Lalor and Ned Kelly.

Australin Antarctic Territory - A sheet of twenty stamps showing images from Antarctica with values from 5 cents to 45 cents marked 100 years since the first Australian wintered in the Antarctic was released on 17 May 2001.

No 262 October-December 2001: The Wild Babies issue for Stamp Collecting Month included two mini sheets each with three different 45c stamps and were issued on 2 October 2001. A special Kids’ Day was held at both Taronga and Western Plains Zoo.

Santa Cards were available via the Australian Philatelic Federation (APF) and would be cancelled at Christmas Hills. Cost was \$2.00 each and they would be personalised with the recipient’s name. Funds would be shared between the APF and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Hunter Region).

The 2001 annual Collection of Australian Stamps was available from Australia Post for \$64.95 Deluxe Edition and \$94.95 Executive Edition.

Personalised stamps were promoted on the rear cover.

No 263 January-February 2002: The Queen’s Golden Jubilee was marked with the issue of 2 stamps and a mini sheet on 6 February 2002.

No 264 March-May 2002: The Australia Day Legends stamps featured medical scientists Sir Gustav Nossal AC CBE, Nancy Mills AC MBE, Peter Doherty AC, Fiona Stanley AC and Donald Metcalf AC. The stamps were issued on 23 January 2002.

WODONGA COIN & STAMP FAIR

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

COIN & STAMP FAIR

COME ALONG TO THE STAMP AND COIN FAIR - A FUN DAY OUT FOR COLLECTORS, HOBBYISTS, AND FAMILIES ALIKE! EXPLORE A WIDE RANGE OF AUSTRALIAN AND WORLD COINS, BANKNOTES, AND STAMPS, WITH FRIENDLY DEALERS BUYING, SELLING, AND OFFERING ADVICE TO COLLECTORS OF ALL LEVELS.

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, FROM DISCOVERING RARE FINDS TO STARTING YOUR VERY FIRST COLLECTION. KIDS RECEIVE A FREE COIN LUCKY DIP BAG, MAKING IT THE PERFECT FAMILY OUTING!

THE EVENT OFFERS FREE PARKING AND A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WHERE YOU CAN BROWSE, LEARN, AND TRADE AT YOUR OWN PACE. DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT OF COLLECTING AND MAYBE UNCOVER A HIDDEN GEM OR TWO!

FOR ENQUIRES CONTACT STEVE AT
0435 534 467
FREE ENTRY !!!

Those from our club who attended the first Wodonga Fair organised by Steve Kirby were reasonably happy with the event.

If you are interested in attending the 12th September Fair, let it be known. With the cost of fuel, maybe car sharing is a way to go if enough people make it worthwhile.

WANTS LIST FROM DES ROSE

- * 16/3/1979 - Steam Locomotives FDC
- * 1989 Australian Electric Trams - FDC;
- * 2008 Heavy Haulers - Mint sets of both s/a & lick & stick stamps FDC;
- * 2010 Great Railway Journeys - FDC
- * 2012 Capital City Transport - both s/a & lick & stick stamps and FDC;
- * 2013 Railway Stations - FDC;

If you have any of these for sale please contact Des – Email: desmondrose@bigpond.com

"YOU are always at the bottom of the class! — Why is it?" — "It doesn't matter, Pop! They teach the same at both ends!"



A humorous Post Card from the 1940's

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This interesting letter was supplied by Peter Simpfordorfer

**COPY** AUSTRALIA **POST**

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21 Mc Connel Cres  
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HEADQUARTERS

GPO BOX 1777Q  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

321 EXHIBITION STREET  
MELBOURNE VICTORIA

3 April, 1998

Dear Mr Mathews,

I am writing to confirm our permission for you to lodge mail in Australia with perforated stamps, as required under section G1.2 .5 of the Postal Guide.

We understand that your plans cover the following:

1. The perforation will be the initials of the club, ie PC NZA as shown in your letter to us, and they will not materially affect the denomination on the stamp. Also the perforations will not be raised above the surface of the stamp.
2. That quantities of mail lodged with the perforated stamps will be small overall - for example your 3-monthly mailings of 120 newsletters, and individual mail articles posted by members. ( We understand that your own postings, as Secretary, will be made mainly at Canberra Parliament House Post Office or Wanniasa Licenced Post Office, and that our NSW administration has already approved this.)
3. Some of your members may wish to have the articles hand-cancelled. (A copy of this letter may be shown if required.)

Please advise us if your plans change materially from the above.

We will advise our State offices of this letter, and hope that you continue to enjoy this special interest.

Yours sincerely,

*Russell Hick*

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